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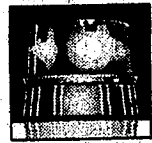
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Crash victim reflects on suit



Timothy Cassidy, who had both legs amputated after a car accident in early June, said he still forgives the off-duty police officer who was driving the other car.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Timothy Cassidy, a Westland teen who lost his legs in an auto accident, said he hopes his decision to sue the off-duty Westland police officer who hit him will not be misconstrued. "I still forgive the man for hitting me, and it's killing me something bad

to have to sue," Cassidy, 18, said during an exclusive interview with the Observer.

Speaking from his bed at the University of Michigan Hospital, Cassidy said Friday that he has been hurt by suggestions that he is also suing the City of Westland and the Westland Police Department because the city

has "deep pockets." "I wouldn't do anything, and I would pay out of my own pocket if I could," he said during the telephone interview. "I wish to God I didn't have to sue, but I've got to. I'm not somebody who's just out to get money. I need the money."

Cassidy noted that he will face untold hospital bills for the May 27 accident that occurred when he was trying to push a friend's stalled car off of Ford, just west of Wayne Road. Off-duty police officer Timothy Kennedy, who momentarily glanced from the road, hit Cassidy from behind and

crushed him between the two cars. Both of Cassidy's legs were amputated above the knees.

"In my view, it was still an accident," Cassidy said. Local police agree, and Kennedy paid a small fine and received two points on his driving record after being cited for failing to stop within an assured clear distance.

Even though Cassidy considers it an accident, he said the decision to sue came after he and his father discussed the matter.

"My father believes that somebody

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Young artists at work



Summer camp: Children from the Norwayne neighborhood make art projects (above) during a daytime camp at the city's Dorsey Center. Top left, 8, (bottom right) makes a purple and pink caterpillar.



Summer fun: Ally Martin, 10, works intently on an art project at the Dorsey Center summer camp.



Campers cherish memories

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Trips to Kensington Park, Belle Isle Zoo and Westland's city swimming pool have highlighted a popular summer camp being attended by children from the Norwayne neighborhood.

"I like the field trips," Scott Bean, 9, said. "We get to go to a lot of places and have a lot of fun."

See CAMP, 3A

Pension proposal blasted

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Retired Westland police and fire department employees would receive a pension increase under a controversial proposal drafted by two Westland City Council members.

The plan has sparked fiery criticism from the Mayor Robert Thomas administration, which predicted that taxpayers will be enraged over attempts to boost annual pensions that already average \$30,000.

Retirees receiving less than \$30,000 would be given a one-time pension adjustment in December ranging from \$765 to \$2,000 under the proposal from council members Thomas Brown and Kenneth Mehl.

Longtime retirees who have the smallest pensions would receive the higher adjustments, in an effort to make the city's pension plan more equitable.

Retirees would have to be off the job for at least six years to qualify for the increases.

The estimated cost of the one-time adjustments is \$24,000. Retirees being paid more than \$30,000 a year would not qualify for the one-time increases.

See PENSIONS, 4A

Stepdad convicted of abuse

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A 7-year-old girl's testimony that her stepfather sexually abused her at their Westland residence has helped lead to a conviction against the defendant.

Edwin Carl Criswell was convicted on two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct during a trial last week before Judge Margie Braxton in Detroit Recorder's Court.

Criswell chose to have his case heard by a judge instead of a jury. He could face a maximum penalty of life in prison when sentenced in August.

The family lived on Alpena Street in south Westland when the sex abuse occurred. The abuse began when the girl was 6 and continued until she was 7, Westland police Sgt. Laura Moore has said.

The girl and three other children have since been placed in foster homes. Two of the four children were stepchildren, Moore has said.

Soccer signups

The Wayne-Westland Soccer Club will hold its final registration for the fall season from 6-8 p.m., Monday, Aug. 2, in the Wayne Community Center, on Howe, a half-mile east of Wayne Road, and Annapolis, a half-mile south of Michigan Avenue, Wayne. This is for youngsters 4 and older. For information, call 458-7786.

Duncan honored

Neil Duncan, a John Glenn High School graduate, has won a scholarship from the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers for outstanding achievement and demonstrated aptitude in the engineering profession. In high school, Duncan

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was a National Honor Society member, voted the science student of the month, took part in the computer team and Spanish Club as well as performing with the marching band and orchestra and competing on the tennis team. Duncan is pursuing an engineering degree at Michigan Technological University. MSPE scholarships are based on grade point averages and ACT college entrance exams.

Picture prize

Phyllis St. Aubin of Westland won an honorable

mention prize in the Michigan Renaissance Festival's annual photo contest. St. Aubin entered the color photo category. Prizes will be awarded on Sunday, Aug. 15. All winning entries will be displayed July 27 through Aug. 12 in the Grand Arcade lobby of the Fisher Building, Detroit. There were 160 entries from 40 festival-goers.

Title winner

Storme Samantha Sundberg of Westland was a finalist in the Miss Dance of America competition this month in New Orleans. The Ladywood High School senior earlier won the Miss Dance of Michigan title. She is the daughter of Sherree Sundberg-Jones and Al Sundberg. She was also in Boston last week to represent Michigan in a national dance competition.

Kids agree: Pool's real cool Camp from page 1A

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

The Dorsey Center recreation room is open to youngsters 5 to 16, he said. The hours of 2-6 p.m. are changed during the winter to 3-7 p.m., but the program continues year-round, he said.

Thirty-five children age 6 to 13 are attending the six-week YWCA camp at Westland's Dorsey Center, on Dorsey east of Venoy Road, between Palmer and Glenwood. It's the third year for the program which serves youngsters in the neighborhood bounded by Glenwood, Palmer, Wildwood and Merriman.

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Justin Trudell, 8, didn't seem to mind his win-loss record of 2-6 at shooting bumper pool.

He still goes to Westland's Dorsey Center just about every day to play with friends.

"I like playing pool," he said, "even if I don't win."

Trudell is among many children from the Norwayne neighborhood in south Westland who welcome the free activities offered 2-6 p.m. daily in the recreation room of the Dorsey Center, on Dorsey east of Venoy.

"I come here just about every day," Trudell said, playing pool with 7-year-old Jason Nornan.

Across the room, Jennifer Goins, 7, boasted that she has been quite skillful lately when she picks up a pool stick.

"I beat a 14-year-old two times," she said, smiling.

The children also play foosball and pinball in the program that's supervised by Darryl Johnson, 28, who has worked nine years at the Dorsey Center. He also is a night supervisor at a bank check-processing center in Livonia.

"The recreation program gives these kids a chance to get off the street and come to a safe environment, instead of running around the neighborhood getting into trouble," Johnson said.

"Too many kids have too many bad role models," he said. "They can come here and learn to respect others and have others respect them."



Ready, aim . . . Jason Nornan, 7, concentrates on a bumper pool shot during a game at the Dorsey Center.



Bumper pool: Justin Trudell, 8, shoots bumper pool in the Dorsey Center.

Eager to join in the excitement, youngsters begin arriving at the Dorsey Center even before the camp begins at 9:15 a.m. The fun continues for six hours each day on Monday through Thursday, and it's free.

"It keeps the kids off the street, and it gives them something to do in the summer," camp director Laura Worch said.

The camp is paid with federal money that's channeled through the local community-action agency at the Dorsey Center, said James Gilbert, Westland's community development director.

The field trips have been complemented by on-site activities and games and short trips to nearby Jefferson Elementary School for lunch.

"We get to go to parks, and we color and draw," she said. "I like to come here because it's fun."

Some older youths, such as 16-year-old Barry Patton, help out as camp counselors.

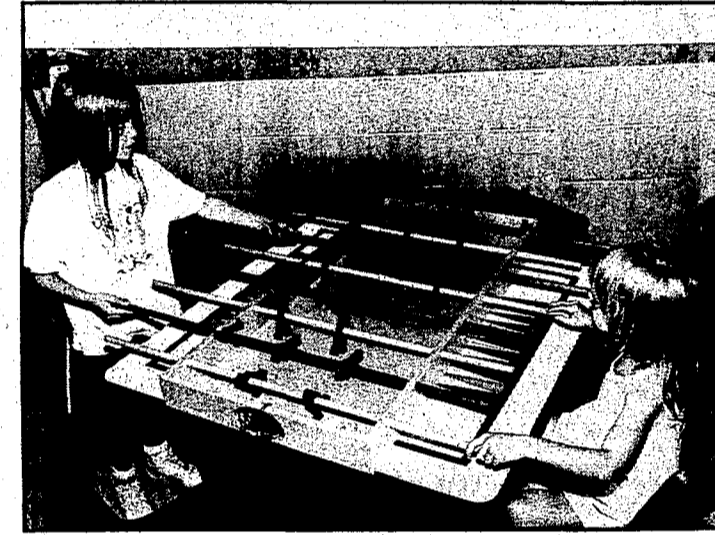
"I make sure they don't talk loud and don't fight," he said. "They've been pretty good."

The camp has depended on donations this summer to pay for field trips. Some plans had to be scaled back because of a money shortfall.

The camp ends Wednesday, but organizers already are looking to next summer.

"It's not boring, and I don't live very far away," Stephen Haney, 10, said. "It's been fun because you get to learn to communicate with other kids."

Making a pink and purple caterpillar from construction paper, 8-year-old Tiffany Everett agreed that the camp helps to beat the summer doldrums.



Football, anyone? The answer was "yes" for Jennifer Goins (left), 7, and Jena Trudell, 6. They spent the day having fun at Dorsey Center.

Rubber meets the road in this recycling project

BY KAMI BUCHHOLZ
STAFF WRITER

Not all road builders are convinced that old tires make for a good driving surface when used as an ingredient in asphalt pavement.

But the federal government is convinced, and starting in 1994 any new asphalt highway built with federal funds will need to have recycled tires in the road mix.

To help get to that point, Dr. Uptal Dutta is part of a research team studying the best mixture of tires with asphalt.

"He'll have a lot of convincing to do. 'It doesn't work,'" said John Joy, spokesman for the Oakland County Road Commission. "We did roads with that (tires and asphalt) and the roads totally broke up. There's lots of possibilities as to why this occurred . . . but is this viable? It didn't work for us."

All three roads used a 3 percent tire to 97 percent asphalt mix, and the roads were eventually torn up and replaced without tires in the mixture.

Ken Van Hoelst, a municipal deputy civil engineer, worked with the city of Warren when that city put down roadways with a latex-rubberized compound in the asphalt mix.

"It wasn't very successful. The road mix was deteriorated, prevent cracking and delamination, but it wasn't worth a darn," Van Hoelst said.

Old road studied
Dutta, a professor with the Center of Excellence in Environmental Engineering and Science

at University of Detroit-Mercy, is 10 months into an investigative study on using tires in an asphalt pavement mix.

The three-member U-D Mercy investigative group is evaluating samples of tire/asphalt pavement taken from a two-mile stretch of M-46 in Saginaw County.

The study's goal is to determine the best percentage of ground up tires in the mix, the best mixing temperature, best mixing set time and whether tire/asphalt pavement can be recycled — as a new road — as is the case with a conventional asphalt mix.

"The impact of this study is to determine whether tires can be economically, safely, efficiently incorporated into asphalt paving," said Letha Dawson, account manager for the Michigan Jobs Commission and former manager of the state's recycling program with the Environmental Services Division.

Higher costs

Each year more than 200 million used tires enter landfills, are burned or recycled.

In Michigan alone, the number of discarded tires is between 7 million and 9 million each year.

