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## Council OKs way for strip mall



There will be a small retail center and a Burger King on the southeast corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Middlebelt. Despite residents' opposition, the city council approved the development Monday.

BY LEONARD POGER  
EDITOR

Homeowners in the Ann Arbor Trail-Middlebelt neighborhood will be happy to see the planned demolition of a nearby eyesore — the boarded-up former Cooper School — but there will be a price.

The price will be a proposed small retail development on the southeast corner of the intersection and a Burger King fast-food restaurant. The Westland City Council Monday split 5-2 in approving a series of requests from the developer which would open the way for the retail cen-

ter, to be anchored by a relocated Arbor Drugs, and Burger King, which will replace a location a half-mile north on Middlebelt and Joy. Five homeowners and a businessman who owns a building near the corner voiced opposition to the planned development, urging instead that the current zoning classification for low-intensity commercial and office uses be retained. But Thomas Elkins, attorney representing developer Asmar Development Corp., stressed the economic problems related to the property. One is the costs for demolition of

the former Cooper School, vacant since 1960 when it was last used as a senior citizens' center, and the required asbestos removal. Another potential environmental problem, said resident Ruth Dale, is that the property was formerly used as a landfill in the late 1940s. Another nearby dump, located to the east, created a neighborhood furor three years ago when contaminated wastes were discovered at the playground at the new Cooper School, on the south side of Ann Arbor Trail be-

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### Families share math activities



School activity: Parents and students broke away from the TV set recently to take part in Wildwood School's first family math night. Some 150 families took part in the project, with teachers leading them through 36 math activities in the decorated gym and music room, lined with 42 problem-solving brain-teasers. Students enjoyed sharing their math skills with their parents, said teacher Maggie Winter. The project was planned by teachers and the PTA chapter.

## Police say deaths were preventable

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

The deaths of two young Westland children in a Friday night accident provide a tragic reminder that parents need to strap their youngsters in child safety seats, Westland police said.

Sister Jimiere Adams, 5 months, and Laura Johnson, 22 months, died when the car their father was driving was hit broadside by a pickup truck just before 10 p.m. on Van Born Road, between Inkster and Middlebelt, police officer James Dexter said.

The father, 37, and the mother, 25, have been released from separate hospitals, but their two young sons — one critical and one in good condition — remained at the University of Michigan Hospital late Tuesday afternoon, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Westland police believe the accident occurred when the father

pulled away from the family's house in the 28200 block of Van Born and drove into the path of the pickup truck, Dexter said. The family's 1984 Chrysler New Yorker was slammed on the driver's side by a westbound 1988 Ford pickup driven by a lone male.

The names of the two drivers haven't been released by police. Both are under investigation for possible alcohol consumption, and Dexter said charges are possible. Neither was in custody late Tuesday afternoon.

The bodies of the two girls remained at the county medical examiner's office late Tuesday afternoon, a spokeswoman there said.

One of the sons, Gregory Adams, 4, remained in critical condition Tuesday at U-M Hospital. The other son, Lee Johnson, nearly 3, was listed in good condition at the

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## School workers take pay freeze, still get retroactive increase

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Like two other Wayne-Westland employee groups, the union representing custodians, bus drivers and cafeteria workers has accepted a pay freeze for the 1994-95 school year.

The four-year contract for hourly workers also calls for retroactive pay raises of 2 percent for the 1992-93 school year and 2 percent for 1993-94. The estimated cost to taxpayers will be \$360,000, said Randy Liepa, the district's chief fiscal officer.

Another 2-percent raise will come in 1995-96, after the one-year freeze.

The school board voted 5-2 Monday to approve the contract, with board members Richard LeBlanc and Laurel Raisanen opposing it. The 279-member union (Local 1483 of American Federation of State, County

and Municipal Employees) ratified the contract in a 134-to-6 vote.

With barely half of AFSCME members voting, union president Arthur Wood conceded that some employees didn't fully support the contract. Many who opposed it chose not to vote at all, he said.

"There were mixed emotions," he said. "But we lobbied heavily to get it passed. As hard as you try, you can't make everybody happy."

The union had gone for two years without a contract. Wood and Dan Slee, assistant superintendent for employee services, said both sides generally view the pact as fair.

The district's ongoing financial problems convinced AFSCME members to accept the one-year pay freeze and the other 2-percent increases,

See SCHOOL, 4A

### New professionals

Sharon Langenecker, a 1987 graduate of John Glenn High School, is a new doctor of veterinary medicine, receiving her degree from Michigan State University last month. She is the daughter of Robert and Nancy Langenecker of Canton Township.

