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McCusker: Spend more on youth



School board vice president Mathew McCusker said he wishes city officials would spend as much money on youth programs "as they do on the temple on Newburgh Road," referring to the Friendship Center.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland youth programs don't receive enough financial support from city officials who spend a lopsided amount of money on senior citizen programs, a Wayne-Westland school trustee said Monday.

"Dollar for dollar, it's just not an equitable program," school board Vice President Mathew McCusker charged.

McCusker said he wishes city officials would spend as much money on youth programs "as they do on the temple on Newburgh Road," referring to the senior citizen Friendship Center.

"Fair is fair," he said. McCusker's comments marked the second job in two weeks that a school official made against city officials.

A week ago Tuesday, Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy criti-

cism offended him. Pickering has been a strong advocate for improving school-city relations.

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Baracy aimed some of his comments at Pickering, who later said Baracy's

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Day of honor

Veterans Day: Veteran Jim Myers (right) of Westland and member of the VFW Post 3323 participates in the color guard at the Veterans Day ceremony at the VFW Post. At top left, veteran Julius Miodowski stands with the American flag as part of the color guard. At left, Nicholas Cole-Klaes, 6, receives an American flag from the Ladies Auxiliary in Westland in honor of his grandfather, Harvey Cole, who died in 1980.

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GIVING THANKS

With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, we want to know what our Observer readers are thankful for this holiday season. In 25 words or less, please share your thoughts with us (neatly written or typed) and send them to our office by Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 5 p.m. You may mail them to us, fax them to our newsroom or E-mail them to us at the addresses and/or numbers below. Please include your name, address and daytime phone number for verification (we will only print your name). We will select some of the best responses for publication in our Thanksgiving editions.

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Officers spot a pig, capture it

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Word appears to be spreading among pigs that Westland - not Green Acres - is the place to be. Residents and police officers have now seen at least two pigs roaming city streets. Scary, like a chapter from George Orwell's "Animal Farm." Except this is real.

Offering hope that the city will be saved from a possible pig revolt, animal control officers Monday captured a 130-pound farm pig on Norma Street near Cherry Hill, in a residential neighborhood on the city's west side. It couldn't immediately be confirmed that the pigs were trying to break into homes and confiscate bacon. In fact, officers couldn't get more than an oink out of the pig, so they

don't know where it came from - or why it was there. More disturbing, a swine alert remains in effect because officers still haven't caught a bigger pig - believed to weigh well over 200 pounds - that has eluded them for weeks. Animal control officers Dewey Frady and Doug Kautz caught the smaller pig

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Men arraigned in store robbery

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER
Two suspects accused of escaping at gunpoint after they allegedly stole merchandise from Value City Department Store have been arrested. Norman Avery Maloy, 28, of Westland and Randy Warren Phillips, 32, of Romulus were arraigned Wednesday in 18th District Court on armed robbery and felony firearms charges. Phillips also has been charged as a second-degree habitual offender, meaning he could face a tougher sentence if

convicted on other charges, Westland police Lt. Marc Stobbe said. Phillips remains jailed in lieu of a \$500,000 cash bond. Maloy's bond has been set at \$250,000. The incident reportedly occurred about 1:15 p.m. Saturday at Value City Department Store on Warren Road, just west of Central City Parkway. The suspects will now face a preliminary hearing in 18th District Court to determine whether they should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Maloy and Phillips could be sentenced to any number of years in prison - with a maximum life term - if convicted of armed robbery. They face a mandatory two-year term if found guilty of felony firearms charges. Westland police arrested the two suspects following an investigation of a Value City robbery in which two men escaped at gunpoint. No shots were fired and no one was injured. According to police reports, store

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School volunteer honored as '97 1st Citizen

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Westland's 1997 First Citizen of the Year award winner is a school volunteer. And she volunteers at the school her kids attended. That may not seem all that unusual except that she has been volunteering at Elliott Elementary School in Westland for 20 years and her children are now adults ages 24 and 26.

Roopa Anand was honored Tuesday as First Citizen of the Year of Westland at a luncheon at Joy Manor. The award is co-sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce and the Observer Newspapers to recognize an individual in the community for valuable volunteer efforts. At Tuesday's luncheon, attended by about 80 people, Anand also received recognition and proclamations from Gov. John Engler, Congresswoman Lynn Rivers, state Sen. Loren Bennett, state Rep. Eileen DeHart, Wayne County Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, Westland Mayor Robert Thomas and Westland City Council President Sandra

Cicirelli. Observer Newspapers Managing Editor Susan Rosiek presented Anand with the First Citizen award.

Anand, a Wayne resident, has been volunteering at Elliott since 1977 when her oldest child started there.

She started out volunteering on a part-time basis, she said. She worked with the PTO, volunteered to accompany children on field trips and worked as a room mother.

In 1979, she began substituting for absent teachers after she received her master's in English language and linguistics and a teaching certificate at Eastern Michigan University.

Now she volunteers at the school every school day. If she's not in the classroom teaching she's in the office helping out.

She also works on fund-raisers, has donated computer equipment to the school, works on landscaping in the school yard often with plants from her own



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Time: Roopa Anand volunteers at Elliott Elementary in Westland which earned her First Citizen of the Year honors.

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First

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garden, and even hosts the staff Christmas party at her house.

While principal Sally A. Perkins is listed as her nominator, Perkins said it was really the entire staff who nominated Anand.

"It is so unique to me to have someone come in each and every day... and do this without pay," Perkins said.

Anand is counted as a staff member, first-grade teacher Jackie Smart said.

She has also volunteered as a school representative on district committees for bond issues, according to Barb Hodgkins, a fifth-grade teacher at Elliott.

"She's always there for us," said teacher Esther Loskowske, who has worked with Anand for 20 years.

"She knows all the kids by name," Oceania Ward, a first-grade teacher at Elliott, said.

Anand also knows when kids or families need things, Hodgkins said.

She has made Elliott school her project, Loskowske said. "She has this real ability to know where she's needed," she said.

Anand is soft-spoken about her accomplishments.

"I like it... It's really nice to work in a place where you are appreciated," she said.

Although volunteering keeps her busy, Anand has in the past also worked with Health-



Happy day: Roopa Anand (right) shares her honor of being named Citizen of the Year in Westland with Dixie Frazer, secretary, and others from Elliott Elementary School at the Chamber of Commerce banquet Tuesday.

rama. She also loves gardening and likes to grow exotic plants - some of which she brings to the school.

A resident of Wayne since 1969, Anand is a native of India. She and her husband, Dr. K.P. Anand, enjoy traveling and also attend all the University of Michigan basketball and football games.

While she would have considered taking a full-time job a long time ago. "I really liked what I was doing so I stayed with it," she said.

"I have made a lot of friends at the school over the years," she said. "It's really a nice place to work. I get a lot of satisfaction out of being here."

"I really believe in education.

It's such an important part of life," she said.

The First Citizen of the Year is an annual award. This year's nominees include: Frankie Middleton, Betty Talmadge, Teresa Robbins, John Toye, Jayleen Hammond, Glen Kassel and Mayor Robert Thomas. Madeleine Schroeder, 1992 winner, was also nominated.

Student says gays need to be protected

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A tearful John Glenn High student Monday told Wayne-Westland school board members of a close friend who allegedly tried to kill herself after being harassed by classmates who suspected she was a lesbian.

Senior Jessica Koch, crying as she asked the board to reinstate policies to protect gay students and employees, said her friend is recovering at a hospital following a suicide attempt last Thursday.

"It's time to change," she said. "What will it take - more hating and suffering?"

Responding to questions after the meeting, Koch said her unidentified friend isn't a lesbian but that she was perceived by classmates as being gay. The girl suffered harassment including slurs being scrawled on her locker, Koch said.

Koch's statements caught school officials by surprise. She admitted she hadn't reported the incident to John Glenn administrators.

Neil Thomas, John Glenn principal, said Tuesday that an investigation has been launched in the wake of Koch's statements.

"Nobody was aware of the situation," he said.

Koch became the first Wayne-Westland student to publicly urge the school board to reinstate policies protecting students and employees on the basis of sexual orientation.

The board added the term to its non-discrimination policies in January but deleted it in August, following a protest from some residents who also helped defeat lesbian school board member Patricia Brown in her June re-election bid.

The policy issue has sharply divided gay activists and their opponents and has dominated the public comment portion of school board meetings for months.

Wayne resident Grover Kahl told school board members Monday that Koch, in her address, didn't speak for the entire John

Glenn student body - and certainly not his Glenn daughter.

Kahl quoted Bible passages that he said condemn homosexuality, which he labeled "unnatural."

School officials have said all students are protected by general policies that prohibit harassment and discrimination. They view the term sexual orientation as unnecessary and fear that it would make them more liable to lawsuits.

Board president Debra Fowlkes questioned why Koch hadn't reported the alleged suicide attempt and harassment of her friend to school authorities.

"We cannot do anything about it unless we know about it," Fowlkes said.

In another new development, Sean Kosofsky of the Triangle Foundation, a Detroit-area gay rights organization, told the board Monday he has filed a police report stemming from an anti-gay incident in Wayne.

Kosofsky said he and his partner attended an Oct. 31 football game between Wayne Memorial and John Glenn high schools to circulate a petition asking the school board to reinstate sexual orientation policies.

More than 30 students had signed petitions before a separate group began yelling slurs such as "fags should die," Kosofsky said. The incident was reported to a Wayne police officer attending the game, he said.

Fowlkes, who attended the same game, said she received comments from parents who told her they were annoyed with Kosofsky for circulating petitions at the game. Fowlkes said some parents believed that Kosofsky was harassing students.

Wayne resident Michael Donovan told the board Monday that he resents gay activists from outside of the district "forcing their self-serving beliefs on this district."

School board members have repeatedly said they don't plan to reconsider their vote to delete sexual orientation from district policies, but some gay activists have vowed to continue their fight.

Robbery

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employees saw two men putting on new athletic shoes and placing their old shoes in boxes that they returned to the shelf.

Employees also reported seeing the two men put on jackets and, without paying for them, try to leave the store, police reports said.

Store workers confronted the men as they tried to leave Value City, only to be threatened at gunpoint as the two men fled the store, police said.

The men then got into a car

Store workers confronted the men as they tried to leave Value City, only to be threatened at gunpoint.

and drove eastbound on Warren Road in what was described in police reports as a 1978 Oldsmobile Cutlass.

A subsequent investigation led to the arrest of the two suspects.

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That amounts to \$75 a night for WYAA, or thousands of dollars for a season, Somerville said.

"If we keep paying this," he said, "we may not have a program to keep going."

WYAA has 21 basketball teams that provide activities for 210 children, Somerville said.

"We are just looking for some help," he told school board members. "If I have to wash all of your cars or whatever, we need help."

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even before McCusker made his comments Monday, that they want to pay more attention to youth programs, but not necessarily at the expense of other services.

During a telephone interview Tuesday, Pickering said, "I think the city has done a very good job in providing facilities, programs and services for our aging population, but I think we have ignored the services for our youth, and we do need to correct that."

Pickering added, "If the schools can help us do that, that

would be great, too."

Such a joint effort would keep costs down for youth organizations, he said.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc also said Tuesday that the city "should certainly look at ways to provide for additional youth activities citywide" - but not just in the Wayne-Westland district.

LeBlanc suggested a possible roundtable discussion on the issue. However, he warned that the city might not be able to increase its support for youth programs until the next budget year, which begins July 1.

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For the health of it: At left, Brandi Denomme gives the Oakwood Hospital Mascot, "Rosy Goodhealth," a great big hug. Above, Doris Prieskorn has her blood pressure checked by nurse, Cathy Stock. Daughter, Donna Prieskorn, 5, looks on.

Fair combines health, fun

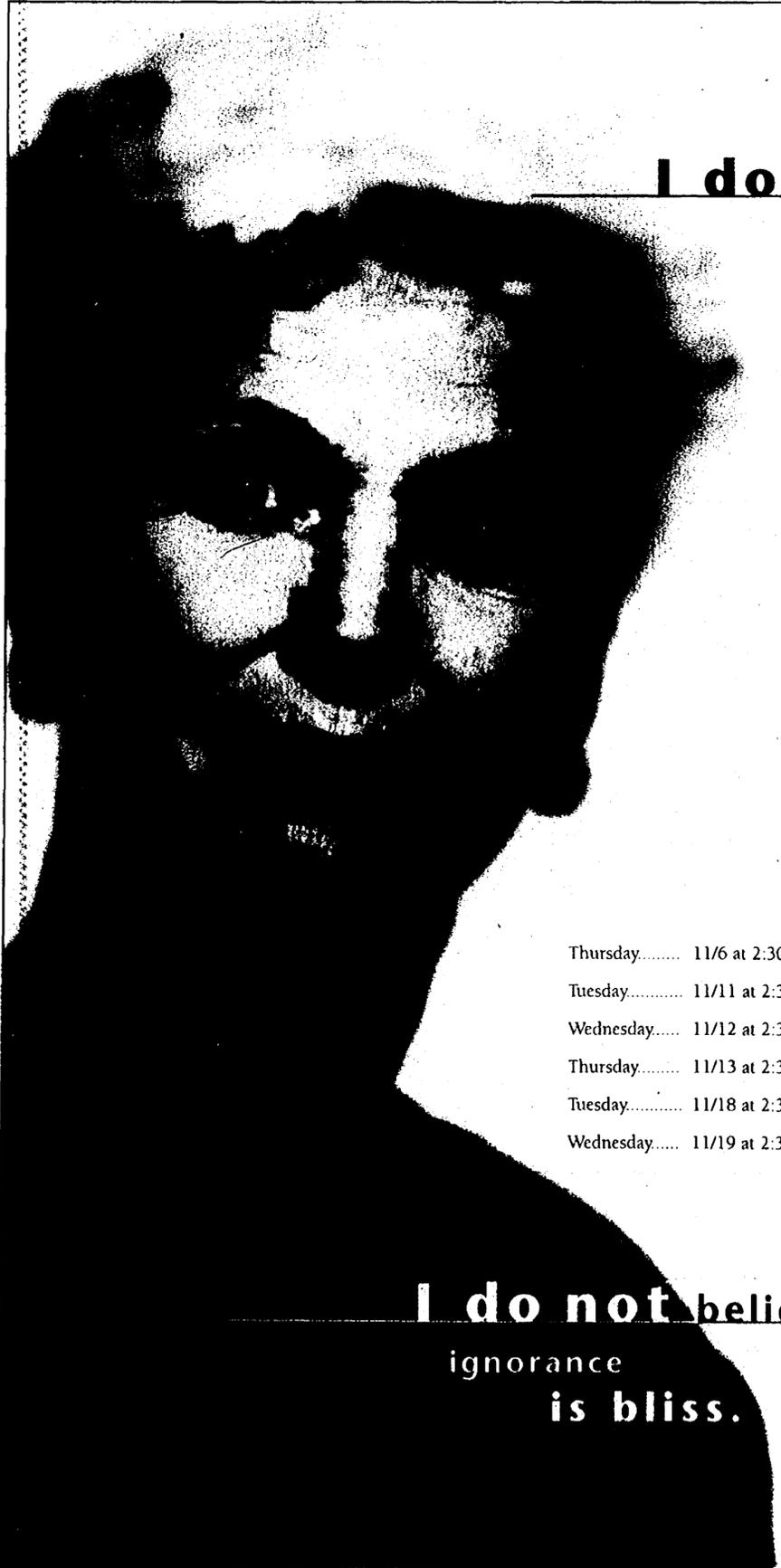
More than 200 people attended a health fun fair at Jefferson-Barns Elementary School in Westland Thursday, Nov. 6. The second annual health fun fair, co-sponsored by the schools and Oakwood Healthcare system, featured health and safety information in a fun and festive atmosphere. Included were helmet and pedestrian safety, information about pharmacists, nutrition,

dental care, breast cancer and other cancer information, DARE, immunization education and flu shots, hearing and vision screening and blood pressure and cholesterol screening. Also on hand were clowns, power pals and free popcorn. Many elementary school students attended as well as parents, according to Cindy Swift, principal at Lincoln Elementary.

Local groups plan holiday help for needy

Two local organizations — The Salvation Army and the Westland Jaycees — have announced separate efforts to help needy people during the coming holidays. The Westland-based Salvation Army expects to help 500 families from Westland, Wayne and Romulus by linking needy families and individual children with donors. Those needing help are urged to apply at the Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy Road south of Palmer, Capt. Mark Welsh said. Parents also can provide information about their children who need help, such as toys they want for Christmas. Community donors can choose to adopt an entire family for Christmas or just one child, Welsh said. To help call 722-3660. Donors will be asked to do the shopping for the recipients of their gifts and take the items to the Salvation Army. Meal baskets also are needed. The Salvation Army also depends on donations to buy gifts that will be distributed in December to nursing homes and other organizations providing holiday cheer to seniors. Meanwhile, the Westland

Jaycees will provide food baskets this holiday season, and applications are available in Westland starting Nov. 17 at the Bailey Recreation Center, the senior citizen Friendship Center and the Westland Chamber of Commerce. Those offices don't have specific information about how to qualify for food baskets; rather, call Jaycees at 480-4984. All applications must be turned in by Dec. 1. The Jaycees will cross-reference its list with other charitable organizations. Jaycees baskets are for Westland residents only. Some 200 baskets will be distributed Sunday, Dec. 21. Volunteers who want to be involved may call 480-4984. Westland Jaycees also announced that local schools are participating in a canned food drive, citing Livonia Churchill High as a big supporter. Any business or family wanting to sponsor a basket can pay \$10 for small baskets, \$20 for medium and \$30 for large. Donors names will be placed in the box. Checks may be made payable to Westland Jaycees, P.O. Box 85191 Westland, 48185.



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Knowledge

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Monday after it was spotted at such places as P.D. Graham Elementary, trudging about on the playground. "I had to dump my Dr Pepper to chase that pig," Frady, 50, said. "I'm getting too old for this." But one frightening fact remained. The big pig is still on the loose. Standing in the Westland

Police officials have received numerous phone calls about pigs roaming city streets, but some residents simply phoned out of concern for the swine.

Police Department parking lot. Frady opened an animal control truck door to reveal a pig that lay motionless — but not dead — inside a net. "This one is the baby, all right," he said. Rather than arresting the swine, police officers apparently believed it could be rehabilitated from a life of truancy and possible pig crime. They made numerous calls before they finally found a place where it could stay, at a Humane Society branch in Auburn Hills, Lt. Marc Stobbe said. The Westland branch didn't have room. Police officials have received numerous phone calls about pigs roaming city streets, but some residents simply phoned out of concern for the swine. Police officers have been seen using sticks to try to steer the pigs to captivity, raising concern by onlookers about possible police brutality, Deputy Chief Lennis Hayes said. "We're treating them in a safe, humane way," he said. "They're wild little rascals, and they're hard to catch. They're smart, too. But we're not trying to hurt them. We have no plans to take them to the bacon factory." The bigger pig that remains at large has been spotted recently by a pond of water near Heather Ridge Apartments on Newburgh. The pig has been on the loose for nearly two months now, and Stobbe said it has been seen running along Warren Road as far east as Merriman Road. Stobbe said the pig has been spotted bathing in the Rouge River and, during warmer weather, sunning near Wayne and Warren in a bank parking lot. The pig appears well-fed, with its stomach nearly dragging the ground, Stobbe said. It hasn't hurt anyone, and it seems harmless. Then again, so did the pigs in "Animal Farm."

Plawecki resigns from commission

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Stating that it is time for "new challenges," Wayne County Commissioner Michelle Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, will resign from the 15-member board at the commission's next meeting on Nov. 20.

The 30-year-old commissioner who also represents Redford Township and part of Livonia announced her decision Monday after informing several county elected officials last week. She was in the middle of her third term.

"I don't have another job, I don't have a pension," Plawecki said. "I have to look ahead to where I'll be five or 10 years from now. I'm 30 and single, and there's a lot of opportunities out there in the state and county."

"There's nothing I've committed to, and I thought it was appropriate for me to leave the county."

Plawecki said her strength is in politics, and has made connections in her role as the chairperson of the Commission's Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services, with the different projects in the parks and airports. She does not anticipate an immediate run for another elective office, such as state representative or senator.

Plawecki cited the \$1.6 billion Detroit Metro Airport expansion, the \$32 million capital improvement project for county parks, and bonding for \$60 million to repair local roads as projects she



Michelle Plawecki

has supported with other commissioners. She also credited County Executive Edward McNamara for the county's growth.

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"In doing so, property values have increased dramatically and the quality of life has improved."

Plawecki cited the \$2 million in road and parks improvements in her district last year as part of her accomplishments. Parks

improvements included the installation of a play station on Hines Drive in Dearborn Heights, and work at the Bell Creek and Lola Valley parks.

She said McNamara was one of the county's "greatest assets." "We have not always agreed, but I have always respected his experience and will continue to support his efforts to make Wayne County a better place to work and live."

No replacement yet

Plawecki said she has not decided on a suggested replacement for her on the commission, but expects to have one by Friday.

The Wayne County Charter states that the commission has 30 days from Plawecki's resignation to appoint a successor. Commissioners generally follow an unwritten rule that the resigning commissioner can recommend a successor, which the other commissioners approve. The appointee must reside within the district and be a member of the same political party.

"I think that it is vital that whomever is appointed understands the uniqueness of this district, as well as the politics," Plawecki said.

The Elections Division must then call for a special election within 90 days after the appointment is made.

A successful candidate

Plawecki was first elected in 1992 in the reapportioned 9th District, consisting of all of the

communities of Dearborn Heights and Redford Township, and a portion of Livonia, east of Middle Belt.

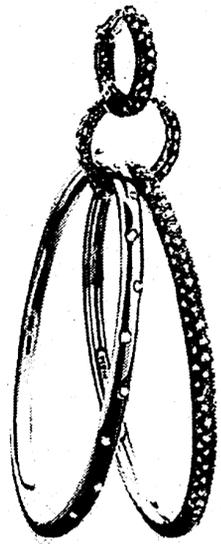
She won re-election twice in 1994 and 1996.

Her family's political roots run deep, particularly in Dearborn Heights. Her father, Edward Plawecki Jr., served as a county commissioner and a Dearborn Heights district judge. Her uncle, David, was a state representative several years ago, and another uncle, Rick, was a city treasurer in the 1980s.

Plawecki was just 24 years old when she was first elected, making her the youngest commissioner ever elected. Plawecki earned her master's degree in public administration in 1993 from the University of Michigan, and a bachelor's degree from U of M in political science and psychology.

On the commission, Plawecki also has served as Chair of the Committee on Environment, a member of Ways and Means, Economic Development, Health and Human Services and the Small, Minority and Women-Owned Businesses committees.

Plawecki also chaired the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments Aviation Task Force, was appointed to the Wayne County Solid Waste Planning Committee, served as vice-chair of the health care program HealthChoice and participated on the Madonna College Advisory Board.



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Officials react to news of resignation

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
AND BILL CASPER
STAFF WRITERS

News of Wayne County Commissioner Michelle Plawecki's resignation spread quickly Monday as she drew praise from two of her colleagues and Redford Township Supervisor Kevin Kelley for her work during her three terms.

Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, said he will miss Plawecki's presence on the commission.

"She was a good commissioner, was very thoughtful and did her homework," Solomon said. "She will be missed. I wish her well in her endeavors."

On Tuesday, Solomon said he could not discuss a possible successor, because he did not know who that might be.

Opportunity for GOP?

Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, was "disappointed to see a colleague go, but welcomes the opportunity to put a Republican" on the commission to take the Democrat Plawecki's place.

"I thought she was an effective advocate for her position," McCotter said. "As committee chair (of Roads, Airports and Public Services), she made sure her district was taken care of. Her district came first for her."

Redford Township Supervisor Kevin Kelley was concerned Redford was losing a strong



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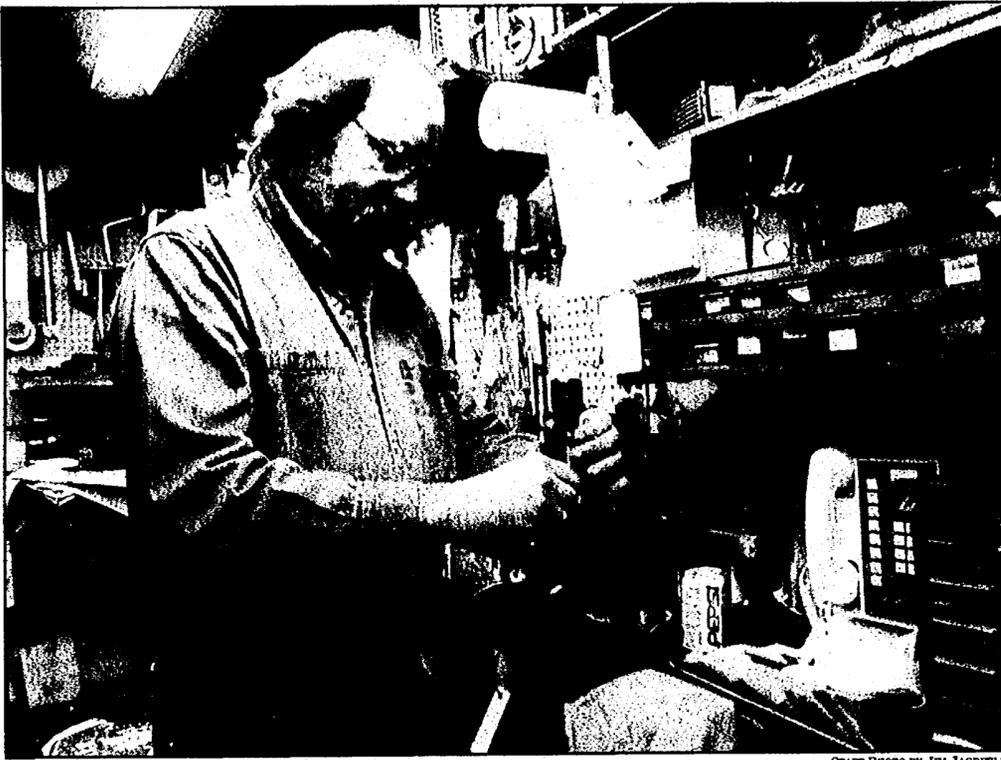
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Gunsmith:
Kurt Jacoboni, a veteran gunsmith, plies his trade in the back room of Shooters Service on Six Mile near Middlebelt.



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Local hunters turn to gunsmith

BY JEFF COUNTS
STAFF WRITER

When western Wayne County hunters bag a deer on Saturday when the rifle season opens, chances are they're depending on the skills of a man they've never seen.

He's Kurt Jacoboni, a veteran gunsmith who plies his trade in the back room of Shooters Service on Six Mile near Middlebelt.

"The big problem is that people put their rifles away after deer season and don't look at them until the week before the season starts," he says while looking up from the scope he's mounting on a rifle.

"People don't clean them and when they pull them out the next year, they don't work," he

said. "There's a lot of pressure. People want their guns fixed today."

For Jacoboni and the six other workers at the family-owned Livonia sporting goods store, this week is the equivalent to working in a department store the week before Christmas.

"They come in here for licenses, rifles, ammunition, gun repairs and clothing," said Roger Little, who runs the store that's been at the same location since 1981.

It's all part of the more than \$500 million spent annually on deer hunting in the state by the nearly 800,000 hunters who go after white tails during the archery, firearm and muzzle-loading seasons.

So far this year, Shooters Service has sold about \$1,000 worth of licenses. Statewide, about 1.2 million licenses are sold, according to the DNR. Those sales generate more than \$15 million that go to support DNR law enforcement and wildlife management activities.

Buying a license on a recent day this week was Rick Best of Redford, who was heading to the Upper Peninsula for opening day.

The deer season and other hunting activities account for more than 50 percent of the store's business, said Little.

"The archery season has really been a boost," he said.

But a major reason for the store's longevity is personal

service.

"Hunters like to see the same people when they come in each year," he said. "That doesn't happen at the big stores."

Most of his customers come from Redford, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Garden City, Westland and Farmington, he said.

And more of those customers are now women.

"They're looking for lighter, smaller caliber rifles," said Jacoboni.

But while the pace was hectic at the sporting goods store, by Saturday most workers at the store won't be manning the counters.

"I'll be out for opening day," said Little. "I've got enough time for that."

OBITUARIES

MABEL E. VALENTINE

Funeral services for Mabel Valentine, 79, of Westland were recently in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with entombment at Cadillac Memorial West. Officiating was the Rev. Jerry A. Yarnell from St. Michael Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Valentine, who died Nov. 10 in Westland, was born in Canada. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: daughter, Nancy Noonan; sister, Evelyn Johnson of Ontario, Canada; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Mrs. Valentine was preceded in death by her husband, Howard.

THE REV. COLUM J. MORGAN

A funeral Mass for the Rev. Colum J. Morgan, 63, of Westland was 11 a.m. today, Thursday, Nov. 13, in St. Damian Catholic Church. Adam Cardinal Maida celebrated the funeral Mass.

Morgan, who died Nov. 8, was born and raised in Ireland. He came to Detroit in 1961. He was ordained in 1983 at the age of 49. Before becoming a priest, he was in hotel management in Italy, Switzerland, England, Ireland and the United States. He taught at St. Ladislaus High School in Hamtramck for 12 years. In addition to serving as pastor of St. Damian Church, he also served as an associate pastor at St. Robert Bellarmine in Redford, St. Jude in Detroit, St. Blaise in Sterling Heights and Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington.

Morgan will also be remembered by many who have seen him in the movie "The Heroic Journey, the Life and Legacy of Father Solanus." He played the role of Solanus' father. The movie has been televised around the world.

Surviving are: brother, John Morgan, and sister, Clare Kelly, in Ireland.

DOUGLAS M. FISCHER

Funeral services for Douglas Fischer, 46, of Westland were recently in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland. Officiating was

Chaplain David B. Gonzales of the Detroit Police Department.

Mr. Fischer, who died Nov. 7 in Westland, was born in Highland Park. He was in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a designer for an automotive manufacturer.

Surviving are: wife, Susan; son, Christopher; daughters, Melissa Fischer of San Antonio, Texas, and Sara Fischer of Oscoda; brothers, George Goad of Hazel Park, Mark Goad of Highland, Jerry Goad of Redford; and sister, Lynda Reimer of Fern-dale.

DONALD HEPPNER

Funeral services for Donald Heppner, 81, of Westland were recently in Vermeulen Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Phil Rogers. Cremation rites were accorded. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 100, Southfield 48076 or the American Diabetes Association, 30600 Telegraph Road, Suite 2255, Bingham Farms 48025.

Mr. Heppner, who died Nov. 7 in Westland, was born in Detroit. He lived in Westland in the same home for 41 years. He was an inspector for an automotive manufacturer.

Surviving are: wife of 59 years, Eleanor; son, Clarence of South Lyon; daughter, Donna Ramsey-Black of Brooklyn, Mich.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

WELCOME BOYCE

Funeral services for Welcome Boyce, 72, of Westland were recently in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Officiating was the Rev. Roy Forsyth.

Mr. Boyce died Oct. 29 at his Westland residence. He was a car driver.

Surviving are: wife, Norma; sons, James Des Jardins, Alan, Mark, Gordon; daughters, Pamela Allen, Cheryl Herrick, Donna LaChappel; brother, Billy Wayne; sisters, Marjie, Betty Jean, Opal; and 13 grandchildren.



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Senate approves Durant settlement

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

It's called a "compromise," but the Legislature's deal to settle the Durant lawsuit of 84 school districts is closer to what Democrats have advocated.

The state Senate voted 34-0 Nov. 5 to approve two bills embodying terms that settle the 17-year-old lawsuit against the state.

"The House will not adopt these," predicted Senate majority floor leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron. "We'll have a conference committee (three senators, three representatives to iron out differences between the chambers' two versions).

"We'll have them (the conference reports) before us next week," DeGrow predicted.

The Michigan Supreme Court at mid-year ruled the state under three governors had shorted 84 mostly suburban school districts on aid for special education and other items. Price tag: \$211 million.

In addition, state officials calculate that other districts which weren't plaintiffs could put in claims that will run about \$768 million.

The compromise—attributed to

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DeGrow, Rep. Bob Emerson, D-Flint, and the Engler administration's budget director Mark Murray—calls for:

■ Lump sum payment next April 1 of \$211 million to the 84 plaintiff districts. Engler had proposed paying them across three years from interest on the "rainy day" fund. Instead, the Legislature will dip into the \$1.2 billion fund's principal.

■ A \$350 million bond issue for 472 non-plaintiff school districts that would provide about half of what they are due. They would be paid the balance over 10 years. Engler had proposed a \$780 million bond issue whose

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Hazardous waste fees may decrease

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Michigan will be safer during transporting of hazardous wastes, says Republican Sen. Loren Bennett.

There will be "fewer inspections of trucks hauling hazardous waste," replies Democrat Ken DeBeaussiaert.

Senate Republicans needed nearly a party line vote Oct. 29 as they passed four bills to "align Michigan with a federal uniform hazardous waste transporters licensing system," said Bennett, R-Canton. He chairs the Natural Resources Committee that produced the bills.

"The benefits of a uniform system are numerous: consistent state-to-state policy for inspections, audits and licensing fees on vehicles transporting hazardous wastes," he said.

Without the state bills, he said, Michigan would forfeit \$13 million in regulatory fees to the

federal government.

Countered DeBeaussiaert, of Macomb County: "We now inspect only one out of every five vehicles. It's simply not safe to reduce inspections any further."

Permit fees will be reduced from \$250 to \$50 for hauling hazardous waste and lead to a \$4 million funding shortfall in the state's hazardous waste management program, he said.

All area senators voted with their parties.

The bills passed on 22-14 votes. Favoring them were all 21 Republicans and Democrat Chris Dingell of Trenton. Voting no were 14 Democrats, with one Democrat absent.

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, said the bills "undermine very good environmental protection. This package of bills continues the slippery slope that we've gone on of dismantling environmental protection in the state."

Citing data from the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, Peters said accidents involving trucks spilling hazardous materials numbered 98 in 1986, 116 in 1994 and 90 in 1995.

"We need more enforcement, not less," Peters said. "By reducing the fees that hazardous transporters pay from \$1.5 million to \$200,000, it's going to make it next to impossible to have sort of level of inspection."

Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem, said, "We are creating a \$4 million hole in the operation of this program."

The tie-barred bills, all sponsored by Bennett, are:

■ SB 554 creating the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act—provides for registration of motor carriers of hazardous waste or liquid industrial waste. Enforcement is by the Michigan State Police and state Department of Environmental

Quality and Natural Resources. ■ SB 729 amending the Hazardous Waste Management Act to deal with motor carriers. It will reduce state revenue by \$1.5 million.

■ SB 730 amending the liquid industrial waste section of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, reducing state revenue by \$75,000.

■ SB 731 amending the Revised Judicature Act to allow seizure and forfeiture of property involved in hazardous wastes.

"Michigan has demonstrated the ability to run more efficient and effective regulatory programs than the federal government," said DEQ director Russ Harding.

The bills go to the House. Refer to the bills by number when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

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Land donation pleases Westland naturalist

BY CASEY HANS
STAFF WRITER

Tucked into an older neighborhood along Bell Creek in Livonia is what Jack Smiley calls an "urban oasis."

The 20-acre Bell Creek Nature Preserve follows a half-mile pathway from Inkster Road along the creek, a main tributary of the Rouge River, where visitors can see all types of migratory songbirds, possums, raccoons and an occasional red fox and deer. Even a red-bellied woodpecker and a red-tailed hawk have been sighted on the property.

Smiley, a Westland resident and longtime naturalist who heads the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy, is pleased with the 1995 gift made by the Pierce family, longtime Livonians who lived along the creek from 1941 to 1965 and owned the property until recently.

Smiley is also on the board of the Friends of the Rouge group. "One of our goals is to make a Rouge River greenway, and this goes toward accomplishing that," Smiley said. "Our goal is to be sure it is preserved in perpetuity."

The Rouge River, he said, "is practically the only good natural green space we have left in Wayne County."

Dick Pierce, who grew up with his two sisters and parents along Bell Creek, has fond memories of years spent horseback riding, ice skating and just time spent exploring on the family property.

"That was back when Bentley and Redford Union were the only high schools around," said Pierce, a Bentley grad who now lives in Chelsea and practices immigration law in Ann Arbor.

His sister, Janet Raisch, now lives in St. Louis and his brother, Don, lives Troy and practices law in Birmingham. Their mother died in 1988 and dad Donald, now 87, is remarried



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACGFELD

Great outdoors: Westland naturalist Jack Smiley walks through Bell Creek Nature Preserve in Livonia, now owned by the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy.

and living in South Carolina.

The family was pleased to find the conservancy was willing to preserve the property naturally, Dick Pierce added. "We're so glad it's just going to keep it as a natural park. We have so many good, warm memories."

Donald Pierce was a horseman and loved to play tennis, so the family had a horse stable and tennis courts on the property, his son said. The courts were always frozen over in the winter

as a neighborhood skating rink.

Thanks to the Pierces, this belt of flood-plain greenery is now owned by the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy so it can be preserved and held in trust for public use.

"People can visit as long as we don't disturb things," Smiley said. "All of our preserves are just for foot traffic and hiking."

Livonia resident Kerry Truxell, who lives along Bell Creek, serves as a sort of land steward

for the property, Smiley said. He cuts the trails and cuts back trees which have fallen.

Such urban greenbelts are key not only to developed areas, but for the entire southeast Michigan area.

Each area that faces development, also affects other neighboring communities and others downstream, said Smiley, whose roots as a naturalist go back some 25 years.

"Growing up in Westland, I could see it changing, and not

always for the better," he said. Conservation is not always about maintaining current green areas, "but about redeveloping our urban areas," he added.

Areas like the Bell Creek Nature Preserve in Livonia offer a chance not only for green space within the city, but also as a place for wildlife to life and use.

"We also need a lot of stopovers for migratory songbirds in the spring," he said.

Conservancy's first project: Holliday Preserve

The Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy was founded in June of 1988, incorporating as a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)3 charity in July the same year.

Its membership is active throughout the seven counties of southeastern Michigan.

Its first project was the secure 40 acres of undeveloped woods, field and wetlands adjacent to the William P. Holliday Preserve in the city of Westland. This was accomplished in 1989, and was transferred to the Wayne County Parks system in 1993 as an addition to the Holliday Preserve, which sits in portions of Westland, Livonia and Canton Township.

The group has done total 17 projects throughout seven-county area, including three preserves totaling 360 acres in Superior Township, just west of Plymouth and Canton. Other projects include 171 acres which are leased back to local farmers to work the land.

The SMLC is affiliated with the Land Trust Alliance in Washington, D.C. Its goal is to contain urban sprawl, preserve parks and open space areas and promote awareness about the need for preservation and maintenance of urban natural areas.

All donations to the group are tax deductible; membership is \$15 per year or \$25 for a special donation to land endowment. An Adopt-An-Acre program is also available. For information about the group, call (313) 582-8377.

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Bill approved to restrict welfare rate

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Sen. Bob Geake won a bipartisan - but one race - victory with his bill to deter people from moving to Michigan for its generous welfare benefit.

Geake's bill, approved 27-7 by the Senate on Nov. 5, will keep new residents at the welfare rate of the state from which they migrated for their first six months in Michigan.

"Michigan is more generous than other states," said Geake, R-Northville. "We pay \$459 a month average for a family of three. They would get \$377 in Illinois, \$341 in Ohio, \$288 in Indiana and \$174 in Alabama.

"This will make Michigan the 16th state to adopt such a restriction. Others require that a person be a resident for one year. So Michigan is still more compassionate." (A person must live here six months before being eligible to register to vote in Michigan.)

Geake's bill received 20 Republican votes and seven Democratic votes. Opposed were all five African-American sena-

tors, including Alma Wheeler Smith of Salem; one white Democrat from Detroit; and one white Republican from Saginaw.