The cost per ton of conventional asphalt is estimated between \$25 and \$40, while estimates for asphalt with tires is estimated between \$40 and \$70 per ton, according to Ray Brown, director of the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) at Auburn University in Alabama.

Several studies are being conducted at universities across the United States on use of tires in

asphalt, and a national study recently was sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration.

"At this point there's not enough information to require the use of tires (in asphalt mix). Some studies say using tires is good, other studies say it's bad," Brown said.

The umbrella federal law requiring recycled tires in asphalt pavement is the Intermodal Surface Transportation Technical Corrections Act.

In 1994, the Act requires federally funded roads to use tires as 5 percent of the total asphalt material, 10 percent in 1995, 15 percent in 1996 and 20 percent in 1997.

Mixed results

Dutta's initial findings point to an appropriate mix being between a 4 percent and 5 percent mix for peak strength.

Many highways in Europe use tire and asphalt, and with good results.

"While driving in Europe I thought my car engine had died because it got so quiet," said Dr. Daniel Klempner, who is directing the U-D Mercy study. "It was because of rubber in the asphalt. Such asphalt has a smoother, quieter ride."

As for using recycled tires for pavement in the U.S., many experts say it just doesn't work, said Dawson.

"That's the word on the street, but this is a very, very new technology . . . There is a lot of apprehension, but we have a tremendous tire disposal problem in this nation."

Mall sponsors collectors' show

A sports collectibles show will kick off the month in August at Wonderland Mall.

The Baseball Card, Coin, Comic Book and Collectible Show will be Aug. 6-8.

From 8-10 a.m. Aug. 9 St. Mary Hospital will offer free blood pressure screening.

Back to School Train Rides will be offered at Wonderland from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through

Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12 through Sept. 6.

The Back to School Fashion Show will be 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Aug. 28 at Center Court.

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Farmers given tax break by House

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Farmers will pay lighter property taxes under a House passed bill designed to correct an assessing flaw.

Rep. Dan Gustafson's bill exempts cherry pitting, onion washing and carrot washing machinery from the state's personal property tax.

"There was an inconsistency in the way they were being taxed," said Gustafson, a first term Republican from Haslett who represents part of Livingston County. Some counties taxed them; others didn't, he said.

Gustafson had no estimate of how big a tax break farmers might receive, but several Democrats objected to cutting school and local revenues.

"We don't know the cost," said Rep. Lyn Jondahl, D-Okemos, Democratic cochair of the House Taxation Committee and a declared gubernatorial candidate.

"They (local units) aren't carrying out their responsibility to assess."

Gustafson said lost revenue would be minimal because that farm equipment hadn't been taxed until a Tax Tribunal decision against Wm. Bolthouse Farms in Newaygo County.

In general, Michigan law exempts farm machinery and equipment from the personal property tax where it is used for farming. The legal question was whether pitting, cooling, cleaning, washing and size grading equipment is part of farming or processing.

The House decided 80 to 15 in favor of the farmer.

Voting yes: Republicans Lyn Bänkes of Redford, Penny Crissman of Rochester, Barbara Dobb of Union Lake, Jan Dolan of Farmington Hills, John Jamian of Bloomfield Township, Shirley Johnson of Royal Oak, Greg Kaza of Rochester Hills, Jerry Vorva of Plymouth and Deborah Whyman of Canton.

Voting no: Democrats Maxine Berman of Southfield, William Keith of Garden City and Richard Young of Dearborn Heights.

Absent: Justine Barns, D-Westland.

"Last time I looked at the (state) budget, we were in deficit by \$200 million," objected Young, Democratic chair of the Appropriations Committee. "If we keep doing this, it's going to come home to roost."

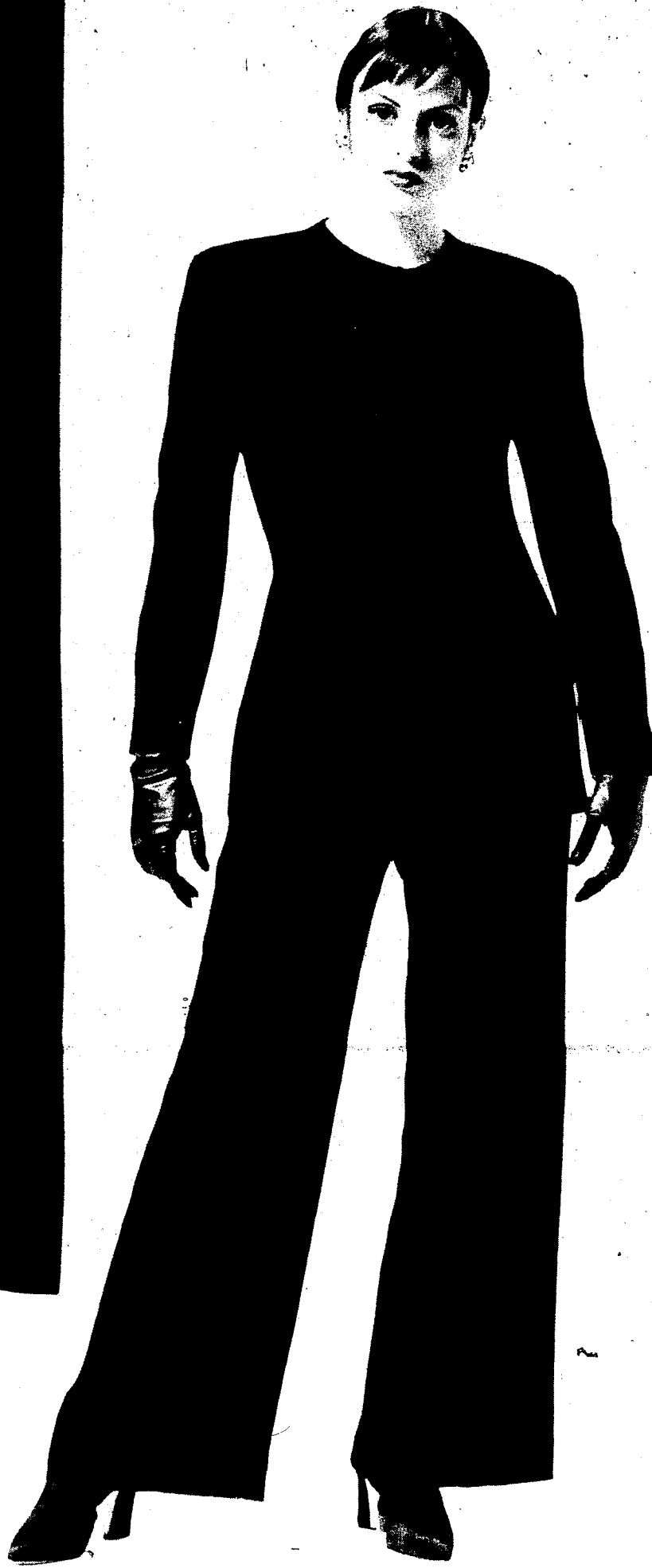
In floor debate, lawmakers amended Gustafson's bill to exempt water conditioning and cherry pitting equipment. Critics said it was being turned into a "Christmas tree bill" with many ornaments.

The bill is part of a constant Lansing debate over "tax expenditures" — eliminating taxes on politically favored groups. Some conservatives would go even further and eliminate the personal property tax entirely, although it brings in \$900 million a year.

The Michigan Farm Bureau and Chamber of Commerce supported the bill. Gov. John Engler's Treasury Department and the Michigan Association of Equalization Directors opposed it.

Refer to House bill 4833 when writing your senator, State Capitol, Lansing 48913.

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ONCE A YEAR SALE

'Justice' suffers from sophomore jinx

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

"Boyz n the Hood," about day-to-day life and death in South Central L.A., was such an accomplished and emotionally charged work that no one could believe that director John Singleton was only in his early 20s.

In his second feature, "Poetic Justice," Singleton acts his age. This predictably plotted story of mismatched lovers on a long road trip is proof positive of the sophomore slump, but it does have more than a few elements that make it worth seeing.

Janet Jackson, unfortunately, isn't one of them. Though the pop singer is easy to watch, she registers only two emotions — contemplative sadness and profanity-charged anger.

Supposedly, she gained weight for the role so she would look less glamorous, but this is the only thing she has in common with real actors like Robert DeNiro or even Shelley Winters. Her talented fellow actors, especially Tupac Shakur as Justice, run rings around her.

MOVIES

Jackson plays Justice, who watches her boyfriend gunned down right next to her at the drive-in. Months, maybe years, later she still mopes around the South Central hair salon where she works, not dating, placing her deepest thoughts in a thick book of poetry.

That's where Lucky comes in. A postal worker who has a kid and lives with his mother, he's just the kind of guy that Justice's money-hungry boss warns her about. "The problem with you is, you always pick the wrong kind of man," she says.

And for a while Justice agrees. Then, by a coincidence that has occurred in only about 100 movies before, they are thrown together in Lucky's postal truck on a trip north to deliver mail. Love conquers all, of course, but not without a trip down some rocky roads.

There are several stops on the odyssey, when they make with friends Chicago (Joe Torry) and

Iesha (Regina King). They smell barbecue from the road and stop to crash a family picnic, with Lucky masquerading as a relative. But when Iesha gets drunk and Chicago starts a fight, they realize how they don't fit into this world at all.

"Poetic Justice" should have kicked back for a while longer at the barbecue, by far the most entertaining part of the movie. Instead, when the foursome heads down the road to a more radical African-American gathering with pounding drums and speeches, its agenda grows a bit thin — and obvious.

It grinds to a halt when the truck finally reaches its destination in Oakland, only to discover something catastrophic has just happened. Like most road movies, "Poetic Justice" doesn't know when to go with the flow instead of reaching for earth-shattering conclusions.

Justice's poetry, usually read aloud in indulgent montages, is really the work of Maya Angelou, the veteran poet who knocked everyone for a loop at the Clinton

inauguration. Her words, along with music by Stanley Clarke and Stevie Wonder, share soundtrack time with the usual rap.

Looking for a message? Singleton has a nice one about the nature of creativity, which comes out in Justice's poetry and in Lucky's sincere attempts at becoming a rapper. We see the silliness of friend Chicago, who can only express himself by "dressing fine" and constantly brushing his almost-shaved head.

Singleton isn't the first filmmaker to hurt his batting average during his second time at bat. Even Spike Lee, with "School Daze," went down a few notches but bounced back with a masterpiece a film or two later. Singleton, now 25, is equally capable of making great movies again.

If you have a comment for John Monaghan, call him at 953-2047, mailbox number 1866, on a touch-tone phone, or write him care of Street Scene, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

A good example could help her manage weight

STREET SENSE



BARBARA SCHIFF

Message from voice mail: Barbara,

My 12-year-old daughter is overweight. She is intelligent and attractive, previously chubby, now fat. Her mother and I don't know what to do. We want

certed, lifelong commitment to do so.

Your daughter will decide for herself whether or not she wants to make this commitment. You cannot make the decision for her. You might be able, however, to help, by being as knowledgeable on the subject as possible. The problem is so prevalent that it is hotly researched, so that there is more to know now than at any time in the past.

her to see a counselor, but she refuses.

I have a weight problem myself, so I believe I know my daughter's feelings. She never expresses concern or unhappiness, but because being fat is such a torture for me, I think she is covering up her true feelings.

Since I am an adult, I have my weight under control. Despite being bigger than I wish I were, I am successful, socially and in business. I worry that with a girl, success will be much more difficult if she is fat, than if she were a boy.

