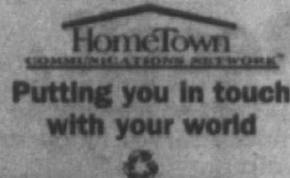


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# Fieger campaigns in Plymouth



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**Fieger time:** Democratic gubernatorial candidate Geoffrey Fieger presented a lively talk before the Tonquish Economic Club Wednesday afternoon at the Plymouth Manor. Although the audience was mostly Republican, many said they enjoyed listening to his energetic speech.



Democrat Geoffrey Fieger came to Plymouth knowing he was in Republican country, but told an audience at the Tonquish Economic Club his message is broad-based and appeals to all.

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Geoffrey Fieger walked into a roomful of Republicans Wednesday afternoon at the Plymouth Manor as the guest speaker of the Tonquish Economic Club.

And Fieger did what Fieger does best.

"I've always heard about his reputation as a great speaker, and I think he lived up to it," said Judy Mardigian of Plymouth, who is a school board member. "He certainly electrifies."

Fieger talked about issues aimed at this mostly Republican, business-oriented crowd ... including eliminating the single business tax, ripping the increase in the state sales tax and the poor condition of Michigan's roads.

Of course, all this was done at the

expense of his opponent in the Nov. 3 general election, incumbent Republican Gov. John Engler.

Fieger said "there are significant obstacles to single business owners in Michigan" despite the state's low unemployment figures.

"The good paying jobs have been sucked out of this state to Mexico or other states, and the people left with them. We've lost 50,000 jobs," said Fieger. "So, our unemployment looks good ... but we have no economic miracle going on. You will see no kind of renaissance like Cleveland, Atlanta, Chicago, Cincinnati or Pittsburgh. Not even close."

Fieger emphatically denounced the single business tax, saying "it's the most screwed up single tax in the history of the state of Michigan."

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# School board faces recall

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva says he will initiate a recall effort against the Plymouth-Canton school board, and take a look at splitting the district into separate entities.

"The school board is not taking a leadership role. It's being pulled by the administration," said Vorva. "When the school board doesn't pay attention to teachers on where to build a new high school, it shows they're just not listening."

Vorva threatened last year to start a recall effort, but said "timing is everything. The last time was before a school board election, and wouldn't have worked. We'll put together a recall committee soon after the middle school bond election in October."

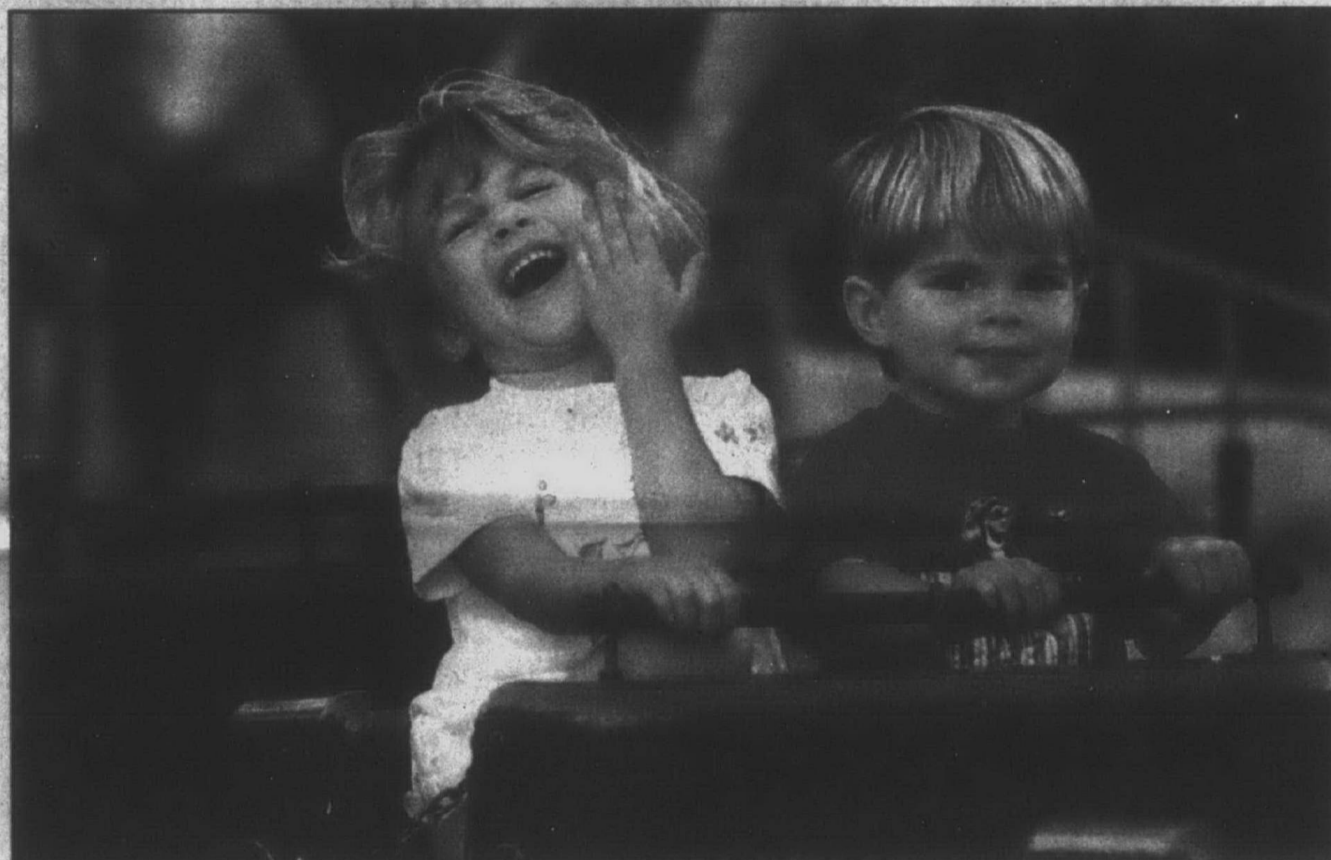
If he moves forward, Vorva will first need to have the recall language approved by a Wayne County Elections Commission panel, consisting of a judge, county clerk and county treasurer, before passing out petitions.

The recall group will then have a 180-day window to circulate petitions, with only those signatures collected within a 90-day period validated.

To get the recall effort on a ballot, Vorva's group would need valid signatures equaling one-fourth of the total number of votes cast in the last gubernatorial election. The signatures would then have to be certified by the

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## Fall festivities



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**Fun for all:** Above, Meghan Hartman, 5, of Canton, and her brother James, 2, enjoy the kiddie bumper car ride during the Plymouth Community Fall Festival. At left, Toni and Ralph Chapman of Plymouth enjoy the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at the Gathering. The couple, who have been coming to the pancake breakfast since 1976, said that they come for the pancakes made by their friend Jim Vermeulen. For more photos and story see page A6.

# Starr report is top seller at bookstore

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The telephones have been ringing off the hook at the Little Professor on the Park bookstore in downtown Plymouth.

"Everybody wants to know when the books detailing the Kenneth Starr report will be out," said Mary Millington, bookstore manager. "Thus far we've received about a hundred special orders for the books, which I hope to have this week."

Millington said "everything has been happening at lightning speed" as publishers try to get books detailing the affair between President Bill Clinton and former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

"Last Saturday, and again on Monday, we received 35 copies of the special section printed by the Detroit Free Press, and sold out within a couple of

**'The last time we saw this type of activity was the O.J. Simpson murder case. Everyone who comes in wants to talk about it and has an opinion.'**

Mary Millington  
Little Professor manager

hours each day," added Millington. "Many people were buying more than one copy. I've tried to get more, but I guess they can't keep up with the demand."

Millington said there is one large paperback book being published that costs \$10, while a pocketbook edition

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# Church breaks ground

BY DIANE HANSON  
SPECIAL WRITER

The bright sunshine wasn't the only warmth generated last Sunday at the groundbreaking of the new church for Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Plymouth.

There were plenty of warm feelings as 500 parishioners sank their shovels into the rock-hard earth on the northwest corner of Beck and North Territorial roads in Plymouth Township, site of the new facility.

"It's wonderful," said parishioner Colleen Pobur. "It really was a wonderful feeling today with the music and the setting and everybody here



DIANE HANSON

**Blessed event:** Our Lady of Good Counsel celebrated the groundbreaking of its new church on the northwest corner of North Territorial and Beck with Bishop John Neinstedt.

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clerk's offices in each of the communities served by the school district.

The Canton Township clerk's office reports 19,209 people voted in the 1994 gubernatorial election. According to county officials, the recall committee would need 4,802 valid petition signatures from Canton residents.

Plymouth Township recorded 10,992 gubernatorial votes, which means 2,748 valid petition signatures would be needed from township residents.

The Plymouth clerk's office reports 4,009 ballots cast for gov-

ernor, meaning a recall effort would need 1,002 petition signatures from the city.

Vorva said he's also looking at what it would take to split the Plymouth-Canton school district.

"I've had a number of calls from Plymouth residents who want to explore the possibility," he said. "They're unhappy with the administration in the handling of many issues."

Assistant state school superintendent Mike Williams said the state has dealt with consolidations and annexations of school districts which want to combine, but rarely with districts that

want to split and remain independent.

"It's been done before, but not something we've generally promoted," said Williams. "There is no easy mechanism for the division of a school district. It would take special legislation."

Williams said there's no doubt that Plymouth and Canton school districts could be viable.

"Plymouth residents would have to know they probably couldn't get the same programs which are offered in a district with 16,000 students," he said. "However, there is some sense of intimacy with a smaller scale district. Just look to neighboring Northville."



Universal truths

Book signing: Author R.T. Stone, right, hands an autographed book to a customer at the Ageless Wisdom bookstore in Plymouth on Monday. Stone signed books and led a discussion on "universal truths."

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# Fieger from page A1

"I guarantee you get rid of it and any one of us small business owners or single business owners could hire additional employees that would add to our economy, that would add to the collection of revenue through taxes," added Fieger. "It will free up revenue to hire more employees at a living wage."

Fieger said he wants a "truth in taxes policy so taxes are collected for a single purpose and go for that purpose."

"Were any of you aware that in the 4-cent gas tax one of those cents is being diverted to the Secretary of State's office and not road repair, where it was supposed to go?" he quizzed the luncheon crowd.

"My tax policy is any tax is bad unless it can be directly proven to be a benefit to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the state of Michigan," Fieger proclaimed. "Taxation is a drag on the economy and a means by which government intrudes in our lives. The present governor has shifted taxes. I will reduce

them."

Mark Slavens of Canton, who is the head of the Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding, asked Fieger about Proposal A and funding for schools.

"The formula in existence is incomprehensible," said Fieger. "No school district can plan for the upcoming school year because no district knows how much it's going to get under the existing plan."

"I will never allow the diversion of public funds to private charter schools," he added. "That's a mechanism to destroy the public school system and create a class society."

Reaction to Fieger appeared to be mixed.

"It would be terrific to have a friend in Lansing and someone

who is committed to end the war on public education," said Plymouth-Canton schools Superintendent Chuck Little.

"He's a very energetic speaker," said Plymouth resident Bill Graham of People's State Bank. "It's hard to get substance from him because a lot of what he says is driven towards allegations. Give us more specific proof."

"If he's elected I think he'll do what he said he's going to do," said Nadine Frost of Redford, mother of Economic Club President Sheila Friedrich and a Fieger fan.

Sharon Dore of Bloomfield Hills, an employee of Standard Federal Bank, the club's main sponsor, minced no words when she said "He's a double-talking Democratic lawyer."

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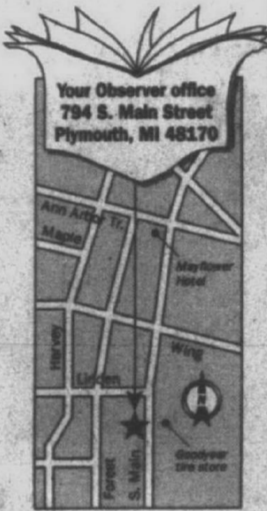
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# Antique shop opens in Old Village home

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON  
STAFF WRITER

Bellerose Antiques owner Peggy Allgeier is busy establishing her new business with a medley of unique antiques and collectibles she's gathered from flea markets and estate sales — some of which she's having a hard time parting with.

"I have a little two-bedroom house in Plymouth that's just packed with stuff, but there's always something I see I'd like to keep ... but I know I don't have the room," said Allgeier standing in one of four rooms that make up "Bellerose Antiques & Estate Sales," located at 643 N. Mill St. in Old Village.

Approximately 700 square feet of the new antique business is located on the main floor of an Old Village home that formerly housed Petticoats, a vintage children's clothing business. Allgeier said the owner continues to operate her business in the back of the house

(accessible through the antique shop), and she will carry some of her work that incorporates vintage fabrics and materials.

Carrying everything from primitive pieces, Victorian items and items representative of the 1950s, each room of the house lends itself to browsing, reminiscing and perusing.

The Plymouth resident, formerly of Westland, maintains booths at both the Knightbridge Antique Mall on Seven Mile in Northville and the Plymouth Antique Mall. She said she named the local business after a section of Queens in New York where her husband hails from.

### All in the family

"My sister in Wisconsin really sparked my interest in starting a business," said Allgeier. "I have an interest in antiques and desired to have more hands-on, one-on-one contact with my customers."

Allgeier said her philosophy of locating in an area where there are several other antique

malls and shops is, "the more the merrier."

"I think the antique malls and shops throughout Plymouth and Northville encourage people to come to the area and shop for the day."

Perched on shelves and attractively displayed are a variety of collectibles, including furniture, the ever-popular Jadeite and depression glassware, children's toys, books, linens, advertising memorabilia, jewelry and figurines.

Currently, Allgeier said Jadeite is the one of the most popular items she finds collectors scouting for. "It cooled-off for a while but I think that's because people may have been collecting just one particular thing like mugs, and now they're searching for some of the more unusual pieces like canisters or salt and pepper shakers."

Fire King Jadeite is a milky, green glassware fashioned into everything from bowls to shakers and plates.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

**Collectibles:**  
Bellerose Antiques owner Peggy Allgeier opens her new shop today at 643 N. Mill St. in Old Village. Allgeier and her mother-in-law Ann Allgeier will manage the business together.

Special Bellerose services include gift cards, packaging, gift certificates, 30-day layaway and convenient shopping hours (11 a.m. to 6 p.m. most days). "Customers will notice all price ranges as well," noted Allgeier.

With her grand opening slated for Friday, Sept. 18, Allgeier will offer a 15 percent discount on everything in the store Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

She and her mother-in-law, Ann Allgeier will manage the

business together. They plan to add antiques daily.

If you would like to stop by and visit the Bellerose, the home is located at 643 N. Mill St. in Old Village, or call (734) 454-5510.

## Chamber tees off



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**Tee time:** Bob South of March Tire, from left, and Jim and Tom Sechrist of Motown Automotive, watch the drive of their fourth companion, Paul VanHull of March Tire during the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce golf outing Monday at Fox Hills Country Club. The rain held out until the last hole for most golfers in the annual scramble.

# Ohio grand jury could indict Plymouth man

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

An Erie County, Ohio, grand jury will convene to determine possible indictments against a Plymouth Township man involved in a double-fatality accident near Sandusky.

Erie County Assistant Prosecutor Carl Wright says George Latva waived his preliminary examination Monday in Erie County Court, and the case will now be presented to a grand jury to review the case and decide, what, if any, indictments will be handed down.

Latva, 51, is currently charged with two third-degree felony counts of involuntary manslaughter in connection with an Aug. 14 accident on Ohio 2 that killed two young Cleveland boys.

Latva hasn't entered a plea in the case, and remains free on bond. He faces two-to-10 years in prison and fines up to \$15,000 on each count.

Latva is charged in the deaths of a 2-year-old boy and his 2-month-old brother when the Chevy Suburban he was driving crashed into the rear of a Saturn in Margarita Township, near Sandusky.

Ohio State Police say Latva's vehicle slammed into the back of the car at about 65 mph while traffic was backed up because of construction on the Edison Bridge. Police say the two Cleveland boys, who were properly restrained, were crushed by the crash.

Latva, his wife, Margaret, along with their daughter Catherine, 18, and son Peter, 16,

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were treated and released from a Sandusky hospital following the accident.

On Friday, Sept. 11, Erie County Judge Paul Lux issued an arrest warrant for Latva for failing to attend the originally scheduled preliminary hearing.

"I advised him not to show up because he already had waived his right to a preliminary trial," said Howard Whitcomb III of Toledo.

The Latvas have declined interviews on the recommendation of Whitcomb. "I advised him not to discuss the accident with anybody," said Whitcomb. "I want to allow the process to progress in a normal course through the courts. I expect to hear from the grand jury sometime in mid-October."

Contacted at their home five days after the accident, Margaret Latva said the accident has forever changed their lives.

"It was an accident," said Margaret. "We just happened to be driving a Suburban, which is a tank."

"We're really too upset to talk now," she said. "We're parents, too, and this is just so upsetting."

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will sell for \$5.99.  
 "The last time we saw this type of activity was the O.J. Simpson murder case," said Millington. "Everyone who comes in wants to talk about it and has an opinion."  
 Millington believes many people want a copy of the report for historical purposes.  
 "This is a part of history, and something many people will want to save," she said. "It also a good lesson in the democratic process as we learn about censure, impeachment proceedings and due process."

**'This is a part of history, and something many people will want to save.'**

*Mary Millington  
 Little Professor manager*

Millington says magazines like Time, Newsweek and People, as well as daily newspapers detailing the president's affair and the Starr Report are also selling quickly as "people just can't seem to get enough of it."

# Church from page A1

in the abundant sunshine.  
 Joining in the earth-moving experience were the Rev. John Sullivan, pastor of OLGC, the Rev. J.J. (John Joseph) Mech, associate pastor, Detroit Auxiliary Bishop John Neinstedt and the Rev. Richard Peretto, who was pastor of OLGC before being named pastor of Resurrection Church in Canton Township.

"It is a great day, a great sign of optimism," said Neinstedt. "The church building is a symbol of the faith, hope and love that the people have. The people of the parish have to continue to deepen that faith so that they make sure that this really is a holy place. It is a great sign of the progress that we are making to build the kingdom of God here on earth."

Parishioners and school children stood on a white outline of the church located on 37 acres of rolling grassy treed property to initiate the building process. Yellow balloons, containing notes about the church and asking for a response, were released after the bishop blessed the entire perimeter of the marked space.

"It is a wonderful day for the parish," said Karen Gabrys, an OLGC parishioner with two children at the school. "It is

truly an opportunity for growth of the parish. This is a wonderful setting for us. We definitely need the space. We have grown to capacity at our old space from the physical size of the church to the parking facilities. This land here is truly a blessing."

Sullivan couldn't agree more. "It was a miracle to get this land," he said. Peretto conducted a big fund-raising drive while he was still pastor of OLGC that netted a million dollars in the OLGC bank account.

"Cardinal Adam Maida charged me with building a new church when I first came to OLGC," explained Sullivan. "To find the land was the first thing."

Sullivan had his eye on the parcel of land on North Territorial but was told it belonged to some big hospital. He told the OLGC building committee to find out who owned it and make them an offer.

"The very day our people on committee went to Henry Ford Hospital to ask, this was the day that their board of directors let this piece of property go," recounted Sullivan. "It just so happened that the Holy Spirit had us right there at the right time."



**Plans:** This is a rendering of what Our Lady of Good Counsel will look like when completed. Construction is expected to begin on the main part of the church in November.

The asking price was \$977,000 and the cash was already in the bank. "We bought it," Sullivan said with a smile. Ironically, just a year later, Henry Ford Hospital called and asked to buy it back but ended up buying the property on the southeast corner of Beck and North Territorial instead for their new facility.