All other area senators voted yes except Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, who had an excused absence.

The bill goes to the House, where its fate is less certain.

Smith challenged the constitutionality of Geake's bill. "Our contract says you must work, do community service or go to school to receive benefits. This bill says that even if you comply, you will be treated differently. In other states there are challenges of its constitutionality," said Smith.

"There isn't a lot of population migration for the purpose of getting welfare benefits," she added.

"Other states have lesser economies," said Democratic floor leader Virgil Smith of Detroit. "We are an industrialized state. This bill is punitive. We have eliminated general assistance. We require a contract. We have a limited time on welfare. Is it necessary at this

point to take this approach?"

The Senate rejected, on a 15-19 party-line vote, Alma Smith's amendment to give any state-level monetary savings to cities for their housing programs.

"That would make the bill more palatable," said Virgil Smith.

Geake disagreed. "This is not an appropriations bill. We should not be redirecting funds in it. The savings will revert to the general fund," he said.

Geake's bill would amend the Social Welfare Act to limit cash assistance (except day care) of a former resident of another state to the level of assistance of their former state (if it were lower than Michigan's).

If enacted, it would take effect Jan. 1, 1999.

It would have an "indeterminate impact" on Michigan's general fund, according to the Senate Fiscal Agency.

SFA said the Family Independence Agency (former Department of Social Services) found in a telephone survey of 13,766 recipients that 206 had resided in another state. Of the newcom-

ers, 162 had resided in states with benefit levels lower than Michigan's.

Applying that percentage to Michigan's caseload of 150,000, the state would save about \$3 million a year from its federal grants.

Caseload drops

Meanwhile, Gov. John Engler reported that the welfare caseload declined for the 42nd straight month to 140,854 cases - "certainly cause for celebration," he said.

The state's welfare caseload peaked in March of 1994 at nearly 227,000, said the governor, attributing the drop to stricter work requirements, generous support services, and incentives to work.

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Reaction

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voice.

"She was an effective voice as chairwoman on the commission's roads committee," Kelley said. "She helped deliver funding on road improvements in the township.

"Her position as chairwoman of the roads committee was more important to Redford because we're more dependent on the county for road maintenance than the communities we neighbor like Dearborn Heights. I hope her replacement will have strong Redford ties and be a strong voice for the township."

Plawecki assisted in obtaining money for repaving Beech Daly in Redford and she also was instrumental in the effort to get the township placed on the county's funding list for the proposed Seven Mile widening project, Kelley said.

Local praise

The county plans to raise money from the sale of bonds to pay for the repaving of Beech Daly that is expected to begin next spring, he said.

"She always responded to local road problems or removal of trees from the county right-of-way," Kelley said. "She worked effectively with our local parks commission in accomplishing a lot at Bell Creek and Lola Valley parks."

Accomplishments at Bell Creek include construction of a pavilion for groups to host events and development of a new soccer field to begin in about a year, Kelley said. Bell Creek's baseball fields also are being re-sodded and redone, he said.

Plawecki played a more active role in maintaining Lola Valley Park, Kelley said.

"For the first time I can remember, the grounds at Lola Valley were maintained on a regular basis during the summer," he said. "There are plans for additional picnic tables and grills."

Kelley said he has heard some names to replace her, but no consensus candidate at this time.

"People are just beginning to discuss her resignation," Kelley said. "You can take my name off the list."

Before Kelley was elected township supervisor in November, 1996, he served on the county board of commissioners for about 3 1/2 years beginning in July, 1989, when he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Richard Manning, who vacated his board seat to serve as 17th District Court Judge in Redford.

Kelley then won election to a full, two-year term on the county board in November 1989, but vacated the seat to run unsuccessfully for Wayne County Sheriff, losing to incumbent Robert Ficano in November 1992.

"I don't favor anyone at this point," Kelley said. "I have to see who's interested. I have no particular candidate in mind as a replacement at this time."

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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

SPECIAL EVENTS

LAS VEGAS PARTY

Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, on Joy Road, between Wayne and Newburgh in Westland, plans a Las Vegas Party from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14-15. The event will include black jack, big wheel, 50/50 raffle, coffee, popcorn, mixed drinks, food, beer and pop. \$1 admission. All proceeds go to the Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church.

ARTS-CRAFTS SHOW

The Westland MedMax store, 35600 Central City Parkway, will host an Arts & Crafts Sale inside the store from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15. Non-perishable food items for the "Westland Food Basket," will be collected at the craft sale. Donate three items and receive a \$5 coupon for use in the store. For more information call, (313) 458-7100.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

A fall rummage sale and plus room for antiques and collectibles will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 15, at First United Methodist Church of Wayne, across from the Wayne post office. Saturday is \$2.50 a bag day (except in plus room).

SANTA'S EXPRESS

Santa's Express Craft Show, presented by the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center) and Superior Arts, will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16. Lunch is available and crafters are needed. This is a fund-raiser for the building fund. Call (313) 722-7632, (313) 326-0146 or (313) 453-5719.

SURPLUS FOOD

The city of Westland will be having its surplus food program at the Dorsey Community Center in November. Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, food will be distributed at Palmer, Stieber, Merriman and Wildwood roads which is known as Norwayne and Oak Village. For all other residents excluding Precinct 28 food will be distributed between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21. Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers may call their building manager for their day of distribution. For November, food will include canned chicken, refried beans, canned potatoes, vegetable soup and figs. For more information, call 595-0366.

GOP FUND-RAISER

The Wayne 13th Republican Committee will be holding its biannual fundraiser at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland, Nov. 20. Speaking at the event will be Michigan Republican State Chairman Betsy DeVos, State Sen. Loren Bennett of Canton and U.S. Congressman Joe Knollenberg. For ticket information, call Steve Conley at (248) 364-0011.

TOY SHOW

Westland Rotary's Toy Show, featuring antiques, collectibles, and obsolete, will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at the Wayne Ford Civic League, 1845 N. Wayne Road in Westland. Admission is \$3 and kids under 12 are free. The show will include Star Wars and Star Trek items, figurines, Hot Wheels, Match-Box, slot cars, GI Joes, games, comic books, dolls, children's books and Beanie Babies. For information, call Ken Belanger,

(313) 721-1810, or John Toye, (313) 728-TOYE.

TREE OF MEMORIES

A Tree of Memories will be on display from Friday, Nov. 28, to Wednesday, Dec. 24, during mall hours at Wonderland Mall in Livonia. For a donation, patrons can buy golden angel ornaments in memory of loved ones and then hang the ornaments on the memory tree. The event, in its eighth year, is run by and all proceeds benefit Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc.

RECREATION

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.

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.

VOLLEYBALL

Open volleyball is offered for those age 18 and older 6:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month at the Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, Westland. All skill levels play just for fun. There is no charge. Baby-sitting is provided. For information, call (313) 722-3660.

SCHOOLS

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stotemyer 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 Sparky 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 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.

LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road in Livonia, has openings in the Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoon session for 3- to 5-year-olds. For information, call (248) 471-2077.

FRANKLIN PTSA

The Franklin High PTSA is seeking new members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and community, and members aren't required to have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy, Livonia 48150.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM

A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy, Westland. The program is for students in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. It will meet 3:30-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. For information on participating or volunteering, call Shabaura Cobb, (313) 722-3660.

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

THEATER TRIP

The Westland Senior Resources Department is planning a trip to the Toledo Stranahan (Masonic) Theater. Participants will leave 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, enjoy the comedy of Charlie Prose and music, have lunch and return 7:30-8 p.m. The trip is open to the first 19 paid members who sign up. Price is \$45. For information, call 722-7632.

GRANDMA'S ATTIC SALE

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.

TRAVEL GROUP

The Travel Group meets

Here comes Santa Claus



Ho-ho-holiday time: Santa Claus will arrive at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, by horse and carriage outside of entrance 6, east of JC Penney, at Westland Shopping Center. John Glenn High School's marching band will lead Santa and Westley Holiday Bear to the West Court (at JC Penney). The Bananas in Pajamas will join Santa and Holiday Bear with a holiday performance in West Court. Bananas in Pajamas stars B1 and B2 will perform "It's Nursery Rhyme Time" at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Nov. 22. Westland Center also presents Digital Image Santa photographs and they will begin on Santa's set after his arrival. Santa will be on the set 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays. When children visit Santa, they will be invited to join the Santa and Holiday Bear Club. They will receive a coloring activity book and upon completing the book they can present it to customer service and receive an official membership card, T-shirt and button. All children who join by Dec. 5, 1997, will receive a letter from Santa and Holiday Bear inviting them to a special Santa breakfast.

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, pinocle, 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 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 Newburgh.

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 Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (313) 722-7632.

VOLUNTEERS

BOY SCOUTS

A few good young men ages 11-18 are needed to work with Boy Scout Troop No. 865 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays at Hamilton Elementary School, corner of Avondale and Schuman in Westland. Monthly campouts will be featured. For information, call (313) 729-1283.

PET-A-PET

The Pet-a-Pet Club, which offers pet visits to nursing home residents, needs special pets and people. Pets undergo a slight screening and need proof of shots to participate. Local sites include Camelot Hall Convalescent Center (Debbie McDermott, 427-3791, 10 a.m. the second Saturday of the month), Garden City Rehab (Stacy Suida, (313) 422-2438, second Thursday of the month at 3 p.m.) and Roosevelt-McGrath School (Lynn Eichbrecht, (313) 591-3347, the last Wednesday of the month). Information is available from Ruth Curry, (313) 535-0410, or Daisy Doran, (313) 565-1981. There is a \$5 membership charge.

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 sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, in the M.J. Hall, 35412 Michigan Ave., next to Farmer Jack, in Wayne. (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 Carolan 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, Redford, Detroit and surrounding areas.

WEEKENDERS

The Weekenders 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.

HOST LIONS

The Westland Host 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.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library meet monthly the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. (313) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The friends also hold a Friends Shop Book Sale during regular library hours at the library.

CALENDAR FORM

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI. 48150, or by fax to 313-591-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.

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Judge will hear Rouge River concerns today

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

County and city officials are expected to explain to a federal judge today why they need more time to control pollution emptying into the Rouge River.

A hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. before U.S. District Judge John Feikens in Detroit. Feikens will hear presentations from Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties, to discuss a request for a 14-month extension in dealing with pollution problems they may be contributing to the Rouge.

Community officials from each of three subwatershed regions in the Rouge River basin are

expected to discuss concerns they have with the timing of Feikens' proposed show cause order. Officials fear Feikens will impose a new management authority over the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project by issuing the show cause order.

Community representatives are expected to tell the judge why the river's cleanup should be community-driven.

"It's an opportunity for the communities to take control of their own destiny, instead of the regulators or a federal judge," said Jim Murray, director of Wayne County's Department of Environment.

Several Rouge projects are

expected to be highlighted:

■ The watershed management concept: Community officials have worked for the past year with state and local agencies to complete storm water management studies, which will provide guidelines for communities to apply for the DEQ's watershed-based storm water permits. Funding is allocated for these studies through 2002.

■ Combined sewer overflows: \$235 million has been spent, while \$208 million is expected through 2002.

■ Geographic Information System: \$3 million was spent; \$5 million projected through 2002. A GIS was established for the watershed complete with land

use data, water quality data, community boundaries and a street base. An advisory group of local communities, counties, state agencies and others was formed to develop an inter-related GIS system.

■ Monitoring: \$9 million was spent; \$4 million projected through 2002. Monitoring has helped to focus on priorities of CSO abatement and non-point source control projects in the Rouge River watershed.

■ Illicit connections and septic systems: \$1 million spent so far, while projected new expenditures are estimated at \$2 million.

■ Wetlands: The Rouge project is leading an effort to create

a Wayne County Wetlands Bank under the Wetland Protection Act to fund the construction of the Inkster wetlands project.

■ Storm water: Grants totaling \$5 million were provided to 25 different communities and agencies to undertake 46 pilot storm water management projects, including wetlands creation and restoration, structural practices such as grassed swales and detention ponds, pollution prevention programs, institutional controls such as stormwater management ordinances, erosion control, streambank stabilization and habitat restoration, sewage management and agricultural runoff control.

■ Stream restoration: \$1 million spent to date, projected new expenditures are \$4 million. Stream bank restoration has been allocated with one mile of canoeing along the Middle Rouge River, and Newburgh Lake.

■ Newburgh Lake Restoration: \$2 million spent, \$10 million estimated on the project to be completed next summer.

■ Abandoned dumps: \$1 million spent, \$1 million planned.

■ Public involvement: A public involvement program was created in 1994 to foster understanding of citizens roles in restoring and protecting the Rouge

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proceeds would be earmarked for capital improvement, "not salaries.

■ \$250 million in "at-risk" funds for schools this year and \$260 million next year. Engler had vetoed the money pending a solution of how to pay off the Durant plaintiffs.

Lawmakers will drop Engler's proposal to recalculate how school personnel pensions would be calculated. Engler proposed a "defined contribution" plan rather than a "defined benefit" plan.

In public hearings conducted by Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, retired teachers blistered Engler's proposal to raise the assumed rate of earnings from 8 to 8.3 percent and to recalculate the value of pension fund investments as of Sept. 30, 1997, the height of the bull market in stocks.

During Senate debate, Democrats tried to raise the ante for at-risk districts by \$10 mil-

lion, but their amendments were rejected on party-line votes.

Two bills implementing the deal were sent to the House. One is HB 5083, an amendment to the management and budget act tapping the budget stabilization ("rainy day") fund. The other is Senate Bill 178, covering the school aid amendments.

The Senate's work was practically devoid of debate. An agreeable Sen. Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga, praised lawmakers for "finally stepping up to the plate to settle the issue."

Durant case winners include the school districts of Birmingham, West Bloomfield, Farmington, Novi, Walled Lake, South Lyon, Huron Valley and Troy in Oakland County; Livonia, South Redford, Northville and Plymouth-Canton in Wayne County; and Waverly in Eaton and Ingham counties.

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10TH ANNUAL LIGHT UP A LIFE

Holiday benefit lights up night for Angela Hospice

On the runway: The celebrity fashion show is a popular part of the hospice benefit. At right, Tracy Gary and her son, Steven, delight the crowd with their holiday outfits.



PHOTOS BY JERRY MENDOZA

Chalk up another successful event for the Italian American Club of Livonia and Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place.

More than 1,000 people attended the 10th annual Light Up a Life benefit for Angela Hospice which raised \$90,000 for the Livonia-based organization.

Helping to reach that goal were 10 GEM sponsors who paid between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to support the event.

A highlight of the pre-holiday season, the benefit has become famous for its strolling supper, fashions show featuring a bevy of area celebrities, raffle and silent auction.

Proceeds from Light Up a Life benefit Angela Hospice programs which care for incurably ill children and adults.

This is the seventh year Jacobson's has joined with the Italian American Club in sponsoring the benefit, and that partnership has contributed to its success, according to benefit co-chairwoman Carolyn DiComo.

Benefit organizers honored television personalities Paul Gross, WDIV-TV weatherman, and Cheryl Chodin of WXYZ-TV, for their longtime support of the project.

Other celebrity guests on hand at Sunday's event included Denise Dador, Mike Holfeld and Don Shane of WXYZ-TV, Tracy Gary of WWJ, former Detroit Tigers Rich Leach, former Detroit Red



Good food: Chef Mike Sutton of the Macaroni Grill in Livonia prepares pasta for benefit patrons.

Wings player Ted Lindsay and Ken Calvert of WJR radio.

Thirty area restaurants had food stations throughout the store for the strolling supper.

For the second year, the benefit also featured a silent auction. Big sellers at this year's event was anything hockey. A Steve Yzerman jersey went for \$1,000. Another popular item was hospital scrubs signed by the cast of "ER." The winner paid more than \$600 for the framed scrubs.

Winners of a special raffle were: Mary Ann Wiegel of Livonia, first prize of trip for two to Las Vegas; second prize of a \$500 Jacobson's gift certificate went to Marge Kucharek of Redford Township; third prize of a Beanie Babies and Teenie Beanie Babies basket went to Jerri Florio of Ohio; fourth prize of a 13-inch color TV was won by

Barbara and Mario Ledda of Livonia and fifth prize of \$100 cash went to L. Yoko.

To date the Light Up a Life event has raised more than \$350,000 for Angela Hospice.

So what do co-chairwomen DiComo and Georgia Scappaticci have planned for next year's event?

"We plan to continue because the need is there but there'll be a few changes to keep things interesting," said DiComo.

Stay tuned.



Star power: Former Red Wing hockey great Gordie Howe and his wife, Colleen, autograph copies of their new book, "And HOWE."



Holiday magic: Marie Aversa and Steve Hadala perform the Arabian dance from the Nutcracker Ballet. Aversa works as a public relations specialist at Angela Hospice.



Strolling supper: Margaret Levine accepts a food sample from Ron Kulczycki of Villa de Roma. Thirty area restaurants participated.

County issues annual report for taxpayers

Wayne County has issued the first simplified version of its annual report intended to provide taxpayers, citizens and other interested parties with an easy-to-understand financial overview of the county. This report is a supplement of the county's comprehensive annual finance report.

"1996 has been the county's most successful year ever," said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive. "Our many accomplishments have changed the future of Wayne County from bleak to bright."

The initiatives taken by Wayne County government has resulted in the following accomplishments:

- Nine consecutive years of balanced financial operations with nominally increasing levels of general fund equity. In 1996 the fund had a \$20 million undesignated balance.

- The county has steadily improved its credit rating over the last 10 years. The improved credit position translates into lower overall interest rates on county bond issues, thereby reducing interest expense and saving taxpayer dollars.

- 1996 marked the second consecutive year Wayne County received an unqualified "clean" opinion in the audit report from its outside auditors. 1995 marked the first time the county had received such an opinion.

Anyone interested in obtaining the 1996 Wayne County Annual Report can call (313) 224-7333.

Pet photos include Santa

The Michigan Animal Adoption Network will be holding Pet Santa Photo Sessions during the holiday season. People can pay \$5 to get their pets' picture taken with Santa Claus.

The sessions take place at the following locations:

- Sunday, Nov. 30, 1-5 p.m., Canton Pet Supplies "Plus," 43665 Ford Road (313) 981-9191

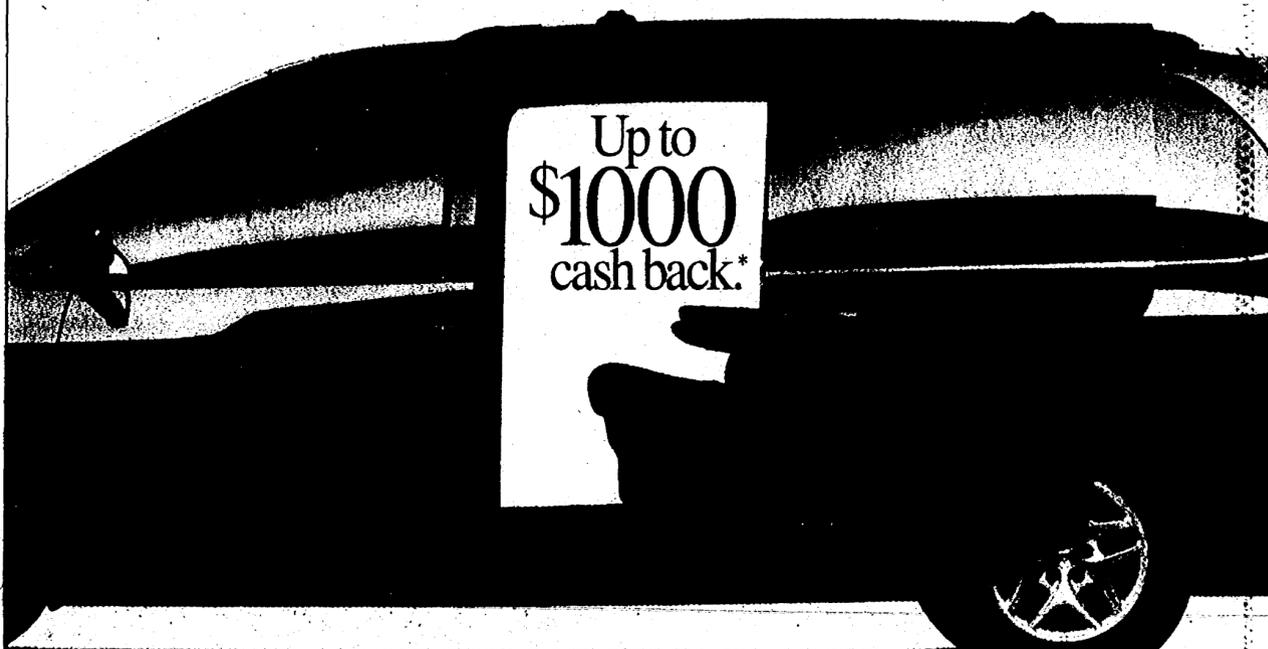
- Wednesday, Dec. 10, 5-8 p.m., Farmington Hills Pet Supplies "Plus," 30730 Orchard Lake Road, (248) 932-3113

- Saturday, Dec. 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Livonia Pet Supplies "Plus," 29493 W. Seven Mile Road, (248) 615-0030

- Saturday, Dec. 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Rochester Hills Pet Supplies "Plus," 2925 Rochester Road, (248) 299-5040

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New airport facility opens

By KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Northwest Airlines has opened a new international departure facility at Detroit Metro Airport that is expected to improve services for international and domestic passengers.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara joined Ray Vecchi, Northwest's executive vice president of customer service, in a ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday at the new facility, located on the airport's upper level and about 250 feet north of the Davey Terminal.

The international departure facility will add about 17,000 square feet to the Davey Terminal. Its entrance is about 250 feet north along curbside, from

the domestic entrance.

McNamara said the building is only one project within a \$60 million program of interim improvements. The improvements were designed by Wayne County and Northwest to help the carrier get by until the new midfield terminal opens.

McNamara said it was important to increase Detroit Metro's international capacity because international traffic is the fastest growing segment of passengers at the airport. In 1995 international traffic grew by 21 percent; in 1996 it grew by 15 percent.

The facility will allow international passengers to check in and proceed directly to F Concourse where 90 percent of Northwest's international flights

depart.

The new facility has 24 new check-in positions and space for several concessions and Northwest offices.

"What's nice about it it increases the counter space for Northwest by 50 percent," said Mike Conway, airport spokesman. "There will be more room in the Davey terminal because the international check-ins will move to the new terminal, which will shorten the lines for the domestic flights and Davey terminal."

The new terminal "will be a colorful, warm and open environment," said Conway. International flags will hang from the ceiling.

Other airport improvements include the new 74-gate midfield terminal, a sixth runway, and an expansion of the international terminal federal inspection services which will allow customs and immigration to increase their processing rate from 800 passengers to 1,200 passengers per hour. The baggage handling area at the Davey Terminal also will be expanded.

Other improvements that have been completed include an additional lane on upper and lower Rogell Drive; six gate extension on Concourse C; new moving walkways on the extension and between Concourses C and D, and a new rampside shuttle service for connecting passengers.

Giant Cup moved

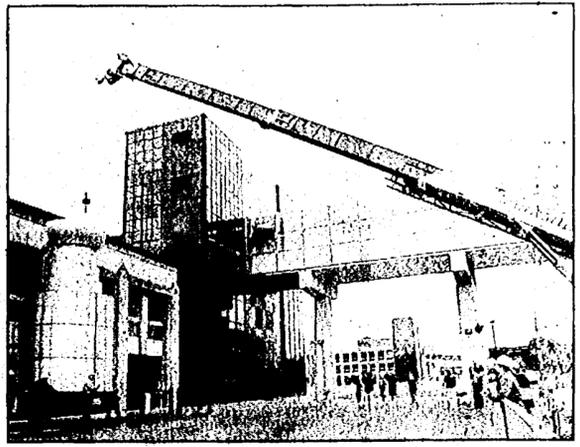
A 23-foot tall replica of Lord Stanley's Cup, which last spring

helped the Motor City commemorate the Red Wings first championship in 42 years, was moved Tuesday to Metro Airport for public display throughout the 1997-98 hockey season.

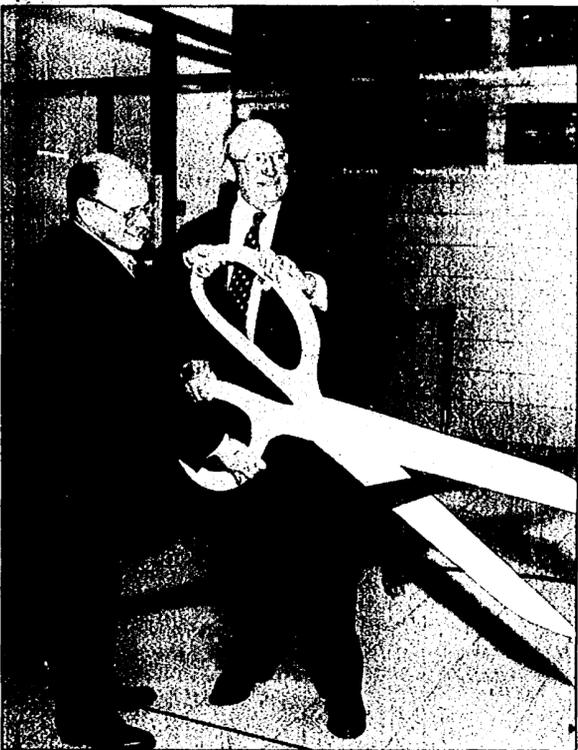
A construction crane placed the 2,500-pound replica next to the airport's parking structure, across from the Davey Terminal, before the overhead pedestrian crosswalk.

Built by Michigan-based construction services firm Barton Malow, the giant "trophy" was displayed atop the Wayne County Building last spring as part of the city's championship. During the cup's two-week atop the County Building, Red Wings defenseman Vladimir Kostantinov and trainer Sergei Mnatsakanov were critically injured in a car accident. Subsequently, 2,000 fans donated a minimum of \$25 to have their names placed on the replica trophy, raising more than \$60,000 for the Beaumont Foundation's Fund for Closed Head Injuries.

The giant Stanley Cup, complete with donors' names, will spend the '97-'98 hockey season on display at Metro Airport, according to County Executive Edward McNamara.



In place: A construction crane placed the 2,500-pound replica of the Stanley Cup next to the airport's parking structure, across from the Davey Terminal, before the overhead pedestrian crosswalk. Barton Malow work crews put the replica in place.



Brand new: Raymond Vecchi, executive vice president of customer service for Northwest Airlines, and Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara cut the ribbon to officially open the new international departure building at Detroit Metro Airport.

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REFRESHMENTS

Faculty members to lead programs

Two faculty members have been appointed to new positions in the School of Business at Madonna University in Livonia.

Dr. John Critchett of Canton Township was appointed chair of undergraduate programs. Dr. Betty Jean Hebel of Farmington Hills has been named chair of graduate programs.

Hebel is an associate professor of management and marketing and Critchett is an assistant professor of accounting and finance.

"As part of the School of Business's focus on student needs, one of the roles these individuals will assume is that of a resource person to assist students throughout their course of study at Madonna," said Dr. Stuart Arends, dean of Madonna's School of Business.

Critchett will be responsible for overseeing the undergraduate curriculum and budget, and assessment program. Hebel will



John Critchett



Betty Jean Hebel

manage the graduate curriculum, including developing unique and innovative programs to meet the needs of graduate students now and in the future.

Madonna University offers a master of science degree in business administration with concentrations in leadership studies,

international business, quality and operations management, and medical and dental practice administration. Bachelor of science degrees are awarded in accounting, business administration, computer information systems, international business and economics, management and

marketing. Students may also earn an associate's degree in computer technology.

Critchett is a certified public accountant who joined Madonna University in 1987. He is a member of the Academy of Accounting Historians. He earned his undergraduate degree from Duke University, a master's in business administration from the University of Michigan and doctoral degree from the University of Kentucky.

Hebel is on the board of directors of Bonal International, Inc. and is a member of the American Society of Corporate Secretaries, American Management Association, World Future Society and American Welding Society. She earned her bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and was awarded her master's and doctoral degrees from Wayne State University. Hebel joined Madonna University in 1991.

Rivers plans roundtable

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will host an informal roundtable discussion on global warming 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Afundi's Mediterranean Cafe, 304 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor.

Anyone interested in obtaining this information, please call Rivers' district offices at 106 E.

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The Wayne County Sheriff Department's new program

Operation Out and About is a way to show street officers that supervisors are interested in their duties and responsibilities. Beginning this week, sergeants, lieutenants and other supervisors will hit the streets riding with road patrol units, felony warrant squads and other high-profile units to observe the evolving role of today's officer.

Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano promotes the approach.

"Nothing is more disconcerting to street officers than the belief that administrators and command officers are out of touch with front-line responsibilities," Ficano said.

Ficano's own participation in the program underscores his belief that such programs are

essential.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1997

Community relations District should watch its step

Don't burn your bridges. That's the advice we would like to give Wayne-Westland school officials.

Last week, a controversy erupted over a school policy of barring political campaign signs from being displayed on school property. And it's a policy that may be debatable — especially the part about banning campaign signs from voters' vehicles.

But our concern arises over Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy's criticism of council members who questioned the policy. He basically questioned a council member's intelligence with the flip comment "if he is half as intelligent as he claims to be."

Is this really the approach Baracy — still new to his job — wants to take with Westland city officials?

With a \$108 million school bond issue being considered by the district, it seems that Baracy wouldn't shoot himself in the foot, but would strive for as much support as he can possibly get.

And on Monday, school board Vice Presi-

dent Mathew McCusker said he wishes that city officials would spend as much money on youth programs as they do on "the temple on Newburgh Road," meaning the senior citizen Friendship Center.

Now is not the time for a rift between council leaders and the school district if the district expects any support and backing for its bond proposal, which will be a hard sell, anyway.

The voters in the Wayne-Westland school district have been known to turn down millage increase requests in the past.

It will take public education and support from community leaders to get this proposal passed.

We only hope long-term damage hasn't been done between city and school officials. With the heat of the election over, we hope everyone involved can get back to the business at hand.

We also hope the leaders in the school district can smooth things over in the community if this bond issue is needed even half as much as the district says it is.

Let's keep on improving city

The election's over. The votes are counted. The campaign signs are coming down.

Now it's time to get back to business as usual in Westland city government — but we hope it's back to the business of the best interests of the people of Westland.

We hope our newly re-elected officials continue to keep voters in mind even now that they don't have to court us for our votes.

Yes, the voters have spoken. But we don't want our elected officials to take their winning votes as a mandate.

You still work for all of the citizens, not just those who supported you at election time.

You may have encountered people who rubbed you the wrong way at election time because they didn't support you or criticized

your record. But now that you have won, those same people still need their concerns addressed.

And we hope you're listening. There are concerns in Westland.

Westland has many commercial vacancies, some neighborhoods need revitalizing, the recycling program needs expanding.

Residents have suffered with flooded basements. Residents have screamed over unending road work disrupting their neighborhoods and their lives.

Residents still have concerns and some feel that nobody's listening.

Yes, the election's over, but we hope the work to improve Westland isn't, and we hope our elected officials are still listening.

Drug lifer law needs change

Michigan's cruelest law, and one of the harshest in the nation, is about to be modified by the state Legislature.

The Senate has passed, 30-6, bills to ease the law mandating life in prison, with no hope of parole and no chance for judicial discretion, for persons convicted of dealing in 650 grams or more of proscribed drugs.

Designed to catch drug "kingpins," it has done anything but since it was passed in anger in 1978. Among 220 people caught in its gill nets were many first-time offenders, young and dumb people, potentially capable of rehabilitation with maturity and schooling.

"A few years ago, the average sentence served for murder was 14 years," said Sen. Jon Cisky, R-Saginaw, a former sheriff's officer who deplored the 650-lifer law. "Many of these people we've convicted for the rest of their natural lives have never been convicted of anything, ever."

Those convicted were thrown onto a social scrap heap, treated worse than violent criminals, and given no "light at the end of the tunnel" — that is, no incentive to mend their ways. With no chance of getting out, they had every reason to continue drug dealing inside prison walls. That's poor prison policy. The prisons would be easier to operate if inmates had an

incentive to improve themselves.

In a Legislature where many piously boast they believe in Christianity, there were those who easily forgot the Son's words from the cross: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

The new bills don't go so far as asking that we forgive the offenders; just that we give them a 15-year chance to mend their ways.

We praise Sens. Bob Geake, R-Northville, and George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, for taking the first step to amend the law. We are disappointed that Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, couldn't see fit to join them.

We hope the House of Representatives will lighten up on the Senate bill a bit more. The bill would make a convicted person eligible for parole after 15 years if he or she cooperated with law enforcement officials, had no convictions in the previous 10 years for a violent felony, had no other drug violation worth four years in prison, and wasn't part of an organized drug gang.

Michigan was the first jurisdiction in the English-speaking world to prohibit government from killing people through executions. The 650-lifer law has stained that record. We hope the Legislature and governor will remove that stain. By Christmas.

Leaves on grass



Falling down: The annual fall raking ritual is in full swing. Lots of leaves are leaving the trees making for lots of weekend work for area homeowners.

LETTERS

Treaty causes concerns

Iam writing to express my deep concern over the "Climate Change Treaty" proposed by the United Nations. This treaty, if adopted this December, would have devastating effects upon the U.S. economy.

The purpose of this treaty is to stop the effects of "global warming" by imposing severe environmental and economic restrictions on only a handful of developed nations — including the United States — while exempting 132 of 166 "developing" nations. Yet the treaty would only serve to cripple the American economy, with many experts predicting it would cause thousands of immediate job layoffs, fuel increases of nearly 50 percent overnight, skyrocketing costs in all consumer goods and the relocation of major U.S. industries overseas.

Is such economic catastrophic worth it? Especially when global warming is a hotly debated theory, not a fact. Not only is there no proof that the planet is actually warming up — but a planetwide cooling trend has been documented over the past five decades.

We must not commit the United States to any agreement that would impose such drastic cutbacks and hardships on Americans, nor should we agree to any treaty that could topple our nation's economic structure.

Even worse than the devastating economic results of this treaty would be the tragic loss of American sovereignty to the United Nations. We must never let that happen, certainly not for a mythical "global warming."

Ruth Gribble
Westland

logic is observed. I always hear it referred to as "fact vs. faith." Not only is this a misleading description of the debate, but it is a falsification and a biased one at that. The fact is that science's theory of evolution calls for just as much faith as does any of the religion-based theories of creation.

A scientific principle must first be hypothesized by the scientist. Then it must be proven through a series of experiments that provoke consistent results. If carbon dating is based on increments of 10,000 years then it stands to reason that in order to prove its accuracy, one would need to create something today, and then carbon date it in the year 11,997. If the result is accurate we have a successful proof of the hypothesis.

Why does God creating man require so much more faith than a big boom happening to accidentally create a string of DNA that would evolve over millions of years to one day become a human does? Basically what we have are two leaps of faith here. It's just a matter of choice as to which one kids choose. The problem lies in this; one is portrayed as fact and taught to every kid in America's public schools, while the other is treated as inane fiction and is outlawed in the same education system.

In closing, I would challenge anybody to find any constitutional foundation for keeping God out of schools. This is a major misconception of our founding fathers' intentions. A separation of church and state is entirely different from separating God from schools. Americans were supposed to have freedom of religion. The truth is that religion is suppressed and discouraged in schools, making atheism the religion that we cannot seem to separate from the state.

Frank Cote
Westland

Leaps of faith

Ladies and gentlemen. In this corner, weighing in as the foundation for almost every religion on the planet, the often maligned but never disproved Theory of Creation. In the other corner, weighing in as billions and billions of atomic matter whirling around randomly waiting to start an ecosystem, the widely accepted Theory of (Big Bang) Evolution. Let's get ready to rummmmmble!

The Melvindale schools' recent awakening of this sleeping giant of an issue stirs up combatants on both sides. The thing that nags at me when people argue this is the fact that no

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"Probably the same as five years ago. I really don't go down there."
Bob Ruete



"About the same."
Linda Lezotte



"I go downtown quite often to restaurants and plays — even more now that I'm retired."
Arnold Havens Sr.



"I'm more likely, but I've always been comfortable in Detroit. I go for the cultural things."
Chuck Heard

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POINTS OF VIEW

Rouge River reveals nature's beauty close to home

Where can you go to see deer, salmon and the largest cottonwood tree in Michigan? Up North, right? Wrong. Try the Lower Rouge River, which runs through western Wayne County communities.

Hard to believe, you say? Well, it's true that the Rouge has had its share of ups and downs through the years. But what has impressed me has been its ability to fight back, to stay alive. Given the chance to heal, the Rouge always seemed to recover enough for wildlife to reappear. And there's more good news. There are many local organizations and schools participating to help the Rouge.

As for myself, I got "involved" around 1993 when I joined the Friends of the Rouge. I wanted to know how, as a sixth-grade teacher, I could help the Rouge rebound. I got a lot of good ideas from the DNR (now

DEQ) River Rouge Action Plan coordinator and the Friends of the Rouge. Soon afterwards, I found myself setting up educational projects to help the Rouge and promote scientific literacy.

Here is a list of popular projects that I've tried and would recommend:

Wood Duck nesting boxes - With the destruction of valuable nesting habitat, Wood Ducks have all but disappeared from our area. Building and installing nesting boxes along the Rouge River will help re-establish these beautiful ducks.

Bat houses - Bats are the primary predators of night-flying insects and play a key role in the balance of nature. They eat mass quantities of mosquitoes and other yard pests. Bat houses come in different shapes and they are fairly simple to construct. Depending on the size of the house you build, you could attract and house



FRANK WALKER

between 50-200 bats per house.

Storm drain stenciling - This is another very worthwhile project to warm folks not to pour chemicals and eastes down area storm drains. Paint, stencils and other needed supplies can be obtained locally from Friends of the Rouge. Remember, contact local municipalities for permission to spray paint storm drains first. Some cities won't allow this project and others restrict spray paint possession by

minors.

Water quality monitoring - This is really the core of the Rouge River Education Project locally. High school, middle school and elementary school students perform water quality tests on water samples drawn from the Rouge River. Data is collected and entered into a computer network called Econet and is shared worldwide. Water testing, stream surveys and examining aquatic invertebrate life are the key components here. However, some individuals and groups in our area choose to test their ponds and waterways independently, or be unaffiliated with any one large environmental group.

I hope that I've stirred you to act now to save the Rouge River. Sure, it will take a lot more than a one-day cleanup effort or a one-week unit in the classroom on river ecology. It will take time, motivation and commit-

ment. It involves getting down to the river to see, smell and hear, firsthand, the river reaching out to you.

Here are some organizations that can help you get started: Friends of the Rouge, (313) 961-4050; Friends of the Rouge Education Project, (313) 961-4099; Bat Conservation International, (512) 327-9721; Wayne County Department of Environment, Rouge Program Office, (313) 961-0700; WCRESA Environmental Education Center, (313) 334-1300; and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Rouge River Remedial Action Plan, (313) 953-1441.

Frank Walker is a member of Friends of the Rouge and teaches sixth grade science and math at Franklin Middle School in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. He lives in Plymouth.

Lack of education hurts prisoners - and the rest of us

I thought I heard the legislator right when I quoted him as saying 62 percent of Michigan parolees are back in prison in two to four years.

Not so, said the Department of Corrections PR guy, who proceeded to give me two books full of data.

"About 11 percent of all parolees come back to prison with a new crime while on parole," said Chapter D on Parole.

"An additional 15 percent are returned as a result of technical parole violations in which at-risk behavior is identified before new criminal activity occurs. These prisoners may be returned to prison to serve up to their unexpired maximum sentence."

So the good news is that 74 percent don't come back.

After Leslie Allen Williams did four serial killings of teen girls, the Legislature changed the parole system. Civil servants were out. They were replaced by appointees of the director,

Ken McGinnis, who is in turn an Engler appointee. Their orientation is law enforcement. Not many bleeding heart social workers there.