I don't have a lot of hope about her weight because I can't be the weight I want to be. Even though I make this call, I wonder if there is a solution to this problem.

Dear Caller,

I understand the torture a seemingly unsolvable problem like this one can bring. You and your daughter are fat in a thin world. Your worries are valid; our culture discriminates against fat people, especially fat women.

For the past 40-50 years, fat people have been the last group we self-righteously ostracize without guilt. Our culture snubs them because it is believed that they are responsible for their problem. We are taught that others who are traditionally discriminated against, for example, those who are foreign born or those with handicaps, cannot change their condition. Therefore, we sympathize with them rather than make fun of them.

The assumption that fat people are responsible for their condition is challenged by recent research on the subject. The research suggests that weight and body shape are largely hereditary. As I write this, and as you read it, we can all think of those, who despite an inclination to be fat, successfully remain normal size. The research indicates that they are very few. Those who are successful in changing their destiny must make a con-

We know that fat people react differently to food restriction than thin people. We know that dieting, in the old restrictive sense, usually aids obesity, rather than decreasing it. We know that weight maintenance is rarely possible without exercise. We know that the kind of food that is eaten is more important than the quantity. Find out about this research, and talk to your daughter about it. Possibly, if she will not see a counselor, she will consent to seeing a dietitian.

There is another matter, one that concerns the relationship between you and your daughter. Because it is painful, it is frequently a reality that parents deny. You cannot be a role model for your daughter losing weight unless you conquer your weight problem. Often being a good example is the most effective way to teach. Too often with a hostile child, the only way. If, as you say in your call, "I can't be the weight I want," then you must accept that she can't.

Barbara

Dear Readers,
Some months ago this column received a letter from a father considering growth hormone for his son. That column discussed the psychological pros and cons of chemically altering a child's size. At that time none of the experts I interviewed talked about possible harmful, physical side effects.

Recently, I heard Dr. Jeremy Rifkin from the Foundation of Economic Trends say that human growth hormone has been linked to an increased chance of leukemia and other disorders. On the same program, Dr. Gutai, a physician at Detroit's Children's Hospital, strongly disagreed. So, despite a strong recommendation for the drug by many, there is debate on its safety, that some experts do not acknowledge.

Barbara

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters throughout metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

HENRY FORD CENTENNIAL LIBRARY

13671 Michigan, Dearborn. Call 943-2330 for information. (Free) "Dog Day's Night," 7 p.m. July 26. Three live action short films for kids focusing on man's best friend. Included are "Harry the Dirty Dog" (1987), "Harry and the Lady Next Door" (1989) and "Harry Comes Home" (1991).

MAGIC BAG THEATER

22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call 544-3030 for information. (\$6)

The Ghoul presents "The Tinger" (USA — 1959), midnight July 31 (7 and 9:30 p.m. shows sold out). Vincent Price stars as a mad doctor who discovers a slug-like title creature which can snap a victim's back unless that person screams. Horror movie host The Ghoul will appear before, during and after the screening with live comedy.

MICHIGAN THEATER

603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call 668-8397 for information and show times. (\$5; \$4 students and senior citizens) "Panama Deception" (USA — 1992), 7:20 p.m. July 26-27. The winner of last year's best docu-

mentary Oscar looks deeply into the United States' involvement in Central America.

"Utz" (USA — 1993), through July 29 (call for show times). Georges Sluizer, the director of "The Vanishing," returns with this mystery about a priceless collection of porcelain that ends up missing. Peter Riegert, Paul Scofield and Brenda Fricker are among the suspects.

"Manufacturing Consent: Noam Chomsky and the Media" (Canada — 1993), July 30-Aug. 3 (call for show times). The ideas of the outspoken and radically independent thinker, author and activist are incorporated with cleverly used stock footage.

"The Gold Rush" (USA — 1925), 2 p.m. Aug. 1. Chaplin's silent classic will be shown as part of a summer family film series on Sundays. (Admission \$1 adults; 50 cents kids)

STATE THEATER

2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call 961-5450 for information. (\$1.89)

"Monty Python's The Meaning of Life" (Britain — 1983), 9 p.m. July 26. The irreverent British comedy troupe in what they do best — hilarious vignettes tied together by the thinnest of all possible threads. The best-remembered here is still the eating orgy (and the aftermath) with the world's fattest man.

Posies from page 6A

The group has also been tagged with the "Seattle" genre. Although that's where they're from, that's not one title they find particularly fitting.

"We've always been kinda, dare I say, a rock band live," said Auer. "As much as we are not a grunge band, we are a rock band — not in a traditional Thin Lizzy

sort of way — like our video for "Dream All Day"). If you came and saw us live, we do tend to jump around a lot."

"We're not the antithesis of grooves, however. We're not the Melvins, Soundgarden, Alice in Chains. We're a lot more on the melodic side. They have catchy songs. It's just that it has more to

do with the sound of the voice."

The band, which will play St. Andrew's Hall on Friday, is touring to support its latest release "Frosting on the Beater" which spawned the hit, "Dream All Day." During their set, the band doesn't just stick with newer material. They intend on pleasing fans of their previous two re-

leases, "Dear 23" and "Failure."

The St. Andrew's show is The Posies' first since their debut Detroit show at a heavy metal nightclub. It was a not-so-friendly welcome to the area. To ease their nerves, they got a little goofy on stage.

"Ratt was gonna be playing there the day after, we knew something was wrong then. When you're down on your luck and you're playing a metal club, you resort to strange tactics."

The Posies and Hypnolovewheel perform Friday, July 30, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$5.50 in advance. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Those 18 and older will be admitted.

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mayonnaise, and Caesar salads with grilled chicken are out of this world. Pasta, chicken and seafood are put together with little bits of this and that and even the most well-versed connoisseur will find himself asking, "Just what's in this, anyway?" The best part is they'll tell you.

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Street Scene next week:

- Christina Fuoco's interview with Duran Duran.
- What our readers think about of few new releases in Reader's Choice.
- John Monaghan's look at the alternative movie scene.
- Street Sense by Barbara Schiff.

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BICK VREANCH AND WOOD BAND... Scott Richardson at Alvin's, 5756 Cass, Detroit. 832-2355
MYX RISE AND MARY MCGURKE... Hoop's, Auburn Hills. (acoustic rock) 373-4744
DUIER TWINS... Q Club, 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. 334-7411
MOLISE... With Killswitch at Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. 996-8555
YUBU HIPPIES... On the banks of the Clinton River, Cass/

Crocker and Broadway, in downtown MOUNT Clemens as part of the Bud Light RiverSight and Sound Concerts. (alternate rock) 468-1402
KENNY MILLER BLUES BAND... Speak Easy, 31410 Ford Road, Garden City. 425-7373
DISCIPLINE... Lilly's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. 875-6555
MOCKINGBIRD... Paycheck's Lounge, 2932 Caniff, Hamtramck. 427-9849
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BILLY BUNDAY... Paycheck's Lounge, 2932 Caniff, Hamtramck. 874-0254
FRANK ALLISON AND THE ODD SOX... Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. 996-8555
CROSSED WIRE... With Big Block at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. 961-MELT
Sunday, Aug. 1
ALABAMA... With Highway 101 at Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. (country) 377-0100
ANTHRAX... With White Zombie and Quicksand at the Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre, 10 Water St., Pontiac. 335-4850

Red Hot Chili Peppers' drummer and former Bloomfield Hills resident Chad Smith will hold a drum clinic at The Heidelberg, 215 N. Main St., Ann Arbor, at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2. The cost is \$5. Smith will also sign autographs and give away equipment at Rit drums, 205 N. Main St., Ann Arbor, after the clinic. At 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, Donn Deniston of Kiss Me Screaming and a Pearl drums technician will hold an in-store clinic at Rit. It's all part of "Pearl Week." For more information, call 1-800-294-DRUM or 930-1900.

Sherry Keller, 24, of Westland, won a guitar autographed by

MUSIC NOTES
Nettwerk Records will hold its "Travelling Garage Sale" at Vertigo nightclub, 800 Wellington, Windsor, Canada, from noon-6 p.m. Tuesday, July 27. Mystery Machine will perform later that evening. CDs, vinyl, T-shirts, posters, stickers, cassettes, etc. will be available by Skinny Puppy, Sarah McLachlan, Consolidated, Front 242, Lava Hay, Tear Garden, Moev, MC 900 FT Jesus and other Nettwerk bands.
Christina Fuoco

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Flooded city gets help

BY MARGARET O'BRIEN
STAFF WRITER

Westland's John Primeau wants the community to adopt a flood-ravaged city along the Mississippi River and provide supplies for its residents.

In a telephone interview with the Observer, Primeau said that he has been in contact with the Keithsburg, Ill., city clerk, to see what can be done for the community of 900 in the northwest part of the state.

"People needs bath towels, wash cloths, pillows, sheets and blankets," he said.

Sharon Reason, Keithsburg's city clerk, told the Observer Friday that about half of the city's residents have been flooded out of their homes, forcing them to stay with relatives or friends.

At one point, there was no place in the city to "get a bottle of Anacin since everyone had a headache" from the flood problems, she said.

During the interview, Reason was interrupted by a call from her daughter in the same city whose home, raised 4 feet above the ground, was still damaged by five feet.

At one point, the city had its downtown and its water supply station flooded under nine feet of water.

Besides Westland, Keithsburg is getting help from persons in Somerville, Ala., Hanna City, Ill., and Farmer City, Ill., she said.

Local persons interested in donating household articles may send them to City Hall, P.O. Box 27, Keithsburg, Ill. 61442.

Primeau told the Observer he was motivated to get involved in helping flood victims because it was only 10 years ago that he was in a foster "and had nothing. Now I have a beautiful family, a business and am very happy."

In related flood-aid efforts, Detroit area residents are teaming up with the Salvation Army to sandbag some of the hardship faced by flood victims in the Midwest.

More help coming

The Eastern Michigan Division of the Salvation Army, based in Southfield, has already collected \$100,000 in cash donations, sent numerous volunteers and Army officers to the flood area and delivered a semi-truck load of supplies to flood victims since getting involved earlier this month — but

there is still much more to do, said officials.

This latest relief effort coordinated by the Salvation Army will help feed and house residents of St. Louis, where water broke down or washed over levees in several locations, leaving some neighborhoods as far as 10 feet underwater.

Two mobile canteen units dispatched to the flood area July 11 from Southfield are part of the 51 canteens that have served more than 100,000 people.

Salvation Army shelters have housed more than 1,000 and will continue to be in operation for at least five or six more weeks until the clean-up effort is well under way.

Pledge raises money

Pam Reynolds, director of public relations for the Eastern Michigan Division, said area businesses and residents have been very generous about contributing to the effort, especially WKQI FM radio, which held an 11-hour pledge drive last week that raised \$86,000.

"We received some large donations through that, some as big as \$2,500, which have really helped us out a lot," Reynolds said.

"A lot of others have been trying to help on their own, too. People have been just pulling up to the office here in vans dropping off supplies. One person just dropped off a bunch of cots, which I'm sure we'll need."

Others are also helping coordinate efforts such as Michigan National Bank, Ford Motor Co. and individuals like periodontist Dr. Joseph Nemeth, who said he has already collected several hundred dollars in checks in an office fish-bowl.

"I knew about what was going on, and I wanted to help. So I called up the Salvation Army and asked them what I could do," Nemeth said.

The Army suggested that Nemeth use his Southfield office as a drop-off point where people can bring donations just as they do to the 119 branches of Michigan National Bank that are reaching out for donations across the state.