According to Sullivan, the church facilities will be built in stages. The main part of the church and connected day chapel is scheduled for completion by November 1999. The 2,700-member parish will move from a seating capacity at the old church of 900 to a sanctuary that holds 1,500. For the first time in 78 years, parishioners will have a social hall for

gatherings.  
 The parish is expected to grow along with the population growth in Plymouth and Salem Townships.

The next phase for the facility will be office space and an activity center with a new gymnasium. The old church will be turned into a gym and eventually classrooms when the new gym is completed. Finally, the entire school will move out to the site. The entire process is expected to take about 20 years to complete.

"We're right on the cutting edge," said Sullivan. "The vision is that you have to be ready. You can't sit 10 years from now and say, 'We should have done...'"

## WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES TODAY

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The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of 0.0816 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 1998.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

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# Miller pares 'deadwood' from voter registration files

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Some 550,000 "deadwood" names have been removed from Michigan's voter registration list, Secretary of State Candice Miller announced.

There are 6.35 million registered voters in Michigan, not the 6.9 million reported by local election officials earlier this summer, Miller said.

"Under my administration, we have constructed something called the 'qualified voter file,' which we used in the primary. We have eliminated duplicates and people who have passed

away, a factor that created the potential for fraud in our elections process," she said in an interview.

Miller said Michigan has seen an increase in deadwood due to the National Voter Registration Act, which prohibits states from using the lack of voting activity to trigger the cancellation process.

In the early 1960s, Michigan Gov. George Romney signed a law providing for canceling the registration of voters who had been inactive for two years. The courts struck down that law. The 1993 federal law, enacted by a

Democratic Congress and signed by President Bill Clinton, kept names on file even when people had moved.

Under the new qualified voter file, the state has a statewide voter registration list. All voter information is transmitted electronically between the Secretary of State's office and local election officials.

It works two ways. When Secretary of State branch offices receive voter information changes, the information is forwarded electronically to city and township clerks. And when local clerks accept new voter registra-

tions, the information is forwarded to Lansing, and the person's previous registration, if any, is canceled.

The qualified voter file was developed at a cost of \$7.6 million, Miller said. Half the funds went to local units of government.

The qualified voter file helps local officials with many of their duties including petition and candidate tracking; an electronic election calendar; and absentee voter processing.

Reader's Digest has made much of the failure of government to cancel the registrations

of voters, even when presented evidence the voter has died. In a Baltimore case, a woman said her husband was recorded as having voted months after he actually died, an indication of fraud.

A 1994 book by Sabato and Simpson entitled "Dirty Little Secrets: The Persistence of Corruption in American Politics" argues that the federal law "augments the potential for fraud ... Under the motor-voter law, it has become more difficult to keep the voting rolls clean of 'deadwood' voters who have moved or died, making fraudulent voting easier and therefore

more tempting for those so inclined."

The Michigan Legislature attempted to correct a deficiency by requiring a voter to produce a photo identification card at the polls. Attorney General Frank Kelley called it unconstitutional, saying it smacked of the poll tax.

Michigan's new qualified voter file will make voter turnout percentages look better. The 550,000 deadwood names had the effect of swelling the denominator and making it look as if voter participation were declining over the years rather than increasing.

## Forum to focus on ballot proposal

The physician-assisted suicide ballot proposal will be discussed at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6 at Angela Health Care, 14100 Newburgh Road, in Livonia.

"Ethically Exploring Physician-Assisted Suicide" by Bruce Jennings is aimed to help voters understand both sides of the issue. Jennings is the executive vice president of the Hastings Center, an institute that studies ethical and social issues in medicine, life sciences and their professions. Jennings lectures at Yale University's School of Public Health, and has written and published numerous books and articles on bioethics and public policy issues.

"This promises to be a compelling lecture, and it is important for the community to be aware of each side of the assisted-suicide issue, and also take a look at the risks involved," said Chris DiGiovanni, ethics committee spokesperson. "I'm sure a number of important questions will arise, as there are many points of concern regarding medical ethics as it relates to the integrity of our society."

There is no charge for the presentation, which runs two hours in length, but seating is limited. Anyone interested in attending is encouraged to call Angela Health Care. To reserve your seat, call (734) 464-7810 and ask for voice mail box 461.

## Parks offer map class for families on Saturday

Pull out your map, dust off your compass and join Wayne County parks with your family for a two-hour class on how to use a compass and read maps at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Crosswinds Marsh in Sumpter Township.

The class will highlight basic map and compass skills. Participants will follow a mystery course to test their skills. The program is geared toward a variety of skill levels and suitable for ages 8 through adult. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$1.

Participants should dress appropriately for the outdoors. Orienteering equipment will be provided. These are not competitive orienteering classes.

The program is made possible through money from the parks tax. Nankin Mills Interpretive Center and Crosswinds Marsh Wetland Interpretive Preserve are open for field trips and outreach programs year-round. Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is at Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Crosswinds Marsh Wetland Interpretive Preserve is at the corner of Will Carleton/Oakville/Waltz Road and Haggerty in Sumpter Township.

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**Festival:** Above left, Catherine Lawton, 18 months, enjoys her corn-on-the-cob during the Plymouth Community Fall Festival. Lisa Storch, 10, of Plymouth holds Corky, a 7-year-old male tabby who was unhappy that he was dressed up as a ballerina for the Optimist Pet Contest during the Plymouth Community Fall Festival.



STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

**Sweet revenge:** Erin Doud, a sophomore at Plymouth Canton High School gloats as 9-year-old Mike LaLonde of Westland gets out of the bin of corn shuckings after Erin pushes him in. Mike had thrown a worm at Erin, thus the motive. They were among 400-500 volunteers.

## Sunny skies brighten fall festival attendance

BY VALERIE OLANDER  
STAFF WRITER

Organizers of last weekend's Plymouth Community Fall Festival say attendance was up this year due to three days of nice weather and the expanded line-up of events.

However, it may take until mid-1999 before the festival is at a break-even point, according to Curt Lamar, president of the fall festival's board of directors.

"I think the addition of the chili cookoff and expanded car show really helped out," said Lamar.

"I feel good about the financial situation. By the middle of next year we should be out of debt."

The Michigan State Chili Championship, previously held in Milford, was brought to Plymouth for the first time this year. It drew 52 contestants from as far away as Texas, Kentucky and Ohio, said Annette Horn, chairwoman of the event. The cookoff is expected to be back at fall festival next year.

"It was 89 degrees (on Saturday). Of course, we would have liked it to be a little cooler," said Horn, who also heads the Plymouth Great Lakes Regional

Chili Cookoff set for Sunday, Oct. 4.

"This is the perfect spot for this type of event because fall festival is when families get together," she added.

The winner of this year's event was Marilyn Frederick of Farmington Hills with her "Time Bomb Chili." She won \$1,000 and a trophy. Frederick now advances to the world championship in Las Vegas on Oct. 10.

Other winners were: Second place, Ray Frederick (Marilyn's husband), "Tiger Bite Chili"; third place, Jim Stoddard of Texas, "Alien Chili"; fourth place, Chuck Hoff of Columbus, Ohio, "Dragon's Breath Chili"; and Diane Lentz of Kentucky, "Belle Breezing Bordello Chili."

All proceeds from the chili cookoff will go to the festival. After bills are paid Horn expects to donate \$2,200 to the festival.

The festival's committee spent a little more than expected on entertainment this year. Two stages were set up on each end of Penniman to offer continuous performances. In addition to local talent, the committee hired

olddies band the Larados; country singer Janet Leigh and big band

musicians Al Townsend & the Couriers.

Kathy Turnquist, vice president of entertainment, said the entertainment cost \$11,000 because of the two stages. The committee had budgeted \$8,300. Most bands cost between \$1,000 and \$1,600, she said. The Larados cost \$2,300.

"You have to pay for some talent. You can't have all locals," she said.

The committee will meet informally today for an "impromptu critique," said Lamar. Its general meeting is scheduled for Oct. 7. "For my first year as president I'm satisfied with the way things turned out," he said.

The committee stepped up its fund-raising efforts this year by attracting additional sponsors, such as Visteon. It also held a fund-raiser at Art in the Park, and other activities are planned to generate revenue to pay off its debts. Expenses exceeded festival income by \$108,000 over the last three years.

"We're going to concentrate on fund raising and expanding the festival next year," Lamar said.

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**Finishing up:** A construction worker for John Carlo Inc. of Mount Clemens spreads sand as part of a fish shoal near the shore line on Newburgh Lake.

# Newburgh Lake

## Oct. 16 celebration to mark key step in Rouge revival

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

A few old-timers may remember when anglers, users of paddleboats and canoes, and even swimmers enjoyed the waters of Newburgh Lake.

That seems like a long time ago. But it appears the lake and the restoration of the Rouge River will turn an important corner toward the dream of returning Newburgh to its recreational status with the lake's official dedication Oct. 16.

That day, county officials and other dignitaries will celebrate the completion of the Newburgh Lake restoration project. They believe that one day many summer recreational activities will resume on Newburgh.

But they also caution the lake — an impoundment of the Middle Rouge River — isn't quite

ready for full body contact with humans. State officials believe it will not be ready for fishing until 2001.

"The lake won't be open for full operations until the spring," said Hurley Coleman, director of Wayne County parks. "For that day (Oct. 16 only), we will have paddleboats and canoes available to the public."

### Filling it up

Roger Van Omen, chief engineer for Wayne County's Department of Environment, said John Carlo, the excavator contracted by Wayne County, was wrapping up the final preparations before the lake is to be refilled by damming and rainfall.

"Right now they are down there hauling dirt, and moving

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More than 70 colleges and universities will attend College Night including Michigan State University, Central Michigan University, Western Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Adrian College, Notre Dame, the University of Michigan, Amherst College, Schoolcraft College and Purdue University.

School representatives will be on hand to answer questions and disseminate information and materials about

admission requirements, costs and programs.

All area high school students, their families and the community are invited to attend. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. and continues until 8:30 p.m. All colleges and universities will be located in the Physical Education Building.

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sand and gravel around, working on shoal areas so the fish have breeding areas and places to hide from predators," Van Omen said.

Starting Sept. 21 "desirable" seaweed will be planted along with other species to create the same hiding places, Van Omen said.

"There will be dropoffs and crevices where bass like to hide."

Excavation crews have removed about 560,000 tons of contaminated and noncontaminated soil. The soil had been contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls originating from a lubricant used several years ago at a nearby industrial plant, which is now closed.

The PCBs flowed down a creek into the northwest part of the lake. Many fish were contaminated, but it is believed that they were removed with two fish kills.

Work also began last week on the resurfacing of Hines Drive between Newburgh and Haggerty roads and the bike path along that same stretch. That work may be completed later this week.

Hines Drive and the bike path have been closed to the public so trucks could use Hines to transport soil out of the lake. Van Omen said Hines will be opened at about the date of the dedication.

Two parking areas will be paved, one at Newburgh Point, the other at Sumac Point, which is located on the north side of the lake, across from the dam at

Newburgh Road.

The Newburgh dam will be closed on Sept. 19 to create the impoundment. After that date, the rains will refill the lake. "Some water has to be let through," Van Omen said. "It won't fill until we get a good rain."

Good stock

Fish will be restocked in late September in Nankin and Newburgh lakes. That process will continue each year over three years.

Minnows, bluegills, largemouth bass, channel catfish, walleye, northern pike, black crappie and pumpkinseed sunfish will be restocked in Newburgh Lake. Wayne County also will restock minnows, bluegills, largemouth bass, channel catfish and northern pike downstream at the Nankin impoundment.

"It's been thirty years since people were eating the fish from Newburgh Lake," said Mike Duggan, deputy county executive. "This is a historic accomplishment for us."

But one state official believes the state won't give the green light for public fishing and remove the state advisory against consumption until 2001.

"We don't plan a whole lot over the next year," said Mark Oemke, who oversees the Newburgh Lake project for the state's Department of Environmental Quality and is an aquatic biologist for the surface water quality division. "Most of these

fish will still be a pretty small size."

Officials with the fisheries division of the state Department of Natural Resources want the fish to reach "sport" size or legal size, for example, 14 inches for bass.

"Depending on their growth rate, it's still unlikely they will reach that size until next year," Oemke said. The fish will be removed and tested in 2000 with results available later that year. "The fish advisory probably won't be lifted until 2001."

The lake itself will have a new look.

At Sumac Point, a fishing dock will be replaced and picnic tables will be placed at the site.

"As long as we get sunshine, we'll stay on schedule," Van Omen said. "Everything is looking good."

No swimming...yet

How about swimming in the lake? Coleman doesn't rule that out, but that will take time, and probably a tremendous public relations campaign to boot.

"It will take awhile. That will take maybe 10 years before we can have full body contact, because there are still problems with the Rouge River at large."

If it is cold enough this winter to freeze the lake, residents will be ice skating there, Coleman said.

"It's an exciting time," said Coleman. "Wayne County parks are coming back like a phoenix."

## Drug tests stuck

House Republicans failed to dislodge Gov. John Engler's proposal for drug testing of welfare recipients from the House Committee on Human Services. The vote on Sept. 15 was 50-48 with 56 votes needed for passage.

The vote appeared to be along party lines - Republicans for, Democrats against - but a malfunctioning copy machine was unable to produce the roll call vote.

"Democrats are playing politics," said Rep. Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau, who asked for the discharge vote.

Rep. Ed LaForge, D-Kalamazoo and chair of the committee, said another bill would be reported out next week, leading Republican Jack Horton of Lowell to comment: "Finally, with a discharge motion, we get a promise of a hearing. That substitute does little."

Rep. Tom Alley, D-West Branch, said Democrats denied the discharge motion "for the same reason you didn't want us to discharge when you (Republicans) were in control."

The measure is House Bill 5855.

## Work First grants

Engler announced a total of \$85 million in Work First grants to 25 agencies trying to move welfare recipients to jobs. Funding comes from the state and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Recipients:

- Lansing Tri-County, \$2.8 million.
- Livingston County Job Training Services, \$112,000.
- Oakland County Employment and Training Division, \$4.7 million.
- Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, \$9.25 million.

## Appointments

The governor has appointed:  
 ■ To the Reading Plan for Michigan Advisory Council - Michael DeVault, Clarkston, superintendent of Macomb Intermediate School District; Mike Flanagan, Plymouth, superintendent of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency; Margaret O'Riley, Howell, state business ombudsman; and James Redmond, Rochester Hills, superintendent of Oakland Intermediate School District. Redmond will chair the panel, which is to prepare reading readiness kits and recommend a summer reading program.  
 ■ To the Michigan Education Trust board - Thomas P. Sullivan, Canton, president of Clearly College, representing independent colleges.

## O&E, HomeTown host job fair

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and the HomeTown Newspapers will host their first job fair from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center in Livonia.

It's free to job seekers. Rick Ficorelli, director of marketing, expects a crowd at this first-time event. It's a sell-out,

with 65 companies signed up and several on the waiting list. "This is just an extension of the newspaper and cements our relationship with these companies."

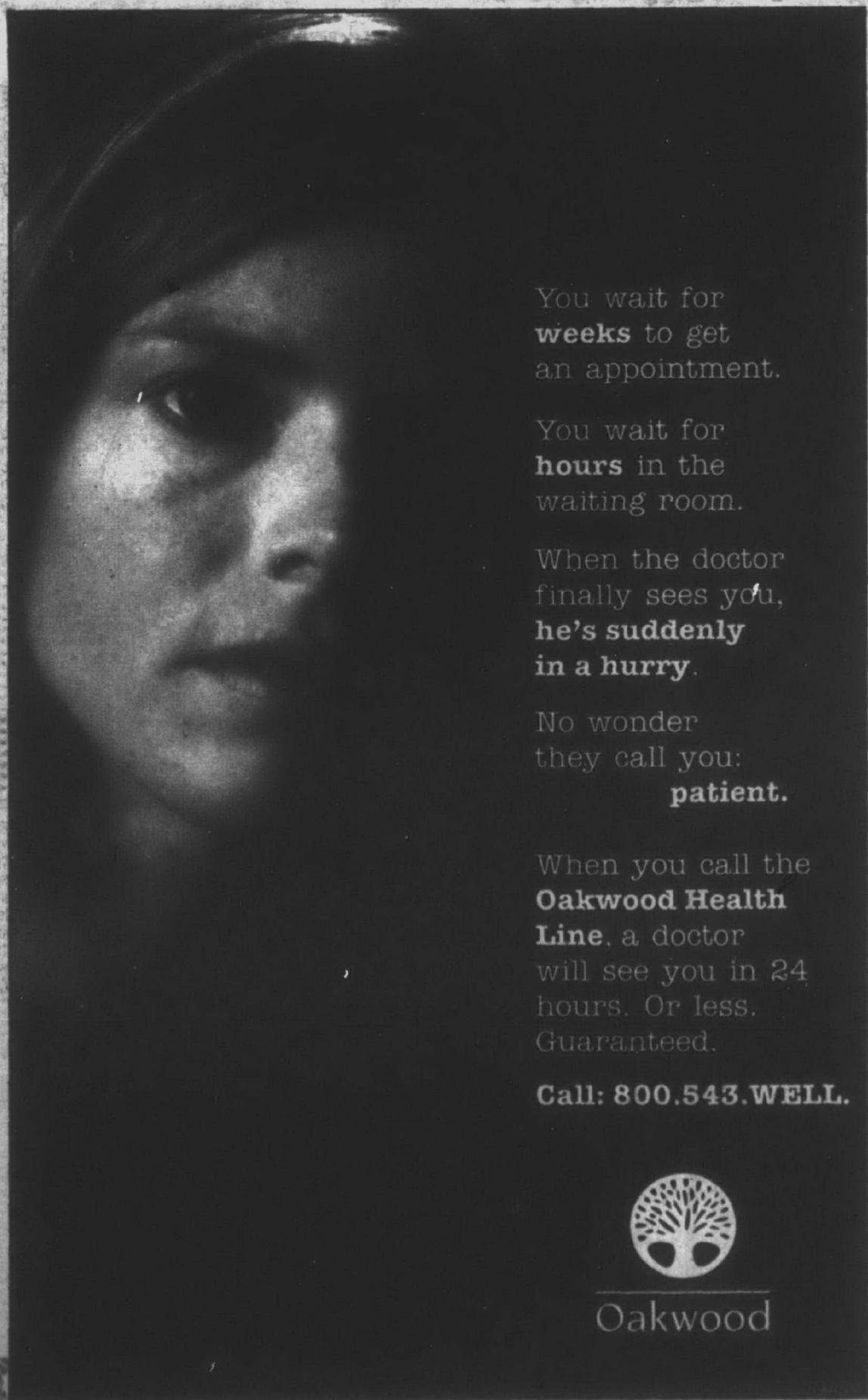
"We decided to maximize our potential success by being general and going after everybody," said Ficorelli.

Ficorelli said he expects the companies' employment needs to range from "the general to the

specific." Job seekers are encouraged to come with up to 70 resumes and be prepared for on-the-spot interviews. Appropriate attire is recommended.

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**2000 COMPLIANT**

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The treasurer's office is already year 2000 compliant, and Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter said all financial institutions that the township does business with have assured her that their software has been made year 2000 compliant.

However, computers aren't the only technology with two-digit date chips: The township is looking at the telephone system, elevators, thermostats and radios to determine what needs to be upgraded.

The township's utmost concern is services, such as the Public Safety Department and Water and Sewer.

**GARDEN CITY**

**MANAGER ON AGENDA**

Conflicts between City Manager Jon Bayless and elected officials may come to a head at Monday's city council meeting.

At the end of this past Monday's council meeting, Mayor Jim Barker asked that next week the council discuss terminating Bayless' employment agreement with the city.