"The change in law has resulted in fewer paroles, especially for sex offenders," said DOC's book.

I recently visited HASTA, a group of Hispanic inmates in the lowest-level security prison in Jackson.

"Why do you do that?" colleagues ask me.

Because these guys are going to be out soon. The HASTA president is due out next year.

We tend to think of prison inmates as McConnell Adames, Anitra Coomers and Leslie Williamses - lifers without hope of parole. Wrong. The average minimum sentence is seven years, one month.

More than 90 percent will be back out. My conservative, self-defense instincts tell me it's wise to teach them good lessons about the law and get them some job skills.



TIM RICHARD

In a Law Day column, I blistered McGinnis for saying, when asked if inmates had any inherent constitutional property rights, "None at all." That's a terrible lesson to teach guys in prison. It's also wrong, given the number of expensive class-action lawsuits against the Corrections Department-the state has settled or is fighting.

One inmate complained, in Spanish, there is no English as a Second Language program. He got in trouble because the rules are only in English,

which he couldn't read.

DOC's Chapter L confirms it. There is no ESL listing.

Inmates say vocational training is a joke; rather, they greet the subject with derisive guffaws.

DOC's Chapter L confirms it. Just 11,500 of the 42,000 inmates get any kind of education - high school, GED, college or vocational!

"Vocational offerings in the prisons include: auto body repair, auto mechanics, building trades, electronics, food management, graphics and printing, horticulture, machine tool operation, meat cutting, business technology, small engine repair, television production, welding, and dental lab technology," says DOC.

DOC is careful not to say how many get voc training.

DOC also reveals that "College programming paid for by the state is provided only in prisons under court order to offer such classes."

Do the inmates need education?

DOC's Chapter F, Profile of Michigan Prisoners, says only about 20 percent have a high school education. Their occupations at time of arrest: 37.6 percent had "none," 51.4 percent were "unskilled." That means 89 percent were doing grunt work. You can't make it in a global economy on grunt work. Ask liberals. Ask conservatives. Ask unionists. Ask bosses.

Prison industries? Chapter K confirms that just 2,500, or 6 percent, work at anything. They make metal furniture, road signs, shoes, corrugated cartons, three-ring binders ...

"In some states, prisoners are paid the prevailing wage," says Chapter K. Not Michigan State Industries, which pays an average of \$5.90 a day.

With that kind of preparation for the outside world, it's a wonder the recidivism rate really isn't 62 percent.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

Improve confirmation process

The newspaper was brief: "The Senate confirmed University of Michigan economics professor Edward Gramlich to the Federal Reserve Board. President Clinton's other nominee, Roger Ferguson Jr., a New York banking consultant, was also confirmed. The nominations had been held up when a group of senators unhappy with the Fed insisted on using the nominations as a forum to criticize and debate the central bank's policies."

This is the story of how my friend Ned Gramlich finally was confirmed as a Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, one of the most influential economics positions in this country. It is a cautionary tale that explains much of why the government of our nation is in such disarray.

Gramlich has had a truly distinguished career in academic and in public service. He rose through the ranks of the Economics Department at U-M, eventually becoming chair and, later, dean of the newly formed School of Public Policy. He did research on monetary policy at the Fed in the late 1960s and later, in 1986-87, he was deputy director and then acting director of the Congressional Budget Office.

In 1994, he was appointed chair of the national Advisory Commission on Social Security. For two years, he applied all of his diligence and patients trying to bring agreement from his often fractious colleagues on how to reform the Social Security system. It was this work, I assume, that led the White House to sound him out this past February about his interest in an appointment to the Federal Reserve Board.

He was. A trial balloon article in the Wall Street Journal emerged in April. Nearly three months later, he was formally nominated by President Clinton.

The process of clearance for any nominee to high government office is enough to deter even the most thick-skinned.

Gramlich had to reveal all his financial assets and all outside sources of income since he was 21. (How many of us keep our tax returns for more than 10 years?) He had to prove that he and his wife, Ruth, had paid Social Security tax on their cleaning lady's wages. He had to detail all of his trips abroad since he was 21. He was fingerprinted. When the FBI came to interview the neighbors, they spent a full hour talking to a woman who hardly knew the Gramlich family.

But Gramlich survived, and in September, six months after his named first surfaced publicly, it was forwarded to the Senate Banking Committee. The committee held confirmation hearings and reported the nomination to the full Senate on Oct. 7.

At that point, in accordance with an arcane senatorial custom authorized nowhere in the Constitution nor the law, Gramlich's nomination



PHILIP POWER

was put on hold by one senator, Tom Harkin of Iowa, who disagreed with the ways the Federal Reserve manages monetary policy.

Harkin had no personal, political or policy dispute with Gramlich. But he didn't like the way the Fed manages the money supply and interest rates, and so he used "senatorial courtesy" to hold the nomination hostage.

Harkin was not unique. While Gramlich's nomination was languishing this fall in the Senate, some 45 other nominations to senior positions in our government were also put on hold by individual senators. Most were so gutless as to remain anonymous while toying with the lives of distinguished Americans willing to serve their country.

Gramlich was concerned. The Senate wanted to finish its business and adjourn, which might have put the whole process back to after New Year and required an entire new nomination process.

But Harkin's price was modest. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott gave him 90 minutes in front of the C-SPAN cameras to discourse about interest rates and the money supply. Gramlich was confirmed as a Governor of the Federal Reserve on Oct. 31. The process had consumed nine months.

During those nine months, Ned Gramlich and his family lived in limbo.

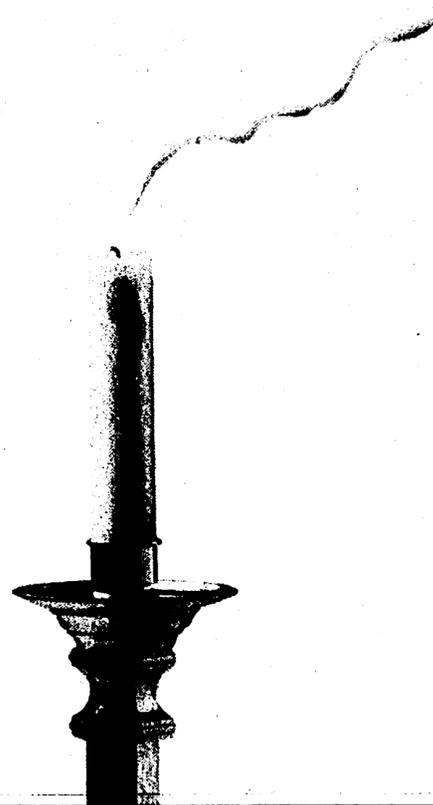
Until he was finally confirmed, the Gramlich family could not sell their house in Ann Arbor and buy an apartment in Washington. They couldn't make definite arrangements for packing and moving. Ruth Gramlich, who had a senior management job at Ford, couldn't talk concretely with her boss about her future.

No sane company would put prospective senior managers through what Ned Gramlich and his family had to go through in order to get confirmed. That's why, increasingly, able people are rejecting out of hand spending part of their lives serving their country.

Surely, there has to be a better way. *Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1880.*

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Detroit River to be nominated as an American Heritage River

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

The Detroit River will be nominated as an American Heritage River, which may allow Detroit and Downriver communities along the river to obtain federal money and access programs to revitalize the riverfront.

Wayne County commissioners approved a resolution recently to nominate the river.

The American Rivers Initiative is a program created by President Bill Clinton to support

communities in their effort to restore and protect river resources in a way that protects natural resources, promotes economic development and preserves historical and cultural values. Clinton is expected to designate 10 rivers across the country early next year.

Nine Wayne County communities will be asked to approve resolutions of support.

Dewey Henry, director of Department of Jobs & Economic Development for Wayne County,

noted that the river will benefit from the special recognition and increased opportunities.

A team of 40 people was put together to work on the project, including representatives from Wayne County, city of Detroit, the Downriver Community Conference, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, Michigan State University extension campus, Detroit Edison, the city of Windsor and the province of Ontario. Peter Stroh is the honorary spokesperson for the effort.

Most commissioners supported the action.

Commissioner Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, wondered why anyone would be opposed to this designation.

Parker was responding to a motion from Commissioners Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, and Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, to pass the item for the day. But that motion could not muster enough votes for passage.

Patterson said he wanted details of development plans

before voting.

A county administrator responded that a final draft of the application was expected to be completed this week. Detroit had \$22 million in plans proposed.

McCotter called the Detroit River an important resource. "But we have to know what we're getting into before we sign into this."

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, who acted as commission chair in Chairman Ricardo

Solomon's absence, reminded the commissioners that they were not allocating funding, but only approving a nomination.

On a second motion to approve the nomination, commissioners supported it, except for McCotter and Patterson, who both abstained.

The resolution pointed out that the United States and Canada enjoy the world's largest trading relationship at \$365 billion a year, of which \$100 billion crosses the Detroit River.

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Tuesday is Light Fest Fun Run

The first annual Wayne County Light Fest - 8K Fun Run/Walk will take place 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18 in Hines Park.

The 8-kilometer Run/Walk will take place in Hines Park at the Merriman Hollow Picnic Area, Merriman Road and Hines Drive, between Ann Arbor Trail and Warren Avenue in Westland. Race check-in begins at 4:30 p.m.

All proceeds from this event will benefit the Friends of Wayne County Parks and the American Heart Association.

Cash prizes of \$100 will be awarded first-place winners in the Male Overall, Female Overall and Handicap Overall categories. The first 500 contestants to enter will receive the official t-shirt. There will be a raffle and post-race food.

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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN DOWNS

What kids, wives need

Listen up men ... here's an important key to a great relationship. My husband, Doug, is one of THE nicest people I have ever met, I'm not just saying this because he's my husband, because everyone else agrees.

Doug, like so many males, thought that the way to my heart was through helping me solve problems and dilemmas. As John Gray points out in his book, "Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus," conquering and solving problems are inbred in males. I won't disagree that having Doug fix the garbage disposal is very helpful to me.

One night early in our marriage, I poured out a woe-is-me story as we took a walk. I went on and on about a situation at school I didn't know how to handle. After a few minutes of my soliloquy, Doug jumped in with his take on the situation and how he thought it could be handled. It wasn't what I needed from him at that moment.

Women can relate to this story because they know what would have helped. The answer is in a magic formula called the "grunts." Words like "whoa," "shuuuuuu," "tough stuff," "ohhhhhhh," "bummer," "man-oh-man" and other one- or two-word combinations would have done the trick.

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STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD

YWCA Honors women

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Kay Beard admits that if she had her druthers, she would rather be presenting than accepting awards.

But Friday she set her druthers aside to accept the YWCA of Western Wayne County's Women of Achievement Award.

"It's wonderful, but I'm more accustomed to handing out the awards and not being the recipient," said the Westland resident. "It's so much more fun to honor people and it's hard to reverse that role."

The longtime Wayne County commissioner was among six women recognized for their outstanding leadership and excellence in both their professional and personal endeavors for the betterment of western Wayne County.

Beard was nominated in the category of law by Jennifer Granholm of Northville, Wayne County corporate counsel, a recipient of the same award last year.

"I am humbled by the accomplishments of Commissioner Beard," she said. "I believe that she is the perfect recipient for it, having truly helped and served western Wayne County for 43 years."

In addition to serving as the county commissioner's vice chair and representing the cities of Westland, Garden City and Inkster, Beard's accomplishments include two terms on the YWCA's Board of Directors, a 10-year stint with United Way-

Please see **WOMEN, B2**



Celebration time: Nominee Janet Bennett (top photo, left) of Friends of Greenmead chats with her sponsor, Mary Dumas, while WOA committee member Virginia Weston (bottom photo, right) pins a name tag on Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard who was honored in the category of law.

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Limos ferry group to 'Bells' ceremony

A group of Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc. volunteers traveled to Lansing in white stretch limousines to celebrate "Bells for Hospice" and the statewide kickoff of National Hospice Month.

Laurie Behling, CHCS director of volunteers; Jan Beaty, Stan Gillis, Pat McCormick, Barbara Pohl, Juliette Redman-Morris, all of Westland; Stephanie Dupuie and Margaret Prescott of Dearborn; Bev MacLain of Plymouth; Pat and Erin Muldowney of Livonia; Eleanor Nosky and Elaine Polgar of Canton; and Kathy Allen of Detroit, all traveled to the state capitol on Nov. 3, in limos courtesy of Jerry Packman, owner of Acclaim Limos in Plymouth.

During the "Bells for Hospice" ceremony, hospice professionals, volunteers, families and others who support the mission of hospice were honored.

The celebration began at noon with the ringing of hand-held bells by participants at the capitol as well as bells at places of worship, city halls and other public buildings throughout the state.

Following the bell ringing, the participants heard comments from Michigan Hospice President Laurie Orlando and Michigan State Medical Society President Dr. Peter Duhamel. A proclamation, signed by Gov. John Engler, also was read.

"It was great to get a chance to talk with my fellow volunteers on the way to Lansing," said Pol-



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Getting ready: Sharing a ride to Lansing with other Community Hospice and Home Care Services volunteers in a limousine provided by Acclaim Limousine of Plymouth were Pat McCormick (from left), and Erin and Pat Muldowney. McCormick has been with agency since 1992, while Muldowney has been there since 1991. Erin has been a teen volunteer for 1 1/2 years on there way to Lansing.

gar, who has been a CHCS volunteer for two years. "We exchanged some wonderful stories about being volunteers. Also, the bell ringing ceremony was touching and the limo ride was a super treat!"

The event was organized by Lansing-area hospices in cooperation with the Michigan Hospice Association and the Michigan State Medical Society.

Community Hospice and Home Care Services, Inc., a not-for-

profit organization with offices in Westland and Plymouth, is looking for volunteers. For more information about the next volunteer training session, call Laurie Behling, director of volunteers, at (313) 522-4244.

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Community Services including involvement in the merger of the two agencies and past a chair of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Seniors Advisory Council.

She also is vice president of the Westland Business and Professional Women's Club, social secretary for the Metro Matrix board, member of the School to Work Partnership Board and the National Association of Counties Board of Directors. She also was the only Michigan resident when she served a three-year term on the National School to Work Advisory Council.

"I do a lot of volunteer work because I think it makes me a better elected official," Beard said. "I'm very honored ... and having my good friend Debbie Dingell (president of the General Motors Foundation and executive director of national corporate activity for GM) as the speaker is the icing on the cake."

Sharing the honor

Also honored were Dearborn resident Emma Jean B. Woodyard for arts/communications, Detroit resident Barbara Palmer for business/industry, Inkster resident Viola Dougherty for professions, Inkster resident Rutha L. Burney for volunteer service and Dearborn resident Kelly Pierce for young women.

As executive director of the Dearborn Community Arts Council, Woodyard promotes the activities of 43 art and cultural organizations. Her leadership has produced the City Gallery, which showcases western Wayne artists, Art Enrichment for Chil-

dren in collaboration with Henry Ford Community College, Artists in Action and Very Special Arts programs for persons with disabilities.

Palmer is corporate director of employment and diversity in the Henry Ford Health System's department of corporate human resources. She has developed a mentoring program for middle-level managers, a leadership development program for female managers and an educational curriculum for the general work force.

Dougherty has devoted her career to administering programs for special needs children and completed it with a 16-year stint as supervisor (principal) of Bryant School in the Northville Public Schools. She also was supervisor of the Wayne County RESA Trainable and Multicap program and director of special education for the Wayne County Child Development Center.

Burney is a program specialist at Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital. Her strong background in health and education has focused the direction of her volunteer service in Inkster. She is president of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority and Inkster Goodfellow, treasurer of DAZ which promotes Student Partnership with Government Career Day and Health Immunization Fair, and member of the Wayne County Smoke and Tobacco Coalition.

Pierce is a senior at Dearborn High School and has gained international Key Club distinction for her state and local club accomplishments. Concurrently, she has achieved academic and civic awards and served as a church youth elder.

In all, 32 women were nominated for the awards. Among the nominees attending Friday's award luncheon were Patricia Ann Butzin of Canton and Janet Bennett of Livonia.

Butzin, a counselor at Pioneer Middle School, was nominated for the honor by Laura Worch, YWCA program director.

"I work in the schools with different counselors and I see how she cares for the kids, how she goes about her job differently," said Worch, who has known Butzin for about three years. "Her rapport with the kids is different."

Butzin has been nominated for the award a second time. She works with Worch on middle school issues for girls. Butzin screens the girls that come to her, getting them into support groups that Worch provides.

"I was honored to be nominated," Butzin said. "I love my job and can't think of any other place I would want to be."

In addition to her school work, Butzin also raises puppies for the Leader Dogs for the Blind, taking her young charge to school everyday.

Bennett was surprised to be nominated for her work as president of Friends for the Development of Greenmead and with the Friends of the Library, but sponsor Mary Dumas of Art Industrial Printing in Livonia was "disappointed."

"It's a family tradition," said Bennett of her involvement in the community. "My family always has been involved."

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So I told him, "Ya know, Doug, I know you're feeling like you want to help solve my problem and I appreciate that. But what I really need from you right now is to just listen and hear me."

Things changed dramatically after that night. Just last week I

called him and told him another story about something that was going on. He did such a good job of listening and "grunting" that I finally could ask his opinion. This is true of kids also. How often do you find yourself responding to your child's story

with accusations or solutions?

Jacob says, "I don't like Zachary Walker. He is a bully and teases me."

"What did you do to him?" "Nothing. He just thinks he's so smart and tries to make me look stupid."

"Well, maybe you just have to walk away from him."

"I wanted to but the teacher wouldn't let me out of my seat."

"Well, you simply must ignore Zachary."

"I try to but he just continues to get in my face all the time."

"Just stay away from him."

This parent has not learned

the skill of how to listen so kids will talk because she's too busy offering her two cents worth. The conversation could have gone down the "extended grunt" route, thus giving the child the confidence that he could work through his own problem by himself. A better listener could have been:

"I don't like Zachary Walker. He is a bully and teases me."

"Whew, you're upset."

"Yeah. He thinks he's so smart."

"And teases you."

"And nobody else likes him either."

CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

December 1, 1997

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing on December 1, 1997, at 7:20 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the adoption of the proposed ordinance. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard. The proposed ordinance is as follows:

To solicit public comments on the introduction of the Public Recreation District Ordinance.

Copies are available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office.

RONALD D. SHOWALTER, City Clerk-Treasurer

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*SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road October 20, 1997

*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of October 20, 1997; the full text of the minutes is on file in the Office of the Superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request.

President Kokenakes convened the meeting at 7 p.m., in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Frank Kokenakes, Daniel Lessard, Joanne Morgan, Patrick Nalley, DiAnne Nay, Kenneth Timmons, James Watters. Absent: None.

Golden Apple Award: Trustee James Watters presented the Golden Apple Award to Corinne Wichmann, secretary at Kennedy Elementary School.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Lessard and Timmons that the following consent agenda items be approved as recommended by the superintendent.

I.V.A Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of October 6, 1997. I.V.B Minutes of the Closed Session of October 6, 1997. V.A Move that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the "Cooperative Education Program Agreement for Alternative Education" with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. **V.I.B Move** that general fund check nos. 288090 through 288790 in the amount of \$2,009,082.62 be approved for payment.

Also, move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$1,512,806.61 be approved. **Also,** move that Building Improvement and Technology Fund check nos. 1858 through 1862 in the amount of \$26,839.31 be approved. **Ayes:** Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. **Nays:** None.

Gift - Hoover PTA: Motion by Timmons and Nay that the Board of Education accept the gracious gift of approximately \$6,500 for the purchase of nine classroom amplification systems for use at the school. **Ayes:** Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. **Nays:** None.

1996-97 Audit Report: Motion by Timmons and Lessard that the Board of Education accept the 1996-97 audit report as presented by the firm of Planje & Moran, LLP. **Ayes:** Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. **Nays:** None.

Retirement: Motion by Nay and Lessard that the Board of Education adopt the resolution of appreciation for the services rendered by Sandra Woodhouse. **Ayes:** Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. **Nays:** None.

Reports from the Superintendent: Dr. Watson reported on the Business Buddy program organized by Donna McDowell, partnerships coordinator. She matched 204 teachers with 95 companies which impacted over 5,500 elementary students; lauded members of the LPS Family Health Committee for receiving the 1997 Healthy Workplace Silver Award signed by Governor Engler. The mission of the committee and the Livonia Public Schools is to offer a variety of health awareness programs for staff and community. He also reported on three special programs that will be highlighted on cable channels 15/19: Family Math Night at Garfield Elementary School; a program called "Dating Dangers" which discusses what to look for when you suspect a loved one of being in an abusive relationship; and the Franklin High School Patriot Parade that wound through the neighborhood surrounding the school.

Hearing from Board Members: The Board members reported on the MASH Fall Conference, Mary Authier's passing, complete recovery for Joanne Hughes, Jackson Center Open House, Math Night, ELVs program.

Adjournment: Motion by Timmons and Morgan that the regular meeting of October 20, 1997 be adjourned. **Ayes:** Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. **Nays:** None.

President Kokenakes adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

December 1, 1997

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing on December 1, 1997, at 6:45 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the adoption of the proposed ordinance. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard. The proposed ordinance is as follows:

To solicit public comments on the introduction of the Fortune Telling Zoning Amendment.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 27, 1997

Present were Mayor Breen, Councilmembers Wiacek, Leclercq, Ryall, and Dodge. Absent and excused were Councilmembers Barker and Juarez. Also present were City Manager Bayless, City Clerk-Treasurer Showalter, Department of Public Service Director Barnes, Parks and Recreation Director Whitson, Assistant to the City Manager Miller, and Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Buccilli.

Moved by Ryall; supported by Dodge: 10-97-412 RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts Payable, as listed. **AYES:** Mayor Breen, Councilmembers Wiacek, Leclercq, Ryall, and Dodge. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Councilmembers Barker and Juarez. **Motion passed.**

Moved by Barker; supported by Leclercq: 10-97-403 RESOLVED: To take no action on the Special Use Permit for 31308 Ford Road. **AYES:** Mayor Breen, Councilmembers Barker, Leclercq, Ryall, Juarez and Dodge. **NAYS:** Councilmember Wiacek. **Motion passed.**

Moved by Dodge; supported by Juarez: 10-97-404 RESOLVED: To approve Change Order No. 29 for the 1996 CSO Abatement Program, which will reconcile all differences between as-built quantities and quantities paid to date. This change order will result in a net decrease of \$227,460.54, as recommended by the City Manager. **AYES:** Unanimous.

Moved by Dodge; supported by Barker: 10-97-405 RESOLVED: To approve Progress Payment to Sunset Excavating in the amount of \$540,792.78, for the period ending September 30, 1997, as recommended by the City Manager. **AYES:** Unanimous.

Moved by Leclercq; supported by Barker: 10-97-406 RESOLVED: To award the bid for Plow Bolts, Nuts, Bolts and Washers to Tradesman Fastener and Tool Co., the lowest responsible bidder, at a total price of \$2,157.01, as recommended by the City Manager. **AYES:** Unanimous.

Moved by Wiacek; supported by Dodge: 10-97-407 RESOLVED: To reject all bids for the Lighted Field project, as recommended by the City Manager. **AYES:** Unanimous.

Moved by Barker; supported by Wiacek: 10-97-408 RESOLVED: To hold a Special Council Meeting, October 27, 1997, at 7:30 p.m. to consider the revised Accounts Payable list. **AYES:** Unanimous.

Moved by Wiacek; supported by Dodge: 10-97-409 RESOLVED: That this Council reaffirms the Council Policy as set forth in resolution 7-72-243 on July 17, 1972; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council condemns the recent use of City facilities for "Political rallies" and finds said Political rally in direct violation of resolution 7-72-243; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council censures the actions of Councilmembers Edward Juarez, Alice Leclercq and Elva Ryall for their knowing participation and their direct and willful violation of Council Policy, 7-72-243, regarding "Political rallies." **AYES:** Mayor Breen, Councilmembers Barker, Wiacek and Dodge. **NAYS:** Councilmembers Leclercq, Ryall and Juarez. **Resolution passed.**

Moved by Barker; supported by Wiacek: 10-97-410 RESOLVED: To go into closed session to discuss pending litigation and City Attorney recommendation. **AYES:** Unanimous.

Moved by Juarez; supported by Ryall: 10-97-411 RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation of our Attorney in the matter of Dickson vs. City of Garden City. **AYES:** Mayor Breen, Councilmember Leclercq, Ryall and Juarez. **NAYS:** Councilmembers Barker, Wiacek and Dodge. **Motion passed.**

The meeting was then adjourned.

RONALD D. SHOWALTER, City Clerk-Treasurer

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

December 1, 1997

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing on December 1, 1997, at 7:25 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the adoption of the proposed ordinance. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard. The proposed ordinance is as follows:

To solicit public comments on the introduction of the Civil Infractions Ordinance.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 20, 1997

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 Ryall; supported by Leclercq:

10-97-400 RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 6, 1997.

AYES: Unanimous

Moved by Leclercq; supported by Juarez;

10-97-401 RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts Payable, as presented.

AYES: Unanimous

Moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek:

10-97-402 RESOLVED: To approve the Resolution providing for street closure for the annual Santaland Parade on Saturday, November 29, 1997, starting at 10:00 a.m., as recommended by the City Manager.

AYES: Unanimous

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

MacKay-Kachnowski

Malcolm and Cynthia MacKay of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Kellie, to John Daniel Kachnowski, the son of Daniel and Rose Kachnowski, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 1993 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is employed by Botsford General Hospital as an operating room nurse.

Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1993 graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in architecture. He is employed by Guardian Manufacturing as a designer.



A February wedding is planned at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia.

Anglim-Gilmore

Anne Gilmore and Joseph Anglim were married Aug. 2 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

The bride is the daughter of Joe and Lois Gilmore of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Jerry and Ellen Anglim of Grove City, Ohio.

The bride is the graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Ohio University. She is employed as a physical therapist for Grant-Riverside Hospitals in Columbus, Ohio.

The groom is a graduate of Grove City High School and Ohio State University. He is employed by Dean-Witter in Columbus.

The bride asked Carrie Gilmore to serve as her maid of honor with Robin Breed Beals, Valerie Guildhaus Schollett and Larissa Anglim as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Aaron Seiler to serve as best man with Philip Anglim, Ethan Cox and



David Garchar as groomsmen. After a garden reception at the bride's parents' home in Plymouth, the couple flew to California and Arizona for a wedding trip. They now live in Upper Arlington, Ohio.

Rainaldi-Cormier

Mildred Rainaldi of Plymouth announces the engagement of her daughter, Rosalind Rae, to Paul Armand Cormier, the son of Gloria and Tilton Cormier of Peabody, Mass.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late William Guy Rainaldi, is a graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia. She received a bachelor science degree in education in 1986 and master of arts degree in communication disorders in 1989, both from Wayne State University. She also received a master of arts degree in music and performing arts profession in 1996 from New York University. She is employed by The Retberg Child Center in New York as a speech and language coordinator.

Her fiancé is a 1984 graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a bachelor of science degree in health administration and planning. He is employed by



Matritech as a medical sales representative for Connecticut and New York City. A December wedding is planned in Old Greenwich, Conn.

Wittrock-Banks

Andrea Wittrock and Michael Banks were married on July 19 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia. The Rev. Robert Bux officiated.

The bride is the daughter of David and Phyllis Wittrock of Livonia. The groom is the son of Robert and Joyce Banks of Flushing.

The bride is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Central Michigan University. She teaches seventh grade science in Farwell.

The groom is a graduate of Flushing High School and Central Michigan University. He is enrolled in the graduate program in physical therapy at CMU.

The bride asked Amy and Sarah Wittrock to serve as her maids of honor. Her other attendants were Karin Hensley, Amy McClure and Emmy Heiby. Junior bridesmaid was Alicia Glover and Samantha March was flower girl.

Robert Banks served as his son's best man. Groomsmen



were Andy Priestap, Brian Nault, Andy Nyquist and Kevin Estell. Junior groomsmen was Joseph Banks. The couple received guests at Burton Manor. Following a honeymoon trip to Florida, they are making their home in Mt. Pleasant.

Snyder-Culler

Carrie Liane Culler and Daniel Gilbert Snyder were married Oct. 18 at Faith Baptist Church of Dearborn Heights by the Rev. Donald Gregory.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Nesmith and Philip Culler, all of Garden City. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Snyder of Hiawasse, Ga., formerly of Redford.

The bride is a graduate of Garden City High School and Calvin College in Grand Rapids. She is employed by Right to Life of Michigan.

The groom is a graduate of Redford Thurston High School and Eastern Michigan University. He is employed by Gale Research.

The bride asked Christa Culler, Amy Butcher and Jean McKay to serve as her attendants.

Mark Ozdarski, Jerry Weiss and Scott McKay were the



groomsmen. The newlyweds received guests at a reception at Park Place of Dearborn before leaving on a honeymoon trip to London, England, and Belfast, Ireland. The couple is making their home in Redford.

Gossett-Pierson

Ron and Jackie Gossett of Oro Valley, Ariz., formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle, to Curt Pierson, the son of Craig and Rita Pierson of Livonia.

A 1991 Ladywood High School graduate, the bride-to-be is in her senior year at Lawrence Technological University, where she is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in human resource management. She works in sales for S & J Asphalt Paving in Canton.

Her fiancé is a 1991 Churchill High School graduate. He is employed as a skilled trades toolmaker at Chrysler Corp. in Trenton.

A February wedding is planned at St. Edith Catholic



Church in Livonia.

Fried-Lynch

Cheryl Marie Lynch and Marcus William Fried were married Nov. 7 at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

The bride is the daughter of Lois Lynch and Robert Lynch, both of Lansing. The groom is the son of William and Barbara Fried of Livonia.

The bride received her master

of business administration degree from Wayne State University. She is employed as a market research analyst with Allison-Fisher Inc.

The groom received his master of mechanical engineering degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed as an engineer by the Ford Motor Company.



Taylor-Moore

Lesley Ann Moore and Billy Matt Taylor were married Sept. 20 in Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia by the Rev. Melanie Lee Carey.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Carol Moore of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Bill and Donna Taylor of Newcomb, Tenn.

The bride, a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, earned a bachelor of science degree in occupational safety, health and fire science from Madonna University in 1995. She is employed by Ford Motor Company in safety and ergonom-

ics. The groom is a 1988 graduate of John Glenn High School. He is employed by R.D. Kime Home Builders as a construction superintendent.

Sarah Sheehan served as maid of honor with Rebecca Moore as matron of honor and Sue Pobocik and Kelly Currier as bridesmaids. The junior bridesmaid was Tiffany Taylor with Paige Goodwin as flower girl.

Tony Graham and Howard Biliitho served as best men with Robert Moore and Keith Bingham as groomsmen, Andrew Moore as junior groomsmen and Jordan Moore as ringbearer.

The couple received guests at

Warren Valley Golf Club before leaving on a trip to Jamaica. They are making their home in Westland.



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When America's Thanksgiving Parade heads down Woodward Avenue Thanksgiving Day, members of Tiger Scout Pack 876 of Roosevelt School in Livonia will be able to tell family and friends about the floats and costumes.

The pack took a behind-the-scenes tour of The Parade Company's warehouse in Detroit on Nov. 1, discovering the many tricks of the trade used to create the parade and new outfits were being made for volunteers to wear.

There was plenty of time to peek ... with a little help from a scout leader ... inside the nose of the Bingo the Dog float, check out the tongue hanging out of the mouth of the crocodile on the new "Peter Pan" float, and wonder what treasures were hidden the cave on the "Treasure Island" float during the tour.

The parade will kick off at 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Day. It will feature six new floats and four new balloons.



PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH THOMAS

NEW VOICES

Greg and Lisa Pyle of Pinckney announce the birth of Steven Leonard Sept. 6 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. He joins a sister, Kelly, 4. Grandparents are Russel and Leaetta Pyle and Lois Plesiewicz, all of Canton, and the late Leonard Plesiewicz. Great-grandmother is Lois Jones of Springfield, Tenn.

Jason Kidwell and Darien Bowie of Westland announce the birth of Jade Angelique Kidwell Sept. 1 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins siblings, Justin, 9, Chris, 5, Corey, 4, and Ciara, 16 months. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bowie of Belleville, Annie Kellas of Jacksonville, Fla., and Charles Kidwell of Marietta, Ga.

Rod and Beth Jenkins of Canton announce the birth of Sean Roderick Aug. 27 at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. Grandparents are Dan Hall and Mary Hall, both of Westland and Rhys and Avril Jenkins of Westland.

Brandon Wright and Michele Maupin of Garden City announce the birth of Brennen Logan Wright Sept. 1 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Cindy Maupin and Brent Maupin, Carla Martin and Kevin Wright, all of Garden City.

Ronald and Denise Parko of Livonia announce the birth of Rene Lynn April 30 at Providence Hospital. Grandparents are Patricia Parko of Livonia and Dennis and Dorothy Richard of West Bloomfield.

Anthony and Mary Puente of Redford Township announce the birth of Alexander Xavier Sept. 2 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins brothers, Anthony II and Andrew, both 2. Grandparents are Joe and Pat Puente of Allen Park and Dan and Joy Maldonado of Southgate.

Steve and Gerrilynn Voss of

Westland announce the birth of Kirstin Elizabeth July 12 at Providence Hospital, Southfield. Grandparents are Joan Long of Garden City, Diane Munson of Brighton and Jim and Marge Voss of Dearborn Heights. Great-grandmother is Donna Voss of Inkster.

James Ferguson of Westland and Rene Hughes of Wayne announce the birth of Kyle Grant Ferguson Sept. 2 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Trevor Boone, 13 months. Grandparents are Robert and Faye Hughes of Wayne and

Alexis and James Neubacher of Westland.

Paul and Jenni Picard of Livonia announce the birth of Chelsea Rose Sept. 2. Grandparents are Clyde and Evelyn Picard of Westland and Carol and Sam Galofaro of Ann Arbor. Great-grandparents are Rita

Wilde, Josephine McIntyre and Bernard and Olive Langdon.

Sean Clor and Jessica Nigro of Canton announce the birth of Kally Brielle Clor Sept. 6 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Alicia Nigro, 2. Grandparents are Elizabeth and Kevin Forbes,

Dave Clor and Marylee McIntyre, all of Commerce Township.

Patrick and Heike Holtzmann of Landstuhl, Germany, announce the birth of Savannah Mae Sept. 1. Grandparents are Lynn Holtzmann of Redford and Patrick Holtzmann of Chicago, Ill.

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Child's delight: A basket filled with Beanie Babies is enough to fill a child's face with smiles, according to the founder of the Susan B. Ashlee Co., a home-based gifts, gourmet food - and Beanie Babies, of course - business in Livonia.

At Susan B.'s

Gift shopping becomes a 'homey' affair

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Her name is Susan ... no last name, thank you. When you sell Beanie Babies as part of your home-based business, you need to take precautions, she says.

Beanies are the rage. Children want them, adults collect them. And Susan's business, the Susan B. Ashlee Co., includes them in its product line.

"It's the hottest collectible since Cabbage Patch Dolls; they put out new ones and retire others," Susan said. "They have a birthdate and a name. Collecting them can be fun, if you don't get carried away."

The Livonia resident didn't start her business because of the Beanie Babies, but they go well with her line of gifts and gourmet food baskets. With a bit of information about the recipient like the personality or birthdate, she creates customized baskets for around \$25 each.

Spotted canine Beanies go well with a cotton Dalmatians throw for those crazy about the breed or Disney's "101 Dalmatians." A basket for someone retiring will contain a retired Beanie Baby, and a care packaged for someone who's under the weather will have an appropriate Baby and chicken soup.

Spooky the Ghost was a perfect addition for her Halloween baskets, and Valentino with chocolates was a hit for Sweetest Day.

"It's a nice unisex toy," Susan

said. "It can be kind of fun to collect, if you keep it within limits."

Susan started her company two years ago as a way of making keepsakes and heirlooms out of wedding gowns. The divorced mother of two sons, she used the knowledge gained from her high school home economics class to turn her own wedding gown into a floor-length christening gown.

It was a hit with the friends she showed it to and, after a baby show at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn, the business took off.

"I had no pattern; I just cut it out," she said of the gown that she displays in her basement office. "People bring in their wedding gowns; I look at them and tell them what I can do."

"A lot of people keep their gowns and this way they turn them around into something they can pass down to their children."

She added on the gift baskets and gourmet foods when she took on some pottery a friend had in her store needed to move, accepting special orders over the telephone.

Word of mouth has helped her business grow to the point that she holds open houses in early November, bringing in clients to sample the foods, leaf through the catalogs that the buyers use to order for major retailers and place their orders for Christmas.

"People are so appreciative," Susan said. "At Easter, I held some Beanie Babies for a woman

from Troy who said she was finally able to get her grandkids what they wanted."

"This is for people who don't have time to stand in a line. This is a godsend for single men who have to buy gifts and the ones who don't have wives or girlfriends to do it for them."

One wall of the basement is devoted to the Beanie Babies. Crates stacked on their side four high contain everything from cows to elephants to lambs. Other crates contain Beanie Baby accessories, including the newest thing, tutus.

Along another wall crates display a collection of children's toys and clothing for infants. Battenburg lace, strings of pearl beads and ribbon flowers decorate, onesies, booties and knit

caps, buntings and snowsuits. She also offers jewelry, afghans, monogramming and gift certificates.

The popularity of Susan B. Ashlee Co. has forced Susan to hire someone to help her. It's also made her a popular mother at her sons' elementary school, where she is pointed out as "the Beanie Baby mom."

"It's not like I purchase these things and just sell them," Susan said. "All the food I've eaten and the other things I sell I would have in my home. And you don't have to spend a lot; the gifts can fit into any budget."

More information about Susan B. Ashlee Co. is available by calling (313) 422-8700, or by writing to P.O. Box 51743, Livonia 48151.

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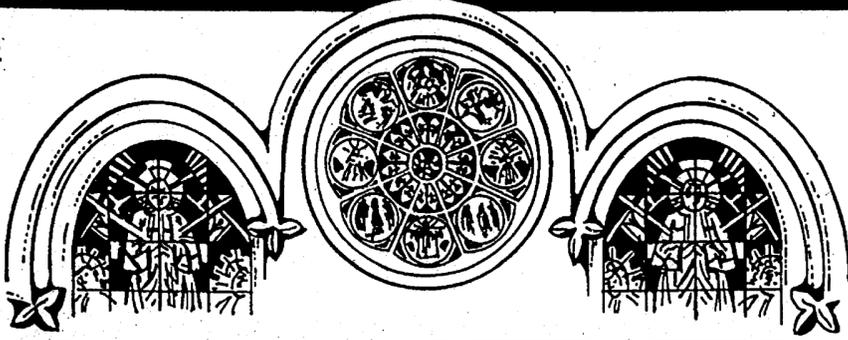
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Lutheran Hour Ministries unveils Online Puzzle Club

The Puzzle Club, a new multimedia adventure/mystery program for families has been introduced this month on the World Wide Web by Lutheran Hour Ministries.

The new interactive Web site, featuring the animated characters of The Puzzle Club, offers puzzles, games, a free book and more at <http://www.lhm.org/puzzleclub>.

From the moment visitors enter the site, they are surrounded by interactive games and colorful animation that intrigues elementary-aged chil-

dren.

All of the games feature club characters Christopher, Korina, Alex, Tobias and Sherlock. The games include "Alex Puzzle Challenge," a jigsaw puzzle with a varying number of pieces, "Tobias: Concentration Game," which allows the player to spin the wheel and match the pictures, and "Korina's Connects the Dots," leads the player across the screen to draw and then electronically "color" the picture.

The Web site is the springboard for a new adventure/mys-

tery program from Lutheran Hour Ministries.