Ford donated a driver and a semi-truck that left from Southfield early last week full of supplies. And Salvation Army representatives said they hope to send many more filled with donations of new blankets and linens, non-

perishable foods, Gatorade, paper products, baby food, disposable diapers, first-aid supplies and cleaning supplies such as mops, buckets, detergents, 30-gallon trash bags, squeegees and flat shovels.

"Those are the things we really need — not clothes," Karla Klompeen of the Salvation Army said. "We've got warehouses filled with clothes."

Money is needed

Money is actually the most helpful donation, she added.

"Monetary donations are really the best way to give. It's something that we don't have to take down there and we can buy bulk food and other needed supplies with it," she said, adding that 100 percent of all monetary donations go to flood victims.

Money and supplies can be dropped off from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army's Eastern Michigan Headquarters, 16130 Northland Drive — north of Eight Mile in Southfield.

Checks can be sent to the same address and should be marked for "Operation Noah." Donations from Mastercard or Visa can also be given by calling (313) 443-5500.

For the drop-off location nearest you or for more information, call 443-5500.

Staff writer Leonard Poger contributed to this story.

OBITUARIES

JAMES V. GRIFFIN III

Services for the James V. Griffin III, 3, of Westland were July 14 from the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home with Rev. Richard Peters and associate pastor Ruth Billington officiating. Interment was in Glen Eden Cemetery.

The boy died July 11 in his home. He had been battling leukemia for eight months. Born Nov. 26, 1989, in Dearborn, he was a Franklin Preschool Nursery student. His family belonged to Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia.

He was the son of Tim and Diane Griffin and brother Lindsey.

GEORGE GORDON RICHARDS

Services for Mr. Richards, 84, of Westland were July 24 from the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home with the Rev. V. F. Halboth of Grace Lutheran Church officiating.

Mr. Richards died July 21 in Livonia. Born Nov. 25, 1908, in Calumet, Mich., he was a retired oil company dispatcher.

Survivors include: daughter, Carol Schell; son, Gordon G.; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sister, Alcie Bush; and brother, Judd.

MYRTA M. SITCHIN

Mrs. Sitchin, 59, of Westland

died July 21 in Livonia. Born July 17, 1934, in Brazil, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: husband, Amnon; son, Ricardo; and daughter, Janet.

Arrangements were by the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland.

STELLA M. CEFAL

Services for Mrs. Cefai, 82, of Westland were July 24 at the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home and St. Bernardine Catholic Church.

Mrs. Cefai died July 21 in Westland. Born May 4, 1911, in Malta, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: sister, Evelyn Cefai and 13 nieces and nephews.

JEAN CAROLYN MAY BASSETT

Services for Mrs. Bassett, 66, of Wayne were July 23 from the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with burial in Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. The Rev. Kenneth Miller officiated.

Mrs. Bassett died July 20 in University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor. Born Dec. 19, 1926, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: husband Richard; daughters, Beatrice Bassett and Linda Long; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and brothers the Rev. Harold

May Jr. and the Rev. Norbert May.

ISABELLA M. MILLER

Services for Mrs. Miller, 77, of Westland were July 23 from the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial in Glen Eden Cemetery. The Rev. Drex Morton of St. Michael Lutheran Church officiated.

Mrs. Miller died July 21 in Detroit. Born Feb. 12, 1916, in Scotland, she was a homemaker and member of the Daughters of Scotia.

Survivors include: sons, Thomas and Robert; five grandchildren; and brother, Robert Watson.

COLTON CLARK

Memorial services for Mr. Clark, of Clermont, Fla., formerly of Livonia, were held July 22 in St. Andrew Episcopal Church, Livonia.

Mr. Clark died July 16.

Survivors include: wife, Elva; sons, Gregory of Livonia, Clark of Fenton; daughters, Lynn Smith of Clarkston, Pamela of Northville, Andrea Wojtyniak of Livonia; grandchildren, Kelly, Brent, Lindsey, Adam and Alex; and sister, Betty Henke of Garden City.

Mall taking donations

Wonderland Mall has been designated as a drop-off location for non-perishable food and clean, new clothing to be shipped to Midwest flood victims.

Monetary donations also may be made by making checks pay-

able to Salvation Army Flood Relief. All donations are to be placed in the drop boxes next to the mall's information booth and checks should be given directly to information booth staff. The mall is at Plymouth and Middlebelt.

*SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road July 6, 1993

*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's organization meeting of July 6, 1993; the full text of the minutes is on file in the office of the superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request.

Mr. Laura, acting president, convened the annual organization meeting at 7 p.m. in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Suzanne Clulow, Joseph Laura, Richard McKnight, Pat Tancill, Susan Thompson, Kenneth Timmons, James Watters. Absent: None

Oaths: The Honorable Gail McKnight, Eighteenth District Court Judge, Administered the Constitutional Oath of Office to Pat Tancill and Suzanne Clulow.

President: Mr. Laura was nominated for the office of president by Mr. Timmons. Mr. Watters was nominated for the office of president by Mr. McKnight. Voting for Mr. Laura: Laura, Timmons. Voting for Mr. Watters: Clulow, McKnight, Tancill, Thompson, Watters.

Vice President: Mrs. Tancill was nominated for the office of vice president by Mrs. Thompson. A unanimous vote was cast for Mrs. Tancill.

Secretary: Mrs. Thompson was nominated for the office of secretary by Mrs. Tancill. Mr. Timmons was nominated for the office of secretary by Mr. Laura. Mr. Timmons declined the nomination. A unanimous vote was cast for Mrs. Thompson.

Treasurer: Motion by Tancill and Thompson to appoint Michael G. Furlong as treasurer of the Livonia School District for the 1993-94 school year. Ayes: Clulow, Laura, McKnight, Tancill, Thompson, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Meeting Schedule: Motion by Thompson and Tancill to adopt the resolution to establish 1993-94 meeting dates, procedures for calling and posting board meetings, and authorization to sign contracts and legal documents for the Board. Ayes: Clulow, Laura, McKnight, Tancill, Thompson, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None. Regular board meetings will be held on the following dates:

July	August	September	October	November	December
6	2	20	4	1	8
19	16		18	15	20
January	February	March	April	May	June
17	7	7	18	3	6
	21	21		16	20

Bank Depository: Motion by McKnight and Timmons to designate the National Bank of Detroit as depository for the school district during the 1993-94 school year. Ayes: Clulow, Laura, McKnight, Tancill, Thompson, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

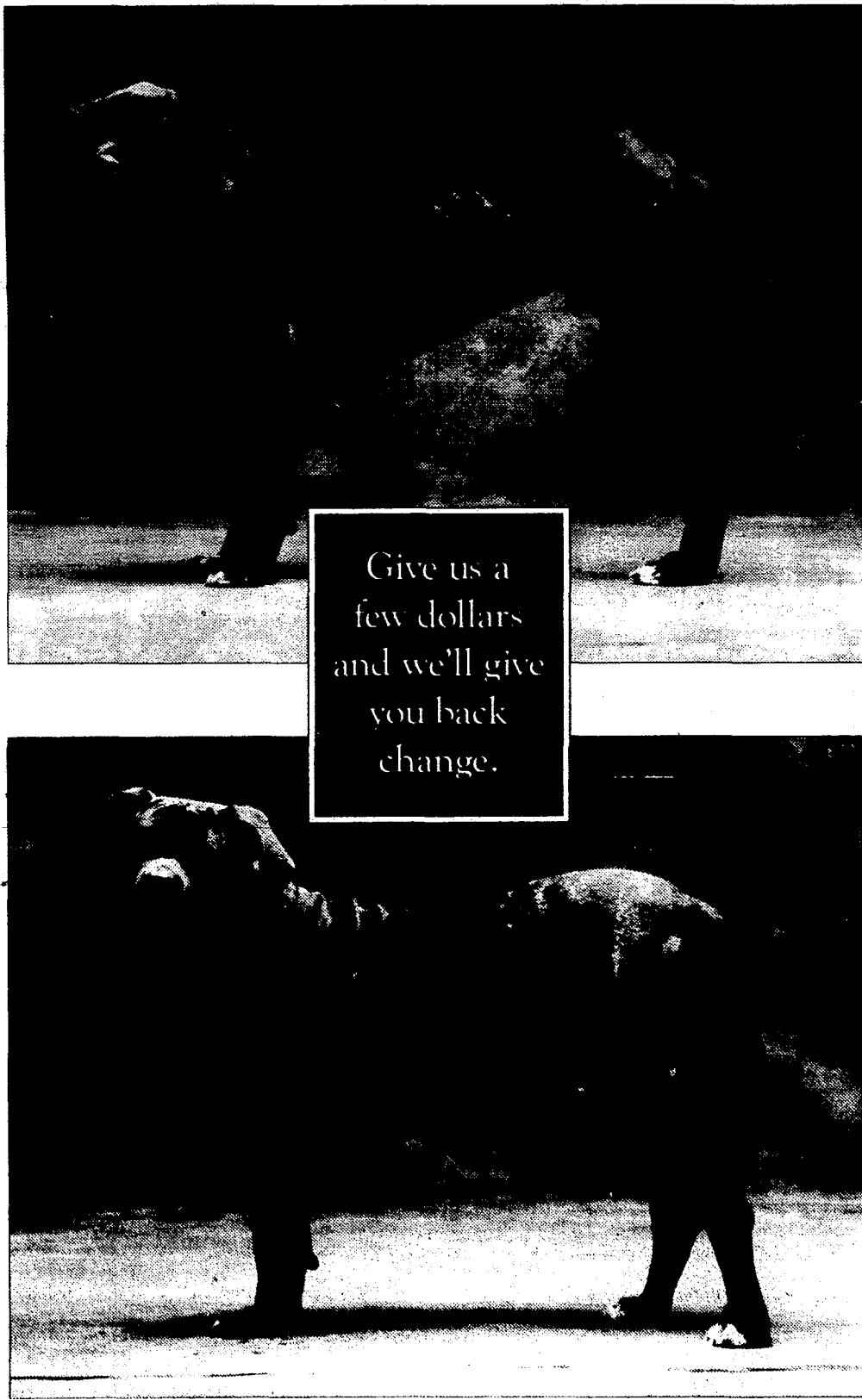
Election Administrator: Motion by Thompson and Tancill to acknowledge the appointment of Jay Young as the staff member in charge of school elections. This appointment is made by the Board Secretary with formal acknowledgment by the Board of Education. Ayes: Clulow, Laura, McKnight, Tancill, Thompson, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Meeting Notice Administrator: Motion by Timmons and Watters to acknowledge the appointment of Joseph Marinelli as the administrator in charge of posting meeting notices. This appointment is made by the Board Secretary with formal acknowledgment by the Board of Education. Ayes: Clulow, Laura, McKnight, Tancill, Thompson, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Adjournment: Motion by Tancill and Thompson that the organizational meeting adjourn. Ayes: Clulow, Laura, McKnight, Tancill, Thompson, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Acting President Laura adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Published July 26, 1993



When we found him, Bear was chained to a fence— during Be Kind To Animals Week (May 2-8), too weak to stand and weighing half of what he should. Today he's a different dog—a picture of health with a loving new home. Please, help us write more success stories like this. Write a check to the Michigan Humane Society and mail it to: MHS, 7401 Chrysler Dr., Detroit, MI 48211. Or just call (313) 852-7420 with your credit card contribution. A simple investment can bring back a lot. In this case, it brought back Bear. All 120 lovable pounds of him.



