

# GODSPELL

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she is developmentally behind because of the tumor, she is learning to talk on her own, receives physical therapy to teach her to walk and has just 15 weeks of chemotherapy left. Alisha Cook says the next two years will be the most critical in the possibility Kara's tumor will return.

The Cooks were chosen to be benefactors of "Godspell" after Ethel Dougherty, wife of Alisha's co-worker, Tom Dougherty, notified Ethel's church.

"I feel very special," Alisha Cook said. "It's really unbelievable. You really, honestly don't know how many sick children are out there until you actually have one. It is really nice to know people think about you."

Zachary was in a car accident with his mother on Memorial Day of this year. The boy suffered numerous brain injuries and underwent surgeries at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, costing over \$750,000. He is currently a patient at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia.

Sweet Charity was formed in 1993 and has raised over \$250,000 through plays and CD sales for children with debilitating diseases in Luzerne and Lackawanna counties. The money helps the children's families cover medical expenses, provide dream trips, purchase special-



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"Godspell" cast members Kathy Elgaway, left, and Char Jeffers practice singing a musical selection.

### IF YOU GO

"Godspell" Sept. 26-28 at 7:30 p.m. nightly The Church of the Good Shepherd 1780 N. Washington Ave., Scranton  
Cost: \$10  
For tickets, call 877-7390 or 430-8923. Tickets are also available at the door.

"Godspell" Oct. 3-5 at 7:30 p.m. nightly St. Therese's Church 64 Davis St., Shavertown  
Cost: \$10  
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ized vehicles and medical equipment.

Players include Dave Baloga, Kathy Elgaway, Father Joe Elston, Dan Gallagher, Char Jeffers, Karim Letwinsky, Father Jim Paisley and Pam Shotto. Instrumentalists are Mark Montella and "The Wanabees," Danny Marx, Michael O'Malley and Brandon Shotto.

Karim Letwinsky, of Kingston Township, is a new actress in Sweet Charity. Letwinsky learned about the program because she is a former student of Kathy Elgaway at Scranton Prep

and Father Paisley is her parish priest. Although Letwinsky has helped out with Sweet Charity in the past, she was never involved with the production until Elgaway recently invited her to play the part of one of Jesus' disciples.

"Seeing the children always hits home with me," said Letwinsky, a mother of four. "The end result is that any money we raise goes to the children in our area who are being benefited by the program. My goal is to bring in as many people as possible to help the kids."

# DELIVERED

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ery, to prevent possible infection of babies already in residence. Mother and child are doing fine."

Strub now lives in Linglestown, Pa. with her husband, Greg, and 17-year-old twins, Stephen and Chelsea. The couple also has a 24-year-old daughter, Carly. Strub's parents have both passed away, her father in 1994 and her mother 10 years later.

The December 5, 1958 edition of The Dallas Post features an article about Paul Cilvek's birth titled, "Birth Considers Changing Name Of Station To Discourage Storks."

"Clyde Birth is not seriously considering changing the name of his service station," the article reads. "Monday night was the second time within less than a year that his Esso station on Memorial Highway has given aid and comfort to a heavily-laden stork. Both mothers were patients of Dr. Irvin Jacobs of the Noxen Clinic and both finished an interrupted trip in the family car by Dallas Community Ambulance."

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Birth's son, Harry, believes there may have been a third woman in labor at the station, however, he is unable to recall details.

Harry Birth says his father, who served as president of the Dallas Kiwanis Club at one time,

chose one day every year and donated all of his profits to the Dallas Kiwanis-sponsored Key Club. If fundraising goals were not met, Birth reached into his pocket and donated his own money to make up the difference.

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