This holiday season, The Puzzle Club will jump from the computer screen to the TV screen with the debut of a 30-minute animated television special, "The Puzzle Club Christmas Mystery." Parents can peruse information, via links at the site, to learn more about the TV special.

Information about local broadcast listings and home video offer also are available at The Puzzle Club Web site. In addition, animated scenes from the movie can be downloaded to a

computer's hard drive.

In addition, the first books in a series featuring The Puzzle Club characters will roll out at select book stores nationwide during November. Each of The Puzzle Club books combine mystery and adventure themes with positive, family-oriented messages.

As an added bonus, visitors to the site have the opportunity to order a free 80-page adventure novel, "The Puzzle Club Counterfeit Caper."

"Rolling out The Puzzle Club Online Family Activity Center was an important step in this

multifaceted program," said Jim Telle, director of marketing and communication for Lutheran Hour Ministries. "Whether they meet the characters in cyberspace, on television or in the books, we believe that families everywhere will benefit from the wholesome entertainment and positive, family-oriented values that The Puzzle Club characters represent."

The Puzzle Club, like most of the World Wide Web, is a work in progress. New Puzzles and downloadable games, puzzles and information will be added

and updated regularly.

For more information about Lutheran Hour Ministries, Internet users can visit its "Wired With the Word" at <http://www.lhn.org>.

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a service of the International Lutheran Laymen's League, a volunteer organization of 15,000. The Lutheran Laymen's League is an auxiliary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and Lutheran Church-Canada.

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 PROGRAM
St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church is offering a new adult education program that encourages participants to come and learn about orthodoxy from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays through Dec. 11. Speakers and topics include: "What We Believe About Sin" by Father Peters Nov. 13, "What We Believe About Icons" Nov. 20 by Jim King, "What We Believe About Scripture and Tradition" Dec. 4 by King, and "What We Believe About Heaven and Hell" by Father Shalhoub Dec. 11. The church is located at 18100 Merriam Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 422-0010.

LINE DANCE LESSONS
Line dancing lessons will be taught 7:30-8:30 p.m. Fridays, Nov. 14 and 21, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church-Canton Campus, 46001 Warren Road, Canton. There is no charge for the fellowship. For more information, call (313) 522-6830.

VEGAS NIGHT
Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church is hosting a Las Vegas party 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14-Saturday, Nov. 15, at the church, 36375 Joy Road (between Wayne and Newburgh roads), Westland. Black jack, big wheel, and a 50/50 raffle will be offered. Admission is \$1 with all proceeds going to the church.

QUILT SHOW
Aldersgate United Methodist Church will have a quilt show 10

a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14-15, at the church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford. There will be more than 100 quilts on display, a lunch room, attic treasures and country store. Admission will be \$1. For more information, call the church at (313) 937-3170.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE
First United Methodist Church of Wayne is holding its annual fall rummage sale and plus room with antiques and collectibles 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 15. Saturday is \$2.50 a-bad day for the rummage sale (not the plus room). For more information, call (313) 721-4801.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other Friday through Sunday, Nov. 14-16, at St. John's Family Life Center in Plymouth. For more information or to register call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524.

COAT/SWEATER SALE
Tried and True Lutheran Resale Store will celebrate its first anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 15, with everything in the store at half priced. Store hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday. The store is at 5004 Michigan Ave., Wayne.

It also is having a coat and sweater sale through Tuesday, Nov. 25. All sweaters in all sizes cost \$1, coats are \$1-\$5.95. Dress coats, winter jackets, ski jackets, furs, leathers, children's, infants, men's and women's sizes will be available. For more information, call (313) 728-9777.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will gather at the church at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Haggerty Field on Edward Hines Drive for a bicycle ride to Plymouth. The group will host a "Where Do We Go From Here" seminar, exploring topics such as being single, personality and gender differences, building healthy relationships, and keeping things in perspective, from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at the church's Lighthouse, 17000 Farmington Road (at Six Mile Road), Livonia. The workshop, presented by Dick Bont, will cost \$10. Child care will be available for free and lunch will be provided on Saturday for those who preregister.

For more information about the activities, call the Single Point Office at (313) 422-1854.

TRASH AND TREASURE
The Church of the Holy Spirit is having a "Trash and Treasure Sale" from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at the church, 9083 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

YOGA CLASSES
The Unity of Livonia Church, located at 28660 Five Mile Road in Livonia, hosts yoga classes from 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays throughout November and December. The class, taught by Linda Haught, is offered on a love offering basis. For more information, call the church at (313) 421-1760.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST
Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, is hosting a Mass and potluck dinner at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at St. Kenneth's Church, 14591 Haggerty Road south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth. Participants

should bring a dish to pass or pay \$4.

The group also meets 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; for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Restaurant, Plymouth Road east of Merriman, Livonia, and for pinochle at 7 p.m. every other Friday.

For information about the coffee and conversation, pinochle, dance or Mass and potluck dinner, call Rose at (313) 464-3325.

WALK AGAINST THE TIDE
Hundreds of Catholics are expected to join Michigan's Groundwork for a Just World and Call to Action for "Walk Against the Tide," a walk for justice on behalf of poor and working people at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at the lobby of Cobo Hall in Detroit.

The walk will commemorate the anniversary of the killings of six Jesuits and two women in 1989 in El Salvador. After a brief remembrance of the thousands martyred in El Salvador, participants will begin a candlelight procession which will encircle The Detroit Free Press building which is in its third year of suppressing workers' rights.

The group will then walk to the McNamara Federal Building in Detroit at Michigan and Cass. There will be a program of song, prayer and brief talks by Bishop Tom Gumbleton of Detroit and Sister Kathy Thornton from Network in Washington, D.C.

For more information, call Joannette Nitz at (313) 831-0258 or Barbara Beesley at (313) 822-2055, or by E-mail at Groundwork@aol.com.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY
A St. Andrew's Day service and dinner will be held Sunday, Nov. 16, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. The church service will be at 10 a.m. with the dinner to follow.

The St. Andrew's Society Bagpipe Band will perform during the church service and at the end of dinner. Dinner costs \$8 for adults and children 12 years

and older, \$4 for children 4-11 years and children 3 and younger free. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-7730.

SUNDAY LESSONS
The Church of Today West holds weekly Sunday lessons at 9 and 11 a.m. at Village Oaks Elementary School on Willowbrook, south of 10 Mile

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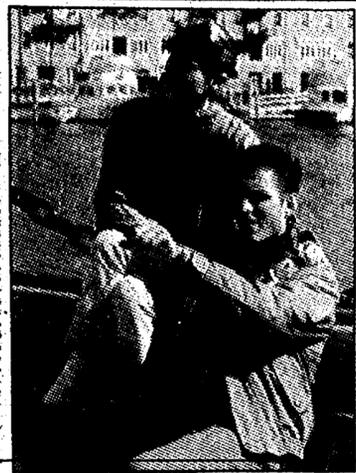
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FUN-LOVING Attractive, intelligent DFW, 40s, 5'4", 115lbs, black/brown, seeks secure, handsome, sincere SWM, 40-50, HW proportionate, for companionship, fun, possible LTR. #7692

SEEKING ROMANCE I'm attractive, slender, tall, and a young-looking 51, plus intelligent, refined, humorous and smoker. Seeking gent who's 60-65, intelligent, tall, classy, confident, and selectively marriage-minded. #7790

101 WAYS SWF, 30s, 5'7", beautiful woman, seeks NS man, 40-65, who is into a little bit of everything. #7813

LADY LOOKING FOR LOVE Fun, honest SWF, 33, loves animals, looking for marriage-minded SWM, 35, Plymouth area. #7864

YOUR LUCKY DAY! Classy, confident, witty, beautiful, professional WF, 52, 5'6", 150lbs, quiet, package. Needs advice, romantic, humorous, NS PM, 50's, to let her cherish. #7706

CAN YOU GIVE 110%? If treated the same, you get it all: love, caring, passion, blonde/blue, 41-45, no one believes I love hockey, boating, 4-wheeling, skiing. Seeking Mr. Wonderful, 30-42, attractive, loves kids, you won't be disappointed. #7984

STOP! Look no further. You have just entered the dark and lovely zone. Gorgeous SF, 30, 5'7", one dependent, seeks attractive, gorgeous SWM, 30-45, 5'10", NS, ND, for friendship and dancing. #7608

DOWN-TO-EARTH Sincere SWF, 27, 5'6", reddish-brown hair, enjoys date, golf, walks, movies, outdoor activities. Seeking easygoing, open, honest, fun-loving SWM, 27-37, for friendship, possible LTR. #7953

LOOKING FOR THE... keeper of the stars. Attractive DFW, 35, seeks SWM, 40+, who will make my eyes twinkle again. Enjoys dining out, music, dancing, romance, good conversation. #5701

SHY AND LOVING Df, 36, with one son, likes bowling, swim and fit, fun, kind for quiet evenings and more. Friends first. #7936

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN Non-smoking AF, 36, seeks attractive, health-conscious, dependent-free WM, 30-40, 5'9", for casual dating, possible LTR. #7574

GEMINI GIRL Df, 43, 5'6", slender, medium-length blonde hair. Looking for tall, outdoorsy type of guy, who's happy, caring, communicative, financially secure, who likes hiking for friendship and possible romance. #7781

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS Attractive, affectionate, athletic, adventurous. Warm, romantic DFWF, 5'5", 50, blonde/blue, medium build, educated, seeks gentleman, 5'8"-6'4", 40-52, who's honest, NS, who likes the arts, outdoors, travel, for possible LTR. #7765

I'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES Attractive, slender, intelligent, refined, affectionate, humorous SF, 54, blonde/green, 5'5", seeks classy gent, who is sweet, intelligent, honest, polite, for a real relationship. #7819

CUTE, HONEST LADY SWF, early 40s, 5'10, 103lbs, blonde, very nice-looking, seeks honest, caring, slim, non-smoking, NS, 40s-50s, under 5'10, who wants one special lady in his life. #5881

LARGE, LOVELY WOMAN SF, 35, lovely woman, mom, seeks dark-haired, handsome WPM, similar interests, for friendship/romance, moonlit walks, children ok. If this sounds interesting to you, please respond #7480

ROMANTIC PARTNER WANTED SWF, 47, 5'5", blonde/hazel, home-owner, no dependents, believes in God, enjoys stock cars, movies, travel, and more. Seeking SWM, animal lover, with passion for life, for romantic, monogamous LTR, possible marriage. #7824

WIDOWED IN WESTLAND, humorous DFW, 43, 5'6", 160 lbs, long brown hair, enjoys bowling, movies, dining out, quiet times at home, seeking friendship, 40-55, with similar interests, for LTR, possible LTR. #7701

GO NO FURTHER DFW, 40s, professional, blonde, attractive, slender, seeks gentleman, NS, professional, 40s, for dining out, theater, travel, moonlit walks at home, possible LTR. #7814

NEW TO THIS, ARE YOU? Humorous SWF, 32, 5'7", physically fit, enjoys golfing, cooking, going out North, cooking, amusement parks. Seeking handsome, tall, sincere, financially secure, Catholic SWM, 28-38, 5'10", physically fit, NS, for friendship first. Plymouth/Novi area. #7780

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED Attractive SWF, 24, 4'10", 145lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys hiking, movies, travel, evenings, skating, long walks, hockey and football. Seeking SWM, 25-35, who is looking for a LTR. West Detroit. #7514

LOOKING FOR THE SAME! Let me introduce myself. I'm a 49, NS, DFW, with red hair, only have one natural high and that's real! I have strong morals and values. Let's talk soon. #7953

A LITTLE SHY SWF, 38, 5'7", red hair, honest, loving, caring, likes bowling, camping, fishing. Seeking honest, sincere, romantic SWM, 36-42, not married. #7962

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE Young 62 year old WF, Farmington Hills area, seeks companionship, friendship of a man of same age group. Loves animals, long walks/drives, driving in/out, movies and shows. Would like to meet for coffee, conversation. #7965

LUCKY YOU! Petite SWF, NS, outgoing, tender, to join me for golf, bowling, cards. Must enjoy people and have family values. #7991

SPARKLING, SPUNKY, STYLISH Sensual, gorgeous, fit, 40, 5'7", 130lbs, MA, degreed, into cooking, reading, singing, golfing, seeks a WPM, NS, degreed, fit, outgoing guy. #7968

A GOOD WOMAN Intelligent, attractive DFWF, 38, blonde/green, full-figured, has kids and great sense of humor. Seeking stable, fun, tall, courageous, intelligent man for friendship, maybe more. #7848

MISSING SOMETHING? Me too... someone to share fun, quiet times with. SF, 45, 5'2", brunette/brn, lives in northwest Ohio, seeks honest SWM, to care about, who cares back, who enjoys movies, family, having fun. #7689

DOWN-TO-EARTH DFW, 44, 5'1", 155lbs, NS, mother of two, intelligent, affectionate, romantic and caring, likes camping, movies, music, enjoys traveling, almost always looking for a WPM with similar interests, for possible LTR. #7570

LOOKING FOR UNUSUAL MAN Seeking SWM, 48-50, 5'8"-5'11", listen carefully please, I'm looking for a sense of humor in a down-to-earth, classy guy, who knows how to dress, 100% under 18, nice looking, open, accepting of others, financially stable. #5883

LOOKING FOR LOVE... In all the wrong places. Do you like being a daddy? I do! I'm a blonde, moonlight, bowling, country dancing, good music? Are you 50-60 and over 6'7" tall, check this ad out. #7443

SINCERE REPLIES ONLY Versatile, romantic SWF, 43, 6'8", NS, degreed, into cooking, reading, golfing, NS, sound head, mind, seeks nice-looking, confident, secure SWM, 35-50, 5'11", NS, knows how to love, be loved, for LTR. #7476

OLD-FASHIONED Divorced mother of one, 30, very shy, blonde/brown, blue eyes, 5'7", 110lbs, enjoys dancing, old-time ballads, all winter activities. Seeking caring, true romantic, sensitive, old-fashioned guy. #7653

FEEL LIKE TO WATCH "Friends" on Thursday? Single mom of three, 30, straight-forward, honest, enjoys rollerblading, camping, working out. Looking for a friend, 26-33. Relationship possible. #7804

ABOVE THE LAW SWF, 52', brown/brown, seeks law enforcement officer. #7861

SEXY BUT WHOLESOME Petite, Italian DFW, very young 47, NS, ND, great sense of humor, enjoys dining, dining, comedy clubs, the beach, seeks attractive DWM, with similar interests, for possible LTR. #7938

NO GAMES Attractive SWFF, young 50, blonde/brown, NS, ND, who if you believe honest communication is essential, and you're romantic and secure with many varied interests, please call. #7406

HURRY, I'M A GOOD ONE! Attractive DFW, 50s, 5'5", 125lbs, blonde, NS, ND, a 500h professional SWM, with positive attitude and great smile, for friendship or more. #7525

SOMEONE SPECIAL SWF, 70, feels younger, seeks WPM, 65-70 who is sexy, passionate, loving and honest, who loves to laugh and have fun. I am a lady with many interests, so give me a call. #7849

PRETTY, PETITE, BRUNETTE DFW, 40s, NS, single, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, music, dancing, dining out. Seeking romantic, caring, honest SWM, 40-49, NS, for friendship, possible LTR. #7902

FROM THE HEART Affectionate, warm sensitive SWF, 48, enjoys movies, plays, music, dining in/out, sports, quiet times. Seeking loving SWM, 44-55, with sense of humor, with similar interests, for LTR. #7754

BLUE EYES, FULL LIPS! SF, 57, 125lbs, blonde, "Aussie" travel, current events, entertaining, attractive, good cook. Seeking male, 40-60, with big ego. Self-respecting and kind-hearted only apply. #7812

SECOND TIME AROUND Spunky, attractive widowed WF, 56, 5'3", 125lbs, blonde, Pisces-Aries-Capricorn, retired consultant, seeks SWM, 59+, to share ballroom dancing, travel, and family fun. No religion and family get together. #7572

DYNAMIC, BEAUTIFUL PH.D. Cultured, mean apple pie, Golf, tennis, and skiing enthusiast. Theater, accordion, dance lover. Seeking male counterpart, 34-47. #7676

LADY IN WAITING Forty 45 year old, DCCPF, hopeless romantic, 5'5", 145lbs, enjoys traveling, cooking, theater and quiet evenings at home, seeks SWM, 40-55, with similar interests, for friendship, for LTR, possible marriage. #7700

LAUGH WITH ME DFW, seeks SWM, 55-62, who likes to dance, late walks, has good sense of humor, funny, intelligent, a good communicator. Serious inquiries only. #7712

PERKY BROWN-EYED GIRL DFW, 38, 5'11", brown/brown, romantic, caring, kind, seeks SWM, 35-43, for friendship, possible LTR. #7701

IVORY SEKS EBONY Blonde, blue-eyed, attractive SWF, 24, 5'7", seeks a DWM to share time with. #7326

DREAMS DO COME TRUE Well-rounded, humorous SWF, 43, 5'7", brown/hazel, NS, enjoys sports, jazz, CAW, quiet times at home. Seeking honest, romantic, humorous, mature SWM, 38-52, 5'7", NS, who can appreciate me, for possible marriage. #7942

ATTRACTIONAL FUN-LOVING Fit, active, professional SWF, 50, 5'7", enjoys golf, tennis, travel, etc. In search of a professional, relationship-minded individual, SWM, 35-45, NS. #7381

UNCHAINED MELODY SM, attractive DFWF, 50, 120lbs, NS, no dependents, attractive, caring, fun, for C&W dancing, rollerblading, and companionship. West Side Area. #7505

LOOKING FOR PETER PUMPKIN DFW, 36, 5'5", 130lbs, looking for SWM, 5'7", NS, social drinker, 5'8-5'9, a happy gentleman, with a sense of humor, who enjoys music, dancing, movies, walking, traveling, and some quiet times. #7855

FULL FIGURE If you're looking for a full-figured woman, please contact me. SCF, 5'6", red/brown, seeks fun-loving man, 45+. #7481

KIND-HEARTED DFW, 40, subvoluminous, 5'5", 120lbs, NS, no dependents, attractive, caring, enjoys movies, old cars, antique art pieces, air fairs. Seeking tall, fit WPM, 36-43, NS, ND/Drugs. #7961

AUTUMN LEAVES Autumn is here and soon the leaves will be falling. SWF, 38, blonde/blue, moonlight, autumn leaves, pumpkin patches, odor miffs, and harvest sunsets. #5891

LOVING LADY Warm-hearted SWF, mid-50s, seeks SM, over 50, for companionship and to share the beauty of life. Tell me where you want to be! #7518

PRETTY Full-figured 32, seeks employed WM, who enjoys country music, night life, evenings at home. Smoker and social drinker. #7618

ONE IN A MILLION MAN Financially secure, early retired SBGM, 38, loves to travel, enjoys sports, movies, quiet week-end sessions, 20-45, with same qualities. Kids ok. #7950

A YOUNG ROBERT REDFORD SM, 5'10", 165lbs, blond hair, home-owner, self-employed, loves the outdoors, boating, skiing, hiking, picnics, working out, traveling. Seeking tall female. Must workout, have a sense of humor and be true love. #7294

SEEKING TRUE LOVE Handsome, mature, honest, romantic, sincere SWM, 24-34, 5'11", enjoys singles, moonlit walks, outdoors, music, biking. Seeking pretty, slender, affectionate SWF, 18-26, to talk, walk, and journey through life with. #7951

LOOKING FOR LOVE? Romantic SWM, 27, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, enjoys sports, music, romantic times. Seeking sincere, SWF, 21-32, for possible LTR. #7844

SEEKING RELATIONSHIP Handsome, open-minded SWM, 45, 195lbs, B, brown/brown, enjoys movies, dining out and music. Seeking SWF, 40-50, for long-lasting relationship. #7945

CHILI COOK Seeking missing spouse for seasonal favorite, SWM, 34, 6'2", 190lbs, enjoys dancing, professional and humorous. Seeking a dash of attractive spirit to complete mix before simmering. #7955

SINCERE AND HONEST SBPM, 35, 5'5", 145lbs, no dependents, seeks a attractive, special single female, 23-39, who has a great sense of humor, is well-educated and professionally employed. #8006

CHARMING PROFESSIONAL Attractive SWM, 40, 5'6", 130lbs, enjoys traveling, cooking, like children, seeks attractive SWF, for LTR. #7946

YES, I'M LOOKING FOR YOU SWM, 20, seeks a SWF, 30-45, for the time of your life! #7998

TIERED OF BEING LONELY Looking for a lady for a full time relationship, 30-40, it's what's on the inside that counts to me. All calls answered. #7769

SEEKING SOULMATE Handsome SWM, 38, 5'10", 175lbs, trim, in great shape, enjoys outdoors, volleyball, rock music, biking, dancing, comedy, being spontaneous. Seeking sweet, attractive, slender/trim, independent female with similar interests. #7758

ROMANTIC WARRIOR College-educated, athletic, adventurous, creative, attractive SBM, 32, 5'7", enjoys getaway weekends, dancing, romantic jazz, martial arts, open-minded. Seeking fit, witty SWF, 30-40, for possible relationship. #7759

TALL GENTLEMAN Humorous SWM, 36, 6'4", attractive. Seeking SWF, 27-40, who's attractive, enjoys comedies, movies, walking, or just fun Plymouth area. #7766

HOCKEY FANS DWM, 33, blonde, 5'11", 170lbs, home-owner, skilled trades worker, loves dancing, music, dining in/out. Seeking SWF, to enjoy all of the above, possibly more. All calls returned. #7771

SURPRISE ME... Funny, outgoing, unconventional SWM, 40, 5'10", 170lbs, light brown hair, enjoys concerts, comedy clubs, art, movies, music, sports. Seeking fit, artistic, educated SWFF, 21-35, sense of humor, for friendship first. #7776

TIERED OF BAR SCENE? Attractive, spontaneous, athletic, romantic, humorous SWM, 24, 5'11", blonde/green, enjoys outdoors, music, animals, being roller blading, people watching, parks, movies, making people laugh, seeks slender, SWF, 19-28, with similar interests, and characteristics. #7779

ROMANTIC QUALITY TIME Sincere, attractive SWF, 27, 6'2", 200lbs, blond hair, college educated, professional, seeks SWF, with sim to medium build and nice sincere personality, for romantic companionship and LTR. #7952

WIZARD SEEKS WIZARDRESS You're bright, intelligent, humorous SWF, 26-36, MA, his wife, professional, secure, optimistic, romantic, open-minded male, 6'1, who enjoys indoor/outdoor activities and fun. Let's put a spell on each other. #7906

LIFE IS BEST WHEN SHARED Brassy, very active, friendly, socially good, easygoing DFW, 36, 6'1, body builder, home-owner, seeks slender active, athletic WFF, 26-36, with similar interests, for possible LTR. Not into head games. #7755

ONE GOOD ONE LEFT All the good ones are gone! SWM, 53, 5'11", stocky, big man, big heart, communications manager, honest, hopeless romantic, NS, social drinker, enjoys simple things. Seeking SWF, for possible LTR. #7811

CHARMING, AFFECTIONATE Attractive, outgoing SWM, 62, 230lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys golf, tennis, country, seeking attractive SWF, for open, honest, sincere, monogamous relationship. #7906

PART TIME GROWN-UP Italian, handsome, confident, youthful DWM, 46, 5'6", 150lbs, fit, NS, seeks to share his life, travel, family, good kisses, concerts, etc. You 30+, very pretty, slender, adventurous, and warm East Side. #7760

TRY THIS QUALITY GUY Unique, sincere, romantic DWM, 50, 5'10", seeks honest woman, with sense of humor, for dining, dancing, plays, travel, or date nights. Seeking special friend to share adult activities and time together. #7963

A SUPERIOR CARING MALE is what I promise to you. Attractive DFW, 43, 5'9", 160lbs, enjoys dining, dancing, sports, and quiet evenings. You are attractive, 35-45, slender, NS, professional with similar interests. #7940

WIZARD SEEKS SORCERESS Bright, trim, ambitious SWF, 26-36, seeking handsome SWM, 42, who is secure, optimistic, open-minded, romantic. #9002

LOOKING FOR A LADY SWM, 35, average height/wide, NS, sincere, fun, caring, enjoys most activities, looking for beautiful SWF, 30-45, medium/full-figured, proportionate, NS, kind, romantic, fit, relationship. #7845

UNLIMITED OFFER: Chance to meet this SWM, 38, 5'9", athletic build. Are you game for some adventure in life? Looking for a confident lady of the 90s, with old-fashioned values. #7860

SEEKING LIFE PARTNER SM, 38, 5'8", medium build, enjoys going out, bowling, walks, park, like theater (C&T, Evita). Seeking trustworthy SF, similar size, nice on inside like love, for friendship, love, NS, unimportant. All calls answered. #7900

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL Handsome DWM, 41, kind of shy, very loving, caring, affectionate, seeks woman, 30-40, for fun, loving, laughing, cuddling, dining, reading relationship. N.W. Detroit/Redford area. #7943

NEW TO THE AREA DFW, 38, 5'9", 115lbs, blonde/blue, 6'1", 150lbs, part-time student, enjoys walking, movies, dining out, cuddling. Seeking a sensitive woman, 20-30, who shares similar interests. #7248

AUTO WORKER Steady and dependable SWM, 45, 5'5", 250lbs, new home owner, NS, ND, enjoys current events, reading, etc. Seeking SWF, 35-45, with similar values to work together for a positive future. #7996

RU A BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS? Handsome, educated SWM, 40, 6'0", 135lbs, NS, never married, money manager, enjoys romance, openness, sports, movies, outdoors, mountain biking, romantic evenings at home, cuddling by fireplace. Seeking pretty SWF, 27-32, athletic build, trim, to share similar interests, possible LTR. #7904

ONE-ON-ONE FOREVER Handsome DWM, 41, kind of shy, very loving, caring, affectionate, seeks woman, 30-40, for fun, loving, laughing, cuddling, dining, reading relationship. N.W. Detroit/Redford area. #7943

NICE GUYS DON'T FINISH LAST Open-minded SWM, 43, 5'10", brown/blue, enjoys activities that most people enjoy. Seeking warm, caring, monogamous SF. Hope to hear from you soon. #8233

OPEN-MINDED SM, 5'5", dark hair, seeks open-minded SF, who enjoys travel, and fun, for friendship, possible relationship. #7903

AFTERNOON WORKERS Handsome SWM, 40, 5'10", 155lbs, brown/green, honest, romantic, humorous, homeowner, enjoys remodeling, playing golf, walks, freerides, and quiet times. LTR, no games. #7750

UNIQUE GREEN-EYED DAD DWM, 27, 5'10", 175lbs, NS, ND, degreed, sly yet hard working. Seeking an independent, fun, challenging woman to share conversations, music, and a good laugh. #7760

WESTPOINT MAJOR DWM, 47, 5'10", 170lbs, intelligent, athletic, easygoing, sunny, 35-45, to share walks, talks, dining, and dancing. #7772

HERE'S TO HEALTH... good-looking, look in the mirror, something missing, that's me, you'll find from this message. I'm the youthiest trim gentleman, 52, fun to be with, enjoys theater, dancing, travel. Bring my dreams to life, sweetie. #7777

HANDSOME ITALIAN SM, 6'1", 195lbs, brown/brown, very attractive, loves comedy clubs, music and laughing, knows how to treat a lady. Seeking beautiful female, 25-50, to have fun with. #7815

ECCENTRIC DWM, 27, 6'2", 220lbs, dependents, serious animal lover, canine owner, into drums, open air and hard work. Seeking adventurous, independent SWF, 25-35, for good times. #7816

SINGLE IN WESTLAND Independent, lable, honest, affectionate, attractive SWM, 27, blonde/blue, 6'5", 230lbs, well-built, drinks occasionally, NS, ND, enjoys sports, art, poetry, and physical contact. Seeking sensitive, sense of humor, NS, self-employed, would like to meet a slender, somewhat attractive lady, 41-49, for companionship, possible LTR. #7956

TALL, DARK, AND SEARCHING DWM, 41, 6'5", 250lbs, NS, w/whites, seeks a good-looking SWF, 25-30, HW proportionate, with similar qualities. #7932

FAMILY MAN DWM, 49, 5'11", family-oriented, caring, average man, looking for an average woman, 38-50, kids welcome. #7954

LOYAL AND SINCERE Tall DWM, 53, 6'4", slender, in good physical condition, honest, sense of humor, NS, self-employed, would like to meet a slender, somewhat attractive lady, 41-49, for companionship, possible LTR. #7956

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between Haggerty and Meadowbrook, Novi. The lesson on Sunday Nov. 16, will be "Harvesting." The church also offers youth education, a course in miracles at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and be others courses in 4T, meditation and unity basics. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or at its Web site, <http://www.cotw.com>.

NEW PASTOR
The Rev. William Mock will be installed as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Redford during the 10:30 a.m. worship service Sunday, Nov. 16. Special guest preacher will be the Rev. Jack Eggleston, assistant to the bishop, Southeast Michigan Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Mock has been the interim pastor of St. John's for nearly two years. At a special congregational meeting in September, the congregation voted to extend a regular call to Pastor Mock.

The women of St. John's will provide a reception following the worship service for members, friends and visitors.

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

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 "How can you say sickness isn't real?" on Nov. 16, "Where did Christian Science start?" on Nov. 23 and "Does your church have missionaries?" on Nov. 30.

"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.

ORGAN CONCERT
Tom Fortier of Grand Blanc will perform a special organ concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

The church organist at Bethany United Methodist Church in Clio, Fortier received his bachelor's degree in organ performance from the Westminster College in Pennsylvania. There will be a free-will offering taken as part of the concert. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

SINGLE PLACE
Single Place Adult Ministries of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will present "Dating in the '90s: The Challenge of Reinvesting" at 7 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 16 and 23, in the Youth Room of the church, 200 E. Main

St., Northville. The cost is \$24 in advance and \$27 at the door. For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

TEAMKID
TeamKid, a unique club which blends activity with interactive learning, discipleship and Bible memory, meets 5:45-8 p.m. Sundays at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The program is for children in grades 1-6 and provides practical Biblical answers in a fun and interesting setting. For more information, call the church office at (313) 421-0472.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Men Who Make a Difference, a small group of Christian men dedicated to the biblical principles of building a "Godly Man," meets at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The group is open to men of all denominations. For more information, call (313) 421-0472.

HEALING MASS
Our Lady of Loretto Church will have a charismatic healing Mass at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at the church, Six Mile and Beech Daly roads, Redford. The Mass will be celebrated by the Rev. Joseph Esper with music by Dale Swezene's Vision Band. Participants can bring finger foods to share, and groups can bring banners for the service. For more information, call Lynne Wendt at (313) 537-4219 or Grace Weible at (313) 464-1896.

CARD PARTY
The St. Aidan Women's Guild is hosting a card party 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at the church's activity center, 17500 Farmington Road. The more than 80 door prizes include turkeys. There will also be special table prizes and a "Star-Studded Raffle." Snacks and dessert are included in the admission. To make a reservation, call (313) 591-2145 or (313) 464-8628.

'PEACE CONCERTS'
James F. Twyman will present "Songs from the Peace Concerts" 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Twyman has performed the peace concerts in front of thousands for Bosnian television and continues to perform concerts as the "Peace Troubadour" around the world. The Peace Concerts inspired

Twyman when the leaders of the 12 major religions of the world came together in the name of peace to share their religions' peace prayers. Twyman put the prayers to music and created an album called "Emissary of Light" songs from The Peace Concerts. The cost of the event is a \$15 donation. For more information, call (313) 421-1760.

BREAKING MYTHS
Father Leo Booth will discuss "Spirituality is an Inside Job," 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at Church of Today West in Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook (between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads), Novi.

Booth will also present a workshop, "A New Spirituality: Breaking the Myths," 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at the church. Tickets are \$10 in advance, and \$15 at the door. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or <http://www.cotw.com>.

BIBLE STUDY
Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church will present a Christian support Bible study, "Living with Grief," 9:45-10:40 a.m., starting Sunday, Nov. 23, at the church, 9600 Leverage, Redford. For more information, call the church office at (313) 937-2424.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Mgr. John Zenz of the Archdiocese of Detroit will do a Millennium presentation, "Jesus, the Moral Teacher," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City. For more information, call the church at (313) 427-1533.

THANKSGIVING EVE
Good Hope Lutheran Church of Garden City and Christus Victor Lutheran Church of Dearborn Heights are holding a combined Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Good Hope, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. For more information, call (313) 427-3660.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills is holding a Service of Praise and Thanksgiving at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the church, 20805 Middlebelt (at Eight Mile Road), Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 474-0675.

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MARRIAGE-MINDED
Catholic SWF, 26, 5'5", outgoing, friendly, from the Oak Park area, employed, enjoys traveling, shopping, the casino, concerts, seeks SWCM, 26-35, for serious relationship. Ad# 9811

NEW CHAPTER
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Protestant SWF, 23, 5'7", blonde hair, brown eyes, friendly, enjoys sports, movies, fishing, computers, seeking congenial SWM, 23-30. Ad# 1273

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ROMANTIC & SPIRITUAL
DWCF, 48, 5'5", full-figured, dark hair, green eyes, bright, pretty, down-to-earth, professional, seeks sincere, sociable, fun-loving SWCM, 42-52, for possible long-term relationship. Ad# 7455

SHE'S THE ONE
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FOCUS HERE
Catholic SWF, 34, 5'6", reserved, enjoys traveling, movies, classic car shows, dining out, seeking SWM, 29-36, for possible relationship. Ad# 5656

FAITH & HOPE
DWCF, 48, 5'4", 112lbs., reddish-blond hair, brown eyes, sociable, self-employed, lives in Rochester Hill, likes dining out, jazz, concerts, plays, seeks well-balanced, spiritual SWCM, 45-52. Ad# 7777

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EXTRA NICE
Sociable DW mom, 26, 5'3", resides in Garden City area, participates in Bible study, seeking SWM, 27-38, for possible relationship. Ad# 2429

FUN-LOVING GAL
Protestant SWF, 37, athletic, lives in Rochester, employed, loves dogs, enjoys animals, enjoys travel, seeks happy, Protestant SWM, 30+, who has a positive attitude. Ad# 1514

RESPECT ONE ANOTHER
Catholic SWF, 48, 5'2", 118lbs., green-eyed blond, caring, N/S, enjoys barbecues, going to church, seeking spiritual, tall, active, down-to-earth SM, N/S. Ad# 6258

PATIENT & LOVING
Born-Again DW mom, 44, 5'2", resides in Troy, enjoys Bible study, science fiction movies, Star Trek, seeks compassionate, honest, Born-Again SWCM, 38-53, Troy area preferred. Ad# 2948

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SWCF, 26, 5'6", 125lbs., never-married, career-oriented, likes hockey, football, dancing, movies, seeks clean-cut, educated, confident SWCM, 24-30, without kids. Ad# 1564

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Catholic WWWF, 68, 5'4", honest, lives in Sterling Heights, enjoys golf, dancing, travel, easy listening music, seeks SWM, with similar qualities. Ad# 5569

WORTH THE CALL
Catholic SWF, 27, 5'10", brown hair, hazel eyes, friendly, enjoys running, camping, dancing, seeks secure, professional SWCM, 27-38, with a positive attitude. Ad# 3267

CHILD OF GOD
Religious DWF, 38, 5'3", 165lbs., red hair, brown eyes, affectionate, kind, enjoys long walks, movies, the country, seeks down-to-earth, caring, humorous, loving SWM, N/S. Ad# 1000

LIFE'S LITTLE WONDERS
Baptist SWF, 26, 5', sincere, honest, enjoys hockey, the theater, movies, singing, reading, seeks SWCM, 25-36, with similar qualities and interests. Ad# 1526

SPEND TIME TOGETHER
Catholic SW mom, 24, 5'4", lives in Canton, enjoys volleyball, tennis, hockey, movies, playing cards, seeks SWM, 24-32, for friendship first. Ad# 8648

SWEET & CUTE
Outgoing, never-married SBCF, 23, 5'6", student, enjoys outdoor activities, seeking understanding, sensitive SCM, 25-33. Ad# 8044

LOVING AND CARING
Protestant DWF, 53, 5', 110lbs., N/S, warm, witty, fun, happy, enjoys dining out, cooking, day trips, music, seeks neat, professional SWM, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Ad# 3334

CLASSY
SBF, 42, 5'8", well-educated, compassionate, God-fearing, enjoys the theatre, opera, aerobics, tennis, the outdoors, ethnic cuisine, seeks easygoing, caring, loyal, non-deceptive, SWM, 40-60, with children at home. Ad# 4020

PRINCE CHARMING?
DWF, 42, 5'8", medium build, short reddish-brown hair, enjoys dancing, movies, quiet evenings at home, seeks tall, romantic, caring S/DWCM, 45-55, for long-term relationship. Ad# 1620

LIGHT UP MY LIFE
Catholic DWF, 58, 5'2", 118lbs., brown-eyed brunette, lives in Livonia, seeks honest, romantic, trim SWCM, 54-62, who enjoys dancing, travel, movies, concerts, fine dining and conversation. Ad# 3355

HAVE TIME FOR ME?
Catholic DWF, 45, 5'3", medium build, enjoys concerts, barbecues, amusement parks, dancing, museums, the beach, quiet times at home, seeks DWCM, 40-49, children welcome. Ad# 7259

END MY SEARCH
DW mom, 43, 5'6", 160lbs., friendly, down-to-earth, witty, serious, participates in Christian activities, seeks humorous, trustworthy, sensitive, faithful, honest, employed SWM, 40-55. Ad# 3845

SUPER WOMAN
Protestant SWF, 59, 5'4", upbeat, loving, laid-back, kind, hobbies include walks, reading, golf, religion, seeks honest, open SWM, 57-77, integrity a must. Ad# 5557

GET TO KNOW ME
Protestant SWF, 33, 5'8", brown hair/eyes, educated, employed, enjoys Bible study, fishing, golf, concerts, line dancing, seeks Protestant SWM, 29-37, for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 5264

RELIGION IS THE KEY
Baptist SB mom, 33, 5'7", outgoing, intelligent, attractive, lives in Detroit, likes movies, working out, quiet times, seeks good-hearted, compatible SBWM, 27-39, with good morals. Ad# 1936

GOD COMES FIRST
SWF, 45, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, outgoing, friendly, hobbies include Bible study, family activities, seeking SWM, 46-56, for friendship first. Ad# 3257

HARDWORKING
Attractive SWCF, 35, 5'10", sociable, employed, enjoys spending time with her child, seeking easygoing, handsome, physically fit SWCM, N/S. Ad# 3878

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DWCF, 49, 5'6", from Commerce, ready to make a commitment, in search of an educated SWCM, 47-56, N/S, light drinker preferred. Ad# 3569

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Methodist DWF, 62, 5'6", full-figured, blue eyes, from Belleville, romantic, enjoys stamp collecting, reading, cuddling, crosswords, seeks honest SWM, for possible long-term relationship. Ad# 1934

LET'S TALK
Energetic, pleasant SBF, 19, 5'6", goal-oriented, enjoys biking, dancing, watching sunsets, seeks SBM, to share great times, lots of laughter. Ad# 4610

A WARM WELCOME
Professional DWF, 40, 5'7", slim, brown hair, blue eyes, marriage-minded, owner of dog and parrot, seeks SWM, 35-48, for relationship, kids okay. Ad# 3957

MEANT TO BE?
Catholic SWF, 23, 5', shy, honest, romantic, from Royal Oak, enjoys rollerblading, movies, dancing, seeks N/S, childless, Catholic SWM, 23-27, with similar interests. Ad# 4808

TIRED OF GAMES?
SWF, 24, 5'3", full-figured, enjoys camping, cooking, the theatre, children, seeking honest, sincere, commitment-minded SWM, under 30. Ad# 2572