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POINTS OF VIEW

Legalizing drugs worth the risk of increased use

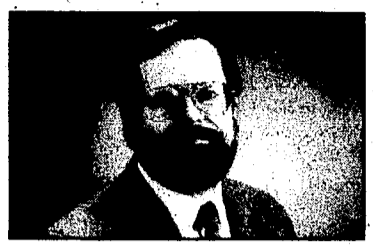
Wayne County Sheriff's Department Detective George Wesson sipped champagne with me recently in Detroit. I was his coach at Southeastern High, and we had met to dine and toast the 30th anniversary of his record-breaking 49-second 440-yard dash to the state title.

However, during the course of the meal, we talked more about drugs than track. Despite an out-of-control trade, which has defied all other solutions, Wesson opposes legalizing drugs. So does Walter Chapman, the Highland Park police sergeant decorated for helping solve the serial killings there. So does George Rouhib of the Sterling Heights police. So does Dennis Archer, Detroit's top mayoral candidate. In fact so do all of my knowledgeable friends in police work or other public life — except one — and he shall go unnamed to protect him from the boo-

birds who would vilify him for his unpopular opinion.

Vilification, after all, is what boo-birds do best. Witness the mob of boo-bird politicians who seek every opportunity to vilify Bill Clinton less than a year into a presidency already distinguished by his pragmatic style. Clinton's pragmatism has been particularly effective in confronting the national debt (although boo-birds will probably try to blame the Mississippi flood on him). Hopefully, he'll use his style to solve our horrendous drug problem as well.

Witness also the boo-bird professors who vilified president Sandra Packard of Oakland University for comparing college administration to cemetery administration. "In a cemetery, you have a lot of people under you," Packard joked in the June 21 issue of "Crain's Detroit Business," "but you can't get



JOHN TELFORD

them to do anything." She was merely trying to explain how she involves people in decision-making rather than use a coercive business-type approach.

Witness also the boo-birds who blitized me for citing the merits of drug legalization in Rochester Schools' 1990 edition of "Telford's Telescope". As with Clinton's and Packard's boo-

birds, my boo-birds' motives were multiple and less than pristine. Their main motives for attacking were my multicultural curricular initiatives and recruitment of minority staff. Biased little boo-birds love to peck away at high-profile people who take stands on tough issues.

Mao Tse-tung obliterated drug use in China by summarily executing sellers and users, but Americans must apply remedies to the drug problem which won't compromise civil liberties. While I respect Detective Wesson and others who speak from gritty experience, I'm still convinced that those remedies are legalization (to eliminate profiteering and corruption), treatment (including supervised alternative drug dispensation), rehabilitation and education.

Several police and municipal authorities who once numbered among my

boo-birds have grudgingly come to agree with this. Even Coleman Young — seldom in agreement with me on anything — is saying it now. Prisons are overflowing with youthful dealers ready to risk violent death in order to become millionaires. And if we could somehow prevent the growth of the coca crop or close our porous borders to it, laboratory-produced drugs would simply take over the market.

The one great gamble to legalization is increased use. That's a gamble worth taking, because our inner cities' drug situation couldn't get any worse. Soon it's going to engulf the entire nation.

John Telford, a Rochester Hills resident, was an assistant superintendent in the Rochester School District. He previously was executive director for secondary education in the Plymouth Canton district.

LETTERS

Vote showed courage

The Michigan Legislature displayed true courage this week when it confronted the long-standing dilemmas of property tax relief and school finance reform.

Those of us who are privileged to represent Oakland and Wayne counties came to Lansing with this goal as a cornerstone of our legislative agendas. Our decision to support this bold move was not made lightly, but we stand by it because we believe it paves the way for a revitalized Michigan.

By eliminating school operating millages we will save our taxpayers \$5.6 billion. We recognize that in creating a school finance system we will have to raise revenues, repeal some tax credits and loopholes, cut state spending and enact measures to help our local schools contain costs.

We too have endured years of frustration with a status quo that strangled Michigan's economy, drained family budgets and fostered great spending disparities between schools. Continued inaction would have been irresponsible and an insult to constituents who count on us to set Michigan's agenda.

Special-interest groups that fear change fault the \$5.67 billion tax cut plan for not including replacement revenue for schools. We submit that it is best to define the system to be funded rather than pumping precious tax dollars into a structure that lacks direction. In truth, the risk we are taking pales in comparison to the cost of doing nothing.

Jan Dolan, Farmington Hills
Deborah Whyman, Canton
Shirley Johnson, Royal Oak
Thomas Middleton, Ortonville
Barbara Dobb, West Bloomfield
John Jamian, Bloomfield Hills

Columnist disputed

Judith Doner Berne's July 8 column, "Time to rethink teachers' salary goals," gave me pause. Ms. Berne fails to make clear just what those "goals" are. One can surmise from her position that one such goal is to undermine the economy by asking for — in my opinion — moderate annual salary increases.

Berne states that "It's time for teachers to recognize that they are among the few people in this country who have enjoyed yearly pay hikes in this recession/d depression..."

I assure her that she's incorrect: Professional athletes have continued to demand yearly pay hikes. Lawyers and physicians — who so far have not had to had pay hikes awarded or agreed to by monitoring boards — have been able to increase fees as they require. Engineers and other professional, college-educated persons have been awarded moderate increases in salary. Never do I see anyone call for these groups of professionals to relinquish part of their salary for the betterment of their profession, their clients, or their society. Only teachers are asked to make a sacrifice at that level.

Our society must stop paying lip service to children and to education. While not many issues are black and white, this one surely is: Either we believe that our children are worth our time, our effort, and our money or we don't believe it. Michigan's education-financing laws show that we don't really care.

While I'm on this soapbox, allow me to ex-

press two additional ideas: First, except for the absolutely worst teachers — those who have no control in their classroom, those who fail 25 percent of every class, those who don't like kids — most teachers deserve every cent they are paid. For all the talk about practitioners (businessmen, scientists, nutritionists, historians) taking the place of teachers, I sincerely and humbly doubt that many non-teachers could (would) endure the classroom experience for a significant period of time.

Second, it is commonly accepted that you can't make a silk purse out of a pig's ear. While calling today's students "pig's ears" is both politically incorrect and professionally foolish, I nevertheless insist that teachers whose students have not prepared for learning under the watchful eyes of parents who are engaged with their children are not going to become scholars in America's classrooms regardless of the teacher, the teacher's salary, the textbook, the football team's record, the caliber of the band or anything else.

Carol Popp, Westland

Keep up with the past

As spokesman for the Michigan branch of the Flat Earth Society, I would like to congratulate The Observer & Eccentric on the level-headed thinking exhibited in Jack Gladden's column in the Monday, June 28, issue ("50s high school studies had priorities in order"). I couldn't agree more. Who needs award-winning high school bands? Football scholarships? Journalism and drama classes? In the '50s kids played football and engaged in other extra-curricular activities for fun, not scholarships.

And when kids weren't busy having fun, they

were involved in learning the basics. There was no need for counselors, drug clinics, social workers, media specialists, reading specialists, etc. Teachers gave freely of their own time to help kids put on plays and get out newspapers. Priorities certainly were in order, and the schools were better off for it.

Some would argue that the changing world requires students to learn more than the basics, that they need new skills in order to keep up with the times. If President Clinton has his way, we will drop the trade barriers and encourage competition with the Japanese. He feels this will create many new jobs for Americans. Were this to come about, students would obviously be required to learn much more than basics; they could be required to learn how to use computers, modems and other high-tech gadgetry. They might even have to spend time learning something about the languages and customs of countries we do business with in the future.

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Observer chairman, owner honored for achievement

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Power is founder, owner and chairman of Suburban Communications Corp., publisher of more than 50 community newspapers throughout Michigan and in the Cincinnati area. He received the award at a recent SNA publishers' conference in Montreal.

"I'm surprised and abashed. I didn't expect the award," said Power, crediting his management team. "My role has been to find good people, give them a vision, provide them the resources and get out of the way."

Power said "the onrush of technology" in publishing "will spawn a new suburban newspaper industry just as surely as the emergence of the suburbs after World War II created our industry as we now know it."

The award was named for Dean Leshar, a suburban California publisher known, said Power, for his "energy, drive, innovation, entrepreneurial reach and community commitment."

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is one of five SCC subsidiaries. SCC's newspapers have a combined weekly circulation of more than 500,000 and op-

erate eight composing rooms and three web press facilities.

A native of Ann Arbor, Power began his career as a suburban publisher in 1965 when he acquired the Observer Newspapers in Livonia. Over the years, he has served as director and officer of Suburban Newspapers of America, the main industry trade association. His award-winning column appears regularly in SCC Michigan papers.

Power is an involved public servant. He was appointed to the University of Michigan Board of Regents in 1987 and elected state-

wide to an eight-year term in 1990.

In 1991, he founded and currently serves as chairman of the Corporation for a Skilled Workforce, a not-for-profit organization which helps communities, states, employers and others achieve world-class workforce development systems.

Power currently serves on the national Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce.

He also serves on the boards of the Power Foundation, The World Press Freedom Committee, Daedalus Enterprises and Jacob-

Honored: Philip H. Power, chairman and owner of this newspaper, accepts the Suburban Newspapers of America's 1993 Dean S. Leshar Award from Charles I. Wrubel, president of Wrubel Communications and a regional director of SNA. Power received the award at a recent publishers' conference in Montreal.



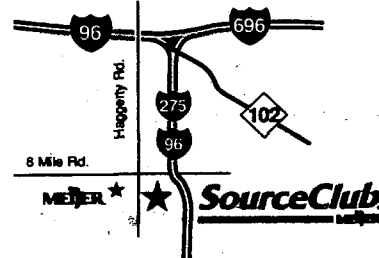
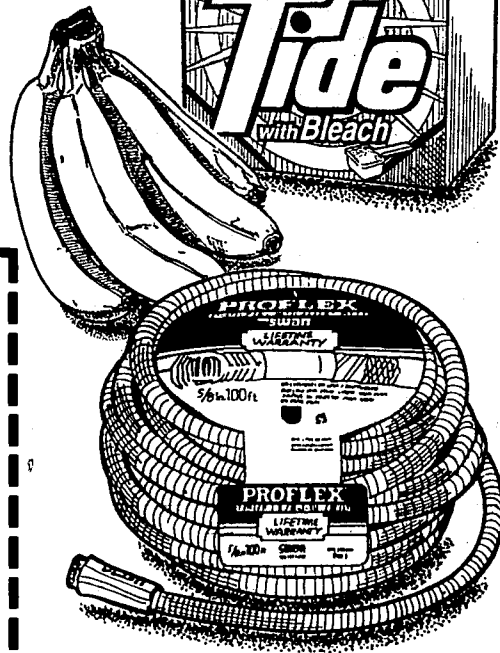
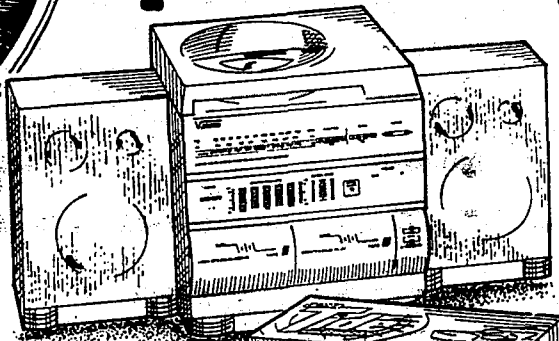
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Plan to eat well on family camping trip

I think camping is one of life's rituals that all kids should experience. I remember my first camping trip. We were shipped off on a bus one Monday morning after a frantic weekend of trying to borrow sleeping bags and flashlights. Momma cursed while she sewed our names onto what seemed like everything we owned.