"He (Bayless) treats us on a need-to-know business, and he decides what we need to know," said Barker. "I've complained to

him over and over about keeping us in the dark. I had to go to Traverse City (to the Michigan Municipal League conference) to learn about a law governing how the city can invest its money."

There was no discussion about the issue at Monday's meeting as Bayless and council members then immediately went into a closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

**LIVONIA**

**REZONING REJECTED**

A plan to build a supermarket on a church site at Six Mile and Farmington Road ran into its first official opposition Tuesday.

After an emotional public hearing, the Livonia Planning Commission voted 6-0 to recommend against rezoning the former Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church land for commercial use. Farmer Jack has an option to buy the 7.9-acre site and wants to build a 60,000-square-foot supermarket there.

The rezoning petition now goes to the city council.

Michael Rein of Bowers & Rein Associates Inc., Farmer Jack's architects, said the Ward land is ideally situated for a supermarket. "The reason this is such a valuable corner is because Livonia is such a solid community," he said.

Last fall, the church was asking \$5.9 million for its Livonia home. The Ward congregation built a new church in Northville Township and moved into it this

past spring.

**PLYMOUTH**

**RECALL IN PLANNING**

Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva says he will initiate a recall effort against the Plymouth-Canton school board, and take a look at splitting the district into separate entities.

Vorva threatened last year to start a recall effort, but said "timing is everything. The last time was before a school board election, and wouldn't have worked. We'll put together a recall committee soon after the middle school bond election in October."

To get the recall effort on a ballot, Vorva's group would need valid signatures equaling one-fourth of the total number of votes cast in the last gubernatorial election.

The Canton Township clerk's office reports 19,209 people

voted in the 1994 gubernatorial election. The recall committee would need 4,802 valid petition signatures from Canton residents.

Plymouth Township recorded 10,992 gubernatorial votes, which means 2,748 valid petition signatures would be needed from township residents.

The Plymouth clerk's office reports 4,009 ballots cast for governor, meaning a recall effort would need 1,002 petition signatures from the city.

Vorva said he's also looking at what it would take to split the Plymouth-Canton school district.

Assistant state school superintendent Mike Williams said the state has dealt with consolidations and annexations of school districts which want to combine, but rarely with districts that want to split and remain independent.

"There is no easy mechanism for the division of a school district. It would take special legis-

lation," Williams said.

**REDFORD**

**SIDEWALK PROGRAM REVAMPED**

More than 150 residents, most angry over having to pay for sidewalk repairs, alternately listened and booed as Redford Supervisor Kevin Kelley explained a revamped sidewalk repair program on Tuesday.

Members of the crowd complained about the lack of a consistent criteria used by the township to order sidewalk replacements.

"We're going to have a moratorium on sidewalk inspections," Kelley told the crowd.

He said the township board will work on a new way to inspect and replace sidewalks.

**WESTLAND**

**CHEERLEADERS PROTEST**

Claiming unequal treatment and lost scholarship opportunities, tearful Wayne Memorial High cheerleaders and their supporters Monday packed a school board meeting room to protest the district's refusal to let them perform mounts and stunts during their routines.

Cheerleader manager Lisa Dodd shrugged off statements from district officials who said the policy is intended to prevent injuries. She said football players don't face similar rules even though they are sometimes carried away from games on stretchers and in ambulances.

"Why don't you think about the football players that are getting hurt?" Dodd, a 12th-grader, asked school officials.

Wayne-Westland school board President David Cox promised that officials will investigate the issue in the wake of moves by some districts to ease cheerleading rules.

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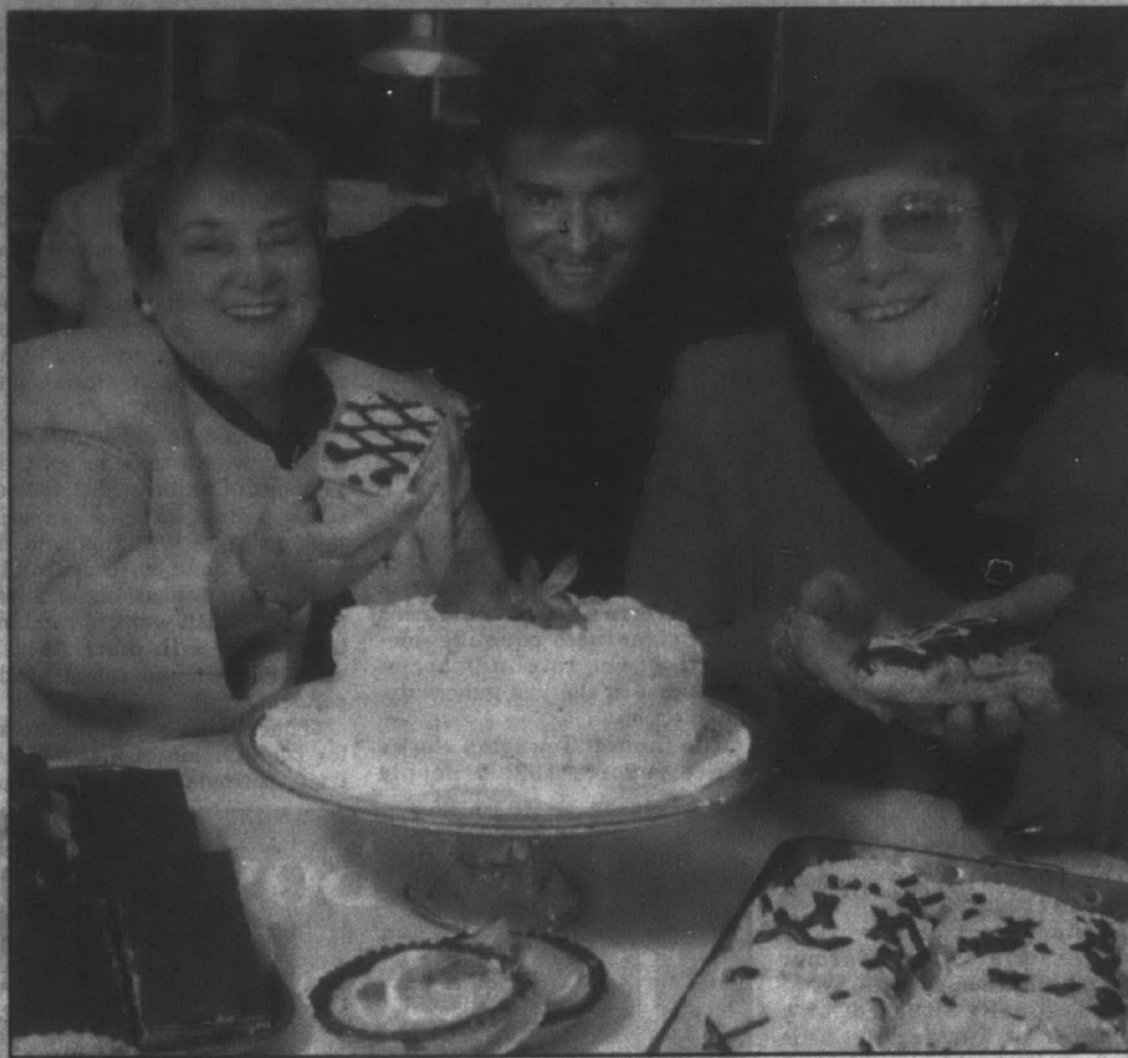
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**Culinary delights:** Getting ready for Sunday's seventh annual Culinary Extravaganza at Schoolcraft College are event co-chairs (from left) Alberta Muzzin, executive director of the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce and Charlotte Mahoney of Livonia. Joining them is Ed Postiff, owner of Edward's Cafe & Caterers in Northville. Edward's is among some 60 that will participate in Sunday's fund-raiser for student scholarships. The event is planned for 2-5 p.m. Sunday in the Waterman Center. It includes delicious food samples, a live auction featuring combination prizes and a raffle. Tickets are \$40 per person or two tickets for \$75. For more information, call the Office of Marketing and Development at (734) 462-4417.

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# Historian: President Cleveland told truth about his sex scandal

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Once upon a time a presidential candidate was approached by several aides who were concerned about a sex scandal reported in a newspaper in Buffalo.

The candidate — only two months away from an election — would learn a woman claimed he fathered her illegitimate son, according to the newspaper article.

His aides asked "What do we do?"

His answer: "Tell the truth." Grover Cleveland, who had not yet married, told the nation the story. Yes, he had had an affair with the woman.

"He didn't try to deny it, he didn't lie about it," said Lawrence Reed, who related the story of Cleveland's presidency to members of the Westland Republican Club Monday. Reed juxtaposed Cleveland's problems with the current scandal evolving around President Clinton, his affair with Monica Lewinsky and the Starr Report, released Friday.

"It's a stark contrast with what's in the White House today," said Reed, the president of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a Midland-based research and educational organization often referred to as a "free-market think tank."

Reed, who has a master's degree in history from Slippery Rock State University in Pennsylvania and has written five books, ranked Cleveland, a Democrat, among his favorites because "it was not hard to make the case" Cleveland was "the most honest man to hold the



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Lawrence Reed  
—discussing Grover Cleveland's sex scandal

office."

"He was a man of great principle, and believed strongly in these principles," Reed said, another contrast from today's Clinton.

But the scandal threatened Cleveland, similar to the Clinton White House.

"These were Victorian times. People had high standards," Reed said. Cleveland indeed had a "lady friend," who was not

married. The woman apparently had flings with four men, but out of them, the only unmarried — and eligible — man was Cleveland.

Historians suspect the woman believed Cleveland would marry her. "He didn't marry her because he didn't believe he was the father," Reed said.

Reed reported Cleveland's presidency was marked by several other highlights that would raise eyebrows in today's society:

■ In 1887, he vetoed a bill that appropriated \$10,000 to drought-stricken farmers in Texas. "Though the people support the government, it is not the duty of government to support these people," Cleveland once said.

■ Shunned political patronage and appointed who he considered qualified candidates to his cabinet, regardless of political party.

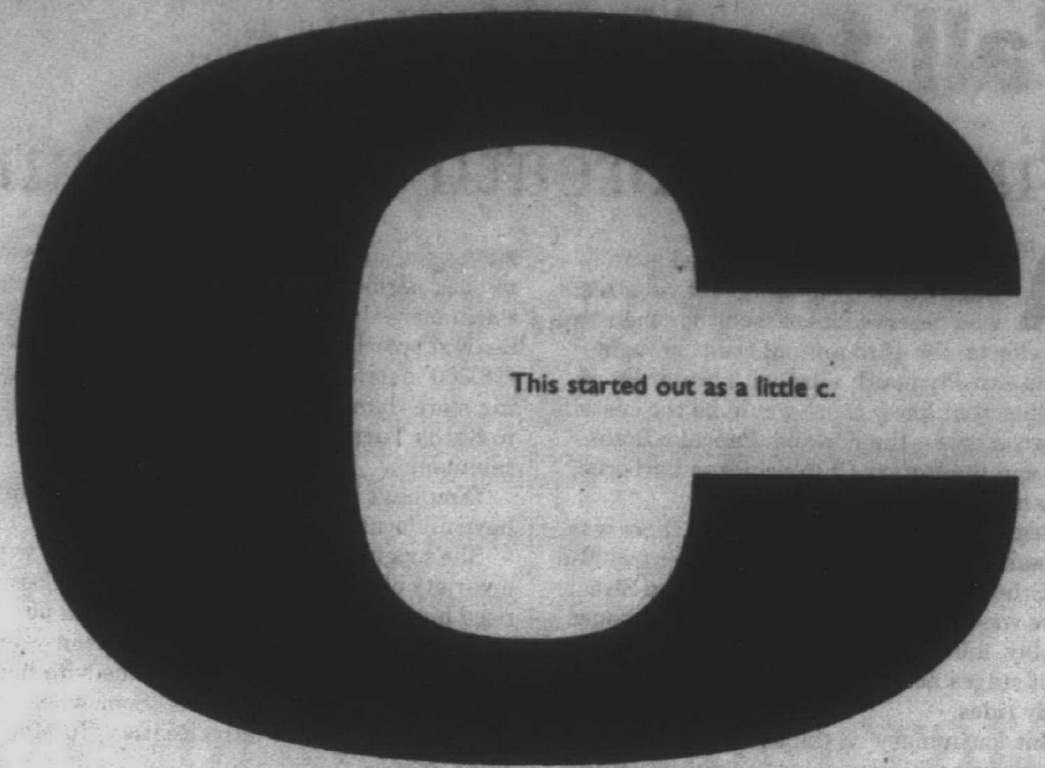
■ Vetoed twice as many bills as the 21 previous presidents combined. "Sometimes legislators would pad a bill for a project in Buffalo (Cleveland's hometown), but he vetoed these items," Reed said.

Actually Cleveland is the only president elected to nonconsecutive terms. He lost in 1888 because he wanted to discuss tariffs, and fought to reduce them. He argued it was dishonest to stifle competition and consumer choice by restricting imports, Reed said.

Reed said the American public needs to study historical figures such as Cleveland and their character.

"We may have a lot of people who wake up and say, 'Character counts.'"

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# Fall festival Time for a breath of fresh air

Another fall festival come and gone. Engineered by a handful of volunteers who deserve lots of credit for their tireless efforts, the 43rd annual event brought downtown Plymouth alive with hundreds of families that knew there would be the customary good eats — the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast and the Rotary Club's chicken barbecue, to name just a few.

Beginning at Main and Church, there was the annual arts and crafts fair at Central Middle School and heading south on Main Street, there was the fire department's smoke house display, followed by food booths and entertainment stages near Kellogg Park and finally, the kiddie rides.

But "customary" is the keyword here. There's something missing. To put it quite bluntly, it's the same thing year after year after year. It's time for a change.

Not only does fall festival need a shot of life for those attending year after year after year, but financially it needs a huge boost.

The festival has operated in the red for the past three years with expenses outpacing proceeds by \$108,000. And a fourth year in the hole looks imminent. Final accounting isn't expected until next month by the festival's board of directors, but the outlook appears to be more red ink.

We realize changes have been made to add some new attractions, such as the Michigan State Chili Championship, a qualifier for the World championship to be held in Las Vegas Oct. 10. Kudos to Annette Horn for putting together a new and welcome addition to the festival.

The chili cook-off brought chefs from Texas, Kentucky and Ohio. It did spice up the festival and draw many who might otherwise would not have visited the festival. The aroma drew curious fest-goers to circle through the Gathering sampling each of the 52 recipes for 50 cents apiece.

After expenses, the event is expected to bring \$2,200 to the festival coffers, according to cook-off organizer Horn.

However, in the overall scheme of things \$2,200 isn't enough to balance the festival's overall budget.

Entertainment also was expanded with two

stages set up on Penniman to coordinate back-to-back performances. Entertainment also cost much more than expected. Even though the festival board budgeted less than last year (\$8,300 instead of \$8,800) it ended up spending more than anticipated (\$11,000), according to Kathy Turnquist, vice president of entertainment.

"You have to pay for some talent, you can't have all locals," Turnquist said.

She's right. In order to offer fest-goers with a variety of performances, fall festival does need bigger attractions — and that is in no means critical of our local folks. Fifteen-year-old Justine Blazer awed the crowds with her gifted voice with renditions of "Somewhere over the Rainbow" and the Beatles' "In My Life."

We don't have all the answers here and we would encourage anyone who has ideas to make them known to make next year's festival bigger, better and profitable.

Talk to members of the non-profit participants from the Kiwanis Club to Civitans to the Rotary Club, and they all say fall festival is their biggest fund-raiser of the year. Of all money raised, 25 percent of the various group's profits go back to the festival to pay the city for maintenance, clean up and additional police officers.

Only it's the city that ends up paying in the long run. The city typically fronts the festival board \$8,400, but it still ends up owing about \$10,000, according to Municipal Services Director Paul Sincock.

A number of corporate sponsors help offset cost, including Detroit Edison and NBD. Maybe more sponsors are needed, or maybe a larger percentage needs to be taken from non-profit participants.

The festival committee works hard to put on a hometown festival but doesn't have all the answers, and neither do we. They need help from the greater Plymouth area.

We simply question how successful is an event that ends up so far in the hole?

# Fall arrives just in time

It all begins this year at precisely 1:37 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on Wednesday, Sept. 23. Officially that's the autumnal equinox, the point at which the sun seems to cross the celestial equator from north to south.

It's one of two days in the year when there are an equal number of dark and daylight hours.

What the day really signifies is the changing of the season from summer to fall. Those green leaves, symbolic of new life when they emerged in the spring, begin their ritualistic color changes, soon to end up in a compost bin or as much in a flower bed. It's all part of the cycle of nature.

And that leads to the inevitable coffee break discussions about which is the favorite season. Snow skiers declare winter to be the best while water skiers proclaim the joys of summer. Gardeners look forward to spring when they can begin working with the soil. And hunters can't wait for the deer season to get under way in the fall.

**Officially that's the autumnal equinox, the point at which the sun seems to cross the celestial equator from north to south.**

Snowbirds start preparing for their annual trek to points south, extending the summer season through the winter months. They don't care what time of year it is, just so long as it's warm.

We're not advocating one season over another. They'll come and go, no matter how much we pontificate. We're just happy to be around to watch the changes. William Browne, the 17th century English poet, probably summed it up best:

"There is no season such delight can bring,  
"As summer, autumn, winter, and the spring."

## COMMUNITY VOICE

**QUESTION:**  
How do you think the Detroit Lions will do this year?



"Terrible. I don't think the new uniforms will help."  
Betty Curran  
Plymouth



"They're completely unpredictable. You never know which way they'll go."  
Matt Tudor  
Ann Arbor



"I don't think they'll do any better than last year."  
Bill McKendry  
Plymouth



"It doesn't look hopeful. But, I'll give them a chance to prove themselves."  
Cathie Rzepka  
Plymouth

## Rotary Chicken



STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

The heat is on: Jerry Ostoin and Jim Schebil, members of the Rotary Club, started cooking at 7:30 a.m. Sunday at the Plymouth Community Fall Festival and planned to be done at 4:30 p.m. The health inspector told them the chicken needed to reach at least 165 degrees but just to be on the safe side, the guys said they waited until the birds reached 180 degrees.

## LETTERS

### Fieger comments insulting

I have received numerous inquiries as to the actual total of the state's budget. I would like to clarify some of the inaccurate information that is being discussed in the media.

The federal government says we have \$35 billion. Mr. Engler's budget shows revenues of \$21.5 billion. That's a difference of \$14.5 billion. Maybe it's going out the back door. Maybe it's not even showing up in our budget," said Fieger (an interview by the Detroit News). His statement is untrue and unnecessarily inflammatory.

Let me set the record straight, the total state budget for fiscal year 1999 is \$32 billion, not \$21.5 or \$35 billion. The entire \$32 billion is appropriated by the Legislature. The budget process is conducted in full view of the public, debated openly by the Legislature and covered extensively by the media.

These figures can be confirmed by the state treasurer, the nonpartisan Legislative Auditor General, the bi-partisan Legislature, the non-partisan fiscal offices and the civil servants who work in the state agency budget and accounting offices, all of whom are knowledgeable of and accountable for the state's budget. Mr. Fieger's suggestions of improprieties within the state government are not only ridiculous but also insulting to hard working state employees who work without political bias.

Mary A. Lannoye  
state budget director

### Bond is for children

Impending fatherhood means Achyut Jajoo is one very busy man.

Besides the usual hectic planning and preparation every future father lives through, Achyut has taken the time from his very busy schedule to work for the passage of the Lowell Middle School Replacement Bond.

Achyut considers his work for the Citizens Election Committee as not only hours well spent but a family obligation. His father had many a sacrifice to ensure that Achyut had received a quality public school education. Now he says it is his duty to do so as well, not only for his child but for all the children within the community.