LONG-TERM?
Fun-loving, open-minded SWCF, 19, 5'3", lives in Canton, seeks childless, compatible SWM, 21-29, who has never been married. Ad# 3842

COLLECTS TEDDY BEARS
Friendly SWCF, 22, 5'6", enjoys biking, walks, movies, concerts, camping, writing poetry, seeks sweet, kind, caring SWCM, 23-35, with same interests. Ad# 4545

WHATS YOUR SIGN?
Catholic SWF, 50, reserved, practical, enjoys skating, walking, photography, dancing, music, theatre, looking for supportive SM. Ad# 3839

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DWCM, 45, 5'9", lives in Brighton, likes most music, long drives, the beach, picnics, dancing, movies, dining out, seeks SWCF, 35-49, N/S, without children at home. Ad# 1469

WELL EDUCATED
Professional SWCM, 62, 6', 188lbs., seeks an intelligent SCF, 50-62, outgoing, slender, fit, adventurous, for possible relationship. Ad# 3344

YOUNG-AT-HEART
Catholic DWF, 53, 5'10", brown hair, blue eyes, N/S, open-minded, likes sports, movies, walking, seeks warm-hearted, caring, monogamous Catholic SWF, 40-53, without kids at home. Ad# 2740

BELIEVE IN US
Baptist DWM, 57, 5'8", N/S, sensitive, caring, likes family events, concerts, walking, flea markets, craft shows, seeks special SWCF, 35-50, for honest commitment. Ad# 1490

GOOD TIMES
SWCM, 29, 6'1", medium build, student, interests include sports, the outdoors, reading, people watching, and many more, seeks SCF, under 29. Ad# 3374

SINCERELY
SWM, 25, 5'9", 160lbs., brown hair/eyes, likes poetry, writing songs and good conversation, seeking compatible SWF, under 36. Ad# 7458

REBUILDING
Kind-hearted, well-rounded DWCM, 46, in search of attractive, caring and mature SWCF, 20-46, for companionship. Ad# 7404

ONLY THE BEST FOR YOU
Patient, understanding DWCM, 34, 6', participates in youth ministry, lives in Rochester Hills, seeking an attractive SWCF, under 49, who believes in God, family and honesty. Ad# 2677

HEART TO HEART
SBWM, 34, 5'5", perceptive, energetic, enjoys Bible study and more, from the Detroit area, seeks kind-hearted SWCF, 26-35. Ad# 1573

ROMANTIC AT HEART
Catholic SWM, 41, 6'2", sincere, handsome, athletic, never married, enjoys kids, nice lunches, weekend getaways, seeks fit, goal-oriented SWCF, 34-43, for a long-term, monogamous relationship. Ad# 9753

DECENT MAN
Protestant DW dad, 35, 6'1", brown hair, blue eyes, easygoing, from Garden City, participates in Bible study, enjoys bike riding, movies, dining out, seeks SWCF, 30-45, for long-term relationship. Ad# 1944

SPIRITUAL START
Well-educated, physically fit, professional SWM, 42, 5'8", brown hair, blue eyes, likes bicycling, jogging, the outdoors, long walks, music, seeks slender, educated SWF, with compassion for others. Ad# 1717

SOLID RELATIONSHIP
Catholic SWM, 45, 6'1", brown hair, blue eyes, lives in Plymouth, professional, enjoys walking, the theater, seeks educated, sensitive, romantic, fit SWCF, 34-45, who is down-to-earth. Ad# 7450

YOUNG WIDOWER
Catholic WWWW, 39, 5'7", 160lbs., professional, honest, educated, no dependents, home in Livonia, enjoys dining, movies, dancing, sports, seeks SWF, under 43, N/S, who has good values. Ad# 1002

EYE OF THE BEHOLDER
Catholic SWM, 44, 6', professional, faithful, communicating, sincere, likes weekend trips, seeking slender, attractive, relationship-minded SWCF, 32-45. Ad# 6683

SHARE YOUR FAITH
SWCM, 43, 6'1", enjoys laughter, the outdoors, movies, seeks outgoing, slender, romantic SWF, 28-45, for possible relationship. Ad# 2525

EASY ON THE EYES!
Catholic DWM, 50, 6'2", 175lbs., brown hair, green eyes, enjoys cooking, gardening, bowling, antique browsing, fishing, the outdoors, fireplaces, seeks Catholic SWF, under 50. Ad# 9106

CREATIVE MIND
Never-married SWCM, 40, 6', outgoing and friendly, seeking warm-hearted, trim, strong, affectionate SWCF, 30-44, who enjoys weekend getaways, romantic afternoons. Ad# 9090

HEART OF GOLD
Church-oriented, good looking DWCM, 44, 6'2", 214 lbs, in the Waterford area, hobbies include parachuting and the opera, seeks compatible, childless SWCF, 29+. Ad# 1111

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR
Catholic SBM, 42, 6'2", independent, lives in Western Wayne, enjoys concerts, movies, walks, quiet dinners, seeks understanding, affectionate, SWCF, 28-45, who is generous with her time. Ad# 9876

TRUE BELIEVER
Pentecostal SWM, 29, 5'10", 190lbs., never-married, compassionate, enjoys church activities, movies, bowling, theme parks, race cars, seeks compatible SWCF, 23-27. Ad# 1975

MAYBE WE SHOULD MEET!
Catholic SWM, 39, 6'1", from Western Wayne county, enjoys museums, movies, the theater, skiing, snowmobiling, seeks warm, sincere, fun-loving SWF, 28-44. Ad# 1599

ENERGETIC
Catholic SWM, 32, 5'9", friendly, enjoys sports, music, the outdoors, boating, movies, socializing, seeking SWF, 25-34, with similar interests. Ad# 3335

THE TIME IS RIGHT
Catholic SWM, 40, 6'1", athletic build, sincere, understanding, professional, enjoys golf, downhill skiing, looking for Catholic SWF, 30-45, who is romantic and athletic, to spend time with. Ad# 1967

ONLY THE BEST FOR YOU
Catholic SWM, 49, 5'7", 150lbs., N/S, non-drinker, never married, athletic, enjoys jogging, biking, camping, the movies, dining out, seeks affectionate, honest Catholic SWF, 42-52. Ad# 1247

CELEBRATE LIFE
Non-denominational DWCM, 37, 6', caring, enjoys Bible study, Christian music, dining out, movies, long walks, seeks SWF, 27-36. Ad# 1224

VERY SHY
DWJM, 36, heavyset, charming, participates in Bible study and youth ministry, enjoys reading, the arts, seeks free-spirited, financially secure, SWJF, 25-35. Ad# 6969

KIND & CORDIAL
Catholic DWM, 55, 5'6", 170lbs., N/S, active, fit, professional, outgoing, friendly, enjoys outdoors, attends Christian activities, seeking compatible, attractive S/DWF, 35-48, N/S. Ad# 1234

FINALLY...
Slim DWCM, 55, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys cooking, bowling, going for walks, seeking SWCF, 45-55. Ad# 1885

SEARCHING IN ROMULUS
Hardworking SWCM, 36, 6', never married, N/S, non-drinker, enjoys four-wheeling, gardening, music, and traveling, seeks honest, open-minded, family-oriented SWCF, mid 30s. Ad# 7418

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Cheerful SJWM, 52, 5'9", slim, never married, from Southfield, loves long walks, rock and roll, country music, films, inspiring conversations, seeks SWJF, 40-50, to share life with. Ad# 4568

I KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE!
Catholic SWM, 31, 5'9", dark hair, blue eyes, professional, enjoys dining out, movies, the Casino, long walks, concerts, sports, seeks spontaneous, outgoing SF, 25-36, for possible relationship. Ad# 4593

SOMEBODY CARING
SWM, 38, 6'1", attractive, athletic, romantic, sincere, fun-loving, warm-hearted, seeks professional, intelligent, outgoing, caring, fit, slender SWF, children okay. Ad# 8523

BELIEVE ME
Catholic SWM, 38, 6', athletic build, sincere, attractive, hobbies include exercising, traveling, dining out, hoping to meet slender, outgoing, ambitious SWF, 24-41, who is romantic. Ad# 2580

ROMANTIC AT HEART
Creative, spontaneous SWM, 42, 6'1", from Canton, enjoys classical music, reading, long walks, seeks gentle, marriage-minded SWF, 28-44, who is slender and trim. Ad# 4758

NO TIME FOR GAMES
Sincere, outgoing, fit SWM, 39, 6'1", 190lbs., professional, seeks slender, fit SF, with similar traits, for long-term, monogamous relationship. Ad# 8742

NICE CHANGE
Catholic SWM, 39, 6'1", professional, attractive, searching for a romantic, slender SWF, 28-44, who has a broad spectrum of interests, for wonderful relationship, kids okay. Ad# 4123

ISN'T IT TIME?
DWCM, 59, 5'5", 156lbs., dark hair, brown eyes, cheerful, likes walking, movies, flea markets, shopping, seeks slender SWCF, 54-60, for pleasant times. Ad# 2526

QUALITY FRIENDSHIP
Protestant DBM, 40, 6', attractive, friendly, lives in Southfield, enjoys traveling, boating, concerts, the outdoors, seeking open-minded SCF. Ad# 1625

JUST YOU AND ME
Catholic DW dad, 38, 5'9", brown hair, hazel eyes, likes camping, weekend getaways, candlelit dinners, cooking, water skiing, seeks pretty, slender Catholic DW mom, 32-40, no hang ups. Ad# 5858

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!
Catholic DWM, 40, 5'9", 220lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, N/S, residing in Garden City, seeks down-to-earth, honest, caring SWF, 33-46. Ad# 4712

NOW & FOREVER
Non-denominational DWM, 43, 5'10", friendly, shy, enjoys travel, history, discussing Bible topics, seeks loving, kind, commitment-minded SWF. Ad# 3615

FEELING LONELY?
Athletic SWM, 33, 5'9", enjoys the great outdoors, interested in meeting outgoing, easygoing SWF, for companionship, no kids please. Ad# 1013

PLEASE CALL ME!
Protestant SWM, 35, 5'11", blond hair, blue eyes, romantic, participates in Bible study, enjoys poetry, cooking, lives in Northville, seeks even-tempered, patient SF, 25-35, for lasting relationship. Ad# 6110

ANYTHING IN COMMON?
Catholic SWM, 27, 5'9", 170lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, new to the Rochester Hills area, enjoys sports, cooking, the arts, long walks, seeks SF, 21-33. Ad# 1451

MARRIAGE-MINDED?
Catholic SWM, 40, 6', attractive, articulate, sincere, seeks slender, romantic, family-oriented, professional SW/ACF, 28-44, with a wide range of interests. Ad# 1133

A FUTURE OF SHARED LIVES
SWM, 41, 5'8", fit, well-educated, professional, likes biking, jogging, the outdoors, reading, music, movies, seeks slim, educated SWF, 28-41, who is passionate about life. Ad# 5353

OUTGOING
Catholic SWM, 38, 6'1", 190lbs., enjoys the theater, music, socializing, seeking slim, petite SWF, 28-42. Ad# 1997

ATTENTIVE
Catholic DW dad, 44, 6', 175lbs., brown hair, smoker, green eyes, attractive, professional, likes sports, movies, swimming, walking, youth ministry, seeks S/DWCF, 30-45, to share life. Ad# 9865

YOU'RE NOT ALONE
Protestant DW dad of two, 36, 6', kind of shy, easygoing, seeks SWCF, 34-39, kids okay, with similar background, to spend quality time with. Ad# 2613

BETTER YEARS
Protestant DWM, 51, 5'8", shy, lives in Lake Orion, enjoys dancing, country music, traveling, dining out, movies, seeks slender SWCF, under 49, for long-term relationship. Ad# 1256

LONG-TERM
Catholic SWM, 39, 6', 180lbs., N/S, lives in Westland, enjoys lots of activities, seeking S/DWCF, N/S, under 43, who is compatible. Ad# 1162

WALK HAND IN HAND
Catholic SWM, 39, 6'1", enjoys the theater, music, family times, lives in Livonia, seeks physically fit, athletic, romantic SWF, 22-42, for long-term relationship, leading to marriage. Ad# 1223

MARRIAGE MAYBE?
Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", 190lbs., trim, cheerful, degreed, professional, lives in Wayne County, likes theater, skiing, family events, seeks sincere, fit, Catholic SWF, 21-42, kids fine. Ad# 2034

REALLY INTO HOCKEY!
Light-hearted SWCM, 39, 6'2", never married, likes swimming, tennis, traveling, snorkeling, looking for SWF, 30-36, who is willing to rediscover romance. Ad# 7648

ACTIVE
SWCM, 35, 5'11", resides in Bradford, enjoys bowling, the outdoors, seeking outgoing, expressive SWF, under 40. Ad# 8619

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
Catholic SWM, 38, 6'1", 190lbs., athletic, degreed, professional, lives in Livonia, likes camping, the theater, family events, seeks romantic, interesting, trim Catholic SWF, 18-42. Ad# 1252

HAS EVERYTHING BUT YOU
Catholic SWM, 34, 5'9", 190lbs., never married, fun-loving, educated, from the Waterford Township area, seeks never-married, family-oriented, Catholic SWF, 22-33, N/S, no children. Ad# 1701

WILL BE THERE
SWM, 49, 5'9", 150lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, N/S, non-drinker, respectful, honest, considerate, humorous, caring, lives in Livonia, looking for a SWF, with similar qualities. Ad# 2232

TWO WAY STREET
Outgoing, friendly SWM, 24, 5'11", brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys the outdoors, working out, seeking SWF, 18-26. Ad# 7873

SEEKS BEST FRIEND
Protestant SWM, 49, 6'3", 210lbs., outgoing, caring, attends Christian activities, enjoys the outdoors, camping, traveling, seeks SF, with similar qualities and interests. Ad# 8262

IN GENERAL...
Lutheran SWM, 48, fun, outgoing, honest, attends concerts, enjoys sports, dancing, playing cards, the outdoors, seeks tall, attractive, sincere SF. Ad# 7164

SEEKS COMMITMENT
Catholic SWM, 25, understanding, athletic, nice, enjoys snowmobiling, water skiing, outdoor activities, seeks easygoing SF. Ad# 9009

STRONG SHOULDER
Catholic DWM, 45, easygoing, tender, romantic, attends Christian activities, enjoys biking, water sports, woodworking, seeks honest, faithful SF, with integrity. Ad# 1900

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LIVONIA SENIORS

The Livonia Senior Citizens annual arts and crafts sale and show will be 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at the Civic Park Senior Citizens Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. All items offered are handmade. For more information, call (313) 466-2549.

FRIENDSHIP CENTER

The Westland Senior Resources Department and Superior Arts will host Santa's Express craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, at the center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, West-

land. Admission will be by donation and lunch will be available. For more information, call Doris at (313) 326-0146, Donna at (313) 453-5719 or (313) 722-7632.

GOOD SHEPHERD

Good Shepherd Reformed Church will have a craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15 at the church, Wayne and Hunter roads, Westland. For more information, call Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (313) 722-7225.

GRACE LUTHERAN

Grace Lutheran Church will have its annual art and craft show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15 at the church, 25630 Grand River, Redford. For more information, call Tina Greniewicki at (313) 591-3099 or (313) 464-2727.

LIVONIA ELKS

The Livonia Elks will have a craft sale 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 15 at the Elks Hall, Plymouth Road east of Merriman Road,

Livonia. For more information, call (313) 261-1696.

LATHERS PTA

Lathers School PTA will hold its 26th annual craft boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, in the school, Harrison and Marquette in Garden City. There will be a raffle held throughout the event. Admission is \$1.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

The Livonia Franklin High School Patriots Club will sponsor a craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15, at the school, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia. Admission is \$1 for those over age 5. There will be more than 175 crafters. For more information, call (313) 425-0603.

HARRIS-KEHRER

Applications are being accepted for table rentals for the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 Ladies Auxiliary's annual arts and crafts bazaar Nov. 22 at the post hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road, West-

land. For more information, call Pam Janis at (313) 721-6304.

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St. Agatha's Women's Club will have its Fall Boutique 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 22 in the gymnasium of the school, 19750 Beech Daly, Redford. There will be crafts, bake sale, raffle, snack bar and Beanie Babies. Table space is still available. For more information, call Marion at (313) 534-0914.

PRCUA SYRENA

The PRCUA Syrena Parents Club will have a craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Dearborn Heights Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly Road. Table rentals are \$19 and \$22. For more information, call (313) 565-9865 or (313) 383-1821.

ST. VALENTINE

St. Valentine Parent/Teacher Club's sixth annual holiday craft shoppe will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nov. 22 in the school activity building at Hope Street and Beech Daly, Redford. There will be more than 50 crafters, country kitchen and bake sale. Two holiday raffles will be held, one with a first prize of a 27-inch television and second prize of Detroit Red Wing tickets, and hourly 50/50 cash raffles. Proceeds will benefit the children of St. Valentine Parish and School. Admission will be \$1. For more information, call (313) 255-6825.

ST. KEVIN'S

St. Kevin's Church will have an Christmas bazaar 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 6 in the church social hall, 30053 Parkwood, Inkster. Table rental will be \$15. There will be artists and crafters, Santa's living room, bake sale, lunch and snacks and hourly raffles. For more information, call (313) 728-2470 or (313) 595-

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BISHOP BORGESS

Bishop Borgess High School has table space available for its 17th annual holiday bazaar on Dec. 7 at the school, 11685 Appleton, Redford. For more information, call Amy Nanni at (313) 255-1100.

PLYMOUTH PARKS

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department still has openings in its annual arts and crafts 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 6 and noon-5 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. Admission and parking are both free. For more information, call show director Carol Donnelly at (313) 455-6620.

ANNIVERSARIES

Kern

James and Mary Kern of Redford Township were the guests of honor at a 50th wedding anniversary given by their children at Monaghan's Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia on Sept. 13.

Joining the couple were the bride's brother Edward Furin and wife Eleanore and other family members and nieces and nephews from Ohio.

The couple met in 1945 while

working at Plastic Engineering Inc. in Cleveland, Ohio. They married on Jan. 25, 1947, at St. Angela's Catholic Church in Fairview Village, Ohio. She is the former Mary Furin.

They have two married children - Gary and wife Linda of Milford and Glenn and wife Geri of Redford. The Kerns also have five grandchildren - Christopher A. Kern and wife Kris, of White Lake, Brian and Kevin Kern of Redford, Christopher P. and Scott Kern of Milford - and two

great-granddaughters, Kayla and Brittany Kern of White Lake.

He retired after working as a plant manager at Swedish Crucible Steel. His wife retired nine years ago as an engineering secretary at the American Concrete Institute.

The Kerns are 42-year members of St. Agatha's Catholic Church in Redford. They also are active in the Elks Club and Knights of Columbus.



Ricketts

Betty and Robert Ricketts of Westland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner-dance for family and friends at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. The party was hosted by their children, Donna Cook of Farmington Hills and David of Livonia.

The couple married Aug. 9, 1947, at Woodmere Methodist Church in Detroit. She is the former Betty Kindred.

They met 53 years ago while they worked at J.L. Hudson Co. in Detroit.

The Ricketts also have two grandchildren, Lindsey and Bryon.



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The tea will be at 11:30 a.m. at Cobo Conference and Exhibition Center in Detroit. In addition to lunch, there will be entertainment by Mr. Magic Ronnie Cee, ventriloquist, humorist and author Richard Paul and Jean Cane, "Mrs. Santa Claus," with stories and songs.

The Teddy Bear Tea is a benefit for Children's Hospital of

Michigan. It helps raise money to sponsor less fortunate patients at the hospital and their families.

Seating is limited and tickets, which include admission to the Festival of Trees, cost \$10 for adults and \$8 for children under 12 years of age.

Reservations can be made by sending a check, payable to Festival of Trees care of the Teddy Bear Hot Line, 1334 Shenandoah, Rochester Hills 48306. For more information, call the hot line at (248) 650-8733.

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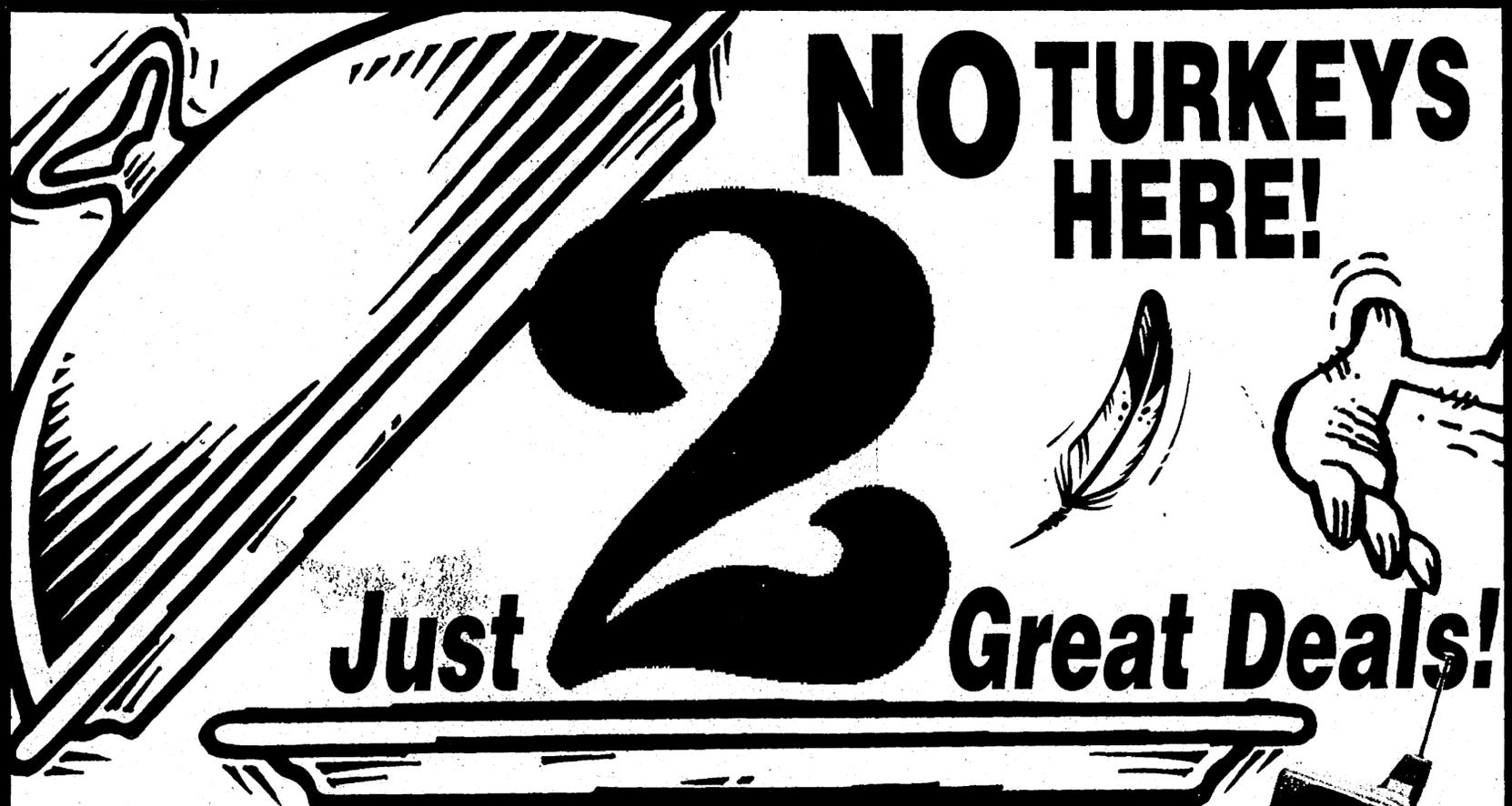
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WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS SWIM MEET

Stevenson wins 7th title in row

Spartans to pursue state title quest

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Here's some news that was so predictable, the lead could have been written months before the event and still been accurate.

Indeed, it's not much different than what was written a year ago at this time. Only a few of the names have been changed.

For the seventh-consecutive year, the school without a pool — Livonia Stevenson, which swims its dual meets at Livonia Churchill due to pool depth problems — captured the Western Lakes Activities Association girls swim championship Saturday at Plymouth Salem.

It was the Spartans 11th title in the 15 years the WLAA has competed in girls swimming. And if you detect a certain monotony here, then here's some additional proof: In winning the 1996 title, Stevenson scored 650 points; this season, the Spartans accumulated 653.5.

What makes this victory more impressive was that Stevenson's swimmers were actually saving themselves for the state meet. None had tapered for this meet.

"This rates among the best league performances for Stevenson," said Spartan coach Greg Phill. "My whole team was unshaved — to do what we did was outstanding. I couldn't be any happier."

Which was a change in mood for him after Stevenson's preliminary performance. "I wasn't thrilled, but our girls were tired on Thursday. I think it got a lot of other teams excited about maybe

unseating us."
"Saturday was as good as we ever had. We'll shave for state now and hope for the best."

Second-place Salem actually did gain ground on the Spartans — the runner-up Rocks totaled 381.5 last year compared to 427 this year — but the span between first and second still remains of Grand Canyon proportions (226.5 points this year, 268.5 last year).

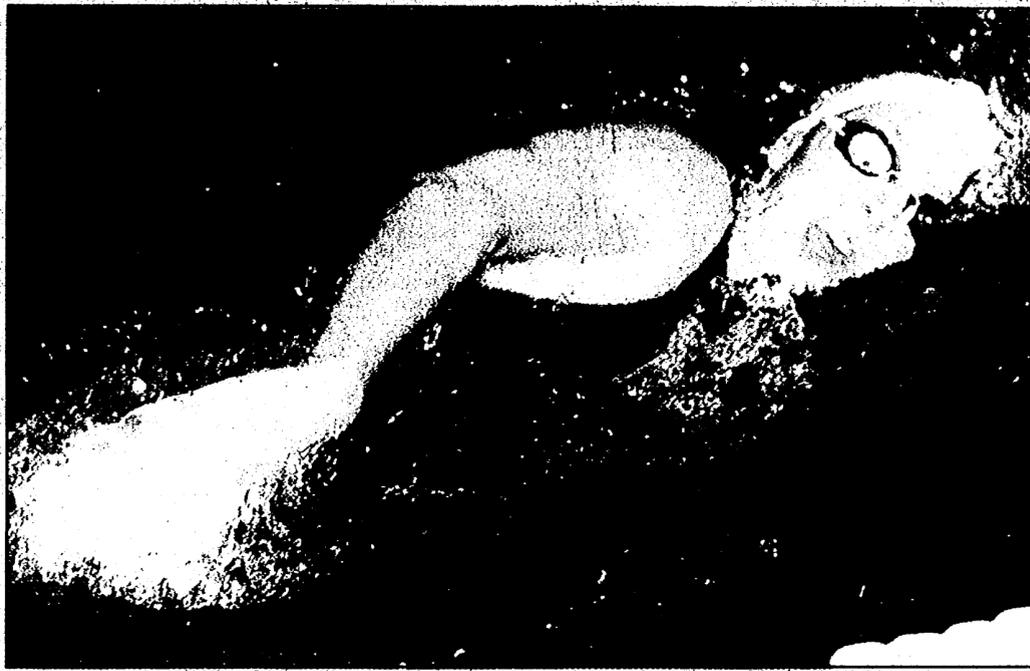
North Farmington, which beat Salem in their dual meet this season, was third with 377.

See complete results on C5.
The Spartans won all three relays and had an individual-event double-winner in Julie Kern, who was first in the 200 freestyle (1:57.64) and the 500 free (5:05.41), the latter a new WLAA meet record (former record, 5:06.42 by Jennifer Rowe, North Farmington, 1986).

The meet produced two other individual event double-winners: Harrison's Lindsay Fetters in the 200 individual medley (2:12.15) and the 100 breaststroke (1:07.36), and Walled Lake's Laura Kaznecki in the 50 free (24.19, a new WLAA record; former mark, 24.23 by Anne Aristeo, Stevenson, 1995) and the 100 backstroke (58.64).

Other first-place finishers in individual events were Walled Lake's Dayna Azzopardi in the diving (461.45 points); North's Hannah Pawlewicz in the 100 butterfly (59.50); and Harrison's Dona Schwalm in the 100 free (55.35).

Stevenson's Adrienne Turri, Jordyn



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Freewheeling: Westland John Glenn's Kristen Stone competes during Thursday's preliminary heat of the 100-yard freestyle at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet held at Plymouth Salem. Stone finished seventh in the event. The Rockets were 10th out of 11 teams.

Godfroid, Marti McKenzie and Jessica Makowski teamed up for a win in the 200 medley relay in a new league record (1:50.33; former record, 1:51.45 by Stevenson, 1996); Katie Clark, Godfroid, Kern and McKenzie added a first in the 200 freestyle relay (1:39.80); and the Spartans' Kern, Makowski, Meghan Mocerri and Turri splashed to victory in the 400 freestyle relay (3:42.78).

Salem overcame a lack of front-runners — none of the Rocks placed higher than fifth in individual events — by placing more swimmers in scoring position (the top 18) than even Stevenson.

"They swam really well," said Olson of Stevenson. "Some people were talking before the meet about maybe winning one of the relays, and I think that got back to the Stevenson swimmers, and it didn't sit too well with them."

Stevenson can now set its sights on the state meet Nov. 21-22 at Michigan State University.

"Saturday was as good as we ever had at a league meet," Phill said. "We'll shave for state now and hope for the best."

The Class A meet appears to be wide open, but Phill said Birmingham Seaholm will be favored.

"They have two excellent relays, but

I don't think you can't win without three good relays," he said. "If we swim like we did Saturday, it'll put us in good position. Last year we figured Anne (Aristeo) could pull us through whenever we needed her. But now we depend on each other a lot more this year."

Diving was one area the Spartans could excel. At the WLAA meet, Stevenson placed five in the top 12.

"That's more than we scored than in any other event," Phill said. "I think Laurel (Dolin) and Katy (Ballantine) can both score points at state."

Brad Emons also contributed to this report.

Troy Athens stuns Salem to win state championship

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Tim Storch has been coaching soccer at Troy Athens long enough to know that the team with the best talent doesn't always win.

Of course, it sure helps to have it — which Plymouth Salem did at Saturday's Division I state final, held at Bloomfield Hills Andover HS.

But it wasn't enough that the Rocks, ranked No. 1 and unbeaten through their first 22 games this season, had an advantage in ability. In a one-game championship playoff, funny things can happen — which means it sometimes takes something more to win.

And that's where Athens' edge came in. The Red Hawks surrendered the first goal, but nothing else in battling back to upset Salem 2-1.

For Athens, it was title No. 4 — all under Storch's coaching. The Red Hawks finish the season at 17-4-4; the Rocks' final record is 19-1-3.

Asked if this championship were the most satisfying in his illustrious career, an exuberant Storch unhesitatingly answered, "By far, because we were a Cinderella team."

"There were a lot of teams that were better than



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Power source: Andy Power (No. 13) of Plymouth Salem gets a face full as Troy Athens' Mike Westlosky closes in during Saturday's Division I state final.

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us, but no one had the heart we had."

The game-winning goal came with 14:48 remaining in the match. Mike Westlosky's throw-in deep in Salem's end of the field went right to the goal.

Rocks' keeper Jeremy Finlay came out to meet it, but the ball was deflected past him, where Matt Hytinen awaited for a header into an unguarded net.

It was only the second decent scoring chance Athens had in the second half — but the number isn't really important. It's taking advantage of them.

Salem had far more good shots, but failed to knock them in. Scott Duhl had one hard shot grabbed by Athens' keeper Mike Robinson, who was brilliant after surrendering a goal to Brent Mullin just 89 seconds into the match.

Duhl later got a second shot past Robinson — but it rolled wide of the net. Just 1:25 later, Duhl suffered what was diagnosed as a broken arm, ending his day.

So what happened to Brett Konley, Salem's scoring machine? The answer: Alex Eve, who marked him effectively most of the game, although he got plenty of assistance. Konley still got his chances, one of the best on a break down the left wing with 22:30 left in what was then a tie game.

But Robinson again proved equal to the challenge, racing out to kick the ball away from the onrushing Konley before he could get off a shot.

"We just didn't finish the opportunities we had," said a dejected Ed McCarthy, Salem's coach. "And they did a good job limiting those opportunities."

Salem had won its state semifinal so convincingly (8-1 over Portage Northern), scoring twice in the first four minutes and five times in the first half, that when Mullin took a crossing pass from Giuseppe Ianni and pushed it past Robinson to make it 1-0 so early in the game, the thought filtered into many people's minds:

Is another rout at hand?

The Red Hawks answered that convincingly enough. Then, with 21:47 left in the first half, Salem's Aaron MacDonald was called for a hand ball inside the box and a penalty kick was awarded. Athens' Nate Sanford cashed it in, the left of keeper Brian Wozniak (who started and, in keeping with his rotation system, switched with Finlay in the second half).

Salem had more first-half shots, 6-4. But that proved nothing more than a premonition of what was to come — frustration for the Rocks, joy for the Hawks.

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Spartans' Block leads harriers

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

It was only fitting that the best boys cross country team in the area would have the most runners on the 1997 All-Area boys cross country team.

Plymouth Salem, which finished eighth in at the state Class A meet, placed its tremendous trio of Ian Searcy, Nick Allen and Jon Little on the first team. Little was also named to the 1996 first team.

Redford Catholic Central, which finished 11th in Class A, is represented by its top two runners — Matt Shannon and Jim Curtiss.

And to no one's surprise, Livonia Stevenson's Rob Block made the squad. The senior capped his fantastic career by placing 11th at the state meet.

Other runners repeating on the first team from last year include Livonia Franklin's Josh Burt and Plymouth Canton's Shaun Moore.

Unlike last year's first-team squad which featured a pair of sophomores, the 1997 team is dominated by the veterans. Six seniors and four juniors make up this year's squad, which features some of the state's best runners.

The Coach of the Year is Redford Catholic Central's veteran mentor Tony Magni, who took an inexperienced team to its fourth-straight Catholic League championship and eighth in the last 10 years.

CC has won one state championship and 13 Catholic League titles in Magni's 20 seasons as coach.

The Shamrocks won their second-straight Class A regional and fourth in the last six years and placed 11th at the Class A state meet. Their Operation Friendship title was their 10th straight.

"I thought it was a very gratifying and also disappointing in a way, in the end, that I thought we could have run a little better in the state finals," Magni said. "The success was helped by our two senior leaders (Matt Shannon and Joe Hubert). Leadership doesn't always come from the top runner, but someone that just

keeps the team together. They were focused from Day 1."

Magni is 51 and still running. "I'm getting ready for the Turkey Trot," he said. "I'd like to see some of my alumni runners and challenge them. Get out there see if they can beat the old man."

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

Rob Block, senior, Liv. Stevenson: Block again proved to be one of Observerland's top cross country runners by finishing 11th at the Class A meet. He went undefeated in dual meet competition, and had his best times of 15:59 at Cass Benton and 15:49 at the Centerline Invitational.

Block qualified for the state meet in each of his four years as a Spartan and won the Livonia City Championship in each of those years. He was also a two-time Western Lakes Activities Association champion.

"Rob has been an outstanding runner for Stevenson the past four years," Stevenson coach John Gores said. "He has the ability to run fast when running alone or with good competition. He has handled all of his success very well."

Ian Searcy, senior, Ply. Salem: Talk about a rookie season. In his first year of running cross country, all Searcy did was finish sixth in the state's Class A championship by running his best race of the season (16:25.4).

"He came on at the end of the season to cap off a great year," Salem coach Geoff Baker said. "He worked very hard to reach his goals."

Some of his highlights from this past year include a seventh place finish at the regional and a sixth place finish at the WLA meet. Searcy is also a vital member of Salem's spring track team as evidenced by being named an All-State 800-meter runner last season.

Nick Allen, junior, Ply. Salem: After playing soccer as a sophomore, Allen opted to run with the Rocks this year. The decision proved to be wise as the junior finished 10th at the Class A state meet (16:29.2), and second at the WLA meet (16:28). He also took a third at the regional, second at the Charger Invitational and fourth at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational.

"Having Nick out this year made us a much better team," Baker said.

Jon Little, junior, Ply. Salem: The third member of the Salem trio is Little, who took 21st at the state meet (16:46). The captain of the Rocks for the past two years, Little took third at the WLA meet and fourth at regional (16:13.5).

"He has been a leader the past two years and has been on two teams that placed eighth in the state," Baker said. Next year, along with Nick, he should be very successful and help our team improve on this year's performance at the state meet."

Josh Burt, junior, Liv. Franklin: With still a season to go, Burt already is Franklin's school record holder and a two-time winner of the school's most valuable runner award. He has also qualified for the state meet twice (placed 50th this season). Some of his season highlights include winning the Ypsilanti Lincoln Invitational and second place finishes at the Livonia City

Meet and Redford Union Invitational.

"He's the kind of runner who can be counted on to run his best every day, whether it is a meet or practice," Patriots coach Bob Holmes said. "He's an extremely consistent and tough runner."

Shaun Moore, senior, Ply. Canton: Moore overcame an early season injury to finish 22nd at the Class A state finals (16:47). He is one of three runners in Canton history to qualify for the state meet twice. Moore, a repeat first team All-Area runner, has been the Chiefs' leading runner the past two seasons. He recorded his best time of the season (16:32) at the WLA championships.

"Shaun is an outstanding student-athlete who works hard academically and athletically," Canton coach Mike Spitz said. "He has accepted his role as a leader and the responsibility that brings. He's a great young man who will be missed in the coming seasons."

Jon Berman, senior, North Farmington: Berman was the heart and soul of the Raiders squad. He capped his career with a 53rd-place finish at the Class A state finals in a time of 17:16 in wet and muddy conditions. Berman also finished 11th in the WLA and 14th at the regional.

His best time of the season was 16:56 at the New Boston Huron Invitational, but he was consistently under 17:20 in all of North's meets. Berman was a 1996 second-team, all-area runner.

Matt Shannon, senior, Catholic Central: Shannon saved his best running for his senior season, according to Shamrocks coach Tony Magni. "It was a pleasure watching Matt develop," the CC coach said. "He became both a consistent and outstanding runner. In the past he showed signs of being a good runner, but this year he kept getting better and better."

After finishing second at the Catholic League meet with his best time of the season (16:05), Shannon took second at the Operation Friendship meet and third at regional. He capped his season with a 19th place finish at the Class A state finals.

Jim Curtiss, junior, Catholic Central: Curtiss was perhaps the biggest surprise in Observerland this season, as he came virtually out of nowhere to finish 31 at the state finals and 16th at the regional. Like Shannon, he ran his best time of the season (16:33) to finish eighth at the Catholic League meet.

"Jim is an excellent example of how running in the summer and hard work pay off," Magni said. "He is a confident runner who thrives on competition. He has lots of ambition and determination, but he is always looking out for his teammates. He was a pleasant surprise all year."

Chris Latimer, senior, Lutheran Westland: Latimer, who was a second team All-Area performer last season, was the Metro Conference's top runner and helped the Warriors take the league title. In addition to winning the league meet, he was the individual medal winner at five invitational, including the Crestwood Charger Invitational Division II race. He saved his best time of the season (17:14.7) for the Class C state finals (team finished 14th).

"He developed into an excellent runner half way through his junior year," Westland coach John Gerlach said. "He worked very hard in practices and was mentally positive at race time. He would not let the pressure of an important race hinder his performance."