Camp memories

The camp was north of Clarkston in what was then a well-wooded area within walking distance of a lake. I caught fish, swimmer's ear, poison ivy and my first case of homesickness. As far as the food was concerned, all I remember was a Buster Brown shoe box, neatly lined with waxed paper, filled to the brim with momma's chocolate chip cookies.

Somewhere in the Janes Gang family trunk crammed into the attic in Wyandotte is the wallet I made, the belt I wove, the potholder I strung and a few pictures, one of which was a photograph of me surrounded by my fellow campers, and that shoe box full of momma's cookies.

Times have changed and although my kids are still a bit young to be sent off for a week at camp, I'd bet that shoe boxes are still crammed with goodies, and parents still stay up way past the 11 o'clock news to sew names inside underwear.

About eight years ago, the Janes Gang bought one of those good sized pop-up campers that are easily pulled behind the family mini-van. As you're reading this, we will be off, looking for that perfect campsite, setting up our camp and priming the old Coleman stove, anticipating the taste of burnt marshmallows, grilled hot dogs and with a little luck, whatever we catch for dinner.

Trying to keep up the auspices of a gourmet chef at a campground can be tricky, and needs some planning. You have to understand that my wife Diane's idea of camping and roughing it is a Holiday Inn not within walking distance of a major mall. Furthermore, the campsite should be in one of those "suburban camper havens" like a KOA or a state park with electricity and hot showers.

Surviving camping

We have learned to survive camping by following these suggestions, all culled from years of experience.

First off, when it comes to food, we eat well. The camper is well-stocked and stuffed with handy large plastic storage boxes, one stuffed with necessary spices and condiments, one stuffed with a set of cheap non-stick cookware and utensils, one stuffed with reusable plates, bowls and cups, and the last crammed with dry food, cereals, canned goods and a coffee maker.

Simple meals

Breakfast is usually kept as simple as possible with a late lunch serving as the main meal and hot dogs and burgers in the evening around the campfire. Contrary to popular belief, when this chef goes camping, the Cuisinart and Braun hand-mixer stay home with the cat.

Lunch is usually something that can be made in one skillet. Those storage boxes are a godsend, especially during inclement weather and damp, dew soaked mornings. Since the refrigerator in the camper is not much larger than a tackle box, perishable items are kept in a cooler marked with a big "X" so the kids know that pop and juice are somewhere else to be found.

A few bags of precooked hamburger make their way into a hearty goulash or get mixed with a can of tomato sauce and a packet of taco seasoning for lunch.

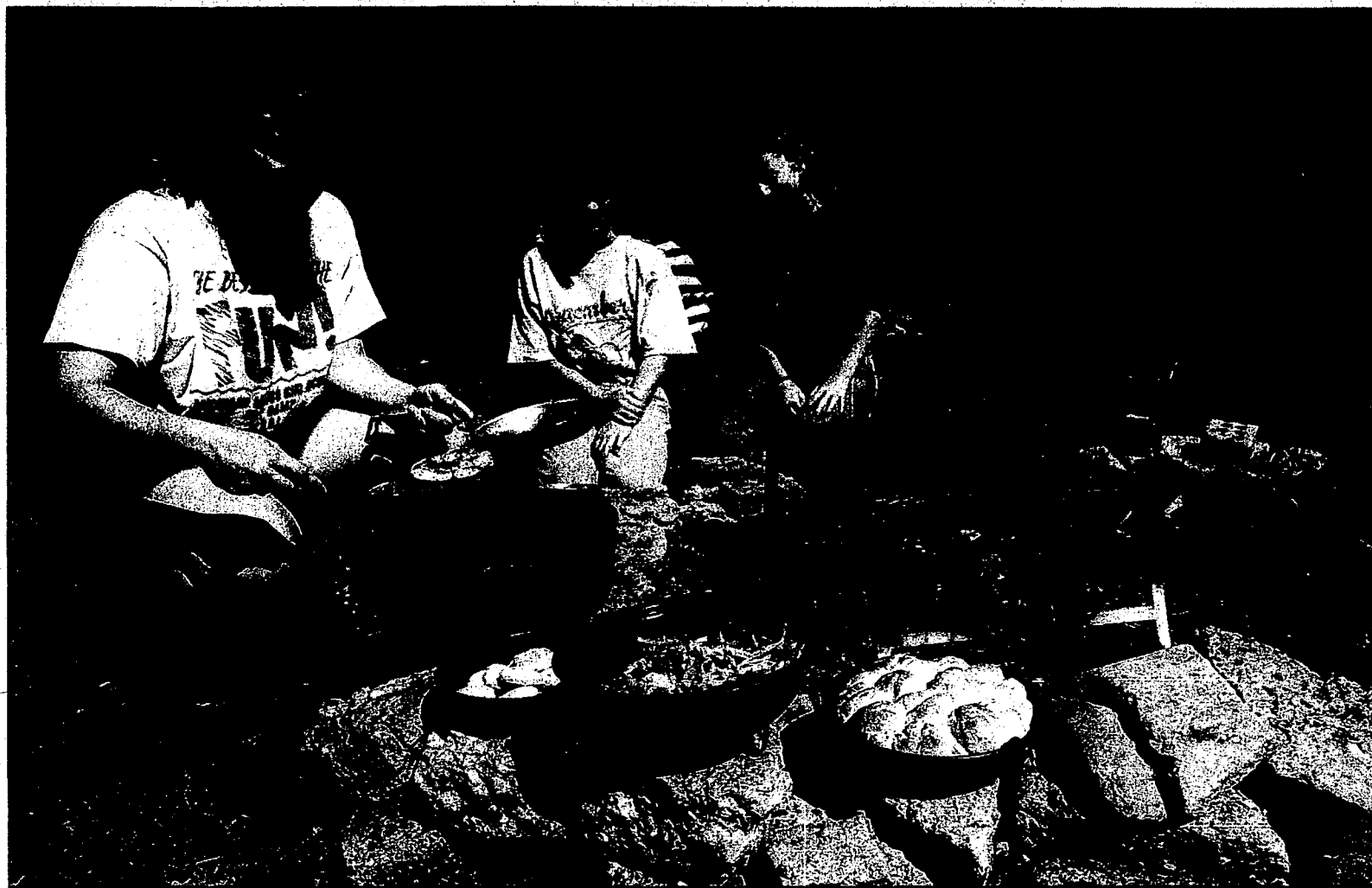
I don't want to get the feeling we're Neanderthals out in the woods. A small bag of potatoes we pack gets roasted one evening and then grated the next day for potato pancakes or hash browns.

The kids love cheese fondue and the non-stick fry pan over the old Coleman stove does a great job of heating canned chicken broth while a pound of domestic Swiss cheese is hand grated and dredged with a little flour and garlic powder and stirred into melt.

Chunks of bread, pretzels and a steamed head of broccoli make for a light evening supper. There are a few of life's little luxuries that I simply will not go camping without.

Two good sharp knives and a plastic cutting board are de rigueur along with a good can opener and a Swiss Army knife complete with a corkscrew. And if all else fails, a long extension cord, an electric fry pan and my Visa card, to use at that great Chinese restaurant the park ranger told me about while checking in, when I can't tolerate blackened hot dogs and domestic mustard.

See Larry Janes' family-tested recipes inside. To leave a message for Chef Larry, dial 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then mailbox number 1888.



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Campfire cooks: Erin Minor, 16 (left) of combined Girl Scout Troop 2267-1578 serves pizza to Jean Lindahl, 12, and Nickole Olshanski, 13. Campfire pizza and biscuits are troop favorites.



Scouts hit the trails with sure-fire campsite meals



When it comes to camping and outdoor cooking, it pays to be prepared. Local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and their leaders, who are avid campers share tips and recipes. Some of their creative meal suggestions will surprise you.

BY ARLENE FUNKE
SPECIAL WRITER

Quentin and Lynn Lloyd of Redford never settle for scorched burgers or a slapped-together meal when they're cooking outdoors.

The Lloyds and their four children ages 8 to 15 years are involved in scouting. And they've been avid campers for years.

"We cook like we do at home," said Lynn Lloyd, a preschool teacher. "We like real food. I don't like to sacrifice

nutrition."

Summer is the peak season for outdoor cooking. Millions of people are heading off to campgrounds and beaches.

"It's being out in nature," said Katharine Redcay of West Bloomfield, a Girl Scout leader, organizer and camp consultant. "It's good to be away from phones and cars."

The Lloyds, interviewed before

See SCOUTS, 2B

Mom and dad teach kids healthy habits



LAURA LETOBAR

What do you do when someone in your family refuses to eat low-fat foods — especially when that person is the primary cook in the family? This is the situation in the Dehne household.

Ron and Anne Dehne have lived in Livonia since 1987. Everyone who knows this couple knows that Ron does most of the family cooking. But, Anne is concerned about the large amount of fat Ron uses

when he cooks.

Ron sounds like your typical "meat and potatoes" kind of guy. He likes to eat steak with lots of butter on his potatoes. Fortunately, Ron is very active. He is a sergeant for the Livonia Police Department. In his spare time he shoots balls in the basketball hoop on the driveway or swims in the family's new pool.

Anne is also extremely busy. She is an IRS revenue agent. When they are not at work the Dehnes have a full schedule at home with their two children. Kristyn, who is 7½, attends Kennedy Elementary School. She told me she likes to eat healthy foods and would like to be a vegetarian as long as she doesn't have to eat beans. Kristyn said she also learned about low-fat foods in school. But her mother has been the most important influence in teaching her about healthy eating.

Alexander is 4. If you ever want to see perpetual motion just look him up. Alex told me he loves carrots. When I asked him if he likes them cooked or raw he said "neither, I like them plain."

While I was interviewing Anne both children asked if they could have a snack. Instead of the usual junk food, these kids were given fruit. I thought that was great because when I was their age a snack was a cupcake or chips.

I think Ron and Anne are doing a wonderful job teaching their children to choose healthy foods for

See MOM, 2B

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ORIGINAL RECIPE

- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1/4 cup cold milk
- 1 cup milk, heated to boiling
- 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup mini semi-sweet chocolate chips
- Extra Serving Size (9-ounce) prepared graham cracker crust
- 1 cup crushed Oreo cookies (8 cookies)

In blender, sprinkle gelatin over cold milk; let stand 2 minutes. Add hot milk and process at low speed until dissolved, about 1 minute.

Add cream cheese, sugar and vanilla and process until blended. Arrange chocolate in bottom of crust. Pour in gelatin mixture.

Sprinkle top with crushed cookies. Chill until firm, about 3 hours. Makes 10 servings.

REDUCED FAT RECIPE

- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1/4 cup cold skim milk
- 1 cup skim milk, heated to boiling
- 2 packages (8 ounces each) Philadelphia brand fat free cream cheese
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 box (5 ounces) Nabisco SnackWell's Fat Free Cinnamon Graham Snacks
- 3 tablespoons skim milk
- 1 can strawberry pie filling, chilled (or your favorite flavor)

In food processor, finely grind box of graham snacks. Add 3 tablespoons milk to graham snacks and blend until moistened. Firmly press mixture into a 9-inch non-stick pie pan, covering bottom and sides.

In blender of food processor, sprinkle gelatin over cold milk and let stand for 2 minutes.

Add hot milk and process at low speed until dissolved, about 1 minute. Add cream cheese, sugar and vanilla and process until blended. Pour gelatin mixture into pie crust. Chill overnight before serving. Top with pie filling. Makes 10 servings.