Public education in the Plymouth-Canton community where Achyut and his wife Smita

plan to raise their much anticipated first-born, is the family's top concern.

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For the price of three regular Beansies, the cost of a newly released video, or the discounted price of a best seller each of us together can build a middle school for not only this generation but the next, and the next.

Saturday, Oct. 3, is not about our personal agenda; but our public one. It is not about whether we vote in person or by absentee ballot; but just that we vote.

A resounding YES! vote on Oct. 3 will tell future generations how much the Plymouth-Canton community of today valued it's children.

Martha Trafford  
Canton  
The Citizens Election Committee

### Constitution honored

I would like to remind your readers that "Constitution Week" is Sept. 17-23. This week celebrates the signing of a document over 200 years old. It was written by our founding fathers to secure liberty and guarantee our freedoms as a self governing nation.

Study the constitution, know your rights enjoy the freedom that was fought for by so many.

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Remember this date and read your constitution.

Judy Mysliviec

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POINTS OF VIEW

# Clinton's escapades don't shock this senior

**A**t my age, I'm shockproof," begins Cecilia "Ce" Himes, my nearly 95-year-old friend whom I sought out for perspective as the Starr Report was released to the world.

A former Troy resident, she now lives in St. Anne's Mead retirement residence in Southfield. There she is an avid reader, bridge player, correspondent (she exchanges letters with 14 nieces, nephews, grandchildren and friends), has friends of all ages, and recently began a story-telling group for about a dozen residents of the Mead who can no longer read for themselves.

A former teacher, she stays on top of what's happening in her community, her state, her nation, and the world. In fact, a sprawling world map occupies one wall of her cozy, one-room apartment.

No, she hasn't actually read the

Starr Report and its rebuttal. "I'm sophisticated and so are you," she says of the lurid sexual play-by-play.

Himes was in her late teens when the Teapot Dome scandal broke in which Warren G. Harding, the 29th president of the United States, made several misguided appointments leading to a corrupt administration. Harding died while still in office in 1923.

She acknowledges that, preoccupied by the more personal concerns of a young person, Teapot Dome "kind of passed me by."

She was in her 70s when Congress recommended three articles of impeachment for President Richard Nixon's involvement in the Watergate scandal. The 37th president resigned from office Aug. 9, 1974.

"We knew that he lied," she said. "It was very bad." But then, she reminds us, that every living presi-



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dent attended Nixon's funeral and of what was said. "He was treated like an honorable citizen."

So, at 94, as she approaches the scandal surrounding William Jefferson Clinton, the 42nd president, Himes says: "I'm trying to see the whole picture. I'm trying to think in a global way."

She worries that the crises in Rus-

sia and Asia, acts of terrorism, the always tense situation in the Middle East and the reeling stock market won't get the leadership they require as the president, Congress and the nation are preoccupied by what she sees as essentially a private affair.

Himes, who didn't vote for Clinton, sees this mainly as a personal matter between him and his family. "His lying (under oath and to the nation) was very bad," she acknowledges.

But many other presidents had affairs. "Did we suffer from not knowing the gory details? I don't think so. We're cheapening our country with this. It's turning us into a banana republic," she says, her acute sense of humor coming through.

In that spirit, she wonders whether putting Clinton "in the stocks on Woodward Avenue, no Avenue M in Washington" wouldn't be more fitting than either Congressional censure or

impeachment. The stocks, of course, were a device used even before Himes' time for punishment.

"Then I'd let him out and forget about it. I wish his fine mind could be directed toward the real problems of this country."

Like many of us, she hopes "whatever happens, happens soon. It shouldn't be parked under the rug, but with so many pressing problems, it's important to get back to minding the store."

And if she could talk to Bill Clinton, Himes would tell him: "I know what it is to be young. But you don't know what it is to be old. There are nights when you can't sleep and your conscience takes over..."

Judith Doner Berne is a former managing editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. You can comment on this column by calling (734)953-2047, Ext. 1997.

# Diversity trumps competence for state Democrats

**D**on't give John Austin the speech about "work hard, pay your dues, plan carefully, and you'll be a success." He may be a little bitter about now.

Austin, 36, announced 18 months ago he was seeking the Democratic nomination for secretary of state. He is a senior project manager for Public Policy Associates, which is a potent think tank organization even if you haven't heard of it. He is a Genesee County road commissioner. He's a first-class orator, which always helps; good-looking, which never hurts; and well educated, which some folks think is important.

A week before the Democratic state convention rolled around, Austin had no opposition. Moreover, he had the support of two of the three gubernatorial candidates (Owen and Ross), five of the 10 Democratic congressmen, three state senators, a couple dozen state reps (including Eileen DeHart

and Tom Kelly), two State Board of Education members, two University of Michigan regents and more local party leaders than you can count.

Austin also developed a platform: campaign finance reform, caps on individual donations to political parties, a one-year moratorium on retired legislators becoming lobbyists.

So why didn't he win in a walk? Gubernatorial nominee Geoffrey Fieger wanted a black woman on the ticket as lieutenant governor. He couldn't find one, so he talked to a white woman and then to Rep. Jim Agee, a white male, a former school superintendent and the Democrats' top guy on public education (a superb choice).

Meanwhile, Jennifer Granholm, Wayne County corporation counsel and a white female, had emerged as the favorite for attorney general. That left Fieger without a black woman from Detroit on the ticket.



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Michigan Democrats put together a ticket precisely the way TV's Archie Bunker taught: "You get Feldman for treasurer ... Then people know how to handle money. Then you get Salvatory for district attorney - to keep an eye on Feldman. Then you get a Mick, O'Reilly, to make sure the graft is equally distributed."

Not a word about public service. Not a thought about ability. Not when

you're dealing with Archie Bunker and Michigan Democrats.

So Fieger recruited Rep. Mary Lou Parks of Detroit to be the secretary of state candidate. Austin was assigned to make her nominating speech.

For nine minutes, Austin talked about his ideals and campaign. "Diversity is our greatest strength," he began. "Naturally, I'm very disappointed not to be part of the ticket," he said in an understatement.

He spent less than a minute talking about Parks. She knows the welfare budget, which is hardly a recommendation for secretary of state. She chairs the Black Caucus. In the six years Parks has been in the Legislature, I can't recall her saying a word on the floor. But I'll leave it to her to relate her legislative record, qualifications and program in the campaign.

Democrats say they like a good fight. Not quite true. In the Republican convention, delegates faced with

an ordained candidate for attorney general with no real qualifications rebelled against their own governor's wishes and picked someone they considered qualified, John Smietanka.

Democrats just caved in, however, and nominated Parks. Austin had enough supporters for a rebellion, judging by the white-on-black "a" signs in the convention hall, but they said "to heck with ability" and went with diversity.

**POLITICAL QUIZ:** Who was the first woman nominated for state attorney general? Hint: It wasn't Jennifer Granholm.

Answer: Clarice Jobs, nominated in 1974 by Zolton Ferency's Human Rights Party. She later was appointed to a judgeship in Detroit - by Republican Gov. Bill Milliken.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047 ext. 1881.

# Let's not be left behind by the information revolution

**A**lmost everybody has experienced the information revolution in one form or another: personal computers, faxes, pagers, cell phones, robotics, automatic teller machines, the Internet.

But, warns a report released by the blue-ribbon Michigan Information Technology Commission, Michigan businesses, communities, schools and government offices are unprepared to take full advantage of the information revolution.

Sponsored by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation and the Council of Michigan Foundation, the MITC brought together 40 leaders from Michigan's business, government, non-profit and media communities for 10 months of fact-finding and deliberation.

I was a member of the MITC. I came away from the process very impressed at the sincerity and diligence of my colleagues and enormously challenged at the implications of the information revolution for every person in Michigan.

The MITC report begins with a call to action: "Abrupt and fundamental leaps in technology are very rare, taking place perhaps once or twice in a century. But they can transform the lives of people, the fate of economic organizations and even the direction of states and nations." The industrial revolution of the 19th century was one example; the information revolution of today is another.

"History teaches that a society that does not act promptly and aggressively in the face of a transforming technology risks being overtaken by those that do," continues the report. "We do not have the luxury of standing still. We either establish leadership positions in the use and production of information technology or we sit back and watch our economic base shrivel and our children seek their livelihoods elsewhere."

The MITC report points out that Michigan can never lead the world in the production of silicon chips the way Silicon Valley in California has or in the design of software the way Seattle (headquarters of Microsoft) has. But the report concludes that, "Michigan has the necessary elements to establish a self-renewing and sustaining environment for new generations of information technology."

The dynamics of this process, according to the report, involve Michigan becoming a world leader in applying and transferring this technology throughout our state, thereby creating enormous demand for new products and for talented information workers. "This demand, in turn, can stimulate Michigan's researchers, entrepre-



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neurs and workers to create new products and services to be sold throughout the world," the report concludes.

The MITC report contains 17 broad recommendations and 50 detailed action steps for positioning Michigan to be a leader in information technology. Some examples:

■ Educators should use the Internet and other information technology to greatly expand learning opportunities for students and workers of all ages. For example, the Michigan Virtual University will soon bring together professors from all around the state to offer education and job training via cable TV, CD-ROM and the Internet.

■ Businesses should create new software and experiment with new forms of organization to increase worker creativity and productivity by maximizing use of information technology. For example, the auto industry is building a data network in metro Detroit that will both save millions and allow companies worldwide to coordinate shipments, design products, transfer funds and communicate via e-mail and video-conference.

■ Health care professionals should expand use of information technology in improving the health of Michigan's citizens. For example, in northern Michigan, doctors are offering long-distance consultation for patients via an advance video network. The days of "computer-assisted diagnosis" are not far off.

Every thoughtful person in Michigan should read this report. It offers a detailed and concrete wake-up call to our state. You can access the entire report on the web at [www.michinfoch.org](http://www.michinfoch.org).

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# Child attackers

## Legislation would jail people who just watch

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

Little girls would be safer from predators if a bill advocated Democratic attorney general candidate Jennifer Granholm becomes law.

Criminals and big corporations have lots of lawyers," Granholm told a State Capitol news conference, saying she would protect children.

But in Michigan today, "it's not a crime to watch a child be abused and stand idly by," said the Wayne County corporation counsel and Northville Township resident who hopes to succeed Frank Kelley in the Nov. 3 election.

Sen. Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga, and Rep. Mark Schauer, D-Battle Creek, promised to introduce her "Bystander Bill" in this session of the Legislature, though there's virtually no chance it will even receive a hearing. The bill would provide for a four-year

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Jennifer Granholm  
—attorney general candidate

felony sentence for bystanders who failed to help children under attack.

"Why only children?" asked a reporter. "What if I see my neighbor beat his wife?"

"It's a first step to protect the most vulnerable in society," Granholm replied.

What if a parent abuses a child?

"Sen. (Mike) Bouchard (R-Birmingham) has a bill on that," Granholm replied.

"I'm not aware of any Michigan cases," she said after relating a 1997 story about the murder of a 7-year-old girl in the restroom of a casino in Primm, Nevada. A 19-year-old man

received a life sentence after pleading guilty. But a friend named David Cash Jr. witnessed the killer muffling the girl's screams and walked away.

Michigan requires certain professionals — physicians, social workers, school personnel — to report child abuse to Child Protective Services. Anyone else may make such reports but there's no requirement.

"They would have a duty to act. To do nothing makes us an accomplice," Granholm said.

Granholm, 39, worked in the U.S. attorney's office before being appointed Wayne County's top civil lawyer. The Democratic State Convention nominated her



to succeed Kelley, who will leave office Dec. 31 after 36 years.

## Madonna alumni invited to homecoming on Oct. 11

Madonna University will host a homecoming for alumni on Sunday, Oct. 11.

The event begins with a liturgy at 11 a.m. in the University Chapel followed by a brunch at noon in the University Center. Features include a "President's Update," video highlights of Madonna Uni-

versity, a World Wide Web demonstration, entertainment and prizes.

The cost is \$7 per person. For information, call the Alumni office at (734) 432-5603. Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

## Class schedule offered on university's Web site

Madonna University now offers its schedule of classes, registration forms and undergraduate application form on its Web site. Anyone can access the information through the World Wide Web address, [www.munet.edu](http://www.munet.edu).

Also included on the Web site is a calendar of events, library services, a faculty index and

information on academic programs, admissions and athletics.

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## Families get help in their time of need

Today's parents have an awesome task ... bringing kids into adulthood unscathed by the land mines that are plopped in front of them.

As our society becomes more desensitized to violence, obscene language, dishonesty and sex, conscientious parents are having to grab their kids and hopscootch them around a deflated value system.

Sarcastically, some have considered using ear plugs and blindfolds on their kids to insulate them from all the perils that are out there today.

Communities have looked at ways to bolster families and help them cope with things that threaten their stability like shelter, food, jobs and health care.

From that goal have come several outstanding programs, one of which is called the Family Resource Center in Westland.

This center was created as a telephone resource and educational hub to serve families who have various dilemmas and need solutions.

Whether mom has a concern about Johnny's temper or dad needs food for the family, the center connects them to two or three resources that will fit their needs.

■ As our society becomes more desensitized to violence, obscene language, dishonesty and sex, conscientious parents are having to grab their kids and hopscootch them around a deflated value system.

Since its inception in 1993, the Family Resource Center has served more than 4,000 people by linking them to the appropriate source.

Further, the Family Resource Center has sponsored more than 40 parenting workshops and fairs that have impacted more than 2,000 parents.

Under the original directorship of Bev Brooks, and now myself, the center collaborates with numerous

agencies, health care systems, schools, community and church groups as well as the cities of Wayne and Westland (its co-sponsors).

Together, these groups help more families by broadening the safety net under them.

The center can help you with "kid problems," such as "What can I do about my lippy teen?" or "Where do I take my pregnant daughter?"

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Jacque Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

## The more the merrier ...

# Foster family fills life with kids

■ The philosophy of Carol Spencer and her husband David Embrey is to have an open mind and a loving heart. It might explain why they have opened their home to children in need of foster care.

BY ARLENE FUNKE  
SPECIAL WRITER

An "open mind and a loving heart" have filled the Redford home of Carol Spencer and David Embrey with children who desperately need a haven.

Mom, dad, three adopted and four foster-care children - most with severe health problems or handicaps - make up the Spencer-Embrey household.

Sitting in their home, Spencer cuddles 7-month-old Joseph, who is recuperating from heart surgery. Embrey kept his eye on 6-month-old Tynisha, cooing contentedly in her baby seat.

Cody, 9, scoops up Tynisha and settles her against an oversized stuffed alligator. James, 2, toddles by and plants a kiss on Tynisha's cheek. In another room, there are sounds of children laughing and playing.

"There's never a dull moment," said Embrey, 37, an information technology manager with General Motors Corp. "It's enjoyable and hectic. It fills up your day."

Spencer began foster parenting almost 10 years ago and soon demonstrated a willingness to care for children with serious health problems. She believes caring for medically fragile children - her own and her foster children - to be her life's work.

"I wasn't able to have children of my own, and I had a burning desire to have children in my life," she said. "My husband married into it."

"It's my calling. It's what I feel comfortable doing."

Embrey, who has four children from a previous marriage, jokes that he "never dreamed" he would be caring for so many children when he married Spencer five years ago.

The two grew up in rural Farwell, a small community near Clare, in central Michigan. They dated in high school but drifted apart. Both married others and divorced. They became reacquainted at a class reunion.

At the time of their marriage, Spencer was fostering Cody, a 3-year-old emotionally impaired, learning disabled boy with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Soon, they took into foster care Cody's biological sister, Ashley. Four years ago, the couple adopted the two children.

Cody, now 9, attends special education classes at the Hilary day treatment center in Redford. Ashley, 4, is healthy and normal. Both children are energetic and friendly.

The youngest adoptive family member is James, an affectionate 2-year-old with fetal alcohol syndrome. Doctors believe his seizures and other health problems were caused by his birth mother drinking alcohol while pregnant. His long-term prognosis is uncertain.

"Almost every child we get into care is because of drugs or alcohol," Spencer



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Eye catcher: When David Embrey and his wife Carol Spencer (right) head out for a stroll there's usually plenty of company like their baby-sitter Mandie Grigsby (left) and their children - Cody standing beside the stroller, Ashley and James (seated in the first two seats).

said. "It's so sad what these children go through."

### Sudden arrivals

Sometimes the foster children arrive in the middle of the night, scared and dirty, traumatized by neglect or abuse.

"We try to calm them and make sure they know they are in a safe environment," Spencer said.

Spencer and Embrey are licensed for up to four children, and are usually at capacity.

"Not many people want to work with special needs children," Spencer said.

Currently in their care are Jonathan, 9, and Chris, 7. Both have physical and developmental impairments and limited verbal skills. The other two foster children are Joseph and Tynisha who

have major physical disabilities.

Most foster children remain in the Spencer-Embrey home for up to a year, where they all eat meals together, attend school, play together, take vacations and receive treatment as needed. Only one child had to be removed from their home because of aggressive behavior.

"By having them for longer periods of time, I can manage their behavior," Spencer said. "We follow a pretty strict routine. We do everything together as a family unit. The children seem to thrive on it."

Spencer and Embrey try to avoid getting too attached to the foster children.

"With some children you are blessed

Please see FOSTER FAMILY, B2

## Orientations provide look at foster care

BY ARLENE FUNKE  
SPECIAL WRITER

People interested in becoming foster parents or in adoption can attend orientation meetings in Livonia and Redford.

Foster families are needed for children of all ages removed from their homes because of abuse and neglect.

"We need help for all kids - little, big, all races and cultures," said Joe McDermott, western Wayne County licensing supervisor for the Michigan Family Independence Agency.

FIA, a branch of state government, is responsible for finding foster homes for abused and neglected children. The homes are licensed by FIA or private agencies.

Orientation meetings will be held 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at the Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 Seven Mile Road, west of Middlebelt Road, Livonia, and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the Redford Library, 15150 Norborne, west of Beech Daly and south of Five Mile Road.

"It's probably the toughest job you would ask anybody to do," McDermott said. "We're looking for people willing to devote themselves for 24 hours a day to somebody else's child without a paycheck."

FIA is responsible for investigating complaints, and, if evidence of abuse or neglect are found, may petition the juvenile court to remove the child from his or her home. The child can remain in foster care while the case proceeds through a series of legal hearings and the court issues its order.

New state guidelines have been established to keep children from languishing in foster care for years. These guidelines call for an average stay in foster care of up to 1 1/2 years. At that time, the court determines if the child is to be returned to his or her parents or if other plans should be made. Those plans can include guardianship by a family member or adoption. An older child may choose to remain in a permanent foster care arrangement.

"It's not healthy for a child to remain in the foster care system for a long time," said Lisa Molloy of Catholic Social Services of Oakland County, which works with clients in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Lapeer counties.

Anyone suspecting that a child

Please see ORIENTATIONS, B2

## Hard work is secret to centenarians' long life

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
STAFF WRITER

Area centenarians say hard work is the secret to living long.

They're among 56,000 Americans reaching the century mark, a group now believed to be the fastest growing in America, according to Robert E. Roush in the "Centenarians."

These stalwart pioneers have survived every illness, natural disaster and personal dilemma that felled most of their family and friends and they're living testimony of what will and perseverance can do.

It isn't surprising that a random check of area nursing homes and assisted living facilities showed that the centenarians are all women, considering that women are three times as likely to be widowed than men, according to 1990 statistics, the latest National Institute of Health statistics available.

In fact, in 1991, the average life expectancy at birth for Americans was 75.5 years; women live an average 79 years and men live an average 72 years, NIH statistics show.