Ian Searcy
Plymouth Salem



Nick Allen
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Josh Burt
Livonia Franklin



Shaun Moore
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1997 ALL-AREA BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

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Shaun Moore, Sr.	Plymouth Canton
Jon Berman, Sr.	North Farmington
Matt Shannon, Sr.	Catholic Central
Jim Curtiss, Jr.	Catholic Central
Chris Latimer, Sr.	Luth. Westland

COACH OF THE YEAR

Tony Magni	Catholic Central
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SECOND TEAM

Jerry Reynolds, Sr.	Plymouth Canton
Justin Keyes, Jr.	Westland Glenn

Paul Galbraith, Sr.	Westland Glenn
Justin Keyes, Jr.	Westland Glenn
Jason Richmond, Soph.	Liv. Churchill
Wayne Briggie, Sr.	Catholic Central
Mark Coleman, Sr.	Catholic Central
Matt Anderson, Jr.	Plymouth Salem
Joe Verellen, Jr.	Liv. Stevenson
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COLLEGE HOOPS

Briggs era off to 2-0 start as SC rips GRJC

First-year coach Carlos Briggs has the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team off to a flying start with victories in its first two games.

It recorded a 142-46 home win over William Tyndale College on Monday night to get the season off on the right foot, then went on the road Tuesday night to take a 93-80 victory from Grand Rapids Junior College.

Kevin Melson, a 6-foot-6 sophomore forward, hit 28 points in the road win, in which the Ocelots held a 50-34 halftime lead.

"We had them down by 30 at one point," Briggs said. "We played well in the beginning. Pete Males (Garden City) played a great game at the point."

"He got us into our offense. Our kids played with poise and effort. They earned the victory."

Schoolcraft won its second game in as many tries, while GRJC, 24-4 a year ago, lost its opener.

Emeka Okonkwo chipped in 21 points for the Ocelots with Jamar Eddins adding 18 and Derek McKelvey 11.

Against Tyndale, six Schoolcraft players scored in double figures.

Melson led the way with 31 points. McKelvey scored 25, Eddins had 15, Okonkwo and David Jarrett (Westland John Glenn) each had 14 and Adam John Moore added 10.

Jacob Stamp led Tyndale (0-1) with 29 points.

Madonna cagers 0-2

Madonna University suffered a pair of losses last weekend in the St. Francis College (Ind.) tournament held in Fort Wayne.

In the season opener Friday, the host Cougars got 23 points from guard Ryan Norfleet in a 106-70 triumph.

Norfleet was 15 of 19 from the free throw stripe, while St. Francis made 31 of 40 on the night (77.5 percent).

Narvin Russaw (Milan) led Madonna with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Mark Hayes (Birmingham Seaholm) contributed 15 points, while Nick Hurley (Plymouth Canton) had 10 points.

Madonna committed 26 turnovers and was eight of 12 from the line.

In Saturday's consolation final, Indiana University-South Bend defeated the Crusaders, 95-82, despite 22 points from Hayes.

John-Mark Branch (Milan) added 17 points while Hurley and Russaw chipped in with 15 and 14, respectively.

Glenn Uaghmrien scored a team-high 21 points for IUSB, which out rebounded the Crusaders, 45-34.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

RUTHERFORD PROMOTED

Livonia Churchill High product Mark Rutherford, a right-handed pitcher from Eastern Michigan, will be promoted next spring to the Philadelphia Phillies' Class A club in Clearwater, Fla.

Rutherford, an All-Mid-American Conference pick last year after hitting .388 and posting a 9-3 record, played last summer for the Piedmont (N.C.) Boll Weevils of the Class A South Atlantic League.

Rutherford, a 12th-round pick last June by the Phillies in the

amateur baseball draft, played two weeks for Batavia (N.Y.) of the New York-Penn League before moving to Piedmont where he finished 1-4, but with an impressive 2.47 earned run average with 47 strikeouts.

COLLEGIATE NOTES

Schoolcraft College setter Amber Wells (Plymouth Canton) was named to the All-Region I2 volleyball team along with Henry Ford's Heather Wohlfiel (Redford Thurston) and Nicole Vondracek (Livonia Ladywood).

All-Eastern Conference choices

in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association included Sarah Gregerson and Megan McGinty (Livonia Churchill).

Honorable mention choices include Mindy Sullivan (Churchill), Stacy Campaign, Kim Washnock (Farmington) and Janet Hinz, all of Schoolcraft; along with Jessica Orleman (Canton) and Kristie Drinkhahn (Canton).

YOUTH SOCCER CHAMPS

The Michigan Hawks, an under-17 girls team sponsored by the Livonia Family YMCA, recently completed its fall competition by winning the Little Caesars Premier League's under-19 division title with a 7-0-1 record.

The Hawks also won the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association under-17 Cup for the fourth straight year after posting wins over Troy in the semifinals, 7-0, and Rochester in the championship, 7-0.

The team will play Dec. 27 in the Orange Bowl Classic in Miami, Fla.

Members of the Hawks include: Sarah Wittrock, Livonia; Lisa Tomasso, Canton; Daniell Beauregard, New Baltimore; Brigid Bowdell, Novi; Abby Crompton, Kristin Fisher, Ashlee Fontes and Colleen O'Brien, Rochester Hills; Kiley Enmark, Sterling Heights; Jessica Erickson and Jessica Smith, Troy; Janelle Harwood, Sara McDonald, Lisa Santor, Brighton; Melissa Lawson, South Lyon; Lindsay Mack, Beverly Hills; Amy Sullivan, Utica.

The team is also seeking donations to help defray expenses for the Orange Bowl Classic.

For more information, call Tom Coyne at (313) 427-3336.

The Michigan Hawks '82 won the under-16 girls Little Caesars Division I fall title by outscoring their opponents, 46-8. Division

opponents included the Troy Krunch, Ann Arbor Arsenal, Brighton Eclipse, Canton Flames and Birmingham Blazers.

Members of the Hawks, coached by Tim Ernst, include: Amy Allen, Kristi Arrington, Nicole D'Hondt, Jennifer Fejes, Laura Grode, Alyson Kehler, Kelly Kraft, Tiffany Laskowski, Michele Lowe, Abi Morrell, Anne Morrell, Katie Poole, Brianna Roy, Andi Sied, Suzi Towne and Lauren Zacharski.

SPECIAL OLYMPIANS

The Wayne-Westland Ravens, coached by Colleen Walsh, will be among 63 teams which will compete this weekend in the Michigan Special Olympics Poly Hockey Finals at the Apple Sportsplex in Lansing.

Opening ceremonies begin Friday with the closing ceremonies on Sunday.

LIVONIA AAU HOOPS

To provide an opportunity for Livonia girls to get an early start in competitive basketball, the Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson basketball coaches are making preliminary plans for a new AAU club for girls.

The coaches plan to organize one or two 10-and-under teams and possibly an 11-and-under team (age categories as of Jan. 1, 1998).

Tryouts will be held in January with competitive practices and competition running through late April or May.

If interested, send your name, address, phone number, current school and age (as of Jan. 1) to: Wayne Henry, Stevenson High School, 33600 W. Six Mile Rd., Livonia, Mi. 48152.

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COLLEGIATE MEN'S SOCCER ROUNDUP

Ocelots going to nationals

And then there were eight teams left.

The Schoolcraft College men's soccer squad capitalized on its home field advantage by winning the NJCAA's Midwest Tournament. The Ocelots won the inter-regional title which it hosted Sunday with a hard-fought 2-0 victory over Iowa Central College.

Schoolcraft advanced to the finals with a 2-1 semifinal victory on Saturday over Flathead Valley College (Mont.).

It was the first time since 1990 that the Ocelots (16-5-1) won the inter-regional title. They also won the title in 1980.

Schoolcraft advanced to today's eight-team NJCAA finals at Mercer County Community College in Trenton, N.J., where it will face College of DuPage (Ill.).

"Three more wins is all we need," Schoolcraft coach Van Dimitriou said.

The Ocelots last faced DuPage two years ago and lost 2-0 in the inter-regional finals.

Iowa Central advanced to Sunday's final by beating Springfield (Ill.) College, who Dimitriou thought was the

team to beat. Springfield routed Schoolcraft earlier this season 5-0.

Dimitriou decided to become defensive against the 11th ranked team in the nation. He decided to mark Iowa's two best offensive players with the defensive duo of J.R. Langlois and Mike Dean.

"That match-up neutralized their two most explosive players," the Schoolcraft coach said. "That meant others on their team had to do the scoring and that didn't happen."

The Ocelots opened the scoring when Garrett Maki (Canton) took control of the ball, dribbled to right of the Iowa keeper. Maki, who has been hurt most of the season, drilled a shot off the goal post, but David York one-timed the rebound into the net.

Schoolcraft put the game away with 14 minutes remaining when Scott Hulbert set up Pete Lechowicz for his first goal of the season. Lechowicz, a Livonia Stevenson graduate, was playing in only his second game of the season.

"We're finally getting healthy and playing some of our best soccer of the year," Dimitriou said.

Another Stevenson grad, freshman Eric O'Neil, recorded the shutout in net. O'Neil had it relatively easy, according to Dimitriou.

In the two regional and two inter-regional games the Ocelots have played, Schoolcraft has allowed only one goal.

"Iowa didn't have one quality shot; our defense was that like the Detroit Red Wings," Dimitriou said. "We have also had great goal keeping all season. When we've needed Eric, he's been there for us."

In Saturday's semifinal, a pair of former Brighton players supplied the offense. Kevin Fritz took a pass from Matt Keller to open the scoring. Flathead Valley tied the game at 1-1 just prior to halftime.

With about 15 minutes remaining, Hulbert took the ball outside the 18-yard line, beat his man and fired a shot into the upper right-hand corner of the net.

Schoolcraft held an 18-2 shot advantage.

"We absolutely dominated the game," Dimitriou said. "We hit the keeper so many times, but we kept the pressure on and scored enough to win."

WHAC champs continue march

Another step up the national ladder.

That's what Madonna University's soccer team took Tuesday with its 4-2 defeat of Taylor University (Ind.) in an NAIA Division II Great Lakes Regional first-round match, played at Livonia's Whitman Center.

The victory puts the Fighting Crusaders (now 15-4), the region's third seed, into the regional semifinals against second-seeded Illinois-Springfield (16-3 record), which at one point this season was ranked No. 1 in the NAIA.

That match will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the University of Rio Grande (Rio Grande, Ohio); the host team meets the Dominican University/Ohio Dominican winner at 11 a.m. Friday.

The regional championship will be at 1 p.m. Saturday.

"It was a good game," was Madonna coach Pete Alexander's description of the Taylor University match. "We came out flat and they scored first, then we came back and started playing better."

Indeed the Crusaders did. After Taylor's Daniel Hernandez put his team on top with a goal scored with 26:51 left in the first half, Madonna awoke.

Seamus Rustin (Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day) tied the match just 93 seconds later, on an assist from Christian Emert (from Walled Lake Central).

Jason Roy (Livonia Stevenson) put the Crusaders ahead to stay with 17:58 left in the opening half. Scott Emert (W.L. Central) made it 3-1 in Madonna's favor less than three minutes later.

Taylor sliced into that advantage with 12:48 left in the match, with Dan Rhodes scoring the goal to make it 3-2.

But Madonna regained its two-goal advantage with 4:53 left on a goal by Scott Emert, Rustin assisting.

Dave Hart made eight saves in goal for the Crusaders; Nathan Marquardt had 10 for Taylor, which bows out at 14-6-1.

Now comes Illinois-Springfield, which figures to be a very difficult challenge. Then again, as Alexander said: "We're two

games away from going to nationals. Every game from here on will be tough."

MADONNA 2, TRI-STATE 0: On Saturday, two goals by Andy Makins (Plymouth Salem) allowed the Crusaders to advance to the Great Lakes Regional Tournament with a win over Tri-State University in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship match at Livonia's Whitman Center.

Tri-State bowed out with a 12-9-1 mark.

Makins converted a pass from Scott Emert to net the game's first goal with 14:39 to play. Five minutes later, Makins scored again, this time on an assist from Christian Emert.

Dave Hart made three saves to collect the shutout for Madonna. For the Crusaders it was an impressive victory, giving them the conference title in their first year of conference play.

Makins' performance earned the sophomore midfielder WHAC player of the week honors.

Troy poses next threat for CC

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

The last time Detroit Catholic Central and Troy met in a football playoff game, gaining three yards was a chore and a cloud of dust was out of the question.

CC coach Tom Mach has fond memories of the 1995 Class AA regional final at Pontiac Wisner Stadium, and none have to do with the weather.

The Shamrocks rallied for a 21-14 win over the Colts in the rain, sleet and snow and near zero wind chill conditions.

The two teams hope to decide this year's Region III final under better conditions at 7 p.m. Saturday at Troy High School.

Troy ran its record to 10-0 with a 50-28 regional semifinal win over Detroit Redford. CC is 9-1 after a 28-6 win over Westland John Glenn.

The Shamrocks have played the Colts two other times in the playoffs, losing 10-0 in 1985 and winning on a late field goal in 1992.

A win over Troy, the 1994 Class AA state champion, could be a good omen. After each playoff win over the Colts, the Shamrocks went on to win state championships.

"I hope we have a dry field," Mach said. "Those were the worst weather conditions we've had in my 22 years (as coach). You couldn't kick, see or throw."

If the weather cooperates, fans should be in for a treat as the field will be covered with standouts on both sides of the ball.

Troy has one of the best two-way players in the state, senior tailback/defensive back Jim Essian, who has more than 1,500 yards rushing and 30 touchdowns.

The 6-foot-2, 205-pound Essian also has three interceptions and does the Colts' punting.

And to think, football might be his second-best sport. He is the son of former Major League baseball player and coach Jim Essian.

"He reminds me of (former Glenn all-stater and Central Michigan University player) Bryant Satterlee," CC defensive coordinator Rick Coratti said.

Troy's offense is directed by 5-10, 165-pound junior quarterback Mike Clinton, who has completed 79 of 140 passes for 1,160 yards and 15 touchdowns. His

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favorite target is wide receiver Tim Fralick, the son for former Redford Thurston boys basketball coach Gary Fralick, who has eight TDs among his nearly 50 catches.

The Colts' offensive and defensive lines will be the biggest CC has faced. Their best linemen are Brian Ottney, a 6-6, 270-pound junior tackle, and Ryan Triemstra, a 6-3, 230-pound junior.

"I think it's going to be a hard game because I think they are very good," Mach said. "They have a little bit of everything. A good quarterback, receivers, two good backs - a tailback that's real good. They have a great program, a lot of years of tradition."

Troy coach Gary Griffith likes to use Clinton in roll-outs. "He's quick. I haven't seen him sacked in two game films," Mach said. "They sprint him out quite a bit so he can see over his big linemen."

Defensive end Mark Bullock, a 6-3, 230-pound senior, and linebacker Matt Alcorn, a 5-10, 185-pound senior, anchor the Troy defense. Essian is an aggressive defensive back who will be needed to defend the Shamrocks' big tight ends, 6-4, 225-pound senior Don Slankster and 6-4, 210-pound junior Nick Brzezinski, in deep routes.

Slankster caught three passes last week and leads the Shamrocks with 22 for 402 yards and eight touchdowns.

Senior quarterback Adam Tubaro recovered from a shaky start to complete five of eight passes for 49 yards last week to run his totals to 65 for 128 for 947 yards and 11 touchdowns. He has thrown only one interception.

Joe Jonna, who had two interceptions at defensive back last week against Glenn, has 18 catches for 263 yards.

The Shamrocks had a devastating ground game last week, averaging almost six yards per carry (47-268).

Senior fullback Chris Dueweke has 844 yards in 188 carries, a 4.5 average, with 13 TDs. Senior tailback Josh Christenson has 585 yards on 122 carries, a 4.8 average, and five TDs.

The Shamrocks rotated their

backs against Glenn, also employing senior Joe Sgroi and junior Casey Rogowski, who happen to be the leaders on defense as inside linebackers.

The CC offensive line of Brian Parent, Chuck Spolsky, Mike Davidson, Brocc Naysmith and Mike Morris dominated Glenn. Spolsky, who also has 2 1/2 sacks and 46 1/2 tackles as a defensive tackle, has been a leader.

He's made, dare we say it, people forget about his brother, former CC all-stater John Spolsky.

"Movement is what makes him a good ballplayer," Mach said. "He's only 190 pounds and plays against guys who are 250, 260 and this week 270. He better be quick."

Sgroi, a 6-foot, 215-pounder, leads the Shamrocks with 81 1/2 tackles, 19 solo. Rogowski has 64 tackles, 21 solo.

The Shamrocks have 21 sacks, including a team high seven from 6-1, 190-pound junior nose guard John Abshire and six from 6-1, 215-pound end Mike Carroll.

"CC will be the best defensive team we've seen," Troy coach Gary Griffith said. "They make no mistakes. You look at the films from five years ago and they still run the same offense, very sound. They scare you because you never know if you can stop them."

CC football notes

• Essian and Clinton are sons of former Catholic League schoolboy standouts. Jim Essian starred at Detroit St. Martin's, which later merged with Detroit DePorres, and Joe Clinton was a standout at Redford St. Mary's before setting the record for interceptions for Eastern Michigan University's football team.

Clinton, the Troy Athens girls basketball coach, is also the uncle of former Farmington Hills Mercy girls basketball all-stater Jenny Clinton.

• The winner of the Troy-CC game meets the winner of the Sterling Heights Stevenson-Rochester Adams battle in the Class AA semifinal next week. The Stevenson-Adams game will be played at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, but Mach will be too busy getting ready for his game to scout that one.

Two of the Shamrocks' freshman coaches will scout that game.

"I don't scout the day of the game," Mach said. "I'm trying to win the game at hand."

• CC's senior defensive tackle/running back Matt Smylie was incorrectly identified the last two editions of the Observer. Smylie has been playing so well when he's in there he's been confused with former CC all-stater Mike Smylie.

Dupuis, Jeff Rioux, John Picano and Kevin McKee.

Team statisticians are Sam Coppola and Dr. Phil Hoehn.

The athletic director is Ed Day.

This year's JV squad, directed by Terry Hall, suffered just one loss in gaining a co-division title.

Prior to becoming varsity coach, Rioux led the JV team to 38-0 record.

The varsity squad has now won titles under Rioux in 1984, '87-89, '91 and '93-97.

St. Michael's repeats as CYO grid champions

The dynasty continued Nov. 2 at the Pontiac Silverdome as Livonia St. Michael's Grade School captured its 10th Catholic Youth Organization title in 14 years under coach Jerry Rioux with a 41-21 victory over Warren St. Anne's in a battle of unbeaten.

During the 1997, St. Michael's outscored its opponents 305-89 en route to a 9-0 record.

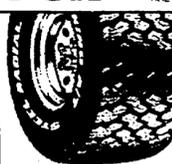
Members of the seventh- and eighth-grade team include: Ryan Akers, Ryan Allam, Dan Boulter, Dan Carravallah, Darryl

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Speedy Lady Crusaders open hoop season Friday

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

There's two things in basketball that can't be coached: size and speed.

While Madonna University's women's basketball squad may be vertically challenged, it does have the gift of speed and quickness. Coach Mary Lou Jansen is hoping the Crusaders' fast feet will make up for their lack of height in the upcoming 1997-98 season.

"We're going to try to off-set that by taking advantage of our strengths," she said. "Speed."

That won't be the Crusaders' lone strength, however. Jansen said her team won't have any trouble finding the basket.

"We have a great shooting team," she commented. "We could start a lineup with five (legitimate) three-point shooters."

Madonna is coming off of a 14-16 season in Jansen's first year as coach. After a 1-6 start, the Crusaders came on strong and won five of their last seven games.

Madonna, which competed as an independent last year, made it to the 32-team NAIA Division II national tournament. The squad won a pair of sectional games to advance then lost in the first round of the national tournament to No. 1 seed Shawnee State of Ohio.

"We had a great season," Jansen said. "We were a team that kept getting better and better."

The Crusaders lost two players via graduation from that squad.

Michelle Parmentier was a starter at small forward while Meegan Zann handled the shooting guard role. Jansen thinks she has enough talent to replace both.

"There's plenty of leadership," she added. "We're bringing back a lot of experience."

Madonna has joined the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference for the upcoming season. A total of seven schools comprise the league, which is very competitive, according to Jansen.

"Tri-State won the league and actually made it to the sweet 16 of the national tournament," the coach added. "But they graduated seven seniors. Spring Arbor is probably the favorite."

Madonna doesn't open the league season until January. The

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Crusaders will play about 10 games before then with the season opening tomorrow at the Saginaw Valley State University tournament.

"We're chomping at the bit to play a game," Jansen said.

The coach isn't settled on a starting lineup for the opener. But she said she's hoping to play a lot of players all year.

"I'd like to go eight or nine deep," she added.

Dawn Pelc is the Crusaders' lone senior. The four-year player will help captain the team and play shooting guard or small forward.

Jansen expects her to score in double figures.

"We'll be putting more of a burden on her this year," she said.

Courtney Senger should see time at center. The junior is coming off a knee injury from last year.

Other juniors include Mary Murray, Angie Negri and Katie Cushman. All are third year players.

While only 5-foot 9-inches tall, Murray is a strong post player. Negri will likely come off the bench and back up at shooting guard or small forward.

Cushman is a key to the team. The team's starting point guard, she averaged about 15 points per game a year ago and is deadly from the perimeter.

"She's a three-point weapon," Jansen said. "You just can't leave her open. She's always ready to shoot."

Kim Lucas, Jenny Jacek and Christine Dietrich comprise the sophomores. Dietrich is challenging for a starting guard slot while Lucas will come off the bench and Jacek will see time at center.

Madonna has four freshmen on the roster this year.

Joni Stewart is a walk-on shooting guard from Walled Lake Central. Michelle Miela plays point guard and is from Anchor Bay.

At 6-3, Lori Enfield will likely be Madonna's post player of the future. Melissa Poma, a 5-11 forward, comes from Livonia Ladywood.

Jansen said she will bring the freshmen along slowly.

WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS
Saturday, Nov. 15
(Class A-Region III)
Ypsilanti at Harrison, 1 p.m.
(Class AA-Region IV)
Redford CC at Troy, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Nov. 13
Annapolis at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Farmington at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Ledywood at N.O. Prep, 7 p.m.
South Lyon at Mercy, 7 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Wyandotte at Wayne, 7 p.m.
MCC Tourney at Greater Life, TBA.

Friday, Nov. 14
(Western Lakes playoffs at Franklin)
Harrison vs. N. Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
Canton vs. Salem, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 15
MCC Tourney at Greater Life, TBA.
(Operation-Friendship finale at U-D's Colman Hall)
Borgess vs. Detroit Cody, 1 p.m.

Marian vs. Detroit King, 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday, Nov. 14
Madonna at Sag. Valley Classic, 6 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Wauaubsee (III), TBA.

Saturday, Nov. 15
Madonna at Sag. Valley Classic, 3 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Wauaubsee (III), TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday, Nov. 14
Madonna at Grace Bible Tour., 6 p.m.
Schoolcraft vs. Muskegon at Macomb Hoops Classic, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 15
Schoolcraft vs. Lansing CC at Macomb Hoops Classic, 2 p.m.
Madonna at Grace Bible Tour., 5 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Saturday, Nov. 15
Sault Ste. Marie vs. Ply. Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 16
Plymouth Whalers vs. Sarnia at Compuware Arena, 8:30 p.m.
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at GARDEN CITY
Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Garden City vs. (B) Belleville, 6 p.m.; (C) Westland John Glenn vs. (D) Wayne Memorial, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 19: Romulus vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; Livonia Franklin vs. C-D winner, 8 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Ypsilanti-Lincoln regional semifinal vs. Temperance-Bedford district champion.)

at NOVI
Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Novi vs. (B) Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 19: Plymouth Salem vs. Plymouth Canton, 5:30 p.m.; Northville vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Plymouth Salem regional semifinal vs. Detroit Mumford district champion.)

at LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Livonia Ladywood vs. (B) Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 19: Detroit Redford vs. Redford Union, 6 p.m.; Southfield vs. A-B winner, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Southfield regional semifinal vs. Detroit Cody district champion.)

at BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER
Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Bloomfield Hills Lahser vs. (B) Farmington Hills Harrison, 5 p.m.; (C) Farmington Hills Mercy vs. (D) West Bloomfield, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 19: Farmington vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m.; North Farmington vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Plymouth Salem regional semifinal vs. Birmingham Groves district champion.)

CLASS B
at BEVERLY HILLS-COUNTRY DAY
Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day vs. (B) Redford Thurston, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: Bloomfield Hills Kingswood vs. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 6 p.m.; Detroit Renaissance vs. A-B winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the St. Clair Shores Lakeview regional semifinal vs. Mount Clemens district champion.)

CLASS C
at REDFORD BISHOP BORGESS
Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Dearborn St. Alphonsus vs. (B) Detroit Communication & Media Arts, 6 p.m.; (C) Redford Bishop Borgess vs. (D) Livonia Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 18: Southfield Christian vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; Royal Oak Shrine vs. C-D winner, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 20: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Petersburg-Summerfield regional semifinal vs. Riverview Gabriel Richard district champion.)

at RIVERVIEW GABRIEL RICHARD
Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Lutheran Westland vs. (B) Allen Park Cabrini, 6 p.m.; (C) Erie-Mason vs. (D) Riverview Gabriel Richard, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: (E) Ann Arbor Greenhills vs. (F) Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 20: Flat Rock vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Petersburg-Summerfield regional semifinal vs. Redford Bishop Borgess district champion.)

CLASS D
at WHITMORE LAKE
Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Whitmore Lake vs. (B) Plymouth Christian Academy, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Grass Lake, 6 p.m.; Canton Agape Christian vs. A-B winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Grass Lake regional semifinal vs. North Adams-Jerome district champion.)

Rocket cagers topple Walled Lake Western

Westland John Glenn's young girls basketball team is showing signs of growing up.

Led by two sophomores and a freshman, Westland John Glenn recorded its second victory of the fading girls high school basketball season Tuesday night, taking a 56-52 victory from visiting Walled Lake Western.

Sophomore forward Samantha Crews scored a game-high 18 points and hauled down 10 rebounds, while freshman guard Sara Peck scored 10. Her sophomore running mate, Lacey Catarino, had nine points and 10 rebounds.

"It was neck-and-neck all the way down to the wire," Coach Joel Lloyd of the Rockets said. "Catarino and Peck hit key free throws down the stretch."

Crews was 8-for-8 from the line as John Glenn (2-17) made half its 34 free throw tries to 9-of-17 for the Warriors (5-14).

Lauren Fabian scored 10 and Kim Schriever nine for Western.

FRANKLIN 45, FARMINGTON 24: The Falcons surprised the Patriots — for one quarter.

Farmington slipped out to a 7-4 lead after the first period Tuesday night, but visiting Livonia Franklin scored 16 of the second quarter's 17 points to send the Raiders down to their 19th straight loss in a winless season.

Tera Morrill scored 12 points and Julie Warner added eight as the Patriots improved to 7-11.

James Jakaeki led Farmington with eight points.

NORTHVILLE 52, CHURCHILL 35: A 19-8 beginning gave the Mustangs the momentum they needed to keep the Chargers away.

Christine Herndon scored 16 and Julie Flis 14 as Northville raised its record to 13-6.

Churchill, 10-9, got 11 points from Kersten Conklin and seven from Stacey Supanich. The Chargers were 7-for-17 from the free throw line.

W.L. CENTRAL 53, STEVENSON 36: A poor defensive first quarter Tuesday cost host Stevenson.

Walled Lake Central took an 18-7 advantage after one period and never looked back.

Livonia Stevenson coach Wayne Henry said his team gave up too many easy baskets.

"They didn't do anything we didn't expect," he commented. "We knew what would stop (Central's offense). But we didn't do what we needed to do."

Michelle Bortz led Walled Lake (9-10) with 24 points. Carolyn Courtright scored nine for Stevenson (10-9). Colleen Brennehan added eight Stephanie Dulz added seven points and seven rebounds.

WAYNE 53, FORDSON 37: Natalie Garrison and Tonya Crawford combined for 25 points Tuesday to lead the visiting Zebras.

Garrison had 13 and Crawford 12 to help Wayne Memorial improve to 4-14 overall, 3-10 in the Michigan Mega Conference Red Division.

Nazek Mroueh scored 10 of her 13 points in the first half to lead host Dearborn Fordson, which trailed 21-12 at intermission.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 39, LUTHERAN EAST 34: Lutheran Westland trailed most of the way Tuesday night against Harper Woods Lutheran East.

But the Warriors (11-8, 11-5) outscored East 14-3 in the fourth quarter to take a narrow victory.

Coach Ron Gentz said it was a matter of playing better defense.

"We finally started stepping in some passing lanes and got some easy transition baskets," he said. "It seemed like we were a step slow until the fourth."

Harper Woods (9-10, 6-10) held a two point lead until about midway through the fourth quarter. That's when Westland caught fire offensively. Gentz said.

Kierra Decker led the Warriors with 14 points while Sharon Greer added 10 and Jenny Schultz seven.

KINGSWOOD 57, CLARENCEVILLE 33: The Granes outscored the Trojans in every quarter Tuesday night to remain unbeaten in the Metro Conference.

Sophomore forward Tiffani Rhodes scored 23 points to lead visiting Kingswood, 15-2 overall with its two losses coming in its two non-conference games. Karen Tisdale added 11 points.

Melissa Berry had eight points and 12 rebounds for Livonia Clarenceville, 2-13 in the Metro and 4-16 overall.

Michelle Berry scored six and had seven rebounds plus two blocks while Danielle Siedz scored four, had five assists and six steals.

"We played a much better game than last time," Coach Rosie Marano of Clarenceville said. "We had a great team effort. We had great hustle and good effort."

HURON VALLEY 41, LIGHT & LIFE 23: Sara Tacia scored 18 points and got 11 rebounds to pace visiting Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Stacie Graves added nine points as the Hawks wound up their regular season with a 7-13 record Tuesday night, beating a team which entered the game at 10-9.

Taylor Light & Life eased to a 9-7 lead after the first quarter and still clung to a 15-14 margin at halftime.

But Huron Valley blitzed Light & Life with a 12-2 third quarter and added a 15-6 fourth to ring up the decisive win. Lauren O'Malley paced the losers with seven points.



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BEST GIRLS SWIM TIMES

Following are the best girls swim times and diving scores by Observerland athletes. Coaches should report updates to Dan O'Meara by calling (313) 953-2141 or by faxing information to (313) 591-7279.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 1:50.33
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:52.70
North Farmington 1:52.92
Plymouth Salem 1:54.31
Farmington Harrison 1:56.30

200 FREESTYLE

Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:56.27
Julie Kern (Stevenson) 1:57.14
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 1:58.42
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:58.78
Meghan Mocerri (Stevenson) 1:58.98
Betsy Lambert (Mercy) 2:00.08
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 2:00.13
Lindsay Fellers (Harrison) 2:00.46
Hannah Pawlewicz (N. Farm.) 2:00.72
Christina Mocerri (Ladywood) 2:00.83

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 2:09.50
Lindsay Fellers (Harrison) 2:12.15
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:13.55
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 2:14.55
Julie Kern (Stevenson) 2:15.18
Hannah Pawlewicz (N. Farmington) 2:15.43
Becky Noechel (Stevenson) 2:16.98
Christina Mocerri (Ladywood) 2:17.00
Adrienne Turri (Stevenson) 2:18.13
Meghan Mocerri (Stevenson) 2:19.21

50 FREESTYLE

Hannah Pawlewicz (N. Farm.) 24.38
Jordyn Godfroid (Stevenson) 24.96
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 25.07
Adrienne Turri (Stevenson) 25.22
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 25.40
Christina Mocerri (Ladywood) 25.40
Dona Schwalm (Harrison) 25.43
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 25.45
Carrie Dzialo (Salem) 25.55
Cheri Farber (N. Farmington) 25.56

DIVING

Laurel Dolin (Stevenson) 254.00
Becca Gould (Mercy) 243.15
Katy Ballantine (Stevenson) 226.60
Jennie Marchand (John Glenn) 224.70
Jamee Pullum (Mercy) 218.75
Michelle Wallon (Salem) 211.40
Katie Braine (Mercy) 206.05
Nikki Hagmann (Churchill) 195.50
Jennifer Dewaele (Harrison) 189.25
Kelli Dodd (Churchill) 182.50

100 BUTTERFLY

Hannah Pawlewicz (N. Farm.) 58.88
Erin Downs (Mercy) 59.91
Julie Kern (Stevenson) 1:00.71
Teri Hanson (Canton) 1:00.90
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 1:00.96
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:01.28
Adrienne Turri (Stevenson) 1:02.02
Marta McKenzie (Stevenson) 1:02.71
Jenny MacDonald (Mercy) 1:02.75
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:02.94

100 FREESTYLE

Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 53.75
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 54.68
Julie Kern (Stevenson) 54.99
Christina Mocerri (Ladywood) 55.35
Dona Schwalm (Harrison) 55.35
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 55.60
Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 55.61
Adrienne Turri (Stevenson) 55.63
Lindsay Fellers (Harrison) 56.05
Hannah Pawlewicz (N. Farm.) 56.20

500 FREESTYLE

Julie Kern (Stevenson) 5:05.41
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 5:10.29
Meghan Mocerri (Stevenson) 5:15.88
Julie Kluka (Harrison) 5:17.78
Christina Mocerri (Ladywood) 5:18.09
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 5:18.32
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 5:23.13
Lindsay Fellers (Harrison) 5:23.46
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 5:24.54
Betsy Lambert (Mercy) 5:24.91

200 FREESTYLE RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 1:39.80

North Farmington 1:41.50
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:42.09
Plymouth Salem 1:43.65
Livonia Churchill 1:46.80

100 BACKSTROKE

Adrienne Turri (Stevenson) 59.46
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:00.18
Lindsay Dolin (Stevenson) 1:01.31
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:01.63
Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 1:02.02
Marta McKenzie (Stevenson) 1:03.11
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:03.26
Katie Callan (Mercy) 1:03.37
Cheri Farber (N. Farmington) 1:03.61
Christina Mocerri (Ladywood) 1:03.75

100 BREASTSTROKE

Lindsay Fellers (Harrison) 1:07.36
Jordyn Godfroid (Stevenson) 1:09.77
Neyra Alver (N. Farmington) 1:10.21
Marta McKenzie (Stevenson) 1:10.59
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:11.57
Katie Bonner (Salem) 1:11.71
Becky Noechel (Stevenson) 1:12.17
McKenzie Mayne (Mercy) 1:13.09
Jennifer Bendick (N. Farmington) 1:13.15
Tina Cavicchioli (Farmington) 1:13.88

400 FREESTYLE RELAY

Farmington Hills Mercy 3:38.82
Livonia Stevenson 3:42.37
Farmington Harrison 3:44.06
Plymouth Salem 3:49.68
North Farmington 3:55.54

WESTERN LAKES GIRLS SWIM MEET RESULTS

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Nov. 6-8 at Plymouth Salem

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 653.5 points; 2. Plymouth Salem, 427; 3. North Farmington, 377; 4. Walled Lake, 265; 5. Farmington Harrison, 258; 6. Northville, 247; 7. Livonia Churchill, 212.5; 8. Plymouth Canton, 199; 9. Farmington, 162; 10. Westland John Glenn, 105; 11. Livonia Franklin, 72.

FINAL RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Adrienne Turri, Jordyn Godfroid, Marti McKenzie, Jessica Makowski), 1:50.33 (meet record); 2. N. Farmington, 1:52.92; 3. Salem, 1:54.31; 4. (tie) Walled Lake, Harrison, 1:56.30; 6. Northville, 1:56.35; 7. Canton, 2:00.11; 8. Farmington, 2:01.09; 9. Churchill, 2:02.91; 10. John Glenn, 2:11.03; 11. Franklin, 2:18.09.

200 freestyle: 1. Julie Kern (LS), 1:57.64; 2. Meghan Mocerri (LS), 1:58.98; 3. Angela Simetkosky (LC), 2:00.13; 4. Julie Kluka (FH), 2:01.16; 5. Lorissa McKay (PS), 2:02.56; 6. Adrienne Doyle (LC), 2:03.97; 7. Meghan Lesnau (LS), 2:03.59; 8. Audrey Hala (PS), 2:04.56; 9. Jessica Hala (PS), 2:05.8; 10. Kathryn Latva (PS), 2:06.26; 11. Lindsay Dolin (LS), 2:08.57; 12. Sue Fanning (PC), 2:08.79.

200 individual medley: 1. Lindsay Fellers (FH), 2:12.15; 2. Katie Clark (LS), 2:13.56; 3. Becky Noechel (LS), 2:16.98; 4. Karen Mathie (F), 2:19.63; 5. Kristen Warnke (N), 2:21.06; 6. Jaclyn Bernard (PC), 2:26.50; 7. Neyra Alver (NF), 2:21.81; 8. Lindsay Hartz (PS), 2:23.28; 9. Katie Bonner (PS), 2:23.53; 10. Kristin Derwich (LC), 2:25.67; 11. Sarah Rogers (PS), 2:25.89; 12. Karl Foust (PS), 2:26.59.

50 freestyle: 1. Laura Kaznecki (WL), 24.19 (meet record); 2. Hannah Pawlewicz (NF), 24.38; 3. Jordyn Godfroid (LS), 24.96; 4. Dona Schwalm (FH), 25.43; 5. Carrie Dzialo (PS), 25.55; 6. Cheri Farber (NF), 25.56; 7. Megan Sparling (WL), 25.61; 8. Stephanie Sabo (N), 25.74; 10. Danielle Williams (WL), 25.91; 11. Kathleen Kelly (PS), 26.3; 12. Kristen Stone (WJG), 26.37.

Diving: 1. Dayna Azzopardi (WL), 461.45 points; 2. Laurel Dolin (LS), 440.5; 3. Toyna McCarty (WL), 418.965; 4. Katy Ballantine (LS), 409.3; 5. Karen Fischer (N), 377.35; 6. Erin Stawara (LS), 336.25; 7. Elizabeth Stoler (NF), 333.3; 8. Michelle Kain (LS), 324.75; 9. Shiloh Wint (LF), 317.2; 10. Jennie Marchand (WJ), 314.7; 11. (tie) Nikki Hagmann (LC) and Kelly Finne (LS), 313.4 each.

100 butterfly: 1. Hannah Pawlewicz (NF), 59.50; 2. Katie Clark (LS), 1:00.96; 3. Kristen Warnke (NV), 1:01.88; 4. Maria McKenzie (LS), 1:02.71; 5. Lauren Turner (NF), 1:03.18; 6. Lindsay Hartz (PS), 1:03.31; 7. Lorissa McKay (PS), 1:04.01; 8. Alice Callan (N), 1:04.57; 9. Kristen Burke (NF), 1:04.87; 10. Taylor Good (FH), 1:05.87; 11. Kristen Kalymon (PC), 1:06.07; 12. Kristin Derwich (LC), 1:06.44.

100 freestyle: 1. Dona Schwalm (FH), 55.35; 2. Megan Sparling (WL), 55.40; 3. Adrienne Turri (LS), 55.63; 4. Tara Grider (NF), 56.68; 5. Jessica Makowski (LS), 57.26; 6. Carrie Dzialo (PS), 57.69; 7. Kristen Stone (WJG), 58.81; 8. Jaclyn Bernard (PC), 58.83; 9. Sandra Taylor (PS), 58.7; 10. Kathleen Kelly (PS), 59.41; 11. Danielle Williams (WL), 59.91; 12. Taylor Good (FH), 1:00.36.

500 freestyle: 1. Julie Kern (LS), 5:05.41 (meet record); 2. Meghan Mocerri (LS), 5:15.88; 3. Julie Kluka (FH), 5:17.78; 4. Angela Simetkosky (LC), 5:23.13; 5. Adrienne Doyle (LS), 5:26.31; 6. Meghan Lesnau (LS), 5:27.19; 7. Stephanie Sabo (N), 5:28.94; 8. Jessica Hala (PS), 5:32.21; 9. Annie Jacobs (NF), 5:33.6; 10. Sarah Rogers (PS), 5:35.88; 11. Audrey Hala (PS), 5:42.83; 12. Kristel Mathie (Farm.), 5:44.52.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Katie Clark, Jordyn Godfroid, Julie Kern, Marti McKenzie), 1:50.33 (meet record); 2. Walled Lake, 1:51.1; 3. North Farmington, 1:54.5; 4. Plymouth Salem, 1:43.65; 5. Plymouth Canton, 1:47.44; 6. Northville, 1:47.88; 7. Churchill,

1:48.8; 8. John Glenn, 1:49.39; 9. Farmington, 1:50.04; 10. Harrison, 1:51.67; 11. Franklin, 1:53.78.