Planning makes cooking outdoors easier

See related story on Taste front.

Remember that old motto about scouts always being prepared?

When it comes to camping and outdoor cooking, that adage really pays off.

"Planning makes it easier," said to Quentin Lloyd, an assistant scoutmaster from Redford

The following tips reflect prescribed scouting guidelines, as well as the personal experiences of Lloyd and other scouting leaders interviewed for this story.

■ Plan meals in advance. Be flexible.

■ Assemble basic mixes in advance. If you're planning to serve pancakes, make up mix and put it in a resealable bag. This conserves space and is economical.

■ Plan meals with no leftovers. Always make sure you have proper utensils and pots before leaving home.

■ Cut up vegetables in advance. For convenience, use canned or dried vegetables. Use packaged or canned soups for gravy or seasoning.

■ Have everyone take part in the meal preparation. Rotate duties.

■ When preparing food, observe hygiene and safety. Wash hands. Tie back hair and loose clothing before starting a fire.

■ Use only the amount of wood needed for a fire. Keep a bucket of sand or water nearby. Know which direction the wind is blowing.

■ Be especially careful with perishable foods such as eggs, milk, meats and poultry. To avoid spoilage, don't leave food out more than one hour.

■ Keep hot food hot and cold food chilled.

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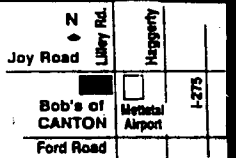
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Commission, McNamara joust about budget cuts

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
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Wayne County officials are working in strange and mysterious ways to close an \$11.75 million budget deficit.

The battle seemed to be joined two Fridays ago as deputy executive Michael Duggan, acting on behalf of Executive Edward McNamara, threatened to lay off more than 300 county employees and veto the county commission's deficit reduction package.

Duggan called the nine commissioners who approved the package a "phony group of hypocrites" and singled out commissioner Michelle Plawecki, D-DeARBorn Heights, for special criticism. (Plawecki also represents Redford and Livonia east of Middlebelt.)

But no one has been laid off yet, no veto has been signed, and Duggan has changed his mind completely about Plawecki.

"It's a week later and (Plawecki) has come down and she's trying to pull people together and is really doing a good job," Duggan said last Friday.

Said Plawecki, "I think (Duggan) has calmed down and realized, 'Oh my God, I have to get eight votes and she might be one of them.'"

Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, who also represents Garden City, said that Duggan "runs off at the mouth and it's too bad because he hurts his boss and makes himself less



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Michelle Plawecki
County commissioner

admirable. It's time for him to mature."

State law says that the county's \$11.75-million deficit must be erased, and that means budget cuts. Like the state government, county governments are not allowed to run deficit budgets.

The commission didn't like the budget cuts McNamara submitted two weeks ago and so approved its own set of cuts by a 9-4 vote July 16. Duggan says the veto will definitely be issued, but in the meantime he's negotiating with "several commissioners" to find a compromise. Duggan isn't negotiating with commission Chairman Arthur Blackwell, D-Detroit, because, "We can't find him," he said.

Area commissioners voting

against the commission's plan were Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, who also represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township, and Bryan Amann, D-Wayne, who also represents Canton. Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, who also represents Garden City, was absent and didn't vote, but said she supports the commission proposal.

The main problem Duggan has with the commission's package is that some of the cuts, he said, are impossible to implement, making layoffs necessary.

For example, the commission voted to reduce rent and utilities expenses of the public services department by \$600,000. But the rent expense is a fixed cost, Duggan said, because leases were

signed. Plawecki said that the public services department received money it never spent in each of the last four years: The commission merely voted to take away the extra money, she said.

The commission proposal also includes a \$500,000 reduction in the county contribution to a fund for abused and neglected children. Duggan said the amount of that contribution is required by law to be \$750,000 and can't be reduced. (Commissioners tried and failed to cut this contribution last year, too.)

A majority of commissioners disliked McNamara's suggestion that \$500,000 be axed from the commission's \$6-million-plus personal budget.

"His proposal was for the commission to lay off \$500,000 worth of people," said commissioner William O'Neil, D-Allen Park, adding that Duggan "does things for his political future and that's it. Anything he says, I don't care."

Amann said it would be easy for the commission to cut \$500,000 without layoffs. The common commission practice for several years, he agreed, is to put more money in the auditor general's account than necessary, then periodically transfer money from that account to cover overspending elsewhere.

"The commission certainly knows about front-door budgeting and back-door spending," he said.

Duggan said that layoff notices began going out last week. First to go will be 123 part-time, temporary and contractual employees, he said, followed by 190 full-timers. But if a compromise is reached, Duggan added, everyone might keep their jobs.

Amann, who supports McNamara's plan and used to be on McNamara's staff, doesn't believe the layoffs are necessary. "I know how (Duggan) operates," he

said. "If they liked the commission's package they would find a way to implement it without layoffs. (Duggan's) experience is that the commission understands fear better than anything."

Plawecki said "they're just using the layoffs as a smokescreen. It's a political ploy to put the heat on the commission."

Amann said the debate is far from over. "There ain't no fat lady singing here."

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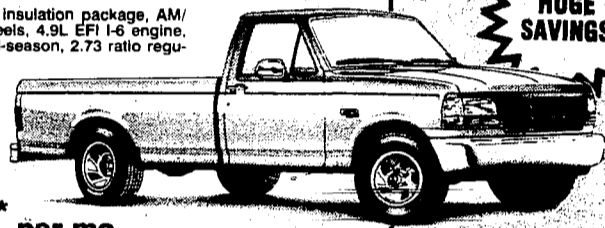
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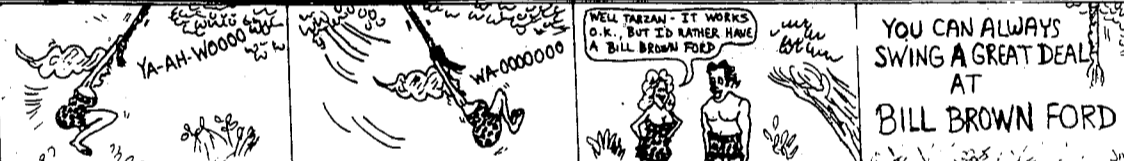
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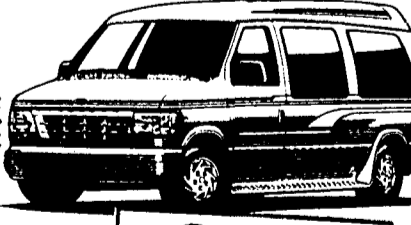
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Clarenceville's new grid coach making progress

Summertime thoughts:
My visit Thursday to the University of Michigan Hospital certainly put things in proper perspective.
I went to check on the condition of new Livonia Clarenceville football coach Chuck Donaldson, who was seriously injured last month in a car accident.
Donaldson remains in the trauma unit with numerous injuries, but his spirits remain good.
"Tell everybody I'm getting better," Donaldson said from his hospital bed. "I need two strong guys, make it three or four, to lift me out of here."
Former Wayne Memorial baseball player Ken Dropiewski, Donaldson's friend from Central Michigan University, was also in the room during my visit.
Donaldson has received a ton of cards from friends and well wishers.
Although he cannot take calls, Donaldson can see two visitors at a time in Room 429.
I also ventured to another area of U-M Hospital to check up on former Livonia Stevenson swimmer Bryan Morrison.
The Michigan State University sophomore was also seriously injured, suffering a broken neck during a diving accident last month off the coast of Nice, France.
He is also making good progress I've been told by nurses.
Morrison was undergoing therapy while I stopped by his room (6-A 413).
Continue to keep both these individuals in your prayers.

Basketball vagabonds
The recently completed World University Games in Buffalo, N.Y. featured two former All-Observer cagers.
MSU's Shawn Respert (Redford Bishop Borgess) scored a team-high 16 points in a 95-90 victory over Canada in the gold medal final.
Meanwhile, former Redford Catholic Central standout John McIntyre (Missouri/University of Detroit) was the elder statesman on the Israeli squad.
Yes, McIntyre was playing for Israel, not Ireland or Scotland.
He's a member of the Israeli Professional League and is married to an Israeli citizen, but he qualified for the World University Games by taking a class in conversational Hebrew.
It's a small world.

U.S. Olympic Festival
I'm still trying to figure who's in and who's not (from this area) for the U.S. Olympic Sports Festival, which is underway this week in San Antonio, Tex.
The majority of athletes come from the sport of soccer, which is no surprise to me.
As best as I've been able to ascertain, add Scott Lamphar to the list.
Lamphar, who played at Livonia Churchill, joins former prep teammate and fellow University of Wisconsin teammate Mike Gentile.
Also on the list is Travis Roy (Livonia Stevenson/Wisconsin), Jeff Caesar (Churchill/Florida International), Kerry Zavagnin (Redford CC/North Carolina) and Ragen Coyne (Stevenson/Notre Dame).
That makes five from Livonia alone, a pretty impressive list.

All-Star gridlers
The area list is relatively short for the upcoming Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star Game on Saturday, Aug. 7 at MSU's Spartan Stadium.
The only All-Observer players invited are Livonia Franklin linebacker/tight end Jason Facione and Wayne Memorial running back/linebacker Bruce Calhoun.
It's surprising there are no players from state Class AA champion Redford Catholic Central or perennial powers Westland John Glenn and Farmington Harrison.
Class A runnerup Walled Lake Western is represented by Arnie Gillert, a fullback/linebacker.
Participants in the 1983 All-Star Game will also be reunited, marking the 10th anniversary.
That means a pair of former Franklin All-Staters, Richard Popp, who recently became the head coach at Southfield-Lathrup, and Bob Stebbins, who recently completed law school at the University of Pennsylvania, will be in attendance.
Westland John Glenn's Jack Walker and Redford CC's Jeff Gatt also played in the game.
Recently retired Franklin coach Armand Vigna, who coached the East squad in 1983, will also be on hand.