While reaching 100 is still quite remarkable, it might not be in years to come. In the next century, according to the "Centenarian," there will be as many as 2.5 million people 100 years and older.

The local centenarians had varied backgrounds and interests, but there are threads of similarity. The women kept busy; didn't smoke, many of them tended gardens and they all seemed to have a happy disposition. Their smiles sweeten their weathered faces.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

"Eat right, live right and do the right thing," is Alma Werner's recipe for longevity. At age 103, she has witnessed a century full of historical events, like the introduction of the automobile, airplane and electricity.

One sunny summer day, Werner asked her granddaughter, Judi Prevost, when she was going to find her a job at the dealership where she works.

Laying in her bed at Nightingale West Convales-

Please see CENTENARIANS, B6

How about a song?: At age 103, Pearl Workman is still up to singing "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and "Tiny Bubbles" for Carolyn Merucci, administrator of the Four Chaplains Nursing Home in Westland where she is a resident.

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with all of their love, and some you are blessed when they leave," Spencer said with a laugh. "But it's difficult when we work with the younger ones. There are some kids who yank at the strings of your heart."

Spencer is a quality control administrator for a local bank. She works at home, which allows her to be with the children.

## Making good use

The family has made efficient use of the small, three-bedroom bungalow home. The two main floor bedrooms each have two sets of bunk beds. Room assignments depend on the number of boys and girls in the house.

"I redecorate about every six months," Spencer said.

The house has two TVs and two VCRs, several cribs, high chairs and boxes of toys spaced strategically throughout the house. The babies sleep in cribs in the upstairs bedroom with Spencer and Embrey.

In the living room are more baby swings, a toy box, computer and a changing table. On shelves above the changing table are baskets filled with baby wipes, powder and other necessities.

Embrey's children from his first marriage - Heather, 14, identical twins Jason and Jeremy, 13, and Jessica, 10, live with their mother in Cadillac but visit frequently. While there, they sleep on the couch or double up in one of the beds.

"When all 11 (children) are

here I find it easier," Spencer said. "The older ones shepherd the younger."

Spencer purchases much of her food in bulk, from a buying club. The freezer is stocked with frozen vegetables, waffles and bagels. Dry cereal is purchased in case lots.

Spencer does one load of laundry a day in the family's commercial-size washer which can accommodate up to 22 pounds of clothing at a time. Embrey cleans up after dinner while Spencer tends to the children.

One of the couple's great assets is Mandie Grigsby, their 22-year-old next-door neighbor and baby-sitter for the past four years.

"When I first started, it was

very intimidating," said Grigsby, a 1994 graduate of Thurston High School, now studying architecture at Lawrence Technological University.

Grigsby's responsibilities surpass the average baby-sitter's duties. During the summer, she puts in full days caring for the children while Spencer works in her home office. She also runs errands and takes the children to doctor appointments.

"Mandie is great," Spencer said. "I think my children have made her grow a lot."

Grigsby washes, feeds, changes diapers and prepares bottles of formula. She keeps track of each child's medication schedule.

Under Spencer's instruction,

Grigsby has learned what to do when James has his seizures and how to use a heart monitor. Spencer took Grigsby to Children's Hospital, so she could learn to use a feeding tube needed by one of the children.

Grigsby has learned to anticipate the needs of the non-verbal children by watching their behavior. One child shakes his head for "no" and claps for "yes."

"The most rewarding thing is that the children are sweet," Grigsby said. "They give lots of hugs and kisses. If they love you, they let you know."

Spencer relies on her husband to pick up the slack when she needs a break. For Embrey, the most challenging part of the routine is carving out personal time

with his wife.

One way they unwind is to take evening walks in their neighborhood. They often evoke startled looks by passersby as they stroll along with the youngest kids in a four-passenger stroller, the others tagging along.

Spencer and Embrey especially enjoy camping in northern Michigan where they relax and enjoy outdoor activities with the children. They cap off the weekend by cooking 18 eggs, two pounds of bacon and a panful of potatoes for their gang.

"It takes us an hour to prepare," Embrey said. "We really enjoy it."

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is being abused or neglected can call FIA. For people living in Wayne County, call (313) 396-0300. In Oakland County, call (248) 975-5200. The caller need not give his or her name.

The screening process for prospective foster parents takes 30-60 days. It includes an orientation meeting, training, home study and background check to make sure there is no history of criminal activity, abuse or neglect.

Foster parents receive a stipend of \$12.70 per day for children under age 12 and \$15.75 per day for children ages 13-18. Medical expense are covered by state Medicaid insurance.

"It's a small sum - a reimbursement for expenses," said McDermott.

Foster parents must under-

stand that many factors may cause a parent to abuse or neglect children, Molloy said. They include ignorance, instability, a troubled lifestyle and poor parenting skills.

"It's important to understand family dynamics and why parents do the things they do, why they hurt or neglect their children," Molloy said. "Most parents love and want their children, but don't know how to parent."

A willingness to work with the family helps the child adapt to foster care and serves as a good model for the biological family, according to Molloy.

Carol Spencer and her husband David Embrey are long-time foster parents. Affiliated with Catholic Social Services of Oakland County, they specialize in caring for special needs chil-

dren who have handicaps and health problems. The couple has adopted three of their foster children - Cody, 9, Ashley, 4, and James, 2.

Spencer, who gives talks to prospective foster parents, reminds people of the need to "open their hearts."

"It's a child who needs a home, who needs love," she said. "You

need to be patient and open-minded. You have to have a good support system - doctors, case workers, friends, etc."

New foster parents need a lot of assistance, according to Spencer who believes many become discouraged because they lack experience and don't know where to find answers.

Spencer has taken the initia-

tive to obtain special training to better handle the medical needs of her children. Since Medicaid doesn't pay for certain medical aids, she sometimes appeals to charitable organizations for assistance. Right now, she is trying to get a protective helmet for an infant in her care.

"Carol has been very assertive to get the training she needs to

take care of the children in her care," Molloy said. "She will do whatever it takes to meet the needs of her kids, and the agency supports that."

For more information about becoming a foster parent, call FIA at (313) 896-KIDS. For more information about Catholic Social Services of Oakland County, call (248) 333-3700, Ext. 125.

## CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279.

ST. MEL'S Crafters are needed for St. Mel's fifth annual fall arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 26

at the church, Inkster Road north of Warren Road, Dearborn Heights. A 5-by-10-foot space is \$25, 8-foot table \$5 and limited electricity \$5. For more information, call Debbie Mathias at (734) 261-6881 or the church at (734) 274-0684.

SACRED HEART Sacred Heart Church will have a craft show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17 at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt. Livonia. For more information, or table rental, call (248) 426-6227.

ST. THEODORE St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women will have its annual craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17 at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$20. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421.

REDFORD SUBURBAN Crafters are needed for the Redford Suburban League's 25th annual "Festival of Fashion '98" 10 a.m. Oct. 21 at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. For an application or more information, call Peggy at (248) 477-8902 or Margaret at (734) 261-3737.

ST. ELIZABETH St. Elizabeth Spiritual Church will have its holiday bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 at the church, 26431 W. Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads, Redford. Table rental is \$20. For more information, call Kathy at (313) 937-2880.

RAMALLAH CLUB Space is available for a craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 23-25 at the Ramallah Club, 27484 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.


Table rental is \$30 for one day or \$60 for three days. For more information, call Nona at (734) 462-2936 or Nadia at (734) 522-4208 after 5:30 p.m.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA is accepting applications for its seventh annual fall craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 at the school, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. For more information, call Diane at (734) 422-4507 or Garrett at (734) 464-7425.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

**Vollmer-Bills**

Bob and Geri Vollmer of Plymouth announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Carla Sue, to Todd Leroy Bills, the son of Tom Bills and Janet Bills, both of Oil City, Pa.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Madonna University. She is employed as a sign language interpreter at Oakland Community College's Royal Oak, Southfield and Orchard Ridge campuses.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Pennsylvania University with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry and Clemson University with a master's degree in environmental toxicology. He is employed at NSF in Ann Arbor as a toxicologist.

A September wedding is



planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

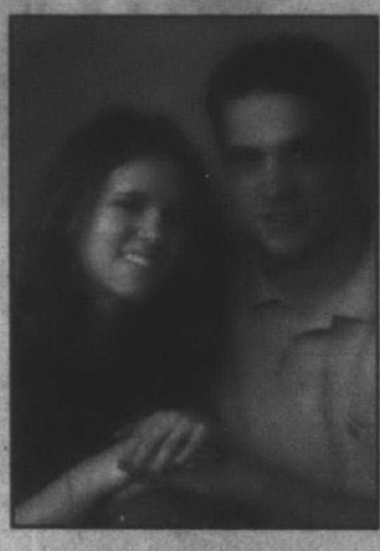
**Walker-Pianczk**

Richard and Jackie Walker of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana Colleen, to Brian Christopher Pianczk, the son of Tom and Jackie Taub and Gary Pianczk, all of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Garden City High School and a 1998 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in business administration-accounting. She is employed by Visteon as a financial analyst.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Garden City High School. He is employed by Intra Corporation as a machinist.

An October wedding is



planned at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City.

**Krebs-Schaffart**

Adrian and Kathleen Krebs of Hartford, Wis., announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Allison Marie, to Raymond Scott Schaffart, the son of Raymond and Ruth Schaffart of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. She is employed as a register nurse at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé is a 1997 graduate of Marquette University. He is employed as a marketing and communications specialist for Danal Corporation in Auburn Hills.

A September wedding is



planned at Gesu Church in Milwaukee.

**Moran-Mishler**

Kevin William Moran and Kim Michelle Mishler were married July 11 at St. Alphonsus Church in Grand Rapids. The Rev. Bernard Carlin performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Alice Mishler of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Tom and Deralynn Moran of Livonia.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a key account manager at Milliken Fabric.

The groom is a graduate of Catholic Central High School and Michigan State University. He is employed as an investment executive at Independent Bank.

The bride asked Vicky Lawrence to be her matron of honor with Ann Marie Ervin, Kimberly Hugheson, Ruth Niepoth and Mandy Tossey serving as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Brian Gerigk



to be his best man. Scott Davis, David Andrus, Roger Shirley and Scott Hand served as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at The Van Andel Museum in Grand Rapids before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Tahiti and Moorea, French Polynesian Islands. They are making their home in Grand Rapids.

**Palumbo-Mavromatis**

Sam and Victoria Palumbo of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacy Marie, to Michael John Mavromatis Jr., the son of Michael Mavromatis Sr. and Susan Pizzo Ferrato, both of Steubenville, Ohio.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is studying health, nutrition and alternative medicine in Las Vegas, Nev. She is employed as a blackjack dealer at the Monte Carlo Resort and Casino in Las Vegas.

Her fiancé is studying casino management at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. He also is



employed by Monte Carlo Resort and Casino.

An October wedding is planned at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton.

**Chamberlain-Holland**

Michelle Kay Holland and Daryl Allen Chamberlain were married May 30 at the Cadet Chapel of the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., by the Rev. Ronald B. Fritts and Lt. Col. Thomas Mundie, academy chaplain.

The bride is the daughter of Lila and David Chamberlain of Livonia. The groom is the son of Shelley James of Woodstock, N.Y., and Joel Holland of Palenville, N.Y.

The bride is graduate of the State University of New York at New Paltz, N.Y., with a bachelor's degree in education.

The groom is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He is commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

The bride asked Lisa Lewis to be her maid of honor with Ruth Ingram, Robyn Oaks, Beth Ann Brophy and Kirsten Kinbar as her attendants.

The groom asked Daniel D. Chamberlain to be his best man with Steven Harrison, Christo-



pher Kondogiani, Peter Walsh and Jeffrey Edmonds as groomsmen.

The newlyweds received guests at Mountainville Manor in Mountainville, N.Y., before leaving on a honeymoon in the Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee. They have left on an extended tour of duty in Germany.

**Pistor-Ashburn**

Pamela Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Willbey Pistor of Garden City announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Vina Marie Pistor, to Robert Spencer Ashburn, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ashburn of Durango, Colo.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Pensacola Junior College. She is employed as a dental assistant in San Diego, Calif.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. A naval aviator, he is training to fly the Navy's fox trot helicopter.

A September wedding is planned at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City.



**Drabicki-Miller**

Dennis and Estelle Drabicki of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Denise, to Michael Patrick Miller, the son of Dan and Judy Miller of Mendham, N.J.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Business. She is employed as an accountant for Lear-Donnelly Overhead Systems in Novi.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of Mendham High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Engineering. He is employed as a project engineer for Perceptron in Plymouth.



An October wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

**Cunningham-Drumm**

Dave Cunningham of South Lyon and Mrs. Gary Koch of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Michele, to Ryan Drumm, the son of Casey and Diane Drumm of Detroit.

The bride-to-be is a student at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed by Bosch in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé is a student at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. He is employed by Link Engineering in Plymouth.

An October 1999 wedding is planned at Greenmead Historical Village's Newburg Church in



Livonia.

**Brokaw-Buchholz**

Bruce and Kay Buchholz of Livonia announce the engagement of their son, Tim, to Calla Brokaw of Orion, Ill.

The bride-to-be is a senior at Illinois State University where she is majoring in accounting.

Her fiancé is a police officer with the Dearborn Police Department.

An August 1999 wedding is planned in Orion, Ill.



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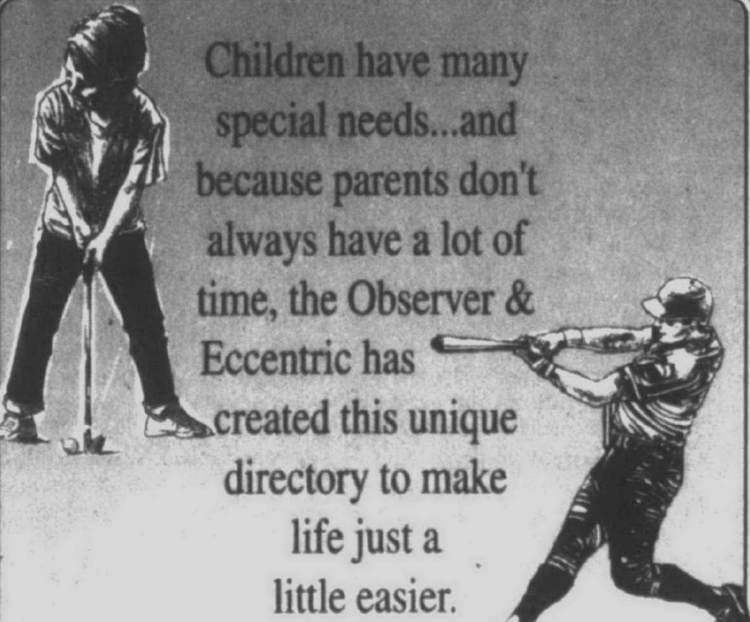
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# Centenarians from page B1

cent Center on Newburgh in Westland, one moment Werner asked for her head to be raised and the next moment she accepted the truck driving job Prevost offered.

The perpetual smile wavers between angelic and devilish, teasing and serious.

"She has a great sense of humor," Prevost added.

Spare ribs and sauerkraut "are the secret" to a long life, Werner said. Good genes may have helped, too. Werner had a sister who lived to be 97 and a brother who was 81 when he died.

Werner was born in Detroit on April 26, 1895, to German immigrants. She worked at a department store and when she was 16, she married William Werner. After her five children were in school, she went back to work. In her spare time she loved to garden, can her produce and care for her grandchildren.

Mary Pomroy, Nightingale's activities director for 28 years, has heard countless stories from residents like Werner. She remembers throwing a birthday party for a woman who was celebrating her 112th birthday.

When Pomroy told her about the shindig, the frail woman threatened bodily harm, if Pomroy revealed her real age. Pomroy promised to only mention 109 years.

Apparently lying about her age was a habit. When she was "well into her 90s," Pomroy said, "she told people she was in her 80s, so she could get a job washing dishes at a Knights of Columbus

hall." Across town, at Four Chaplains Nursing Center, Pearl Workman said at 103 she never thought about trying to live a long time. Sitting in a wheelchair in the dining area of the Westland facility, Workman had a hard time hearing, but her mind was alert.

"I'm an ordinary, happy person," she said. "I liked life. I liked my children and my husband and we always got along well together."

Her hobbies were bowling, crocheting and tending to a garden; her favorite food was strawberry shortcake, and she didn't smoke or drink.

"It wasn't because I didn't want to smoke, but I didn't like to smoke," she said using the same explanation about drinking alcohol.

About advice for others, she said: "I never was one to tell anyone what to do. I guess I lived kind of a good life. I don't want to die. I've always liked life."

### Strong independence

At Plymouth Inn, an assisted living facility, Jean Bushey of Canton sat next to her mother, Irene Obrecht, 103.

"She ate regular and never did any special exercising," Bushey said. "She always worked hard (41 years at Francis Aviation), and was pretty positive about everything."

Obrecht's hands didn't become idle until recently. She involved herself in crocheting, tatting and embroidery. She worked on hair-

pin lace until she was 95. Obrecht also tended to a flower and vegetable garden, too.

She's known for her strong will and independence - living by herself until she was 101.

At Marycrest Manor in Livonia, Angela Santarossa recently celebrated her 100th birthday. She moved into the facility three years ago after living for 15 years with her daughter Adeline Sartori and before that in her own home in Redford for 15 years.

"She told me the reason she lived so long is because she worked so hard," Sartori said. "She ate healthy, nothing fancy and she worked hard. I think that's the key to it - the exercise that we don't do too much anymore."

Santarossa grew up on a farm in Italy, the oldest of 10 children. Her father died, she started to work on the family farm at age 7, which took away her chances of attending school.

"And she's worked hard ever since," said Sartori, a Farmington Hills resident. "When she came to this country when she was 25, she had 10 borders and at that time there were no washing machines. She had to wash all their clothes and everything else by hand."

She gained local notoriety with crocheted afghans that have won numerous Michigan State Fair first prize ribbons. Santarossa stopped the needlework when she was 94, because her arthritis got too bad.

Bernice Lozier, 101, lives in the room adjacent to Obrecht, an only child who married and adopted one child.

"I've always been a church person all my life," Lozier said. "My husband was a minister and I hope I was a Christian all my life. I think that helps."

Lozier quickly recalls the many cities she and her husband lived. She tells about playing the piano, organ and violin and the needlework she once loved. Lozier said, her passion has become reading large print books.

She was 90 years old when she moved into the facility.

"I never thought about living to 100," Lozier said. "It's just one of those things that happen."

## WRC offers divorce support group

People contemplating divorce, in the process of a divorce or having difficulty adjusting to divorce can find a forum at a divorce support group, sponsored by Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center.

The group meets 7-9 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on the Schoolcraft campus, Haggerty north of Six Mile, Livonia.

The session of the second Tuesday is facilitated by a professional counselor while the fourth

Tuesday is a speaker's session addressing legal, financial and emotional concerns that arise during the divorce process.

Niedja Fedrigo of the Michigan Council for Family and Divorce Mediation discussing the mediation process in assisting couples in negotiating their settlements in divorce and post-divorce matters on Sept. 22.

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**RUMMAGE SALE**

Garden City Presbyterian Church will have its annual second-hand rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19, at the church, 1841 Middlebelt, Garden City. There will be clothing, toys, household, lunch fare and refreshments.

**Flea Market**

Rice Memorial United Methodist Church will have a flea market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the church, 20601 Beech Daly, Redford. There will be more than 40 booths, bake sale and lunch. For more information, call John Frith at (313) 537-7865 or the church office at (313) 534-4907.

**BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST**

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, will have Dr. Gregory Kramer as the guest speaker when the group meets at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at St. Kenneth Catholic Parish, Haggerty south of Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The topic will be "Stress and Health." The charge will be \$4, and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Rose at (734) 464-3325 or Nita at (734) 261-9123.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

Newburg United Methodist Church will have an America Red Cross blood drive 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. People ages 17-70, weighing at least 100 pounds and reasonably good health can donate. Call Sandy at (734) 464-8286 or Larry at (734) 522-1977 for a blood donation appointment.

**SPIRITUAL FITNESS**

Awana, a worldwide children's club, meets once a week 7-8:30 p.m. Sunday, beginning Sept. 20, at Lake Pointe Bible Chapel, 42150 Schoolcraft, east of Haggerty Road, Plymouth. Awana is for children ages 5-12. Participants learn Bible verses and participate in games and special theme nights. Each age group has its own uniform, handbook of activities and earn awards. For more information, call (734) 420-0515 or (734) 563-5990.

**COVENANT PLAYERS**

Come and praise the Lord in a worship celebration with the Covenant Players at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road at Plymouth Road, Livonia. The drama troupe also will perform at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Calvary Baptist Church, 430565 Joy Road, Canton.

Covenant Players is an international repertory theater that uses everything from light comedy to heavy drama, plus science fiction, biblical characterizations and more to present the messages of the Gospel.

Nursery care will be provided for children up to age 4 at Riverside Park. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. For more information about the Sept. 27 performance, call Calvary Baptist at (734) 455-0022.

**ALPHA COURSE**

Northville Christian Assembly will begin the Alpha Course 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at the church, 41355 W. Six Mile, Northville. The 10-week practical introduction to the Christian faith begins with an informal dinner, followed by a large group learning time and small group discussion and interaction.

Begun in London, the Alpha Course has helped answer participants' questions about life and God and how they relate. For more information or to reserve a place, call the church at (248) 348-9030 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**MUSIC SPECTACULAR**

Unity of Livonia Church will host a special concert, featuring the music of Greg Tamblyn, at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at the church, 28680 Five Mile, Livonia.

Tamblyn will sing some of his most popular songs - "My Life Is a Beer Commercial" and "The Shootout at the I'm OK, You're OK Corral." The cost for the concert is a suggested donation of \$10.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

Newburg United Methodist Church will hold its 75th Sunday Blood Drive 7:30 a.m. to 1:30

**St. Thomas A' Becket holds annual auction**

The first one was so successful and so much fun that members of St. Thomas A' Becket Church are holding a second "Magic Kingdom" auction, Saturday, Sept. 26.

The auction, featuring silent and live bidding will be 7-11 p.m. at the church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton. Tickets are priced at \$30 each and are available by calling Mike Middelet at (734) 981-5383.

The silent auction will open in the classroom area at 6:45 p.m. with bidding starting at 7 p.m. The live auction will start at 9 p.m. in the Family Center.

As part of the evening, pianist Tim Dressel and vocalists Janine Grady and Craig Wickham will perform a variety of Disney movie hits 7-9 p.m.

On the auction block will be

a University of Michigan jacket, four Detroit Red Wings tickets with parking and dinner in the Olympia Room, a weekend at Shanty Creek (golf or skiing), golf at Mystic Creek, Pheasant Run, Washtenaw Country Club, Plum Hollow and Oakland Hills, 13-inch color television, tickets to the UM-Penn State football game on Nov. 7, two five-day passes to Walt Disney World, many

retired Beanie Babies (Erin, Peace, Princess, etc.), dance lessons and gift certificates for local businesses and restaurants.

For sports memorabilia buffs, there will be a signed Brendan Shanahan jersey, autographed Steve Yzerman puck and autographed Bobby Higginson baseball bat to be sold to the highest bidder.

p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. People age 17-70 who weigh at least 110 pound and are in reasonably good health can donate blood. Call Sandy at (734) 464-8286 or Larry at (734) 522-1977 for a blood donation appointment.

**SINGLE POINT**

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will offer Talk It Over 7:30-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at the church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville. For more information, call the Single Point offices at (248) 374-5920.

Single Pointers will meet in the car pool lot on Grand River east of Kensington Park for a ride to Kensington Park. The group will meet at 11 a.m. Helmets are mandatory, and water bottles and locks are recommended. Participants should bring money for lunch or a picnic lunch.

**HIGH HOLIDAYS**

Rosh Hashanah services at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia, will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, and 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22. For Yom Kippur, the Kol Nidre will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, with services at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30.

For more information, call the synagogue at (248) 477-8974. ■ A growing Reformed Jewish congregation in Wayne County announces its High Holy Day schedule, which starts with Rosh Hashanah on Sept. 21, and religious school registration service, led by a rabbi and cantor soloists. For more information, call Congregation Bet Chaverim at (734) 480-8880.

**JAZZ SUNDAY**

Nativity United Church of Christ will feature two Sundays of jazz music during its regular service Sept. 20. The music prelude will begin at 10:15 a.m. The

Nativity Choir also will be featured in a jazz arrangement of "Gentle Like Jesus." Nativity United Church of Christ is at 9435 Henry Ruff at West Chicago, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 421-5406.

**PARENTING SEMINAR**

Up With Parents, America's most well-attended parenting seminar, will be presented 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia.

Sponsored by St. Colette Religious Education, Up With Parents will make parents laugh themselves silly at the plight of parenthood while learning guaranteed ways to skyrocket self-esteem - even in negative kids - and proven techniques to get children to cooperate.

The seminar cost \$10 per person and registration can be completed by sending your name, address and daytime telephone number to St. Colette Religious Education, Attn: Up With Par-

ents, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, 48152, or by calling the church at (734) 464-4435. For those unable to attend, video tapes are available at \$29 for a two-tape set, by calling (800) 538-7107.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Newburg United Methodist Church will have a women's retreat Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, at the Quality Inn, I-275 and Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Charlotte Cowdin will lead the retreat, "Discerning God's Will: Paying Better Attention to God." Cowdin, diaconal minister and certified associate in Christian education, is a freelance retreat leader and consultant in Christian education. She has served at the Clarkston United Methodist Church and is employed as a teacher/coordinator of health occupations and as a public health nurse.

For more information, call the church at (734) 422-0149.

**HEART TO HEART**

If it has been a while since you

recharged your spiritual batteries, then consider joining a mission, "Heart to Heart," Saturday-Wednesday, Sept. 26-30 at St. Theodore Parish, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

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**FAMILY FESTIVAL**

Lake Pointe Bible Chapel will host a free, for-all-ages Family Festival 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at the church, 42150 Schoolcraft, east of Haggerty Road, Plymouth. There will be face painting, cotton candy, dunk tank, moon walk, clowns and games for all ages.

Booths will exhibit information about MOPS, Slightly Seniors, Awana, teen activities, missions, Sunday School and Bible classes for those interested in joining activities with others who have similar interests. For more information, call (734) 453-6543 or (734) 420-0515.

**GARAGE SALE**

Westland Free Methodist Church's Young Teens are sponsoring a community garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at the church, 1421 Venoy, Westland. Space rental is \$20 and \$5 for tables. To rent space, call Ranay Brown at (313) 531-1180 or Tammy Balzer at (734) 595-4163. Proceeds from table and space rental will benefit teen activities.

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COLLEGE SPORTS

Madonna gets ambushed in tournament finals

Talk about a clean sweep... Madonna University's volleyball team had to have something like that in mind going into the third, and quite possibly the pivotal, game in the championship match of the Ice Mountain Volleyball Invitational, which the Lady Crusaders hosted last Friday and Saturday.

Other quarterfinal winners were Bethel, over Huntington College 15-5, 15-13, 15-9; Trinity Christian, over Taylor University 15-8, 7-15, 16-14, 15-4; and St. Francis, over University of Michigan-Dearborn 15-5, 15-9, 15-8.

they won handily, 15-4, 15-7, 15-6. In the semifinals, Madonna downed St. Francis 15-10, 15-9, 15-8 and Bethel beat Trinity Christian 15-8, 3-15, 15-10, 7-15, 15-13.

its overall mark to 15-2, with a 15-7, 15-8, 15-7 victory over Spring Arbor Tuesday at Madonna. The Cougars fell to 2-6 overall, 0-2 in the WHAC.

Schoolcraft falls to 6-8 overall and 0-2 in the conference. In last weekend's Muskegon Tournament, the Lady Ocelots finished 3-2, reaching the final before losing to Henry Ford, 15-2, 15-4.

Crusaders win a pair; Ocelots bounce back with a win

Madonna University opened up its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference season with a solid 6-1 triumph at Cornerstone College Monday.

Malewski was named player of the week after collecting 94 kills in 31 games with a .350 kill percentage. She had 86 total blocks (24 solos) and was selected to the Ice Mountain Invitational all-tournament team.

14. Last Saturday, Madonna traveled to Grand Rapids to play Tiffin University in a non-conference match. The outcome: 3-1, favoring the Crusaders.

10 minutes into the match — forcing SC to play with 10 men the rest of the match — the struggle was an uphill one.

ing Kellogg CC 5-2. The Ocelots scored the game's first four goals, surrendering two to Kellogg in the last 10 minutes.

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Teeters from page C1. His record at Schoolcraft has been equally impressive: 10 Eastern Conference championships, nine Region 12 titles, and eight top-nine finishes at the NJCAA Tournament... HEADACHES & OTHER PAIN ILLNESSES. Featuring: JOEL R. SAPER, MD, FACP. Head Pain Expert, Author & Educator. Director, Michigan Head-Pain & Neurological Institute. Professor of Neurology at Michigan State University. Past Chair, American Council for Headache Education.



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**SPORTS ROUNDUP**

**Memorial run**

The Trish Donnelly-Runion 1998 Memorial Fund Run is set for Oct. 11 at the football stadium that serves both Salem and Canton HS.

The run features five age divisions and three events. The age divisions are 17-and-under, 18-30, 31-45, 46-60 and 61-and-over; the events are a one-mile walk/run, which begins at 8:45 a.m.; a 10-kilometer run, which starts at 9 a.m.; and a five-kilo-

meter run, which starts at 9:15 a.m.

Entry fee is \$15 before Sept. 25 and \$18 after. All pre-paid entries will receive a long-sleeve shirt; all late entries receive shirts while the supply lasts.

Medals will be presented to the top five male and female finishers in the one-mile run/walk, and to the top three male and female finishers in each age division in the 5-K and 10-K runs. Awards will also be presented to

the first male and first female finisher.

For entry forms or additional information, call (313) 981-4753 or write to: TDR Foundation, P.O. Box 700034, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

**More Indian tryouts**

The Michigan Indians Baseball Club will have try-

outs for its 1999 seasons for the Mickey Mantle (15-16 age group) and Connie Mack (18-and-under) teams at 6 p.m. Saturday at Concordia College (located at U.S. 23 and Geddes).

For more information for 15-year-olds, call Jeff Vancamp at (734) 522-0184; for 16-year-olds, call Greg Lenhoff at (734) 455-0793; and for Connie Mack's, call Mark Zydeck at (734) 459-2492.

Both the 10-and-under and

11-year-old Michigan Indian teams will conduct tryouts at Plymouth Township Park (located on Ann Arbor Trail between Sheldon and Beck) at noon Saturday. Those interested in trying out must have birth dates between Aug. 1, 1987 and July 31, 1989.

For further information, call Nick Marrone at (734) 459-0695 or Dave Sarkissian at (248) 486-6553.

For information regarding other Indians teams, contact Bruce Price for 12-year-olds at (734) 453-9180; Gary Mancini for 13-year-olds at (734) 454-1111; or Jeff Lajoie for 14-year-olds at (734) 981-0864.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup should send them to sports editor C.J. Rizzo, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

**OUTDOORS CALENDAR**

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314 or send E-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net)

**ARCHERY**

**3D** Royal Oak Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, on its walk-through course in Lake Orion. Call (248) 693-9799 or (248) 693-1369 for more information.

**BENEFIT 3D** Wayne Firefighters Local No. 1620 and the Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold a benefit 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the WWCCA grounds in Plymouth. Proceeds from the shoot will benefit the Great Lakes Burn Camp. Activities include a 30-target 3D shoot (\$5), MUCC's wetland animal exhibit, a birds of prey exhibit, trophies, a supervised child archery shoot, raffles, novelty shoots, a dunk tank, a 50/50 long distance shoot, fire safety house, Sparky the Fire Dog, and much more. There will also be a buffet dinner/banquet 6 p.m.-midnight featuring music, dancing and a cash bar. Dinner tickets are \$15 per person and \$25 for a couple. Call (313) 722-1112 for tickets and more information.

**JAMBOREE** Detroit Archers will hold a Bowhunter Jamboree on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19-20, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. Registration will be held 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 661-9610 for more information.

**WWCCA 3D** The Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold a 30-target 3D shoot on Sunday, Sept. 20, on its walk-through course in Plymouth. WWCCA is located at 6700 Napier Rd. Call (734) 453-9843 for more information.

**JUNIOR OLYMPICS** The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

**JUNIOR ARCHERS** A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

**BOAT SHOW**

**BOAT SHOW USA** Boat Show USA, featuring over 1,100 new boats and 200 used boats as well as boating equipment and supplies will take place at Sept. 19-27 Metro Beach in Mount Clemens. Show hours are noon-8 p.m. each day. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$1 for children age 12 and under. Call (313) 884-1776 for more information.

**CLASSES/**

**CLINICS**

**BACKPACKING GLACIER** REI staff member Dave Tate will give a slide presentation on his adventures this summer while backpacking Glacier National Park in Montana during this program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at REI. REI is located at 17559 Haggerty Road in Northville (at Six Mile and Haggerty). The presentation includes trail suggestions, photography tips and information on low impact backpacking.

**TURKEY HUNTING** Jay's Sporting Goods of Clare, the Michigan DNR and the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association will be conducting Michigan's first fall wild turkey hunting workshop beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Jay's.

Fall hunting techniques, calling, the use of decoys, laws, turkey biology and much more will be discussed by some of the state's most noted turkey experts.

**FALL FISHING** Metro-West Steelheaders will hold a seminar on fall fishing techniques beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. The seminar will cover pier, surf and river fishing for salmon and steelhead. Call (248) 476-6268 or (248) 476-5027 for more information.

**FLY TYING** Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

**HUNTER EDUCATION** Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. Call (313) 632-0285 to pre-register.

**CLUBS**

**SOLAR** The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

**CLINTON VALLEY BASS** Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

**METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS** Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

**MICHIGAN FLY FISHING** The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

**FOUR SEASONS** The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. Karl Schipper will be the speaker at the October 7th meeting and will discuss the use of the GPS and preparing boats and motors for winter storage. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome. For information call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843.

**FISHING BUDDYS** Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

**BASS ASSOCIATION** The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

**FISHING TOURNAMENTS**

**OAKLAND BASS MASTERS** Oakland Bass Masters will hold a 50-boat open tournament on Sunday, Oct. 11, on Lake Orion. Registration is \$75, \$80 after Oct. 7. Call (248) 542-5254 for more information.

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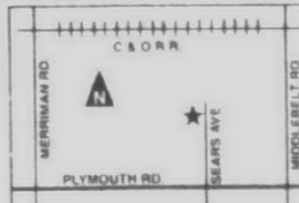
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## MEETINGS

**NRC**  
The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 7-8, at the Holiday Inn-Fairlane, 5801 Southfield Service Drive in Detroit. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (313) 373-2352 one week in advance.

## SEASON/DATES

**BEAR**  
Bear runs through Oct. 26 in designated bear management units.

**DEER**  
Archery deer season opens statewide on Oct. 1. The firearms season opens statewide on Nov. 15. The muzzleloading season opens Dec. 4 in Zone I (Upper Peninsula) and Dec. 11 in Zones II and III (Lower Peninsula). There are several other special seasons. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

**DUCK**  
The open season on ducks, mergansers, coots and gallinules will be Oct. 3 - Dec. 1 in the North and Middle zones and Oct. 10 - Dec. 3 in the South Zone.

**ELK**  
The early elk hunt will run through Sept. 20, by special permit in designated elk management units only. The late hunt will be held Dec. 8-14, also by special permit and in designated elk management units only.

**GOOSE**  
The regular season is Sept. 19-Oct. 4 statewide with a daily bag limit of two. There will be a special late Canada goose season Jan. 9-Feb. 7 in the southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries.

**GROUSE**  
Ruffed grouse season runs through Nov. 14 statewide. A special late season will be held Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

**RABBIT/HARE**  
Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

**SQUIRREL**  
Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

**WOODCOCK**  
Woodcock season runs Sept. 19-Nov. 2 statewide.

**QUAIL**  
Quail season runs Oct. 28-Nov. 11 in 22 counties throughout southern Michigan. Consult the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific openings.

**PONTIAC LAKE**  
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

## SHOOTING SPORTS

**BENEFIT SHOOT**  
The Oakland County Sportsman Club will host a benefit trap shoot on Sunday, Sept. 27 at its facilities in Clarkston. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation. Pre-registration is welcomed and same-day registration begins at 8 a.m. Registration fee is \$25 and will give the participant a chance to shoot at 50 single targets at five different stations. Shooters can register as individuals or as teams of five. This shoot is open novice and expert shooters alike and one field will be reserved for novice shooters only. There will also be a pancake breakfast 8:30-11 a.m. Call (248) 682-0714 to pre-register and for more information.

**STATE PARKS**  
**STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

## SHOWS

**WILDLIFE CARVING**  
The Waterfowl Preservation & Decoy Club of Michigan will hold the North American Wildlife Carving Show and Sale 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19-20, at the Holidome in Livonia. The show features decoys fish, flat art, gifts, vendors and more. Admission is \$4. The Holidome is located at Six Mile Road and I-275.

## SHOOTING RANGES

**BALD MOUNTAIN**  
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery

shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. On Mondays and Tuesdays, shotgun and archery shooting is available noon-sunset while the rifle and pistol range is open 3 p.m. to sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

**ORTONVILLE RECREATION**  
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

**KIDS HIKE**  
Children under age 12 and their families can look for signs of autumn during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Maybury.

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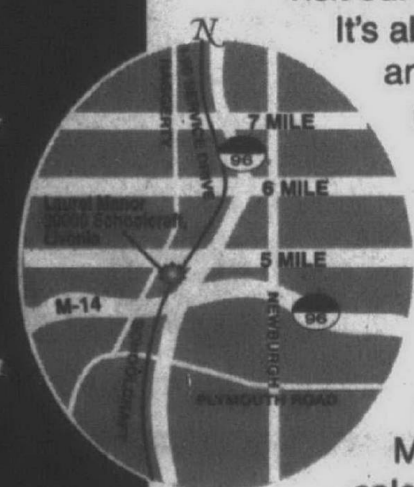
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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



Neeme Jarvi conducts the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in their season opener featuring violinist Joshua Bell, 8 p.m. at Detroit Orchestra Hall. Tickets \$17 to \$48 (Box seats: \$55 and \$63. At the Orchestra Hall Box Office or by calling (313) 576-5111.

### SATURDAY



The Chenille Sisters kick off the Millennium Centre's 1998-98 season 2 p.m. in a family show designed to delight children ages 3-8. Tickets \$10, available at the box office, 15600 J. L. Hudson Dr. in Southfield, or Ticketmaster outlets. Call (248) 552-1225.

### SUNDAY



Robert Goulet stars in "Camelot" 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Fox Theatre. Tickets \$17.50 to \$42.50, available at the Fox Theatre Box Office, and all Ticketmaster locations, call (248) 433-1515.

## HOT TICKET



**Hot Tib:** Jazz violinist Christian Howes performs 12:30 p.m. Sunday, on the Wayne State Stage during the 12th Annual Detroit Festival of the Arts, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 18-20 in Detroit's Cultural Center area. The celebration of the arts features more than 500 visual and performing artists. Admission is free. Call (313) 577-5088 for more information.