100 backstroke: 1. Laura Kaznecki (WL), 58.64; 2. Adrienne Turri (LS), 1:00.83; 3. Lindsay Dolin (LS), 1:01.31; 4. Maria McKenzie (LS), 1:03.11; 5. Cheri Farber (NF), 1:03.61; 6. Tara Grider (NF), 1:03.78; 7. Jessica Makowski (LS), 1:04.21; 8. Karl Foust (PS), 1:04.24; 9. Karen Mathie (Farm.), 1:05.41; 10. Leah Voytal (N), 1:05.67; 11. Stephanie Tylor (PS), 1:06.89; 12. Meagan Dowd (PC), 1:08.13.

100 breaststroke: 1. Lindsay Fellers (FH), 1:07.36; 2. Neyra Alver (NF), 1:10.21; 3. Jordyn Godfroid (LS), 1:10.59; 4. Marti McKenzie (LS), 1:11.51; 5. Katie Bonner (PS), 1:11.71; 6. Jennifer Bendick (NF), 1:13.15; 7. Becky Noechel (LS), 1:12.17; 8. Tina Cavicchioli (Farm.), 1:13.88; 9. Alice Callan (N), 1:15.73; 10. Melissa D'Arcy (Farm.), 1:16.48; 11. Elizabeth Huif (LS), 1:16.97; 12. Erin Rogala (PC), 1:17.21.

400-yard freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Julie Kern, Jessica Makowski, Meghan Mocerri, Adrienne Turri), 3:42.78; 2. Farmington Harrison, 3:44.06; 3. Northville, 3:49.27; 4. Plymouth Salem, 3:49.86; 5. North Farmington, 3:56.17; 6. Livonia Churchill, 3:56.38; 7. Farmington, 4:02.09; 8. Walled Lake, 4:02.59; 9. Canton, 4:03.92; 10. John Glenn, 4:08.23; 11. Franklin, 4:19.88.

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Whalers gain major road victory; 5-player deal strengthens defense



The Plymouth Whalers made their long trip north Sunday to play the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds — after a home game against the Sarnia Sting Saturday night — worthwhile by collecting a 4-1 victory.

Together with Saturday's 2-2 tie against the Sting, the Whalers improved to 10-6-2 (22 points) in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division, three points behind first-place London and one in back of second-place Erie.

First-period goals by Andrew Taylor and Harold Druken got the Whalers off to a 2-0 start against the Greyhounds Sunday. Druken's second goal of the game made it 3-0 8:42 into the third period; Sault Ste. Marie cut the deficit to one before David Legwand's goal clinched it for Plymouth.

Legwand also had an assist, and Joel Trottier collected two assists. Robert Esche made 32 saves in goal for the Whalers.

On Saturday, a power-play goal by Sarnia's Andrew Proskurnicki — his second of the game — with 3:05 left in

the game forged a 2-2 tie.

Legwand and Yuri Babenko scored Plymouth's goals, Legwand's tying the game at 1-1 early in the second period and Babenko's giving the Whalers a 2-1 lead with 15:13 left in the third.

Stevie Lyle made 24 saves in goal for Plymouth.

Big trade

In a major five-player trade, the Whalers sent recently acquired right wing Joel Trottier, defenseman Jason Lawmaster (from Westland), and fourth-round and seventh-round choices in the 1998 draft to the Belleville Bulls

for defenseman Nikos Tselios and Ryan Crowther, right wing Nick Young and the Bulls 1998 ninth round draft selection.

For Plymouth, Tselios must be considered the key to the trade. He was a first-round pick of the Carolina Hurricanes in last spring NHL Entry Draft. In 20 games for Belleville, he had two goals and 10 assists for 12 points.

A 6-foot-4, 190-pounder, Tselios is a cousin of NHL perennial all-star Chris Chelios of the Chicago Blackhawks. Crowther played 16 games for Belleville, recording one assist; Young

has not yet played.

Trottier was playing in the American Hockey League when the Whalers signed him Oct. 17. In 10 games, he collected four goals and six assists for 10 points.

Lawmaster had two goals and five assists, and he led Plymouth with 86 penalty minutes in 17 games.

"Joel (Trottier) was in a situation where he wanted to be closer to home," said Whalers' associate coach Greg Stefan. "We felt it was important to our team to honor his request. We acquired a first-rate defenseman in Tselios."

COLLEGE SPORTS

Crusaders tied for 1st

In one of its best performances of the year, and certainly when it was most needed, Madonna University's volleyball team clubbed Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference front-runner Cornerstone College 15-6, 15-7, 15-10 Saturday at Madonna.

That victory, combined with their 15-17, 15-7, 15-12, 16-14 triumph at Aquinas College Tuesday, pushed the Lady Crusaders' WHAC record to 10-2 — tying them for first place with Cornerstone.

Madonna's offense against the Golden Eagles Saturday was paced by Karin Sisung, with 11 kills (and a .364 kill percentage), and Brandy Malewski (from Redford Thurston), with 10 kills (.444). Sisung also had six digs, while Malewski contributed five digs, three solo blocks and three block assists.

Sisung's performance netted her WHAC player of the week honors. In two conference wins (not including Aquinas), she had 36 kills, 26 digs and two service aces.

Other standouts against Cornerstone were Erin Gregoire with nine kills (.261) and a team-best eight digs; Nicole Scharrer with seven kills (.583) and four block assists; and Deanne Helson with 37 37 assists to kills and six digs.

The two conference wins pushed Madonna's record to 29-13. Cornerstone slipped to 30-10 with the loss.

Also last Saturday, the Crusaders lost to visiting Hillsdale College 15-4, 15-9, 16-5 in a non-league match. Malewski's 14 kills (.357) and three solo blocks were among the few Madonna highlights.

Sisung chipped in with nine kills and 10 digs, and both Gregoire and Rayna Vert added six kills, with Gregoire also getting 18 digs. Helson had 33 assists to kills and eight digs.

SC falls in semifinals

Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team went about as far as its new coach, Bill Tolstedt, could have hoped for.

The Lady Ocelots were eliminated from the NJCAA District G Women's Soccer Tournament, which they hosted last weekend, by Meramec CC by a 2-1 count in a double-overtime match Saturday.

Lisa DeShano (from Livonia Franklin) scored SC's only goal.

In the district final Sunday, Lewis and Clark beat Meramec in four overtimes, 1-0, to advance to the NJCAA national tournament in Trenton, N.J.

"This game was the best game we've played all year," said Tolstedt of Saturday's loss to Meramec, which left the Ocelots with a 6-8-1 final-season record. "From a technical and tactical skills viewpoint, everything blended together well for us."

On Friday, SC beat Northern Oklahoma 3-1 to advance to Saturday's semifinal. DeShano, Jenny Worley and Lisa Tolstedt scored goals for the Ocelots.

"We were a little nervous, it being our first district game," said the SC coach. "But we took control. It was not our best game, but it was a convincing victory."

Lewis and Clark advanced to the semifinals with a 2-0 win over Collego of DuPage.

"I think we finished strong. The girls did a wonderful job coming together," said Tolstedt.

SC was 5-2 over in the last half of the season.

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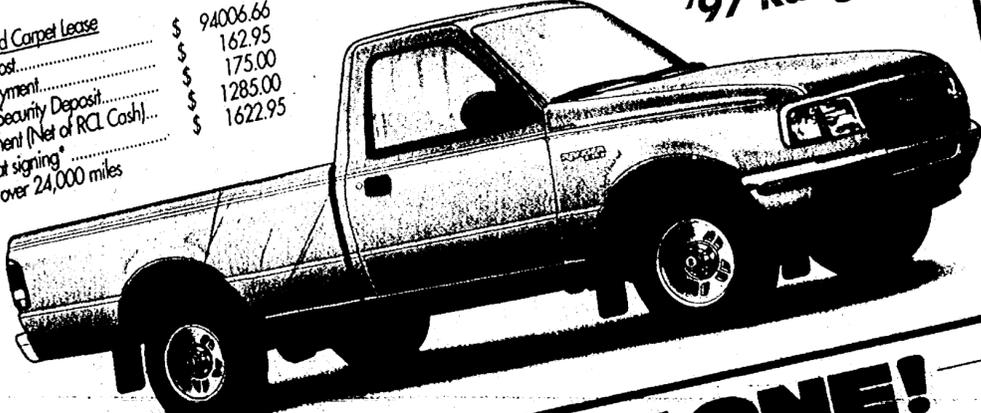
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Hubbard Street Dance performs 8 p.m. at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit. Tickets \$35, \$30, and \$25, (248) 645-6666 or (313) 963-2366.

SATURDAY



Platinum-selling Italian musician Franco Bastelli will headline The Puglia Club of Michigan's fundraiser which also features Pino Marelli and the Quid as entertainment, a four-course dinner and ballroom dancing, 6:30 p.m. at the San Marino Club, 1685 E. Big Beaver (between John R and Rochester roads), Troy. Tickets are \$55, (810) 979-0759, (810) 247-1995 or (248) 524-9281.

SUNDAY



Paint Creek Folklore Society presents Peter "Madcat" Ruth and Shari Kane 6 p.m. in the Rochester Hills home of Phil and Althea Doolittle. Tickets \$10, reserved, (248) 375-2513.



Hot tip: Native American dancers in full regalia will perform at the fifth annual Native American Festival and Mini Pow Wow, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 15-16 at the Novi Expo Center, (248) 352-0990.

STONES

ONLY GUILTY OF PERSEVERANCE

BY TODD WICKS
STAFF WRITER

It's not easy to defend the Rolling Stones. The list of the band's alleged crimes against good taste is endless: Its members are very unattractive. Some of the lyrics to its songs are rude. Each one of them, from international-playboy singer Mick Jagger to grumpy, grandfatherly drummer Charlie Watts, is filthy rich. It made some mediocre albums in the '80s. Guitarist Ronnie Wood's speech is sometimes a little garbled. Jagger's lips are huge. He may or may not have slept with David Bowie once in the '70s. Guitarist Keith Richards used to do a lot of drugs. He should be dead by now.

Oh yes - they're old, too. OK, so almost every one of the above allegations is indisputably true. No matter. All of the late-night talk-show hosts in the world can make all the lame Keith Richards

jokes they want, but they simply cannot stop this band. Yes, its members are all wrinkled British millionaires who look like old ladies yet continue to strut about onstage in football stadiums around the world for thousands of adoring fans each night and get paid a king's ransom to do so.

Of course they do. They are the Rolling Stones - The Greatest Rock 'n' Roll Band in the World.

It's been 34 years since the Stones' career took off in the sweaty underground clubs of '60s London. Since then it has weathered internal bickering, drug busts, the death of one band member, the resignations of two, slumping album sales, critical slugging and whole tabloids' worth of marital strife. Yet somehow, the band has survived into a fourth decade of existence and are on yet another concert tour, "Bridges to Babylon," which visits the Pontiac Silverdome on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

In examining its soap opera-like saga, it's easy to forget that the Stones invented stadium-sized rock as a live spectacle. In concert, the group is one of the few remaining that knows the secrets of working cold, impersonal venues full of fans into a frenzy night after night. The "Bridges" show continues that tradition, expand-

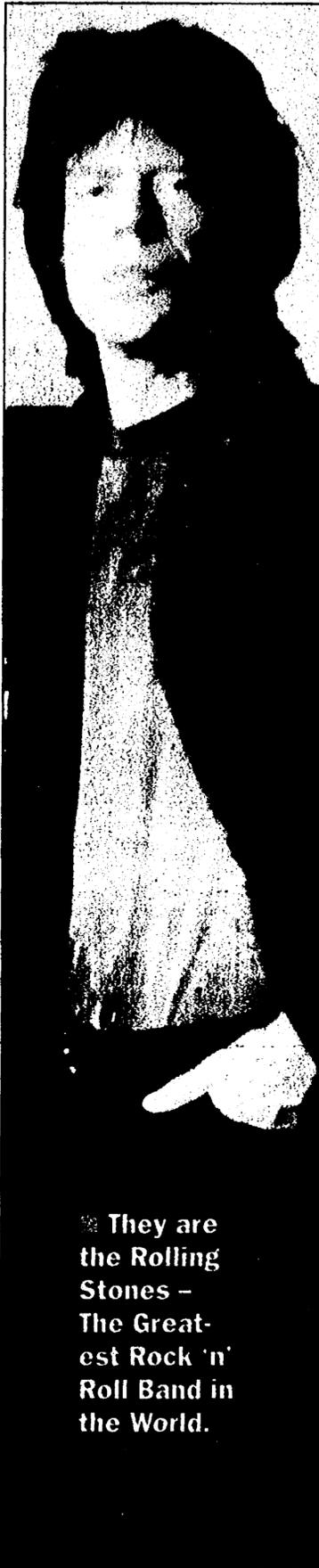
- Who: Rolling Stones and special guest Third Eye Blind
- What: Perform
- When: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2
- Where: The Pontiac Silverdome, 1200 Featherstone, Pontiac
- How: Tickets, \$39.50 and \$62, still available at Ticketmaster outlets and The Pontiac Silverdome box office. For more information, call (248) 645-6666.

Here are some of the songs the Stones have been performing regularly in its 22-song sets on the "Bridges to Babylon" tour so far:

- All About You
- Anybody Seen My Baby?
- Bitch
- Brown Sugar
- Crazy Mama
- Dead Flowers
- Flip the Switch
- Gimme Shelter
- Honky Tonk Women
- It's Only Rock 'n' Roll
- Jumpin' Jack Flash
- Let's Spend the Night Together
- Little Queenie
- Miss You
- 19th Nervous Breakdown
- Out of Control
- Rock and a Hard Place
- Satisfaction
- Sister Morphine
- Start Me Up
- Symphony for the Devil
- The Last Time
- Tumbling Dice
- Wanna Hold You
- You Can't Always Get What You Want
- You Got Me Rocking

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They are the Rolling Stones - The Greatest Rock 'n' Roll Band in the World.

Mick Jagger

Rosemary Clooney has local fans

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

When Larry Teevens, music director at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, invited Rosemary Clooney to "Come On-a My House," she did, and helped the school by performing in two benefit concerts. The first was Oct. 7, 1988, at Orchestra Hall in Detroit, the second March 10, 1992 at Mercy High School. On that day, the school renamed its auditorium - The Rosemary Clooney Auditorium - in her honor.

Clooney is coming to Detroit, Nov. 13-16 to perform with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Orchestra Hall. Mercy High School's show choir - the Mercyairees - won't be performing with her this time, as they have in the past, but Teevens said their thoughts will be with her. Clooney got married on Friday to her longtime acquaintance, Dante Di Paolo, and the Mercyairees are rehearsing their traditional wedding "Ave Maria," in hopes that they will sing it for her while she's in town.

"She's an easy person to like," said Teevens who was a singer on the Betty Clooney Show, hosted by Rosemary's sister Betty. He'd met Rosemary before in Chicago.

In 1984 when Rosemary needed a choir to sing with her at a Christmas Show she was presenting at the Premiere Center on metro Detroit's east side she called another friend, trumpeter Johnny Trudell of Redford, who put her in touch with Teevens. "I've known Larry for a number of years," said Trudell. "He's a great vocal coach. Rosemary loved the girls." The Mercyairees is a group of 20 girls who sing and dance. They audition for the chance to join the group, which is an extracurricular activity.

"She was really charmed by the gals,"

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Rosemary Clooney

In Concert

■ Who: Guest vocalist Rosemary Clooney joins conductors Leslie B. Dunner and John Oddo, and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

■ When: 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13; 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14-15; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16.

■ Where: Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit.

■ Tickets: \$42 to \$13 (box seats \$60), call (313) 833-3700.

The Mercyairees upcoming concerts:

• Mercy High School Open House - 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16. Rosemary Clooney Auditorium at Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

• Mercy High School Christmas Concert - 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. Rosemary Clooney Auditorium.

• Livonia Mall - 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13. The mall is at the corner of Seven Mile Road and Middlebelt.

THEATER

Ex-rocker works at mature role

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Those who remember Mark Finnell as a singer with the local heavy metal band Seduce or the Fans might be surprised at how hard he's working to appear mature.

Finnell, 36, is playing the 80-year-old patriarch of a Neapolitan family in the Hilberry Theatre production of Eduardo de Filippo's "Saturday, Sunday, Monday," opening Friday.

"One of the biggest challenges is pulling off that maturity and making it believable," Finnell said. "I will be going to some Italian American clubs, and if they don't mind, I hope to hang around and talk to some of these guys to get an idea."

Finnell, who grew up in Farmington Hills and is a graduate of Farmington High School, began his interest in entertaining as a singer in several Detroit rock and roll bands from 1980 to 1987. He played local clubs and even talked about playing with the Tubes but nothing developed.

"I said that's enough of the rock and roll, it's too dependent on other people,"

he said.

After moving to California and spending time driving a linen truck, Finnell decided to go back to school. He got his bachelor's degree at West Virginia University where he was active in their theater program. He auditioned and was accepted at Wayne State University and other schools.

"I chose Wayne because it's the only graduate repertory company in the country," he said. "I like their philosophy that you get more from your education by performing."

This is Finnell's third year and he's been performing a lot. He is currently appearing in repertory in "The Lady's Not for Burning" as the town mayor and will be performing in the upcoming production of John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" as the elderly Candy, while continuing in the Italian comedy.

Finnell plays Antonio, a retired hat-maker who is always grabbing everyone's hat. While not quite senile, he has adopted odd mannerisms.

"He has more depth than just being grumpy, but he does have that grumpy

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Mark Finnell

Italian comedy "Saturday, Sunday, Monday"

- Where: Hilberry Theatre at Wayne State University
- When: In repertory, Nov. 14 through Jan. 30. Performance times are 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. on selected Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- Tickets: \$10-\$17. For reservations, call the box office at (313) 577-2972, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Ties to St. Dunstan's last a lifetime

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

From the time she was a teeny, tiny baby, St. Dunstan's Theatre has been kind of a second home for Laura Raisch who is directing both of her parents in the musical "70, Girls, 70," which opens the guild's season on Friday.

"She has been very gentle when people make mistakes, she's very thorough, but she finally stomped on us because not all of us knew our lines," said her mother, Susie, who is cast as Edna in the show. Laura's father, Bob, designed the set, and plays banjo in the show - he's Banjo Bob.

Mother, father and daughter last appeared together on the St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild stage 10 years ago in "Oklahoma!" Laura and Susie were dancers, and Bob played banjo.

Susie introduced Laura to the theater shortly after birth. "She was born in March, and I was



STAFF PHOTO BY JEFF KIESSEL

rehearsing for 'Brigadoon,' which opened in May," said Susie. "She grew up in the theater."

While her parents worked on shows, Susie and her brother and two sisters explored the theater, and Cranbrook grounds. "It shaped my imagination," said Laura who has her own floral business. "I loved being backstage, and watching the people. I joined the guild when I turned

Rehearsing: Susie Raisch (Edna, left to right), Bill Everson (Harry), Barbara Brown (Gert), and Fran Hayes (Ida) practice a song and dance number.

18. I've been there all of my life. When you grow up at St. Dunstan's it's just magic."

This is the first time Raisch is directing at St. Dunstan's. Roberta Campion of Southfield is the choreographer, and Barbara Gowans is the music director.

Throughout the years Raisch mostly performed as a dancer in

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ing on the sets, technology and performance standards that helped make the Stones' 1994-1995 "Voodoo Lounge" the highest-grossing tour ever.

This time out, the stage production has an elegant Babylonian theme, featuring plenty of gold decorations and two reclining-concubine inflatables. However, the true treat here is the cutting-edge concert technology, especially the crisp, high-definition video screen that provides feature-film-quality footage to concertgoers in the nosebleed seats. The band also reportedly invested millions into a new crystal-clear sound system that is garnering raves in other cities and should cut through the notoriously muddy Silverdome acoustics.

All of these features are fine for attendees who expect a bit of spectacle with their stadium shows, but the main attractions here are the Stones, and the shocking truth that its members are in peak form. This tour and "Voodoo Lounge" have both visually and musically overshadowed the band's overrated, uneven performances from its much-ballyhooed late '60s/early '70s golden age.

Jagger has thankfully cut down on the onstage athletics and abandoned sprinting from one side of the stage to the other, instead concentrating on the gyrating stage moves that were

always the best thing about the Stones live. Richards is still the ragged heart of the band, providing a grainy, slashing guitar that ignites its sound as well as loads of high kicks and cool moves. Although he looks as bored as ever, Watts' drumming is the epitome of taste, while Wood's solos are as spiky as his trademark haircut. Complemented by a horn section, backup singers and keyboardist Chuck Leavell, the Stones' 1997 sound is punchy and lean.

The set list leans a bit heavily on time-tested Jagger/Richards warhorses. On the Internet, hard-core fans have been clamoring for the satisfying mix of rarities, new material and oldies performed nightly on the "Voodoo Lounge" tour, but the "Bridges" set list has steadily improved and diversified since its late-September debut.

In a nod to those hardcore fans, the Stones have devoted the 10th song of each night's show to the winner of a Cyber-vote on the band's website. Internet surfers who visit it can cast their vote for one of nearly a dozen Stones rarities, the winning song of which is performed live that night. The 10th-song winners have ranged far and wide throughout the tour, and the resulting rusty-but-fun renditions of some rarely heard gems as "Star Star" and "Waiting On a Friend" have become one of

the show's many highlights.

As always, the show climaxes with an unbeatable half-hour of Stones classics, still potent enough to rouse even the grumpiest fifty-something who has been complaining about the dancing teenagers in front of him throughout the concert. No other band today boasts as diverse a following agewise as the Stones, who never fail to charm the younger set with their sleazy, wink-and-a-nod charms as well as reaffirm the longtime devotion of its older fans.

To prepare for the show, concertgoers should pick up the Stones' latest album, "Bridges to Babylon" (Virgin). Forget those recycled reviews about "their best album since 'Some Girls'" — "Bridges" is brimming with vital, clattering rock 'n' roll, another four-star album that dashes the popular notion of the band as complacent elder statesmen.

The Stones prove yet again that age doesn't really matter if you still want to rock — you just have to be stubbornly graceless doing it. The tour is a potent reminder that the Stones have learned far more than just how to make headlines during their decades of non-stop recording and touring. Somewhere along the line the Stones members became masters of their art form — and nowhere is that fact more evident than on the "Bridges to Babylon" concert stage.

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St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild

What: Opens its 66th season 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14 with "70, Girls, 70." Additional shows 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16; 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21-22.
Where: St. Dunstan's Theatre on Lone Pine Road (near Cranbrook Road), Bloomfield Hills. Complimentary parking at Christ Church Cranbrook, shuttle service to theater.
Tickets: \$15, students under 18 and seniors over 65, \$12; call (248) 644-0527.

the shows, but she did her share of work back stage too with the other members.

"70, Girls, 70" with music by John Kander, lyrics by Fred Ebb, based on the book by Fred Ebb and Norman L. Martin is described in the program "as a celebration of age, filled with toe-tapping music, and jaunty humor."

Only five of the 21 cast members are below the age of 40. Most of the cast members are in their 60s, and for Laura, who is only 33, this presents a challenge.

"I've been going to restaurants to watch older people, to see how they walk, how they dress, and listen to them talk," she said. "I think older people are far more interesting than younger. Life experience makes you more interesting."

"70, Girls, 70" takes place in a hotel where older people on fixed incomes live. "A member of the group leaves, but she comes back dressed in a beautiful mink coat, jewels, the works," said Raisch. "She's been shoplifting," said Campion. "And convinces her friends to be part of it so they'll have money to help people."

They want to make their rundown hotel a beautiful place to live, bring in old folks off the street and give them a nicer place to live, too.

As the play unfolds, the characters explain what it's like to be old and talk about death. "You have to grab life, hold onto it, live it," said Raisch. "It doesn't matter what your age is."

Raisch has enjoyed directing the show. "They've been supportive and listened and performed to my expectations," she said about the cast. "They've been very kind in helping."

With upbeat music and a variety of dance styles "everything you can think of from tango to tap dance," said Campion. "This is a basically funny show with some tender moments."

Susie and Bob Raisch joined St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild in 1953 after being introduced to the theater by Bob's former history teacher at Cranbrook, Richard Hintermeister.

The Raisches count him among the lifelong friends they've made at St. Dunstan's. Ann Smith, who is serving as president of St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild, joined in 1955, and gave her husband, Wendell, a membership for

Father's Day.

"I joined to meet people," she said. "I knew no one when I moved here to teach at the old Baldwin School. It has meant so much in my life, making friends and being part of the community. It has enriched my life and made me so much more aware of the workings of the theater."

She said the group draws people from all over. "Once they hear of us they come back, even though we're tucked away on Lone Pine Road." You can call the box office, (248) 644-0527 for membership information.

Smith retired from Quarton Elementary School in June. "Being involved in theater takes you out of your work or neighborhood group. You learn from other people," she said.

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild enjoys entertaining people in the community, but also helping them too.

"We have a wonderful theater, and we need to give more of ourselves," said Laura Raisch.

Volunteers are bringing a group of senior citizens from a nearby nursing home to a dress rehearsal so they can see the show. On Thanksgiving Day morning they'll be at parade headquarters putting make-up on the 100 members of the Distinguished Clown Corps of which Bob Raisch is a member.

Half of the proceeds from "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf," a children's show to be presented in December, will be given to the Goodfellows.

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said Teevens. They had a lot in common. Clooney attended Our Lady of Mercy High School in Cincinnati.

Clooney invited the Mercyairens to perform with her in Buffalo, New York, in 1985. They performed with Mel Torme May 18-21, 1990, at the Fox Theatre, and in 1991 with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Ford Auditorium.

"She liked the sound the girls had, and the girls were impressed by her," said Teevens. "She's a big star, and they enjoyed having the opportunity to perform with her."

Money raised from the benefit concerts was used to renovate

Mercy High School's 1,200-seat auditorium. There's a new sound system, new seat covers and curtains.

"It's a civic auditorium, and available to other groups," said Teevens. The Detroit Youththeatre presents productions there, and the DSO hosts its Tiny Tot concert series at the auditorium.

A new generation is discovering Rosemary Clooney.

"It's her stubborn adherence to good taste," said Teevens. "She sings very straight lyrics and melodies. She has never altered her way of singing. She's finding new fans with the same style."

Clooney began her career in 1945 singing duets with Betty

for WLW Radio in Cincinnati, and with local bands. In 1947 they joined bandleader Tony Pastor as "The Clooney Sisters," and made their debut at The Steel Pier in Atlantic City.

After two years, Betty returned to Cincinnati, and Rosemary headed to New York, which led to a recording contract with Columbia Records.

In 1995 she celebrated her 50th year singing professionally by producing "Demi-Centennial," a tribute album.

"She's a grand lady," said Teevens. "She's been through a lot of tough times, but she persevered."

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side," Finnell said.

Finnell said the company gives theatergoers a chance to see all the company members perform as an ensemble. He said it's a pleasure working with this company.

"Saturday, Sunday, Monday" explores the life of a middle class Neapolitan family. Mama Rosa (Mary Vinette) is the power behind the family. Her husband, Peppino (Bret Tuomi), shows many of the traditional Neapolitan male characteristics: love of family, strength of character and stubbornness. There are feuds, romance and comedy.

As in all Italian families, food plays a central part. As the play progresses, Mama Rosa prepares a ragu (sauce) on stage.

"Actually they saute garlic and onions on stage and people will

be very hungry when they leave the theater," Finnell said.

Not everyone will go away unsatisfied. Two free dinners will be given away during every performance of "Saturday, Sunday, Monday." Theatergoers will register in the lobby during intermission and winners will be announced before the start of Act III. Restaurants participating include in Jimmy's in Grosse Pointe, all Chiantis, Mario's, T.J., the Whitney and Rhinoceros.

Finnell has some experience with Italian cooking. He once worked as a prep cook at a restaurant. But he is also interested in gourmet cooking, learning many ideas and terms while working at the Merchant of Vino.

"I tend toward French country and Italian dishes," he said. "With my current schedule,

though, a lot of my cooking is just throwing things together."

Finnell said his two older brothers are good cooks and family get-togethers often involve discussions of food.

Finnell is serious about pursuing his acting career, which he sees as an extension of his early rock and roll.

"People in the old Detroit music scene always thought I was into the theatrical thing, Alice Cooper and the Tubes. I never thought of myself as a singer but more as a front man performer. That definitely led me into acting," he said.

Finnell plans to relocate to Los Angeles or Chicago and pursue theater and film roles.

"I'm in it for the long haul," he said.



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THEATER

'1940s Radio Hour' brings back memories

The Players Guild of Dearborn present "1940s Radio Hour" 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 14-15, and 21-22, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 16 and 23, at the playhouse, 21730 Madison (near Monroe and Outer Drive), Dearborn, \$12. (313) 561-TKTS.

BY TAMI TABACCHI
SPECIAL WRITER

Be prepared to enter the glorious days of radio, big band, and swing at the Players Guild of Dearborn as they perform "The 1940s Radio Hour" by Walton Jones. Filled with time-honored songs and lots of hilarious moments, this show is simply fun, fun, fun.

The show begins with an introduction to the cast and crew of the New York radio station, WOV. It's Dec. 21, 1942 and the show "The Mutual Manhattan Variety Cavalcade" is moments from being on the air. With some "mysterious" last minute no-shows and side-splitting mishaps, the performers make due and surprise themselves at the success of the show. From Pops who uses the studio for his side job as a bookie, to the semi-famous Johnny Cantone who has a little too much to drink during his performance, the show is desperately funny, as well as entertaining. The audience gets in on the action as well, from the 50/50

war bond raffle to the "Applause" prompter flashing on either side of the stage.

Not one to disappoint audiences, director and Players Guild veteran Valerie Mangrum (with assistant director Michael Falzon) have put together a talented cast of actors.

Musical director G. Kevin Dewey joins the Players Guild for the first time, bringing his talents from Henry Ford Community College where he is the vocal music instructor and director. The orchestra is seated on stage with Dewey, who is also the piano player Zoot Doubleman. They are a joy to watch and play fluidly throughout the per-

formance, though at times overpower some of the softer voices on stage.

Nancy Valentini must have the ghost of a 1940s radio star in her. Her facial expressions and movements are perfect as Ginger. You won't want to miss her performance of "Blues in the Night." Be sure to watch the hilarious antics of Lou, played by Sergio Mautone as he conducts The Zoot Doubleman Orchestra. As the awkward technician Stanley, Scott Joel Gizicki deserves a comedic star on his forehead, if for nothing more than his walk alone.

Connie and B.J., played by Maria Kovac and Todd Galloway,

are adorable as the young lovers. Orlando Valentini does a nice job as heart-throb Johnny Cantone. In fact, he was so convincing that when the "Applaud" sign flashed for him, audience members were heard breathing heavy female sighs in place of the applause.

As for vocals, Saundra Sanburn is certainly no newcomer to the stage and proves it with her performance of "I Got It Bad and That Ain't Good." Anne Morgan does a lovely job on "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." As for fun tunes, you'll love the corny commercials like Pepsi-Cola and Chiquita Banana. Audiences are sure to tap their

toes as they recognize an array of classic songs such as "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Ain't She Sweet," "Blue Moon," and "That Old Black Magic."

From costumes (led by Sharon Rettich) to the set design (led by Gordon Mosley), the show shouts authenticity. Aside from a few minor technical difficulties and several references to the time of day (despite the obviously non-functional clock hanging in the studio), the Players Guild of Dearborn can be proud of "The 1940s Radio Hour."

If you have a love for swing and long for the days when radio was it, this is a performance you won't want to miss.

The Motor City has its own claims to fame

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

Ever look at a brother or sister who turned out to be a total goof and wonder, "What day did I miss?" Or think about which piece of silverware is the leader of your place setting? (OK, maybe I'm the only person who's ever wondered about that.) Sure, comparisons like these aren't especially productive - who cares what parts of wayward siblings' experience you missed, so long as they're making progress now; and may the fork rule long the Kingdom of Flatware, so long as he rules with benevolence - but sometimes we can't help ourselves.

A particularly spurious comparison made all the time

around here is the Detroit-Chicago corollary. They're both Midwestern, Rust Belt industrial cities with nice waterfronts and lots of professional sports teams. So they should be twins, right?

Of course, they're not. And to the people who make this kind of comparison in the first place, what Detroit really needs are all the things Chicago has - parks along the waterfront, a Picasso, the el and Michael Jordan.

I'll happily throw my lot in with concrete, The Fist, the Davison and Grant Hill, thank you.

Another thing Chicago-philis will tell you is how the Windy City nurtures its local playwrights, a practice which has contributed to an especially strong regional theater that has given such gifts to the art world as the Steppenwolf cast and David Mamet. Well, guess what? The Detroit theater scene is nurturing local playwrights, and tonight on Backstage Pass on

Detroit Public Television, we'll meet Kim Carney, a prolific Motor City playwright.

I spoke with Gary Anders, artistic director of Plowshares Theatre and crack Backstage Pass theater correspondent, about Kim's work. "Kim Carney's a Wayne State graduate who has had a number of works produced around here. She's done a lot with the Purple Rose Theatre Company. Last season it was 'Labor Day.' 'Only Me and You' was in '93 there. Her other work includes 'Bombshells' at the University of Detroit, and later at Boar's Head, a professional theater company in Lansing."

Gary acknowledged that our city has only recently structured programs for playwrights. "Detroit in the last four or five years has begun to think more seriously about the development of its own writers. Purple Rose, Heartlande, JET (The Jewish Ensemble Theatre) and Plow-

shares are the only theaters actively doing play development. That, and they are the only ones who have taken works from workshops to the stage. We really don't have a history of doing that here. Hopefully we're setting a trend. Our intent is to start making people take Detroit theater more seriously, and to serve our constituents by bringing them new writers."

And as Gary and others have created structures to nurture writing talent, people like Kim Carney pay it off with creative productivity. "Kim's a result of the Heartlande project. She became a part of the Purple Rose project because she had successfully gotten things produced through Heartlande's 'Playscape' program."

"Her works almost exclusively focus on female characters. She's regarded as a playwright who takes a serious position on women and presents stories

about them in a humorous, yet touching, fashion." The last time we talked, Gary told me that we'll see better roles for women when more women write for the theater. So Kim Carney - and the programs that allow her and other new voices to emerge - are welcome additions to Detroit's theatrical landscape.

Also on tonight's program, WDET's Nkenge Zola will cross the border to visit "Artseen," an annual exhibition hosted by Windsor's Artcite, a non-profit, artist-run center in its 15th year of presenting contemporary arts in all media. Each year, Artseen allows artists to install their work in non-traditional settings. This year is no different - an out-of-use, turn-of-the-century

Post Office will house the event. Zola tells me Artcite's Artseen mirrors Windsor's art scene. "They do everything, from plastic to native Northern American to contemporary. They're good printmakers, with the Windsor Printmakers Forum. And they're big on education and outreach to stir the public's minds on historical and public issues."

To round things out, Cranbrook's David Rau will visit the Museum of African American History to explore the Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou, and we welcome RCA recording artists Behan Johnson in the studio for a live performance. That's tonight on Backstage Pass at 9:30 on Detroit Public Television, Channel 56.

SINGLES CALENDAR

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BABY BOOMERS SINGLES

"Get Lucky Dance," 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph south of 8 Mile Road, Redford. Fashionable attire, no jeans, ages 30-55; admission \$4; before 8:30 p.m. \$3, call (313) 842-0443.