Patrick Boland of Westland was admitted to the bar June 1 in a ceremony held by the Macomb County Young Lawyers Association in Mt. Clemens. His sponsor was attorney Ronald Miller of Royal Oak. Boland, son of Patricia Boland of Westland and the late Philip Boland, is a graduate of the Detroit College of Law.

In other college news, Sherisse Rinna of Westland was named to the dean's list at Bradley University, in Peoria, Ill. The daughter of Naomi Rin-

### PLACES & FACES

na, Sherisse Rinna had a grade point average of at least 3.5.

#### Compromise reached

A compromise has been reached among the Wayne-Westland school district and parents on the renaming of Jefferson School, on Dorsey between Merriman and Venoy. The new name will be hyphenated to include Thomas Jefferson and state Rep. Justine Barnes, long-time city public official. The school board agreed earlier this year to rename the school to honor Barnes' 30 years-plus of public service to the community, which includes

time spent as a Jefferson room mother and PTA officer. School board president Francis "Bud" Winter said he was happy there was a "positive conclusion" of a sensitive issue. A dedication ceremony for the renaming will be held in early fall, Brown said.

#### Soccer sign-up

The Wayne-Westland Soccer League will hold registrations for the fall on 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 6; 1-3 p.m. Saturday, July 9; 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, July 12-13; and 1-3 p.m. Saturdays, July 16 and 23. Registration will be at the Wayne Community Center, on Howe and Annapolis. The league is open to players from 4 to 18. New players need to provide proof of age and a Social Security number. Interested persons may also call 458-7786.

# Council balks at three library board nominees

The first two members have been named to the city's library board, but the City Council wanted legal opinions on whether two others can be appointed.

A fifth nominee, former councilman Thomas Artley, was rejected on a 5-2 vote.

The five nominees, submitted by Mayor Robert Thomas, require council confirmation before the proposed board can officially start planning for library design, recommending construction contracts, and hire the city's library director.

Approved unanimously for the board were Marjorie Daniels, who served many years on the earlier advisory library board, and Jim Chuck, who has a lengthy record of community service.

Legal opinions from city attorney Angelo Plakas were sought by the council for different reasons.

The council felt that there may be a conflict of interest if nominee

Sharon Clark is confirmed because her husband, Carl, is director of the city's public services department. She had served for two years on the library advisory board.

The concern about Richard LeBlanc, who also served on the earlier advisory board, is that he is an elected member of the Wayne-Westland Board of Education. LeBlanc also serves on the city's cable-TV advisory commission.

On the Clark nomination, Plakas said at Monday's council session the city charter's anti-nepotism section doesn't prohibit her from being named to the board.

Plakas said he hopes to have a written opinion by the next council meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, July 5.

Councilman David Cox raised the issue of the potential legal conflict involving Sharon Clark.

"We all want to do the right thing," he said, adding that there is nothing personal about him questioning the legality of the potential appointment.

Mayor Thomas said that he had talked to Cox earlier in the day and the councilman didn't mention Clark's nomination.

The postponement was approved 6-1 with only Councilman Glenn Anderson dissenting.

The nomination of Artley, who served on the council for 15 years and ran for mayor several times, also generated a council debate.

Artley's most vocal supporter was Council president Thomas Brown, who said the library board needs someone with Artley's abilities and qualifications and who "always acted in the best interests of the city" while a councilman.

But Cox said that "no one's political friends or allies" should be

appointed to the board.

"There is a 'wealth of experience available' for board memberships," he said, stressing that he wants the library group to be a "non-political entity."

Only Brown and Anderson opposed the motion denying Artley's confirmation. In favor of the denial were council members Charles Griffin, Sharon Scott, Charles Pickering, Sandra Cicirelli and Cox.

Some council members felt the mayor was responsible for the delay in getting the library board formed and library planning underway.

In defending Artley's nomination, Mayor Thomas told the Observer in a telephone interview Tuesday that he isn't responsible for the delay in forming the board.

He said he had leaning toward naming new members to be a majority of the board, prompting ad-

visory board members to contact council members.

Thomas said he then conceded to nominate three advisory board members — Daniels, Clark and LeBlanc — and two new persons, Artley and finance director Michael Gorman.

But he dropped Gorman from consideration because of legal concerns, and instead nominated Chuck.

"Backdoor negotiations caused the delay," said the mayor. "Behind the scenes, these people are stalling these things every step of the way."

Referring to Artley's rejection, Thomas said the council's action was "100 percent politics."