**WHAT:** "Chicago - The Musical," Book by Bob Fosse and Fred Ebb, Music by John Kander, lyrics by Fred Ebb.

**WHERE:** Detroit's Fisher Theater

**WHEN:** Sept. 22 to Oct. 11. 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

**TICKETS:** \$62 to \$35. Call (248)645-6666.



# Chicago

BY HUGH GALLAGHER • STAFF WRITER

It was 8:45 a.m. Houston time and Alan Thicke was riding in a limo for the first of a long morning of radio and television interviews to promote his appearance in the touring company of "Chicago."

"You have to be in a limo," he said by cellular phone, "it's 300 degrees here."

Thicke, best known for his role as the dad in the hit situation comedy "Growing Pains," is playing slick lawyer and con artist Billy Flynn in the Bob Fosse, Kander-Ebb musical that won a new lease on life when it was restaged to critical acclaim on Broadway a couple years ago.

The touring company opens at Detroit's Fisher Theater Tuesday, Sept. 22, the last stop for Thicke before he joins the New York cast.

Though most remember Thicke as the affable psychiatrist Jason Sever in "Growing Pains," he actually got his start in music, as a rock and roll singer and in musical comedy.

"I had my training in musical theater in Toronto," he said. "I was

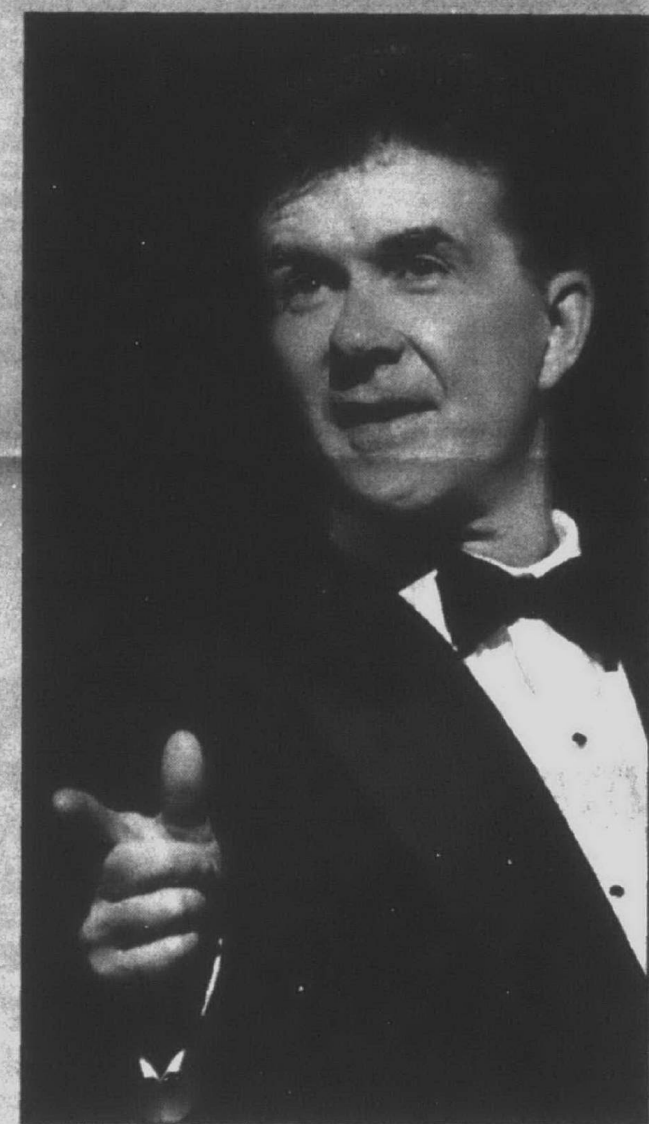
involved in a musical revue with Lorne Michaels (later producer of "Saturday Night Live"), Victor Garber and Gilda Radner. But there wasn't much call for a singing and dancing psychiatrist dad on a situation comedy."

Thicke said he did a production of "Promises, Promises" last year with "Seinfeld's" Jason Alexander, another sit-com performer who got his start in musical theater. Though he had been offered roles on Broadway, nothing felt right until "Chicago" came along.

"Chicago" originally opened in 1975 to moderate success, though it featured a lively score by John Kander and Fred Ebb and innovative choreography by Bob Fosse. Two years ago, the musical was revived under the direction of Walter Bobbie and with choreography by Ann Reinking in the Fosse style. It won rave reviews and has been drawing sell-out audiences.

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## Alan Thicke enjoys 'sleazy lawyer' role in Broadway musical



On stage: Photo above, Stephanie Pope (center) as Velma Kelly, and company perform "All That Jazz" in the six-time Tony-Award winning Broadway musical, "Chicago." At left, Alan Thicke.

## COMMUNITY THEATER

# Plymouth Theatre Guild kicks off season with 'The Nerd'

BY DOUG JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Theater Guild's 1998-99 season is one of popular classics, including a modern comedy, two musicals, and a suspense drama.

The season, the group's 52nd, opens 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25 with "The Nerd," a farce centered around an unwanted guest. The 1984 play by Larry Shue has been in Guild rehearsals since their mid-July auditions.

Guild President Mary Lynn Kuna of Plymouth Township is very pleased with the upcoming season.

"We had a very active script committee last year. They followed a format they found being used by a community theater in Arizona. They worked beautifully using a 'blind vote' system involving less personal opinion. They removed the factor of 'what would I like to appear in' and took into account more of what our audiences would want," she said.

"We are being more aggressive this year. All of our directors are in place, and the show lineup for 1999-2000 has also been selected. We are trying to be pro-active, future oriented, attempting to get the best talent."



Rehearsing: James S. Roth (left to right), Cindy Gontko, Tiffany Bedwell and Tony Lawry practice a scene from "The Nerd," Plymouth Theatre Guild's season opener.

Other Guild officers include Diana Wells of Livonia and acting treasurer Peter O'Brien of Canton.

Membership in the Guild is \$1 a year, which allows those who join a chance to vote in how the organization is run. Auditions are open; those trying out don't have to be members. "The Nerd" is set in Terre Haute, Indiana, and involves an architect

(Willum) and his friend (Axel) who doesn't think Willum is ambitious enough. The architect is visited by someone who saved his life in Vietnam but whom he has never met while conscious.

The hero is the "nerd" who walks a fine line between annoying and obnoxious. The comedy builds to a surprise ending.

Cast members include Daniel Berryman (as the child), Lindy Spears and Cindy Gontke all of Canton; Tony Lawry and Tiffany Bedwell of Garden City; James Roth of Plymouth in the title role; and Jason Birkby of Northville.

"The physicality of the cast is wonderful, excellent for this play," Kuna said.

Other upcoming shows include "Anything Goes" for November, "The Sound of Music" for February and March of 1999, and the thriller "Wait Until Dark" in May of 1999.

"Anything Goes" is the shipboard romance by Cole Porter with such great old standards as "I Get a Kick out of You," "It's De-Lovely," "Friendship" and the title song.

"The Sound of Music" by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein is

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### Plymouth Theatre Guild 1998-99 season

**WHERE:** The Water Tower Theater on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, is off of Seven Mile Road west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville Roads.

**TICKETS:** \$9 at the door, \$8 in advance for "Nerd" and "Dark;" tickets for the musicals are \$12 at the door, \$11 in advance, call (248) 349-7110. Theatergoers can save \$1 by buying in advance at the following locations:

- Gardenviews, 202 W. Main, Northville.
- Penniman Deli, 820 Penniman, Plymouth.
- Evola Music Center, 7170 Haggerty, Canton.
- Storage USA, 6729 Canton Center Road, Canton.
- By mail, PTG Tickets, PO Box 700451, Plymouth, MI 48170.

All seating is unreserved.

**CURTAIN TIMES:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 6 p.m. Sunday, 8 p.m. Thursday.

### SEASON SCHEDULE:

- "The Nerd" - 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26; 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27; 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 1-3 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4.
- "Anything Goes" - Nov. 13-14; Nov. 20-22; and Nov. 27-28.
- "The Sound of Music" - Feb. 19-20; Feb. 26-28; and March 5-6.
- "Wait Until Dark" - May 7-9 and May 14-15. (This show is not recommended for young children.)

# Chicago from page E1

"Chicago" is based on a 1920s Maurine Dallas Watkin's play that was also the basis for the Ginger Rogers' movie "Roxie Hart." Roxie kills her boyfriend and tries to get her husband to take the rap. She competes for tabloid headline space and the services of slickster lawyer Billy Flynn with husband killer Velma Kelly.

The story as devised by Fosse is told as a fast-paced vaudeville with minimal sets and no costume changes. It is a satirical look at the roaring '20s of fast-talking lawyers, leggy chorines and tabloid journalism.

"The show has wonderful tunes, lots of laughs, gorgeous women in fishnet costumes and I only have to wear one costume in the show, which settled the whole thing," said Thicke.

Thicke enjoys it when reviewers describe how "shifty, sleazy and smarmy" he is as Flynn. But, he adds, Flynn is also very charming.

"He's a guy who lives for fame, women and money. If it took place in the '90s, he'd be a lawyer with his own TV show and collection of power ties," he said.

Indeed, the similarity between recent courtroom cases and the musical is often attributed for the show's stunning hit status.

Stephanie Pope will be appearing as Velma and Belle Calaway will play Roxie.

"It's a challenging role for women in those parts. There is

lots of technical and precise Bob Fosse choreography required," Thicke said. "It's also very involved vocally, the Kander and Ebb score is not easy. It requires range, strength and conviction."

Despite the minimal setting and costuming, the show has been praised for its energy.

"The appeal of this show is the emphasis on performance talent, musical composition and writing. It's about basic skills without mirrors and technical gimmicks," Thicke said.

Though he's enjoying the show, Thicke finds traveling can be exhausting. He will have visited more than a dozen cities before going to Broadway. But he does find time to spend with his year-old son, Carter William. Thicke also has two older sons by a previous marriage, Brennan, 23, and Robin, 21.

"This has been a wonderful see America in the summer tour," he said.

Thicke grew up in rural Ontario, attended Western Ontario University in London, where he discovered he didn't have the stomach for medicine and joined the "great Canadian show business conspiracy." Thicke is one of the names listed in a humorous Web site detailing the takeover of Hollywood by Canada.

"That's where it all starts, teenagers who can't buy beer in all those border towns - Detroit, Buffalo, Sault St. Marie. We hit

those towns first," he joked.

Thicke made his first foray into the United States with "Growing Pains."

"When you're in a hit for that many years, it enables the rest of your life. I was lucky enough to have a hit like that, it takes care of the rest of your career. It spoils you, you develop a reputation and are able to work," he said.

Thicke said a regular series also teaches "quick study, flexibility and adaptability." He added that sometimes a hit show is wasted on child actors who easily get bored and want to move on to other things.

"Those are noble goals, but you have to be careful about severing those ties. It's a cruel world out there," he said.

Thicke said his sons are about the same age as his "Growing Pains" co-stars Kirk Cameron and Tracey Gold and often came on the set.

Thicke continues to keep in contact with other members of the cast. He said Joanna Kerns remains a close friend and that he and Tracey Gold renewed acquaintance when she had a baby around the same time his new son was born.

"And Leonardo (DiCaprio) has had a pretty good year," he said.

Landing in a hit musical like "Chicago" has made it a "pretty good year" for Alan Thicke as well.



Season opener: King Sextimus (Frederick Shulak, clockwise from left), Queen Aggravain (Maureen Cook), and Prince Dauntless (Karl Miller) wonder if Winnifred (Anne Conlon) will pass the test in Stagecrafters' production of "Once Upon A Mattress."

## Fairy-tale opens Stagecrafters

Stagecrafters opens its 1998-99 season with "Once Upon A Mattress," music by Mary Rodgers, lyrics by Marshall Barer and book by Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller and Marshall Barer. The production runs Friday, Sept. 18 through Sunday, Oct. 11 at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette Ave. in downtown Royal Oak.

"Once Upon A Mattress" is an hilarious retelling of the fairy-tale - "The Princess and the Pea" set to a delightful score.

The domineering Queen Aggravain (Maureen Cook of Beverly Hills) has already frightened the voice from her husband, the mute King Sextimus (Frederick Shulak of Rochester Hills), and now, anxious to keep her son Prince Dauntless the Drab (Karl Miller of Troy) attached to her apron strings, has rejected a dozen girls for marriage to her son.

Since the law states no one shall marry until Dauntless does, the prince's single status poses a problem for the lords and ladies of the small medieval kingdom who are anxious to marry. Particularly distressed are Sir Harry (Vincent DeRita of Eastpointe) and Lady Larken (Kelly Janney of Rochester Hills) who are already expecting a child.

Harry, after searching far and wide for a princess for Dauntless, returns with Winnifred (Anne Conlon). Winnifred arrives drenched as she was far too eager to wait for the drawbridge and she swam the most instead, and proceeds to win the heart of Prince Dauntless.

Every potential wife must pass one of the queen's tests. Skeptical that Winnifred is a true princess, the queen, in cahoots with the wizard (John Miller), decides to place a pea underneath a pile of mattresses. If she is so delicate as to be kept awake by the pea, her royal lineage will be proven.

Deborah Landis-Singler of Clawson is directing the cast of 28. Tickets are \$12 to \$14, all seats reserved. Call (248) 541-6430. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19, Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 24-26; Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10, 2 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 20, Oct. 4 and Oct. 11, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27.

The cast also features Amanda Bayly, Eric Kent Franz and Diana Geralt of Beverly Hills; Alonzo Luzod of Farmington Hills, Matt Horn and Rick Parson of Lathrup Village, Hal Levine of Southfield, Lynn Koch and Amanda Byly of Troy.

Here's the rest of the season schedule:

■ "The Heiress" by Ruth Goetz and Augusta Goetz, suggested by the Henry James' novel "Washington Square" - Nov. 13-15, Nov. 19-22, Nov. 27-29.

■ "Promises, Promises," by Neil Simon - Jan. 22-24, Jan. 28-31, Feb. 6-7, Feb. 12-14. (Dinner theater packages available, call (248) 586-1313)

■ "Light Up The Sky," a comedy by Moss Hart - March 12-14, March 18-21, March 26-28.

■ "Crazy for You," the new Gershwin musical, music and lyrics by George Gershwin and Ira Gershwin, book by Ken Ludwig - May 14-16, May 20-23, May 28-30, June 4-6.

Here is the schedule for the 2nd Stage Season on the upper level of the Baldwin Theatre. Call (248) 541-6430 for tickets.

■ Five Women Wearing the Same Dress," a comedy by Alan Ball - Oct. 23-25, Oct. 29-31, and Nov. 1. Tickets \$7

■ "Assassins," music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim book by John Weitzman, based on an idea by Charles Gilbert, Jr. - April 16-18, April 22-25, April 30, May 1-2. Tickets \$9

■ "After-Play," by Anne Meara - June 18-20, June 24-26. Tickets \$7.

## Guild from page E1

a family musical familiar to many because of the film of the same name.

"Wait Until Dark" was recently revived on Broadway with Quentin Tarantino as the villain

and Marisa Tomei as the blind girl.

The Guild stages their shows at The Water Tower Theater, which is in a separate building on the grounds of the Northville

Psychiatric Hospital. The room seats 350. Guild membership hovers around 100 people.

The Plymouth Theater Guild has a well-designed Web site maintained by Jason Corney of Livonia: www.causeway.com/ptg/

The Web site has brought them new members, according to Kuna. The Guild is also a member of the American Association of Community Theatres. The Guild voice mail phone is (248) 349-7110.

"We are also very grateful to have the Tower theater," Kuna added. Donations and new advertisers for show programs are always welcome.

The PTG will be doing a promotional appearance at the new AMC theaters, Seven Mile Road and Haggerty, in October.

Plays for 1999-2000 will be "Oliver!" "It's a Wonderful Life," "Carousel," and "Squabbles," a comedy.

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The chorale rehearses from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays for its Christmas and spring concerts. There is no charge to sing in the chorale but academic credit is given to Madonna University students. The chorale consists of students and community members.  
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**Directing:** Co-directors Sue Rogers and Cynthia Tupper watch as the Farmington Players work on a scene during rehearsal.

# Players musical revue a barn burner

The Farmington Players present "Broadway Banned: A Musical Revue," a lively look back at the Farmington Players past, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Sept. 18-19 and 25-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, 32332 W. 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$20, proceeds to benefit the building fund. Call (248) 553-2955. BY BOB WEIBEL STAFF WRITER

"Broadway Banned" celebrates 45 years of theater by the Farmington Players in their venerable former dairy barn on 12 Mile Road. After more than 140 comedies, dramas and musicals, the barn is about to be replaced with a new theater with a barn motif. The stage lights will fade to black for the final time with this production of "Broadway Banned." It is a stylish, spirited

entertaining musical revue featuring 25 numbers from eight popular musical comedies performed over the years.

Musical director James Morisi selected songs to provide a memorable, fun-filled evening. "Broadway Banned" is a sentimental journey without lapsing into maudlin sentimentality.

Directors Cynthia Tupper and Suzanne Rogers keep things moving, and get in on the act with rousing performances in "Take Back Your Mink" from "Guys and Dolls" (1980).

Jan Forhan's beautiful voice is the highlight of "Brigadoon" (1997) along with Ves Spindler, who is also excellent in "I Believe in You" from "How to Succeed in Business" (1995). Forhan, incidentally, is scheduled to deliver a baby two days after the show

closes. Now, there is a trooper.

Barbie Amann's dancing is sensationally seductive as "Lola" from "Damn Yankees" (1974). And the boys score a hit with the "You Gotta Have Heart" number.

The tap dancing routine from "Anything Goes" (1993) is crisp and exhilarating, and the "Friendship" comic timing superb. "Pajama Game" (1984) is represented by a devilishly sinful rendition of "Hernando's Hideaway" with sultry lighting and special effects.

And of course, those women-starved sailors had a great time with "Nothing Like a Dame" from "South Pacific" (1982) as did the girls with "Honeybun" (and three show stopping guys in hula skirts, coconut bras and yellow mop wigs).

The whole cast closes out the

evening with a luminous performance of "Applause" (1985), which explains why they work so hard, all summer in this case, to prepare a show for the public.

In addition to those above, the outstanding cast includes: Lisa Muscio, Thomas Adams, Ellen Akins, Tim Belanger, Otto Canis, Shaw Currier, Michael DeMott, Beth Egan, Craig Forhan, Dave Gilkes, Katie Gilkes, Kristie Haas, Irene Hengstebeck, Jim Manna, Maureen Mansfield, Jacquie Pouillion, Mary Lou Ryzenga, and Brian Tupper.

Benefit performances of "Broadway Banned" continue through Sept. 26. It is among the first of many events designed to raise the \$900,000 required for the new air conditioned barn theater featuring expanded seating (up to 240 from 170).

# Livonia-Redford opens season

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

With the blessing of Blanche Graham, executive director of the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford for the past three years, Peter Sonnberg took over as executive director this year.

Graham sold her house in Redford and moved to St. Joe's to be closer to her grandchildren. "But she's still involved, and comes to all the board meetings. Her heart is really in our little theater" said Sonnberg who directed last season's opener, Agatha Christie's classic mystery, "The Mousetrap."

"Blanche and I had been discussing my taking over for a long time. The position is kind of handed down from one person to the next. It's challenging," said Sonnberg. "Thankfully our building is paid for and we really have no bills."

Livonia-Redford Theatre Guild is known for doing not what everyone else is doing. They're kicking off this year's season with Neil Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18. The show continues 8

p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, through Sept. 27 at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. Tickets are \$10 each. The play contains adult language, most notably, the F-word. Leave the kids at home. Call (313) 531-0554 to reserve tickets.