Scheffer strong-arms NFWB

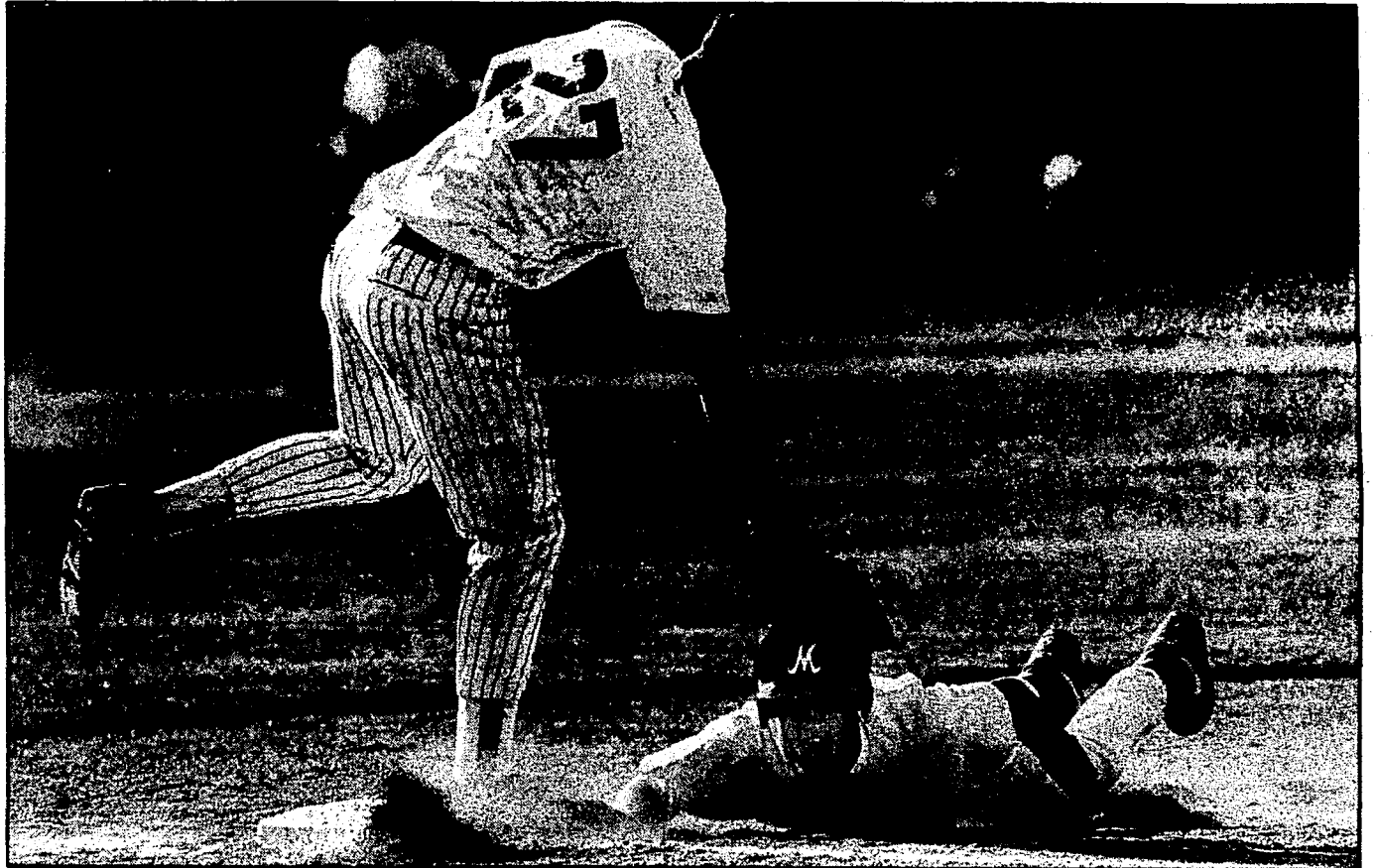
In a season-ending showdown pitting Connie Mack teams loaded with Observer & Eccentric area talent, the VFW Travelers defeated North Farmington-West Bloomfield I Friday in the Little Caesars Baseball Federation finale.

**BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER**
Aaron Scheffer overcame one bad inning Friday night to pitch the VFW Travelers to the Connie Mack championship in the Little Caesars Baseball Federation.
The Westland John Glenn ace pitched a complete game and didn't allow a hit outside of the third inning as VFW won the showdown 12-5 over visiting North Farmington-West Bloomfield I at Capitol Park in Redford.
The two-time champion Travelers were 12-1 after the win with one regular-season game to play Saturday against Kensington Valley. VFW could afford to lose that one and still win the tie-breaker over NFWB (12-2).
VFW earned a district tournament bye and automatic bid to the AABC regional in Battle Creek, as well as

the top three draft picks from the LCBF teams not in post-season play.
"Little Caesars is one of the toughest leagues in the country," Travelers coach Dick Henry said. "This is the strongest it's been in five years, so winning it this year is kinda special."
Scheffer started well and entered the third inning with a 4-0 lead, but NFWB rallied to score five runs and have all five of its hits. VFW made two of its five errors in that inning.
Mark Rutherford's single scored the first run, but an outfield error allowed another to score. NFWB followed with Chris Ogden's RBI triple and RBI singles by John Heller and Jeff Ross.
"I think the defense fell apart, and that rattled (Scheffer) a bit," Henry said. "He settled down and came back to pitch a great ballgame."
"Aaron digs down and finds that

little extra. The more pressure you put on him, the better he plays."
Scheffer, who struck out four and walked four, didn't allow another hit and got plenty of offensive support (nine hits) from his teammates.
Glenn teammate Bryan Besco crushed a two-run homer in the first inning, and Jeff Lance and Derek Besco finished the scoring with solo homers in the sixth.
"I thought we were ready to explode with the bats tonight," Henry said. "We were due and it came at the right time."
"We came back off a 12-day road trip, and the kids have been tired and not moving the bat."
"When they went up 5-4, I knew we were still coming back. It was our day and you could see it from the word go."
The Travelers (30-8) led 4-0 in the second when an outfield error allowed two runs to score on Scheffer's line drive down the third-base line.
VFW regrouped in the bottom of the third, scoring three runs to regain the lead (7-5). Brian Hicks ripped a two-run double and Dave Kapla added an RBI on a sacrifice fly.
The Travelers made it 10-5 in the fourth, scoring two runs on an infield error and another on Mark Watt's sacrifice fly. Lance, Derek Besco and Hicks had two hits each.
NFWB coach Jim Ferguson also gave Scheffer credit for a fine pitching performance and the VFW batters for their display.
"(Scheffer) got a little wild and we got on him (in the third)," he said. "I've seen him pitch since he was 13. He's matured and become a very good pitcher. We average 11 runs a game and got five; what does that tell you?"
Dan Pydyn started and took the loss for NFWB (28-6). He allowed six runs and five hits and left after giving up the Hicks double in the third.
Pydyn and Ogden, who pitched the last four innings, combined for eight walks and that compounded the effect of VFW's hitting, Ferguson said.
NFWB also enters post-season play, most likely in the district tournaments at Jackson or Ypsilanti.
"I have no doubt we'll come back," Ferguson said. "In whatever district we go to, I think we'll come out of it. I think these kids will regroup."

Dusted: First baseman Bryan Besco (left) of the Trenton Travelers puts the pickoff tag on Eric Marcotte of Concealed Security during Wednesday night's Connie Mack League showdown at Madonna University Park. Trenton won the game, 7-6.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Besco homer sparks Travelers

Bryan Besco's two-out, two-run homer in the seventh inning Wednesday gave the VFW Travelers a 7-6 win over Concealed Security Systems.
The victory kept VFW — a Connie Mack team filled with Observerland talent — a half game behind North Farmington-West Bloomfield I in the Little Caesars Baseball Federation.
The Travelers (11-1) and NFWB (12-1) met Friday night at Capitol Park in Redford to decide the regular-season championship. VFW still had to play Kensington Valley in its finale Saturday.
Concealed led 2-0 and Plymouth Canton product Craig Benedict was throwing a no-hitter until the sixth inning at Madonna University Park.
VFW came up with five runs in

that inning, but Concealed responded with four more in the bottom half to lead 6-5.
Dave Susalla was aboard in the seventh after receiving a walk when Besco, who plays for Westland John Glenn, won it for the Travelers.
In the VFW fifth, Jeff Lance hit a two-run double after a Juan Sanchez bunt and walk to Susalla. A pair of infield errors and Derek Besco's RBI single and Dave Kapla's squeeze bunt led to the other three runs.
Tim White hit a two-run double for Concealed in the first inning. CSS added four runs in the sixth on John Raasch's RBI walk, Eric Marcotte's

two-run single and Paul Kuhn's sacrifice fly.
Rick VFW pitched the last 1 1/2 innings for Concealed to get the win. Benedict went the distance, allowing five hits and two walks. Marcotte and Brett Walter had two hits each for Concealed, Bryan Besco two for VFW.
White hurled a no-hitter Thursday as Concealed finished the regular season Thursday with an 8-0 victory over host Northville. White struck out six and walked two over seven innings.
Jesse Sund hit a two-run homer for Concealed, and Kuhn and J.R. Taylor had solo shots. Kuhn, Sund, Jeff Martin and Mike Murray had two hits each. Martin had two RBI and so did Craig Petersen with a double.
Sund also made an outstanding catch at the center-field fence in the sixth inning to save White's no-hitter, according to Concealed coach Lou Pirronello.
Concealed was 3-3 in a Battle Creek tournament the weekend of July 17-18. Kuhn batted .563 (9-16) and Walter .467 (7-15). Kuhn also had four RBI and Walter (home run) three.
The top five Little Caesars teams will advance to post-season play. The league champ gets an automatic bid to the AABC regional tournament in Battle Creek while the others must enter district play.
Two Little Caesars teams will go to the AABC district at Eastern Michigan University and another to Flint. The fifth-place team goes to the NABF tournament in Ohio.

Balog selected as Churchill girls coach

**BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER**
Patriot and statesman Patrick Henry once said, "I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is a lamp of experience. I know no way of judging the future but by the past."
No, Don Albertson is not returning for his third stint as basketball coach, but the Livonia Churchill athletic director has named Dave Balog to lead the varsity girls for the 1993 season.
Balog, a Livonia resident who spent six seasons as girls coach at Bloomfield Hills Andover, replaces Gary Fulks who resigned after only one year to take the boys cage post at Lake Fenton.
"We had three to four candidates, but what Dave brings is organization and he has experience," Albertson

SANDLOT
said. "He's going to teach sportsmanship and he's not a win at all costs type of coach."
"The kids are going to be happy and enjoy the sport. They'll have self-esteem while learning about life. He has the right philosophy, but the big thing is that he has the experience and he's been fairly successful."
The 45-year-old Balog, who has taught science and health for 18 years at the middle school level for the Bloomfield Hills Schools, took a sabbatical last season to watch his daughter Amy, a varsity swimmer at Stevenson, compete during her senior year.
"I reluctantly resigned from Andover, but I felt it was more important

BASKETBALL
to watch her swim than to coach," Balog said. "But I never got rid of the urge to coach, and when Dan Freeman (Livonia Franklin's A.D. and ex-girls coach) notified me that the Churchill job was open, I jumped at the opportunity."
Balog's best season at Andover was 1987 when the Barons finished 13-3, their first winning season in 10 years. Andover tied for second place in the Southeastern Michigan Association. He was named Eccentric Newspapers Coach of the Year. (Balog's teams then tallied off. He was a combined 3-38 over the 1991 and '92 seasons.)
"I've always liked to press and that to me is fun," he said. "We'll play aggressively and if we can run, we'll run. The kids won't give up."
Churchill, which has struggled for years near the basement of the 12-

team Western Lakes Activities Association, finished 7-14 a year ago in Fulks' only season. The Chargers lost their scorer and second-team All-Observer pick Chrissy Daly (17 points per game) to graduation.
"She'll be tough to replace," Balog said. "Right now we have only three seniors, so we're going to be a young team. Some of the players need confidence. It's going to be a learning process for them and for me."
"But there is an enthusiastic core of kids. I think the potential is there."
Balog managed to set up an abbreviated summer program. Nearly 30 youngsters participated in a clinic (July 8-9). He's held open gym every Thursday night and plans to take 10 players to Northwood's team camp this week.

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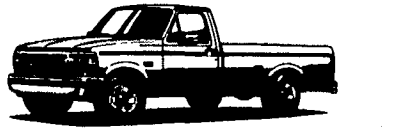
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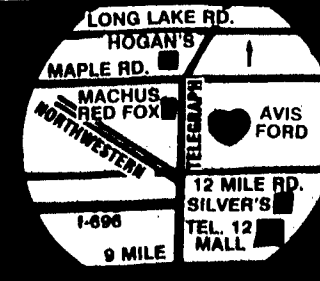
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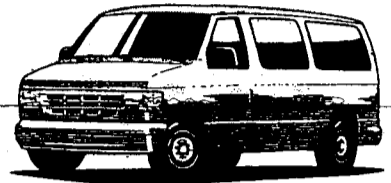
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