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"Single Mingle Dance" 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., every Wednesday, at Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph Road, (south of Eight Mile Road), Redford. You must be 21. Fashionable attire. Admis-

sion \$4 or \$3 before 8:30 p.m. (313) 842-0443

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 "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," a comedy written by comedian/actor Steve Martin starring Paul Provenza and Mark Nelson, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13 (\$12.50-\$32.50), 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14 (\$18-\$38), 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 (\$12.50-\$32.50), 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 (\$18-\$38), and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16 (\$12.50-\$32.50), at the theater in the Fisher Building, Detroit. (313) 872-1000

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OPERA

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
 Spend an evening dining on Italian regional cuisine and listening to popular show tunes and Italian, French and Spanish light opera sung at a Schoolcraft College dinner to benefit physical fitness programs and activities, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at the college, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia. The music includes selections from Verdi to Puccini performed by soprano Valerie Yova, tenor Jack Morris, and guitar and vocals from Phil Esser. \$37.50. (313) 462-4417/462-4413

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
 "L'Enfant et Les Sorcières (The Child and the Enchantments)," a two-part opera by Ravel composed in 1925, and "Le Rossignol (The Nightingale)," Stravinsky's three-act opera written in 1914 and based upon a Hans Anderson story, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13-Saturday, Nov. 15, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$14, \$18. All ages. (313) 764-0450

WINDSOR LIGHT OPERA
 "Annie Warbucks," 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14-Saturday, Nov. 15, and Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, and Sunday, Nov. 23, Chrysler Theatre, Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor, Ontario. (800) 387-9181

COLLEGE

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
 "Guys and Dolls," 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4-Saturday, Dec. 8, Quirk Theatre,

103 Quirk, Ypsilanti. \$5 bargain night Thursdays; \$10 general admission Fridays and Saturdays, \$8 general admission for matinee; \$7 and \$5 for Mainstage members; \$8 and \$6 for EMU students in advance. Add \$2 for tickets purchased at the door. (313) 487-1221

QU DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC, THEATRE AND DANCE
 "Othello," by William Shakespeare, starring Esau Pritchett, the national winner of the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship in April in Washington D.C., 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14-Saturday, Nov. 15, and Friday, Nov. 22-Saturday, Nov. 23, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, and Sunday, Nov. 23, Varner Hall's Studio Theatre, Oakland University campus, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. (248) 370-3013

U-D THEATRE COMPANY
 "Little Joe Monaghan," the story of Josephine Monaghan, a woman cowboy who passed as a man for almost her entire adult life, through Sunday, Nov. 23, at Earl D.A. Smith Studio theatre, University of Detroit Mercy campus, Livernois and McNichols roads, Detroit. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. \$10, \$8 seniors and students with proper ID. (313) 993-1130

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
 "Ladyhouse Blues," Kevin O'Morrison's play about women beginning to assert their independence in a man's world in 1919, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20-Saturday, Nov. 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre in the Michigan League, 911 N. University, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$14, \$7 students. (313) 764-0450

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE
 "Saturday, Sunday, Monday," by Eduardo de Filippo, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15-Saturday, Nov. 15, and 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20; "Othello," 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19; "The Lady's Not for Burning," by Christopher Fry, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

WSU STUDIO THEATRE
 "Look Back in Anger," by John Osborne, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13-Saturday, Nov. 15, and Thursday, Nov. 20-Saturday, Nov. 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, and Sunday, Nov. 23, at the theater below the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Wayne State University campus in Detroit. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATRE

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE
 "A Little Night Music," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, through Sunday, Nov. 23, AACT Playhouse, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$6 students and seniors. (313) 971-AACT (2228)

AVON PLAYERS
 "Born Yesterday," a comedy which had one of the longest runs in history on Broadway and spawned two hit movies, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 14-15, 21-22, and Thursday, Nov. 20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, at the theater, 1185 Tienken Road (1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road), Rochester Hills. \$11, student/senior/group rates available for Thursday and Sunday performances. (248) 608-9077

FARMINGTON PLAYERS
 Adult comedy, "Sylvia" by A.R. Gurney, through Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, (1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays through Nov. 22; additional show 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20. \$8 (248) 553-2955

HURON CIVIC THEATRE
 "Cabaret!" 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14-Saturday, Nov. 15, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, at the theater, 32044 Huron River Dr., New Boston. \$10, \$8 students/seniors. \$313) 782-5380

JACK IN THE BOX PRODUCTIONS
 "Sex, Drugs, Rock 'N' Roll," a critically acclaimed play by Eric Bogosian featuring a series of contemporary monologues illustrating the disasters in store for people becoming involved with sex, drugs or rock 'n' roll, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14-Saturday, Nov. 15, and 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. \$5. (313) 422-6-JKB

MILLENNIUM CENTRE
 "The Fantasticks," 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at the center, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield. \$10 and \$12, \$9 for groups of 20 or more. \$20 dinner/show package with family-style buffet at Stockyard Restaurant. (248) 552-1225

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN
 "1940s Radio Hour," by Walton Jones, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 14-15, 21-22, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 16 and 23, at the playhouse, 21730 Madison (near Monroe and Outer Drive), Dearborn. \$12. (313) 561-TKTS

RIDGEADE PLAYERS
 "Showstoppers of the Musical Stage" featuring 30 numbers from Broadway's best shows including "Phantom of the Opera," "Grease," "Cats," "Oklahoma," "A Little Night Music," "Pippin" and "Showboat," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 14-15, 21-22, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. \$15, call for reservations. (248) 988-7049

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS
 "Lend Me a Tenor," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 14-15, 21-22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16 at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River Ave. (one block east



Celebration: Native American Festival and Mini Pow-Wow features dancers from Mohawk, Apache, Oneida, Cherokee, Ojibwe, Navajo and Chippewa tribes, more than 100 trader tables, offering authentic American Indian arts and crafts, and Native American food including fry bread, corn soup, buffalo burgers and Indian tacos, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi. \$5 for those ages 3 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger, \$4 per person for groups of 10 or more. \$4 parking. (248) 352-0990

of Lahser Road), Detroit. \$10, \$9 seniors/ students to age 18. (313) 537-7716

ST. DUNSTON'S GUILD OF CRANBROOK
 "70, Girls, 70," 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14-Saturday, Nov. 15, and Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, West Bloomfield. \$15, \$12 students and seniors. (248) 644-0527

TROY PLAYERS
 "The Foreigner," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 14-15, Nov. 21-22 and 2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 16, and Nov. 23, at the Hunter Community Center, 509 Fisher Ct., Clawson. \$8, \$7 senior citizens and children. (248) 879-1285

YOUTH

DANCE CONCERT FOR YOUNG FOLKS
 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, 44th annual On Stage Dance Performances for Children presents "Body Language! Reading, Writing and Dancing" performed by the Wayne State University Dance Company at the Community Arts Auditorium on the WSU campus, Detroit. \$5 adults, \$4 children/students/seniors. (313) 577-4273

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
 "Ancient Echoes: Tales from Egypt," performed by Wild Swan Theater 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, DIA, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7, \$5 DIA Founders Society members. Recommended for children ages 5 and older. (313) 833-2323

MARQUIS THEATRE
 "Aladdin," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30 and Dec. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28 and Jan. 3-4, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday Dec. 26, 29, 30-31 and Jan. 2, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. (248) 349-8110

NOVI THEATRES
 Little People Players present "The Arabian Nights," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14-Saturday, Nov. 15, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. \$8, \$7 seniors/children. Advance tickets discounted \$1. (248) 347-0400

SARA SMITH PRODUCTIONS
 "Peter Pan," noon and 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham. \$7 general seating, \$20 reserved. (248) 644-5832

SPECIAL EVENTS

"THE CALLING AND THE COURAGE"
 "The Calling and the Courage," an Interpretive Exhibition on the History of African-American Education, runs through Saturday, Nov. 15, next to Saks Fifth Avenue in Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn. The Calling and the Courage chronicles the dedicated and courageous men and women who, because of religious and moral convictions, heeded a call in the face of difficulty, and sometimes danger, to bring education to African Americans. (313) 693-3330

FESTA D'AUTUNNO
 The Puglia Club of Michigan's fundraiser featuring platinum-selling Italian musi-

cian Franco Bastelli, Pino Marelli and the Quid as entertainment, a four-course dinner and ballroom dancing, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, San Marino Club, 1685 E. Big Beaver (between John R and Rochester roads), Troy. \$55. (810) 979-0759/(810) 247-1995/(248) 524-9281

GOING ON AN OWL HUNT
 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, naturalist Steve Metzler leads a hike through West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve to learn more about owls and other nocturnal birds and animals, West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation, 4640 Walnut Lake Road (east of Farmington Road), meet at the Arrowhead Road entrance of the nature preserve, 1/4 mile south of Pontiac Trail. \$5 residents, \$7 non-residents. (248) 738-2500

NUTCRACKER LUNCHEON AND HOLIDAY BOUTIQUES
 Featuring holiday fashion show and boutique shopping, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, Northfield Hilton, 5500 Crooks Road (at I-75), Troy. \$40 for donors, \$55 for patrons. \$75 for benefactors. (313) 962-1000, ext. 285

PAINT CREEK CENTER PREVIEW PARTY
 Holiday Gift Gallery preview party with advance shopping for gifts and accessories by professional artists, champagne, hors d'oeuvres and entertainment, 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine St., Rochester. \$15, reservation deadline Friday, Nov. 14. (248) 651-4110 or pcca@artswire.org

SANKOFA ARTS AWARDS
 Presented by the Plowshares Theatre Company, the awards will be hosted by local actor and former Sankofa recipient Council and will honor those who have contributed significantly to the quality of African-American cultural arts in Detroit. 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, Museum of African-American History, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush St.), Detroit. \$75. \$600 for a table of eight, includes music by Darron McKinney and the Prisms of Jazz, an elegant sit-down dinner, and a special presentation of the 1997-98 season opener "Zora Neale Hurston" by Laurence Holder. (313) 872-0279

USO CANTEEN
 Honoring all American veterans with a dinner and dancing to the Johnny Trudell Band, 6-11 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at the Dearborn Civic Center, Michigan Avenue at Greenfield. \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance and available at the Dearborn Historical Museum, 915 Brady. Benefits Dearborn Historical Foundation. (313) 565-3000

WINE AUCTION
 A Taste of Wine and Art with performances by students and faculty from Center for Creative Studies Institute of Music and Dance, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at Center for Creative Studies, 201 E. Kirby, Detroit. \$50 advance, \$55 at door to benefit scholarship and educational programs at CCS; Detroit International Wine Auction is a black tie affair featuring a silent auction and display of student and alumni art works, 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, in the showroom of the General Motors Building, Detroit. \$200. (313) 872-9463

FAMILY EVENTS

DETROIT ZOO'S "WILD LIGHTS"
 Light show featuring more than 50 animated animal displays along a half-mile trail, 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21-Tuesday, Dec. 30 (except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Christmas Eve), at the zoo, 1-696 and Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak. \$3 adults, \$2 children 2-12, free for children younger than 2. DZS members' admission, \$2 adults, \$1.50 children 2-12. (248) 541-5835/(248) 541-5717

TEDDY BEAR TEA
 With "Mr. Magic" Ronnie Cee, ventriloquist/humorist/author of "The Magic Telescope," Richard Paul, and Jean Cane "Mrs. Santa Claus," 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, Cobo Conference and Exhibition Center, Detroit. \$10, \$8 for children younger than 12, includes admission to the Festival of Trees. Send a check payable to Festival of Trees, c/o The Teddy Bear Hotline, 1334 Shenandoah, Rochester Hills, 48306. Benefits Children's Hospital of Michigan. (248) 650-8733

CLASSICAL

AMERICAN STRING QUARTET
 As part of the first string quartet of the "Beethoven the Contemporary" cycle, 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$30. All ages. (800) 221-1229

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA
 With principal conductor David Daniels, and conductor Ya-Hui Wang, 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 and \$25. (313) 833-3700

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
 With conductor and flutist James Galway, and flutist Jeanne Galway performing works from Rossini, Mercadante, Cimarosa, and Mendelssohn, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20-Friday, Nov. 21, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 833-3700

URSULA OPPENS
 Pianist performs as part of the first piano concert of the "Beethoven the Contemporary" cycle, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$30. All ages. (800) 221-1229

ORPHEUS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
 With pianist Richard Goode, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$45. All ages. (800) 221-1229

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
 Soprano Elizabeth Major and pianist Jean Schneider perform at noon Wednesday, Nov. 19, in the Forum Recital Hall on campus, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia. The public is invited to meet the artist at a reception following the performance. Free. (313) 462-4400

U-M PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA
 With Pier Calabria, performs orchestral music reflecting nationalistic characteristics, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. Free. (313) 764-8350

POPS/SWING

ATOMIC FIREBALLS
 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (swing) (313) 485-5050

HARRY CONNICK JR. AND ORCHESTRA
 "An Evening of Romance," 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 963-2366

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
 With Rosemary Clooney, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14-Saturday, Nov. 15, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 833-3700

SQUIRREL NUT ZIPPERS
 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$17 in advance. 18 and older. (swing) (248) 333-2362

AUDITIONS

NANCY QURWIN PRESENTS
 Looking for six males for the January production of "A Chorus Line." Dancers, singers and actors are needed as soon as possible; Open auditions for the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Cinderella," Sunday, Nov. 16, at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Auditions for boys and girls ages 8 and older will be held from 3-6 p.m. in room 310 at the JCC, while adult auditions will be held from 7-9 p.m. in the same room. Children and adults should prepare an up tempo and a ballad from a Rodgers and Hammerstein musical such as "Oklahoma," "Carousel," "Sound of Music," or the song "Younger Than Springtime" from "South Pacific." The musical will open in Koshar Luncheon Theatre format for two performances on Sunday, Feb. 15. (248) 354-0545

HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREENFIELD VILLAGE
 Auditions for "Samantha in Greenfield Village: An American Girls Experience," 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, by appointment only. Based on the "American Girls" collection of books, the story will revolve around Samantha, one of the six characters in the collection. Auditions will be held for three of the characters from the "Samantha" books - Uncle

Gard, Samantha's dashing uncle who ranges in age from late 20s-late 30s; Aunt Cornelia, engaged to Uncle Gard, who ranges in age from late 20s to late 30s; and Mrs. Van Sickle, Samantha's neighbor and mother to one of her classmates who ranges in age from 45-65. Auditions will be cold readings, please bring photo and resume. (313) 982-6044

RENAISSANCE CHORUS
 Looking for singers for the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. The chorus rehearses 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail (1/2 mile east of Newburgh Road), Livonia. The ability to read music is not required. It is preparing for its Christmas season performances and its annual show in March. (313) 981-6342

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS
 Auditions for five men and three women for "The Boy Next Door" by Tom Griffin 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, and Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River (one block east of Lahser), Detroit. For performances to run three weekends beginning Jan. 30. No previous acting necessary. Auditions consist of script readings. For a copy of the script, call (248) 594-8694

STAGECRAFTERS
 Auditions for "Company," the award-winning musical by Stephen Sondheim set in New York City about love, sex, life choices, and commitment, 6 p.m. registration followed by 7 p.m. auditions Monday, Nov. 17-Tuesday, Nov. 18, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. All characters sing, have a solo or are featured within a song. There is no chorus. All characters have a scene or moment in the show and are required to dance. Initial cuts will be made following the singing portion of the audition. Auditionees must come prepared, wear comfortable clothing for the dance audition, and should bring a non-returnable photo of themselves. Music and scene cuts will be available in the theater office for a two-day check-out. Performance dates are Jan. 30-Feb. 1, Feb. 5-8, Feb. 13-15, and Feb. 20-22. (248) 541-4832

JAZZ

B'JAZZ VESPERS
 Featuring Judie Cochill & Friends 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, in the gothic sanctuary of First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits (at Bates Street, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward). An offering is taken for the musicians. (248) 644-0550

SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD
 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 338-6200

ALEX BUGNON
 With Gerald Albright and Waymon Tisdale, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$28.50. All ages. (313) 872-1000

GREYBOY ALL-STARS
 With Family Function, and Jonathan Williams Quartet featuring members of Groovesquad, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (jazz) (248) 544-3030

IMAGES
 1994 first place winners of the Mid-Eastern dulcimer championships, 7-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, Dixboro Dulcimer Store, 5740 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (Civil War music/Mexican and traditional folk) (313) 665-2357

KIMMIE HORNE
 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14-Saturday, Nov. 15, at D. L. Harrington's 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. (jazz/pop/blues) (248) 852-0550

KOQ'S KATS
 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

DIANA KRALL TRIO
 Featuring Russell Malone and Ben Wolfe, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (313) 761-1451

SHEILA LANDIS
 With Rick Matle and Cliff Monear, 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older; With Rick Matle, 8-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, Coffee Beanery, Birmingham. Free. All ages (248) 645-2150/(248) 338-6200/(248) 646-6022

JOHN MCLAUGHLIN
 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700

CARL MICHEL
 8 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 15, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak Free. 25-cent surcharge on drinks during live entertainment. All ages. (248) 546-1400

PAT METHENY GROUP
 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 and \$36. All ages. (313) 961-5451

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DAVID "FATHEAD" NEWMAN
With Marcus Beigrave and vocalist Roseanna Vitro as part of "Catching" Some Rays: The Music of Ray Charles, 1-4 p.m. brunch and concert, and an evening concert 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16. SereNgeti Ballroom, 2957 Woodward Ave. (six blocks north of the Fox Theatre), Detroit. \$15. (313) 832-3010

LARRY NOZERO DUO
5:30-9:30 P.M. Tuesdays, Buddy Budson and Ursula Walker 7:30-11:30 p.m. Wednesdays, and Larry Smith Trio 7:30-11:30 p.m. Thursdays through Nov. 27 at the Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward, south of 14 Mile, Royal Oak. (248) 549-7700

ROBERT PIPHO TRIO
7-11 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

SOULSTICE
9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14-Saturday, Nov. 15, and Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22, America's Pizza Cafe, 129 S. Main St. (one block south of 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak. (be-bop, swing, contemporary and traditional jazz) (248) 544-1001

JANET TENAJ AND SVEN ANDERSON TRIO
9 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO
8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

JOHN WOJCIECHOWSKI TRIO
8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

JIM WYSE'S JAZZ QUINTET
8-11 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, Sunrise Sunset Saloon, 15222 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park. Free. 21 and older. (313) 822-6080

ALEXANDER ZONJIC
9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14-Saturday, Nov. 15, and Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22, Thai-Chi Express, 630 Woodward Ave. (two blocks north of Jefferson Avenue), Detroit. \$7.50. 21 and older. (313) 963-8424

WORLD MUSIC

BIO RITMO
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14-Saturday, Nov. 15, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$5. 18 and older. (Afro-Caribbean music) (248) 333-2362

CORKTOWN
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, 8269 E. Eight Mile Road, Warren. Free. 21 and older. (Irish ballads/sing-alongs) (810) 758-7602

FIRST LIGHT
With The Left Side, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (reggae/rock) (313) 996-8555

IMMUNITY
10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, Kodak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (810) 731-1750

ODD ENOUGH
9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, Inisfree Pub, 6327 Middlebelt Road (near Warren Road), Garden City. Cover charge. 21 and older. (Irish) (313) 425-2434

SAWDOCTORS
8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (Irish folk/rock) (313) 761-1451

PATRICK STREET
8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (Irish) (313) 761-1451

WOLFE TONES
8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, Gaelic League, Irish American Club, 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit. \$20. 21 and older. (Irish) (313) 964-8700

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

JIM AKANS
7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, Borders Books and Music, 31150 Southfield Road, Beverly Hills. Free. All ages. 7-9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. All ages. 8-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-3571/(313) 271-4441/(248) 652-0558

JAN KRIST
11 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, Royal Oak Brewery, 210 E. Third St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 544-1141

THE LEWIS FAMILY
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, as part of Oakland Community College's "Bluegrass Series," Royal Oak campus, Lila Jones Johnson Theatre, 739 S. Washington, Royal Oak. \$12. (248) 544-4903

KAREN PERNICK
8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10. \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (313) 761-1451

PEGGY SEEGER
8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (313) 761-1451

MARTIN SEXTON
With Richard Julian, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, and with Dee Carstensen, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (313) 761-1451

ROGER WHITTAKER
8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, Christer

Theatre in the Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor, Ontario. \$36.50 and \$30.50 with a \$2 discount for students and seniors. All prices Canadian, and includes GST. (800) 387-9181

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

"THE ECONOMY TOUR"
A multimedia modern/classic performance art show featuring the poetry of Daniel X. O'Neil, and the music of Dylan Morgan Orchestra with Forrest Roush, 10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, Java Coffeehouse, 517 S. Washington, Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 547-9530

DANCE

CONTRA DANCES
Open jam, Cobblestone Farm Dancers, 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, followed by 8 p.m. Third Saturday Contra Dance, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. All string band musicians and would-be string band musicians are invited to bring their instruments and Ruffwater fake book to play traditional dance tunes. Free. All levels welcome. (313) 662-3371; "Gender-Free Contra Dance: Ann Arbor Rainbow Contra Dancers," American folk dancing with-out-gender-specific dance roles, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, Fellowship Room in Ann Arbor Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill St. (west of Washtenaw Avenue), Ann Arbor. \$6, \$5 students. All levels. (313) 764-6958 or yusuf@umich.edu

TNUATRON DANCE THEATER OF ISRAEL
Israeli dance troupe comprised of young women ages 8-18, 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, Michigan Theatre, 603 Liberty, Ann Arbor. \$20. \$10 children. All ages; 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16 at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. \$20 adult, \$15 student, \$10 under balcony, \$25 cabaret seating, \$35 donor, \$50 patron to benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. (800) 221-1229 for Michigan Theatre/(800) 527-6266 or (313) 961-5451 for State Theatre show.

BLUE COMEDY

THE BLUE OX COMEDY CLUB
Joe Dunckel, Friday, Nov. 14-Saturday, Nov. 15, at the club, 1655 Giengray, Walled Lake. \$8, or \$39.95 for dinner and show for two. 21 and older. (248) 624-6007

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Basile, WPLT-FM's Chris Zito, and Joey Bielaska, Thursdays, Nov. 13-Saturday, Nov. 15, Joe Mulligan, Tim Wilson and Joey Bielaska, Thursdays, Nov. 20-Friday, Nov. 21, at the club, above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays (free), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays. Cover charge changes according to act. (313) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Diane Ford, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner/show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14-Saturday, Nov. 15 (\$12, \$23.95 dinner/show package), 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner/show package); Mitch Mullany, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner/show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner/show package), 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
John Tambirino, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13 (\$7), and 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14-Saturday, Nov. 15 (\$10); Kirkland Teplee, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20 (\$7); Tommy Chong, 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22 (\$17.50), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (313) 996-9080

MR. B'S ROADHOUSE
Billy Ray Bauer, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15; Pete George, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, Mr. B's Roadhouse, 595 N. Lapeer Road, Oxford. \$10. (248) 628-6500

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Jim McLean and Gary George, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16 (\$6); Mike Green, Friday, Nov. 14, Dom Irrera, winner of the 1995 Cable ACE Award for Best Stand-Up Comedy Series or Special, with Jim McLean, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 (\$17.50);

"Prescription for Laughter," Visiting Nurses Association Benefit with Alyce Faye, Mary Miller, Elliot Branch, and Norm Stutz, 6 p.m. appetizers and cash bar with quiet auction and dinner to follow, 8 p.m. showtime for comedians, Monday, Nov. 17, \$125, \$65 of the cost is tax deductible. Call (248) 967-9600; O'Brien and Valdez, with Jill Washburn, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19-Saturday, Nov. 20 (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 22, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 (\$6), at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedy-castle.com

SECOND CITY
"Generation X Files" through December at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cast performs a free improvisational comedy set after Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday shows, and the late shows on Fridays and Saturdays. \$14 Thursdays, \$17.50 Fridays, \$19.50 Saturdays, and \$12 Sundays and Wednesdays. The

show's title is reflective of current cultural trends, not necessarily the show's content. (313) 965-2222

SUZANNE WESTENHOFFER
The first lesbian comic to get her own HBO special, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (313) 761-1451

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
IMAX movies include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays through Fridays; "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 12:45 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. Saturdays, and 1:45 p.m. Sundays; "Destiny in Space," 12:45 p.m. Sundays, at the museum, 5020 John R. (at Warren Road), Detroit. \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. \$2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups to 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or http://www.sciencedetroit.org

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY
"Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou," the first comprehensive exhibition to explore the arts produced within this religion, runs from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays through Sunday, Dec. 28, at The Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush St.), Detroit. The exhibit is rated PG-13 as some of the images in Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou may not be suitable for children ages 13 and under, or individuals sensitive to graphic images. Adult supervision is suggested. \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. (313) 494-5800.

LLOYD A. STAGE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER
"Jumping Jupiter," featuring astronomer Mike Best who will discuss NASA's spacecraft Galileo using slides and video, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, Troy Farm, the corner of South Boulevard and Beach Road, Troy. \$6. Adults only. (248) 524-3567

DUKE TUMATOE AND THE POWER TRIO
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

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CRYSTAL METHOD
8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$8. All ages. (techno) (248) 334-1999

TOMMY D BAND
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14-Saturday, Nov. 15, Hennessey's, 49110 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 344-4404 or TommyDBand@aol.com

TYRONE DAVIS
With Denise LaSalle and Little Milton, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$27.50. All ages. (blues) (313) 872-1000

DETROIT COBRAS
With The Bassholes and The White Stripes, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 833-POOL

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MOVIES

'Mad City' takes more shots at the media excess



JOHN MONAGHAN

So tell us something we don't already know. The idea of a television reporter orchestrating a hostage situation to keep an exclusive story for himself seems not so much shocking as just business as usual. Taking pot shots at the media for this kind of behavior has become a national obsession.

The real surprise in "Mad City" is how well this sometimes preachy story works. Highlighted by performances from Dustin Hoffman and John Travolta, the new thriller from Costa-Gavras ("Z," "Missing") delivers well-drawn characters and, yes, some food for thought.

Tension builds during the

opening credits as reporter Max Bracket (Hoffman) prepares to ambush an indicted business man. The actor's steely eyes, in wide screen no less, peer around corners while a camera team assembles its shooter as if it were a long range assassin's rifle.

Back in the newsroom, Bracket's editor, a fossil of the Lou Grant variety, doesn't want that kind of journalism here and assigns the reporter to file a puff piece about funding cuts at a local history museum.

Shortly after the broadcast, Bracket finds himself in the middle of a hostage situation. A recently fired bank guard named Baily (Travolta) wants his job back, and busts in brandishing a shotgun and a bagful of dynamite in the hope that someone will listen.

Given more than one opportunity to bring the standoff to a halt (he could take the gun away

about a dozen times), Bracket gets the distraught man to think about his image. If he's going to get out of this, he will have to let Bracket, an expert on public opinion, present the gunman on television in the best possible light.

"Mad City" is essentially a remake of "Ace in the Hole," an especially cynical Kirk Douglas/Billy Wilder picture about a newspaperman who keeps a man trapped in a mine shaft for similarly selfish reasons.

Now there was a movie with guts, so unpopular at the time of release (1951) that they repackaged it as "The Big Carnival" a year later, with no better luck at the box office. Who would have known that the movie once called unrealistic and far-fetched would become so prophetic?

Here Hoffman plays a kinder, gentler version of Douglas' demonized opportunist. In Bracket you have a man who

knows all the tricks of the trade, yet also has a conscience. Two years previously, during a live broadcast from an airplane crash site, he snapped and insulted the network's top newscaster (Alan Alda) for asking ghoulish questions.

Dealt this hand, he's not going to blow it. He maneuvers around the big boys from the police and the network, who both arrive to take over the situation. He effectively shapes Baily into a folk hero just trying to provide for his family.

Hoffman and Travolta, both symbols of a generation in their youth, complement each other well in middle age. Hoffman's controlled performance allows Travolta's man at the end of his rope to chew up the scenery as he gets more strung out on caffeine pills. You really don't know what he'll do next.

Even when the movie pummels you with its point, these performances ring true. Whether this downbeat material will play



Drama: Dustin Hoffman, left, and John Travolta star in "Mad City."

better than it did 45 years ago is debatable, but everyone involved certainly gives it their best shot.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Detroit Film Theatre Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors)

"Deep Crimson" (Mexico/Spain-1996). Nov. 14-16 (call for showtimes). In this true story (filmed earlier as "The Honeymoon Killers") a sexually lonely woman hooks up with a phillanderer in the personals and embarks on a partnership of murder and madness.

"Flamenco" (Spain-1995). 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17. A documentary about flamenco dancers, highlighted by stirring music and dance, captured by director Carlos Saura ("Carmen") and cinematographer Vittorio Storaro ("Apocalypse Now").

Main Art Theatre 118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students, seniors and matinee; \$3 twilight)

"Washington Square" (USA-1997). Jennifer Jason-Leigh and Albert Finney star in this adaptation of a Henry James novel about an awkward rich girl caught between her over-protective father and a penniless suitor.

"The Full Monty" (Britain-1997). One of the year's most delightful films is about a group of unemployed steel workers who decide to try their luck as exotic dancers. The only problem: their non-Chippendale physiques.

"Eve's Bayou" (USA-1997). Samuel L. Jackson stars in this black-themed drama, set in a small backwater Louisiana com-



Family: Joan Allen (left to right), Christina Ricci, Tobey Maguire and Kevin Kline as the Hood family in "The Ice Storm."

munity, where the story of a seemingly prosperous family is told from the perspective of a 10-year-old girl.

Magic Bag Theatre 22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)

"Men in Black" (USA-1997). 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19. One more chance to see the summer hit starring Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith as black-suited secret agents team to save the world from gooey aliens.

Maple Theatre 4135 W. Maple Road (at Telegraph), Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 855-9090 for information. (\$5.75; \$3.75 matinee; \$3 twilight)

"The House of Yes" (USA-1997). A psychological comedy probes the mystery of a family whose strangeness somehow links with the JFK assassination. The debut feature from writer/director Mark Waters is already best known for independent film diva Parker Posey's turn as a young woman obsessed

with Jackie O.

Redford Theatre 13671 Lahser (at Grand River), Detroit. Call (313) 537-2560 for information. (\$2.50)

"Laurel and Hardy Festival" (USA-1964). 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime). Four classic shorts from the comedy team, with live organ accompaniment by Gus Borman and John Lauter. The titles: "Blotto," "The First Mistake," "Beau Hunks," and "Saps at Sea."

Star Southfield 12 Mile West of Telegraph Rd., Southfield. Call (248) 372-2222. (\$6.50; \$4.50 before 6 p.m.)

"The Ice Storm" (USA-1997). A film adaptation of Rick Moody's confessional account of life in the 1970s, starring Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver and directed by Ang Lee ("The Wedding Banquet," "Sense and Sensibility").

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Nov. 14

"ONE NIGHT STAND"

Romantic drama about a married man who has a one night stand with a married woman, resulting in deep repercussions for both. Stars Wesley Snipes, Bruce Willis, Richard Gere, Sidney Poitier. Natassja Kinski.

Scheduled to open Friday, Nov. 21

"THE JACKAL"

Thriller about a ruthless assassin on the move, and the FBI's Deputy Director who must track him down before he completes his deadly assignment. Stars Bruce Willis, Richard Gere, Sidney Poitier.

Scheduled to open Friday, Nov. 21

"THE LITTLE MERMAID"

Re-release of the classic Disney animated musical about a headstrong mermaid who wants to be human.

Scheduled to open Friday, Nov. 21

"MORTAL KOMBAT: ANNIHILATION"

The Sequel to the 1995 hit as a group of heroic fighters must save Earth in a no-holds-bar Mortal Kombat tournament. Stars Robin Shou, Talisa Soto, Brian Thompson.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Nov. 26

"FLUBBER"

Remake of the classic Disney comedy about a bumbling professor who accidentally invents an anti-gravity material. Stars Robin Williams.

Scheduled to open Friday, Nov. 27

"THE RAINMAKER"

Drama based on John Grisham's best-selling novel about a law student who finds himself involved in a high-profile civil litigation. Stars Matt Damon, Claire Danes, Danny DeVito, Mary Kay Place, Mickey Rourke, Jon Voight.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Nov. 26

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Kevin Thomas, Los Angeles Times

When he gives you lemon, pucker up!

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STREET SCENE

InDrama shoots video with their rock heroes U2



CHRISTINA FUOCO

The Warren-based rock band InDrama got the gig of a lifetime on Halloween when it was asked to be extras in "If God Will Send His Angels," the latest video by the Irish supergroup U2.

its kitchen in June.

Downey said his manager received a call at about noon Friday, Oct. 31, from the Lathrup Village-based I Group Model and Talent Management company saying U2 was looking for a "new wave modern rock band."

"They had already went through so many bands and somebody mentioned our band. (So) they did a video interview with us. It had to be down to the guys from U2 and the producers by 6 p.m. Friday night. They decided they wanted us and we ended up doing it."

InDrama - which also includes bassist Brad Fletmier of Romeo, guitarist Arshur Kournoian of Garden City, and drummer Paul S. Cramer of Warren, formerly of Westland - appeared in the video as extras but didn't perform.

"At first we thought we were going to be playing somewhere and they were going to walk in. But we just walk into the diner

and walk past the camera and then we sat down right behind Bono (U2's lead singer)," Downey said.

"I don't know why they said they wanted a band, but I figured that it'll be on VH-1's 'Pop-Up Video' show and they'll give a credit to us."

During the video, Downey explained, Bono is sitting at a booth in the restaurant while a flurry of activity happens behind him.

"I think what they were trying to do is they slowed the whole film down so Bono would be at regular speed and everybody else was two times the speed. It was a split screen. One camera was on one side of the diner and one on the other. He was always at the top of the screen."

"What I'm guessing is that he is supposed to be the angel and then people would sit down in his booth and act like he wasn't even there."

Downey said that Bono - dressed in jeans, red-tinted sunglasses, a T-shirt and a black leather jacket - and the rest of the band was gracious.

"They were tired but they talked to us a lot, which I couldn't believe."

Jane's Addiction's "relapse" show Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the State Fair Coliseum in Detroit was more of a downward spiral for the band having been plagued by sound problems.

Apparently suffering from a cold, lead singer Perry Farrell struggled with his vocals which were so far down in the mix that they were barely audible.

Visually alluring, the set included three towers flanked by oversized vases with roses in full bloom. Drummer Stephen Perkins' kit was surrounded by a wrought iron structure draped like a canopy bed. Never disappointing in the wardrobe department, Farrell was dressed in a rhinestone-studded red suit, tennis shoes, and layers of makeup that ran down his face. His hair was twisted into multiple ponytails adorned with little daisies. Perkins wore a floor-length sarong while bassist Flea donned baggy multi-colored ripped cotton pants. Despite the poor sound, Jane's Addiction managed to eek out a highlight on the acoustic stage in the middle of the main floor where they cranked out "Jane Says."



Rubbing elbows: The Warren-based rock band InDrama managed to squeeze in a photo with U2 singer Bono while appearing as extras in the Irish supergroup's video "If God Will Send His Angels" Saturday, Nov. 1-Sunday, Nov. 2, in Highland Park.

Magic Bag audience lift's singer's spirits

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Playing Ferndale's Magic Bag on Sunday, Aug. 24, proved to be cathartic for singer/songwriter Jonatha Brooke.

During her previous visit to the Bag Friday, June 6, Brooke was preparing to go on stage when she received a phone call telling her that her father had died.

"When we rescheduled and came back, it was just this amazing intense evening. Most of the people in the audience were there the night we had to cancel. There was an energy in the house that I could never forget," Brooke said.

"It was emotional, but boy the support was really great. I just got the most amazing letters from people and people sent me presents."

Brooke will return to the area Saturday, Nov. 15, to play Borders Books and Music in Birmingham at 2 p.m. and the Magic Bag later that night in support of her new album "10 Cent Wings."

Most of the songs on "10 Cent Wings" were written during a retreat last winter to a cottage off the coast of Nantucket.

"There's definitely a theme running through the album more so than on any of the other three I've done. It's about relationships, my last innocent year and more changes than I could have imagined," said Brooke who recorded one other solo album, 1995's "Plumb," and two, 1991's "Grace in Gravity" and 1993's "The Angel in the House" with her former group The Story.

The album "10 Cent Wings" kicks off with the poppy, relentlessly hook-laden "Secrets and Lies," and continues with the drum machine beats of "Crums," melodic "Last Innocent Year," and the dramatic, acoustic "Blood From A Stone."

The song "Glass Half Empty" is dedicated to her friend Kevin Gilbert, a singer/songwriter who

died unexpectedly last year.

"We had this sort of conscious decision that this would be a guitar-based record. For two months, I was in Europe touring with no keyboards, and I really loved the sparseness and the edge that it brought. I guess it added a rockier, edgier vibe. The chemistry between Duke (Levine) and Gerry (Leonard) was so great. It was this explosion of guitar madness," Brooke explained.

"Duke, he's my longtime guitar hero and Gerry Leonard was the wild card this time. He had this quirky kind of mysterious guitar part that meshed and tangoed with what Duke was doing."

Although "10 Cent Wings" is more upbeat, Brooke explained that "there's always a darkness to my work."

"I think the music is a little more quirky. I have a little pop sensibility as a pop songwriter, but for so long they (record stores) throw me in the folk bin and I'm not sure why. I should be in a pop bin."

Brooke is on tour with a "power trio" - a backup singer Ingrid Graudins, Nick D'Virgilio who "plays the drums and bass and sings at the same time. It's a circus."

"It's really fun," she said about her small band. "It makes for great dynamics. You have so much control over where you're going to go with each song. You're not trying to harness a six-man beast that won't lay down. It's really neat to experiment with."

Jonatha Brooke performs a free, all-ages show at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. For more information, call (248) 203-0005. She performs later that night with opening act Catie Curtis, Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets are \$13 in advance for the 18 and older show. Doors open at 8 p.m. For more information, call (248) 544-3030.

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DINING

Beans & Cornbread serves up soulful Southern cookin'

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Gulf shrimp, fritters, down home, soul, collard greens, black-eyed peas, catfish, hoppin' John, mama's and country are eye catching menu clues. Newly-opened Beans and Cornbread in Southfield is a way cool happening, struttin' soulful Southern!

Raising soul food concepts to new heights are owner Patrick Coleman and Executive Chef Willie Jackson. Coleman, a native 34-year-old Detroit, now living in Southfield, began his restaurant career in Matt Prentice's Unique Restaurant Corporation in 1987 and was General Manager of Sebastian's in Troy's Somerset Collection for six years.

He worked in C.A. Muer Corporation management and opened Big Fish in Dearborn. In 1996, he joined Epoch Enterprises and helped launch Birmingham's Forté as dining room manager.

With two area businessmen, unassociated with restaurants until now, Coleman began to put a career-long passion in place. At Beans and Cornbread, opened late last month, he shares his fine dining experiences and food with which he grew up.

"When some people look at the menu, they may say, 'soul food; this isn't soul food,'" Coleman said. "I'd like diners to view it as food for the soul, as I do."

Coleman praises the Southern-style cooking of his mother Yvonne Coleman and his grandmother June Cooper, both native Detroiters. "My mother cooked every day, but family dinners on Sunday were an event," he recalls. "There was presentation with love and care. We all sat down together. I and my two brothers and sisters had mealtime responsibilities like setting the table or putting ice in the water glasses."

Executive Chef Willie Jackson is known to those who liked his seafood preparations at Birmingham's Ocean Grille before a fortuitous meeting brought him and Coleman together. Now, the two are out to prove that soul food can be healthy. They've elimi-

Beans & Cornbread

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nated the fat and high-salt content of traditional soul food, but have creatively retained all the flavor associated with it. "We're increasing people's awareness that there's more out there than fried chicken," Coleman remarked.

On oversized 12-inch dinner plates, Jackson, a Cleveland native now calling Birmingham home, uses the inside diameter to artfully orchestrate menu selections. Popular lunch offerings are Roasted Chicken Pot Pie in puff pastry crust \$6; Mama's Meat Loaf and Skillet Gravy with mashed potatoes \$6 inspired by Coleman's mother; and for those preferring meatless, Portobello Mushroom and Vegetable Sandwich \$6. For this, grilled portobello mushrooms, roasted zucchini, yellow squash and red bell pepper on a house-made herb bun are served with sweet potato and black-eyed pea hash.

At dinner, two starters are particularly savory. Gulf Shrimp and Wild Mushroom Fritters served with roasted tomato and basil sauce \$6 are piquant with just the right kick accenting the shiitake and oyster mushrooms.

Sautéed Salmon Croquette \$6 is the appetizer portion of the main plate, Bessie's Salmon Croquette \$14. Grilled fresh salmon used in the preparation is served with a roasted red pepper sauce. This is Coleman's mother-in-law Bessie Baker's recipe. Her daughter, Attorney Patrice Baker Coleman, occasionally serves as weekend hostess assisting her husband Patrick.

Now, if you like escargot, you can get that as a starter, too, for \$6. This is where one might say, this isn't soul food. Ah, but food for the soul it is. Just that right touch of fine dining that has been subtly worked into the menu. At lunch, the B&C Burger isn't served with fries; they're called by their French name pommies frites!

Jackson owned his own rib eatery before coming to Michigan. You get the perfected recipe from many years of experience with Baby Sister's Backyard Style Babybacks, half slab \$12, whole \$17. Baby Sister is the nickname of a Coleman family acquaintance whose specialty was, you guessed it, ribs. While these are finger lickin' good, stick to your ribs Mama's Meat Loaf with Skillet Gravy \$11 is the same preparation as lunch, but scaled up in size. Two Harlem Burritos \$9 are stuffed with collard greens, diced tomatoes, black-eyed peas and rice rolled in a grilled flour tortilla served with Spanish Harlem salsa.

Table bread baskets are filled with yummy sweet potato muffins and fabulous cornbread. B&C has applied for a liquor license. Meanwhile, there are interesting non-alcoholic drinks.

All this scrumptiousness is served in a bistro atmosphere celebrating both American cuisine and history. Decor, designed and installed by Coleman and Jackson, is predominantly shades of jade, purple and black. Tables with white cloths, nine in booths of four, seat 70. American history icons have prominent positions, some in collections of Life magazine covers and others stand alone. Such a personality is Dorothy Dandridge, the first



At your service: Executive Chef Willie Jackson (top center, wearing white coat), and owner Patrick Coleman (second row, fourth from the left, behind Jackson) with the Beans & Cornbread Staff. A salmon croquette with red pepper butter, sweet potato pie, cornbread and sweet potato cookies are some of the items Beans & Cornbread offers.

African-American featured on a Life magazine cover.

If you phone B&C after hours and follow the message prompt, you can listen to the 1949 recording Beans & Cornbread by famed Harlem musician and band leader Louis Jordan. The

animated, humorous, upbeat rendition delivers a poignant message about getting along and hanging out together hand in hand; like hot dogs and mustard or bagels and lox. It speaks volumes about the "soul" of proprietor Patrick Coleman.

Over the semi-open kitchen is a fun, whimsical, strikingly colorful mural painted by Detroit's Marcus Glenn. With vibrant synergy, it portrays a jazzy happening place to hang out. That's Beans and Cornbread to the essence.

WHAT'S COOKING

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

EAST SIDE MARIO'S

An updated menu, billed as "East Side Mario's Family Reunion," is now being offered at the Southfield (248) 569-9454, Rochester (248) 853-9622, and Livonia (313) 513-8803 locations.

The new menu is the reunion of two concepts, American and Italian, on which the restaurants were founded. In addition to an easier-to-read menu format, there are new dishes including the "Goomba" Burger and Cousin Vinnie's Grilled Chicken Club. For starters there are Nachos "Little Italy" and Mussels Marina.

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