Although the language is a little rough around the edges, Sonnberg said the show is "a typical Neil Simon comedy, real funny. It's basically about Sid Caesar, and the making of the 'Show of Shows.' I have found it's extremely fun to watch the show and figure out who is who."

The season continues with "A Chorus Line," Nov. 20-22; Nov. 27-29, and Dec. 4-5.

"It won't be this huge musical, but an intimate story about dancers trying to get auditions," said Sonnberg.

"Little Foxes," playing March 12-14 and March 19-21 is Sonnberg's "baby. It's a difficult drama to describe, but it's extremely well written, and hasn't been done in this area in a long, long time."

The season concludes in May with "Diary of Anne Frank" to be

presented by the students in the Creative And Performing Arts program at Churchill High School in Livonia.

"We're trying to get more members in the Guild," said Sonnberg. "We really need people to help, we're looking for a costume designer."

Anyone who is interested in theater is invited to call the Guild, (313) 531-0554 for more information. Membership is \$16 a year. As an added bonus, members will be invited to attend the final dress rehearsal of the productions for free. There will be complimentary appetizers, and the audience can talk with the cast after the show.

"People can come to the Guild and know this is their special night," said Sonnberg.

Theatre Guild members have been busy cleaning up the theater for the new season. Dan Kurt has been busy reorganizing the tech room.

Stephanie Stephan is serving as this year's president, Matt Ripper, vice president, and Pat Feldt, secretary. Debbie Pletzer is directing "Laughter on the 23rd Floor."



**Acting:** Matt Ripper is Howard, and Tania Vilinsky, Elly in the Players Guild of Dearborn season opener "The Dining Room."

# Guild opens season with 'Dining Room'

The Players Guild of Dearborn kicks off their 71st season Friday with "The Dining Room."

Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 18-20; Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27 at the theater, 21730 Madison, southeast of Monroe and Outer Dr. in Dearborn. Tickets are \$11, call (313)

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Six performers portray a wide range of characters from little boys to stern grandfathers and giggling teenage girls to Irish housemaids. The audience is led through a series of vignettes that introduce new people and events portraying the dying lifestyle of WASPdom, and the now neglect-

ed dining room, once the vital center of family life.

The cast includes Annette Hissong of Westland, Mark and Matt Ripper of Redford.

The Players Guild is holding auditions for "Mame" opening Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 21-22. Call (313) 561-TKTS for information.



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STREET SCENE

Everlast survives heart attack and keeps on rapping



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Tattooed Irish-American musician Erik Schrody, also known as Everlast, is one man whose feelings are easy to gauge.

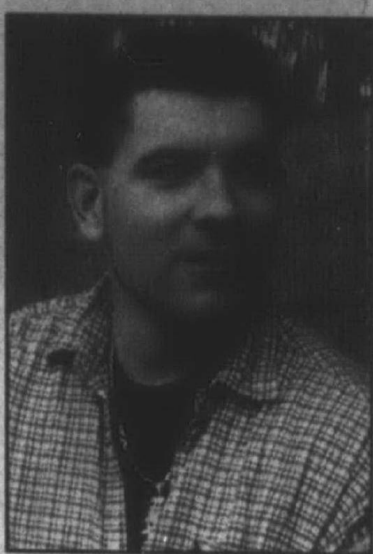
If he cranks out a couple hits by his previous group, House of Pain, at his show this Saturday at the State Theatre in Detroit, he's in a good mood. It's as simple as that.

"We do a couple of obscure ones. We don't do like the big joints. We've broken out a couple of them like 'Jump Around' once or twice. I try to stay away from it just because I like this new stuff," Schrody explained.

"But if I am breaking out something more familiar from House of Pain, that means I'm in a fantastic mood. I'm in the moods of all moods. It depends on the mood of the evening. We expect Detroit to be jumping."

Schrody certainly has a lot to be happy about. He just released his sophomore solo effort 'Whitey Ford Sings the Blues' (Tommy Boy) and fully recovered from emergency heart surgery.

Schrody learned of a congeni-



Erik Schrody - Everlast

tal heart defect during a physical that was required before he began filming the movie 'Judgment Night' where he played a thug. Doctors told him that the defect probably wouldn't cause any problems until he was in his 50s or 60s. But all that changed.

"I was complaining of chest pains all day. I was recording the album in my house and one of the producers, John Gamble, in the middle of the night heard me moaning and gasping for air and called an ambulance. I didn't

have a heart attack until they wheeled me into the emergency room. It's a good thing he called the ambulance, if not I'd be dead."

Upon arriving to the hospital, Schrody said he was treated for "just a heart attack," he explained.

"At first, they took one look at me all tattooed up and heard I was a singer in some rap band. I'm sure they thought I was a drug addict or something so they treated me just for a heart attack. I had an angioplasty and they were putting these little stents in my heart to open up the vein that was collapsing," said Schrody, who sports a Sinn Fein tattoo next to the surgery scar.

A few hours later, when his medical records arrived, doctors repaired a torn heart valve caused from a rare congenital heart defect. Schrody said it was a tough but eye-opening recovery.

"The nurses and everybody, the way they were looking at me, was like I was doing drugs or something. I literally had to leave the hospital after five or six days because they were going to kill me in there. They're really cruel people. They treat old people like (crap). I was in one of the

best hospitals in the world. The surgeons were incredible but the care that they have there, I have a hard time calling it care. One nurse there that showed me some compassion and I'm not sure she wasn't even an angel in my sleep. I have yet to be able to locate her to thank her."

Now he is ready to hit the road in support of "Whitey Ford Sings the Blues," a collection of hip-hop, rap, and even some acoustic roots tunes.

"I wanted it to be different. I used to always get the 'mad rapper' label. I'm a musician. I never realized that people never really got to see that. By doing this, it really kind of made me give people an excuse to call me a musician."

On "Whitey Ford," Schrody plays guitar and keyboards, and did some "scratching."

"I always personally have been playing guitar for a long time. I just always wanted to do something I just never knew what it was. I left House of Pain because I was unhappy. I left House of Pain because there was a paycheck at the end of it. I left House of Pain because it was time," Schrody explained.

"You know, I didn't want to be stuck in something that I couldn't grow out of. I'm not ashamed

of it, I'm not mad at it or anything like that. It's just you can't be the drunken Irish fool for everybody forever. I can't be the court jester for the rest of my life. That combined with a few things within the band (forced him to leave)."

His former band mates, Danny O'Connor and Leor "DJ Lethal" Dimant, now of Limp Bizkit, are finally understanding.

"We've talked about doing things in House of Pain. Not anytime soon. If things go well for Limp Bizkit or for me, we'll come back around and (mess) people's minds up," he said of Dimant.

Schrody's performance on Saturday is a far cry from the House of Pain shows where he and O'Connor were backed by only Dimant. He's touring with a band that includes a keyboardist, slide guitar player, a DJ, and stand-up bass player.

"I was talking at a show the other night in the Viper Room. If I tried to describe this band, you'd never think it would work. You wouldn't think it would sound right. Well, in hip-hop we don't think about that."

We just sample stuff and layer it. We approached it with the mentality of hip-hop. Instead of going with what's supposed to work, we go with what sounds

good."

Detroiters, he said, will be in store for some goodies. "Everybody's really looking forward to Detroit. Every other city are just a lead up to Detroit. It's our city because they started playing it first on the radio," he said of the acoustic flavored first single "What It's Like."

"It's the Motor City, Detroit. We say let's go home, although none of us are from there. That's the kind of vibe. I'm sure everyone there will be happy too. You can watch this band on any given night at not be unhappy."

Everlast, formerly of House of Pain, performs at 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, as part of Club X at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. The show is free and open to those ages 18 and older. For more information, call (313) 961-5451.

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Pansy Division takes a broader view

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

When Jon Ginoli formed his openly gay power-pop band Pansy Division in 1991, he was told that having a "gay band" was too limited. But he forged ahead, and Pansy Division became one of the founders of the "homocore" rock movement.

Having accomplished that, guitarist/vocalist Ginoli — along with band members bassist/vocalist and co-founder Chris Freeman, guitarist/vocalist Patrick Goodwin and one-named drummer Luis — embarked on a new chapter of his career with his band's sixth album "Absurd Pop Song Romance" (Lookout!).

"We had staked out territory for ourselves. People said having a gay band is limited. People wouldn't say that if you're writing about heterosexuals so why should homosexuals be more limited? We gave ourselves a narrow focus that we felt like we had covered pretty well and we decided to chart some other territory," Ginoli explained.

"With this album, we decided to be broader and less specific

and to encompass more musical styles and have a wider lyrical focus."

The change came early last year when guitarist Patrick Goodwin came into the fold. Ginoli and Freeman, who are in their 30s, were inspired by Luis and Goodwin both of whom are twenty-something.

"They're younger so they're inspired by different kinds of music than Chris or I. They're whole coming out stories are different than ours. They come from different places than we do. There's age and experience differences but there's a certain musical ground that we all share."

That attributed to the varied sound on "Absurd Pop Song Romance."

"We have a lot more variety in our sound. When we sat down to actually make a record as a four piece, we had new weapons at our disposal. Then we were writing these songs that were more about friendships and relationships than about sexuality. We thought these are really good and we shouldn't try to force

something because we have a certain image or want to portray ourselves a certain way."

Besides new guitarist Goodwin, there was another fresh face in the studio — producer Steve Albini.

"It was a joy. He has such a reputation as being irascible. But if his obnoxious reputation were true, he could not work with all the people that he does. He's very smart and very very good at what he does. He knows the studio inside and out. He's never really recorded a record that was as poppy as ours."

"We never had so much fun making a record. I mean, it was hard. We were working 12-14

hour days, but we were very well rehearsed and organized and we nailed the performances. We were really happy with it."

All of that, as well as a feeling of renewal made "Absurd Pop Song Romance" Pansy Division's best album yet, he explained.

Pansy Division performs an all-ages show Tuesday, Sept. 22, at the Magic Stick in the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster outlets. Doors open at 8 p.m. For more information, call (313) 833-POOL. Pansy Division can be reached at P.O. Box 460885, San Francisco, Calif., 94146-0885 or http://www.pansydivision.com.

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# Enjoy a taste of your favorite restaurants at 'Culinary Extravaganza'

If you've been wanting to try a new restaurant, chances are pretty good they'll be among the 60 restaurants offering tastes of their specialty dishes at Schoolcraft College Sunday, Sept. 20 during Culinary Extravaganza VII.

The event includes delicious food samples, a live auction, and

free mini-seminars on food-related topics, including demonstrations of healthy, low calories meals by a chef from the Weight Watchers Group, whose president, Florine Mark, is the event's honorary chairwoman.

Old Mexico with restaurants in Livonia and West Bloomfield, and Cascades, a restaurant

inside the Embassy Suites in Livonia, are among the participants.

Restaurant owners Vicki and Ramon Castaneda have been participating in Schoolcraft's Culinary Extravaganza for quite awhile. "I love it because everyone is so friendly," said Ramon. "You meet all kinds of people, and sometimes catch some new customers."

Their son, Tim, who manages Old Mexico in West Bloomfield, enjoys "seeing all the people he doesn't get to see throughout the year, because everyone is working. You get to see what everyone else is doing."

Even though it's work, Vicki says, "it's fun work. It's very well organized. You feel like they want you there."

Open since Dec. 15, 1975 in Livonia, Old Mexico opened a second restaurant in West Bloomfield on May 17, 1986. The menus at the two restaurants are similar, but you'll find more upscale menu, and seafood dishes at the West Bloomfield restaurant, which also offers entertainment on weekends. Mexican favorites, with attention to quality and freshness, make Old Mexico Restaurants consistently good.

"We travel all over Mexico looking for new ideas," said Vicki. "I go in the hotel kitchens. We're always looking for new ideas no matter where we are."

Vicki took a Spanish class at Schoolcraft College, and she's happy to help by participating in Culinary Extravaganza. "I have employees who go there," she said. "I think it's a nice little school."

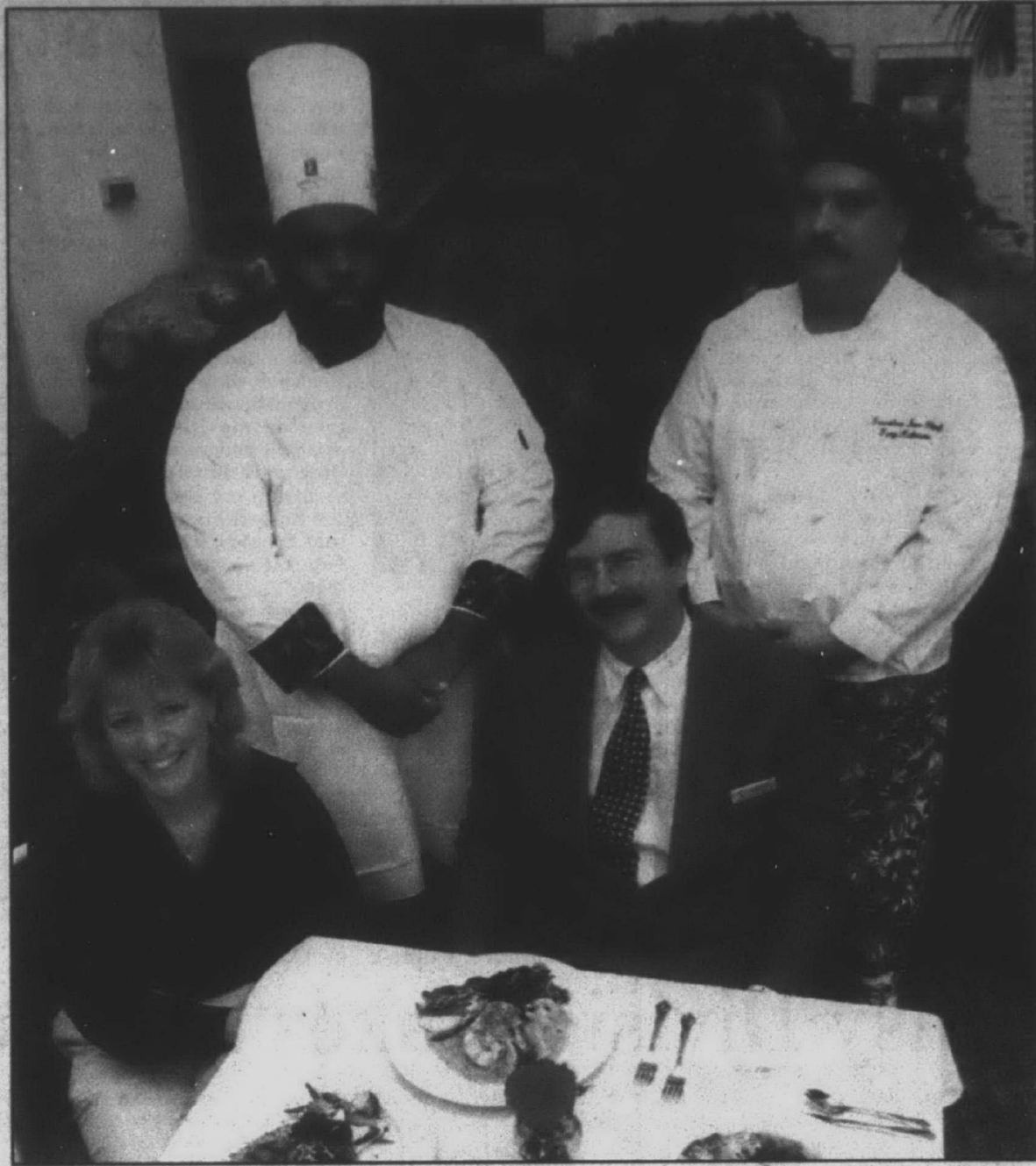
Old Mexico will be serving ground beef soft tacos at the Culinary Extravaganza.

Cascades Restaurant inside the Embassy Suites is not for guests only. A tropical paradise, no matter what the season, Cascades is inside a five story tropical atrium with two cascading waterfalls, surrounded by a stream. There are plants galore, and fish inside the pond.

Tim Kelly, director of catering, has served on the Culinary Extravaganza committee for three years.

"It's great for the local community, and gives a lot of people a taste of what's going on, and helps Schoolcraft reach their goal of giving out scholarships," said Kelly.

Executive Chef Lorenzo Brye of Farmington Hills and execu-



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**Tropical escape:** Yes, you can get away from it all at Cascades, a jewel of a restaurant inside the Embassy Suites in Livonia. Julie Beaubien (left, restaurant manager) and Tim Kelly (director of catering) make sure guests are comfortable, while Executive Chef Lorenzo Brye (left) and sous Chef Gary Katterson (right) make sure every dish is picture perfect, and delicious too. Look for them at Culinary Extravaganza.

**Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza VII**

**When:** 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, in the Waterman Center, on campus 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile Roads, just west of I-275), Livonia.

**Admission:** Culinary Extravaganza VII tickets are \$40 per person or two tickets for \$75. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. Both can be purchased by calling the Office of Marketing and Development at (734) 462-4417. Visa, MasterCard, Discover credit cards and checks are accepted. Sponsors are being sought. Sponsorships range from \$250 to \$5,000. For information about participating in Culinary Extravaganza VII, or being a sponsor, call (734) 462-4417. Event proceeds benefit student scholarships.

**Highlights:**

- Approximately 60 of the premier restaurants of southeastern Michigan will offer tastes of their specialty dishes.
- A live auction features combination prizes and a raffle with two round-trip tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S. or a trip to Las Vegas.
- There will be free mini-seminars on food-related topics, including demonstrations of healthy, low calories meals by a chef from the Weight Watchers Group, whose president, Florine Mark, is the event's honorary chair.
- Raffle prizes include two round-trip tickets on Northwest Airlines to anywhere in the contiguous U.S. where Northwest flies; a Las Vegas trip for two; the lease of a new Saturn for three months; and a lady's 14-karat ring with an iolite stone and five small diamonds.



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**Taste of Mexico:** Vicki and Ramon Castaneda of Old Mexico Restaurants present a botana, just one of the many items you'll find on the menu at their restaurants in West Bloomfield and Livonia. Look for Old Mexico at Culinary Extravaganza.

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**Where:** Inside the Embassy Suites, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia, (734) 462-6000.  
**Open:** Lunch served 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., dinner 5-10 p.m. everyday.  
**Menu:** Variety including sandwiches, choice seafood, chicken, and pasta.  
**Reservations:** Recommended for parties of 7 or more.

tive sous chef Gary Katterson of Redford are planning to serve Mini Beef Wellingtons at Culinary Extravaganza.

"I emphasize traditional items - beef, seafood and chicken," said Brye about the menu at Cascades. "Presentation is a major factor - it's simple, basic, but appealing to the eye. Nothing extravagant."

For lunch or dinner at Cascades, Brye recommends Shrimp "Scampi" Deangelo, Crab & Rock Shrimp Alfredo, or beef tenderloin. "The ribs are going pretty good too," he said. "It's a very comfortable atmosphere, quiet, and we're not expensive." You'll find a variety of appetizers on the menu, including the popular Pan Seared Crab Cakes, soups, salads, and sandwiches.

Menu items are moderately priced with dinner entrees ranging from \$13.95 to \$19.95. Open Grille, offered 5-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday, allows customers to choose from a selection of steaks and seafood. Each item is grilled

to your liking by the chefs at Cascades.

Here's what you can look forward to at Culinary Extravaganza: From the Capital Grille, baby lobster bisque from the Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train, or fresh fettuccini Alfredo from DaVinci's in the Novi Hilton. The fish course includes samples of pan-seared scallops with leeks from Plymouth's Cafe Bon Homme, rock shrimp chevre and roasted tomato risotto from Southfield's Golden Mushroom or rock shrimp with basil in puff pastry from Excalibur, or peppered salmon from The Moveable Feast in Ann Arbor.

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