On the council's claim that he has delayed the start of a new library, Thomas said that "some of the people on the council have had 12 or 13 years to build a li-

brary and they haven't done it yet.

But it is getting done early in his second term, the mayor said.

Of the two who were confirmed, Daniels was named to a five-year term and Chuck for a three-year term.

The council formally created an independent library in late April, ending many years of debate over the need and a property tax to pay for it.

Thomas was successful two months ago in getting council support to use unspent Tax Incremental Finance Authority funds to build and equip a new library. Part of the cost would be borne by a \$1.38 million state grant.

No site has been recommended yet for a new library, although it must be located within the TIFA boundaries, which are generally the area bounded by Wayne Road, Newburgh, Ford and Joy.

## Mall from page 1A

(ween Middlebelt and Inkster Road.

Everyone — developers, residents and city council members — agreed that the vacant school is an eyesore and health hazard but were divided on what type of development should be constructed.

Asmar has owned the property for six years with several development plans debated by the city's planning commission and council for the past two years.

At one point in the feud, Asmar won a legal battle to avoid being required to demolish the old Cooper School.

Council members favoring the new development were Charles Griffin, Sharon Scott, David Cox, Thomas Brown and Charles Pickering. Opposed were Glenn Anderson and Sandra Cicirelli.

Griffin was the most vocal in supporting the new plan, admitting that he "recognizes that this is an unpopular decision."

But the plan is the most feasible development, involving new landscaping.

The former school is "unsightly

and unsafe and should come down," he said.

Cox commented that tearing down the boarded-up former school, built nearly 60 years ago, would increase property values in the neighborhood.

On the other side, Cicirelli felt that the planned retail center would only lead to business relocations and more vacancies. She also cited the petitions signed by more than 500 residents who are opposed to the rezoning.

But Elkins countered that the developer has petitions signed by nearly that number who don't oppose the rezoning.

The attorney also said that the lease of the Arbor Drugs, now located in a strip center on the northeast corner of the intersection, will expire soon and the store will have to relocate somewhere.

Elkins also stressed that the planned Burger King, to be on the east side of Middlebelt just south of Ann Arbor Trail, will abut only one resident in the nearby subdivision and have little noise from a drive-through window and little food odor.

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER

When Ila Bagley turned 100 years old, she considered it just another day.

"I don't feel any different," said Bagley, who was born June 8, 1894. "I still do everything the same way. I try to do everything myself. I still do my dishes."

Bagley, who lives in the Greenwood Villa apartment complex on Central City Parkway and Nankin Boulevard pointed out that being 100 years old is becoming more common. Another resident in the seniors' complex is 102, she said.

Bagley was one of four children of Carrie and Edward Van Orden.

They lived in the rural community of Webberville, about 14 miles from Lansing, with a population of only 500.

The Van Orden home was built by her grandfather who had a

blacksmith shop across the street from her home.

Bagley remembers the family's closeness — the lawn parties, picnics, dinners, gathering of the clan around the potbellied stove, singing, praying etc.

Her dream of becoming a country teacher never came to be. After her mother died, she and her sister Marguerite moved to Detroit to live with their aunt. Her brothers already lived in Detroit.

Bagley did sales work for the Crowley Milner store in downtown Detroit until she married Walter Bagley. A son, Miles, was born 18 months later.

Miles is a retired Wayne County deputy sheriff who visits his mother twice a week and does all her shopping.

Bagley also enjoyed crocheting doilies, making carpets from colorful rope and embroidery. She also belonged to a Women's Club that served at Christmas dinners

and luncheons.

She was very lonely when her husband of 50 years died. She spent many years caring for him because he suffered a back injury sustained during World War I.

She tried to keep busy. She was especially pleased when she learned the Greenwood Villa would be built and immediately placed her name on the list.

Bagley moved in July 31, 1978. "I've outlived all my neighbors," Bagley said.

Bagley's doctor says her heart is stronger than his.

She spends much of her time in the apartment, watching TV and doing crossword puzzles.

She also thinks about how people have changed, especially their morals.

"I can't believe what's happening to our young people," Bagley



Ila Bagley says, "Our morals were more important than anything else."

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# Happy returns

## Desert Storm pen pals set date for wedding

BY SUK HUCK  
STAFF WRITER

Sheryl Abrams likes to tell people that she got her fiancé Jeff Thomas in the mail.

It was almost that easy. But that wasn't her original goal.

The Abrams family was busy sending gifts to Sheryl's brother, Brian, a Marine stationed in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm, three years ago.

The family belonged to the Michigan Military Family Support Group, based in Northville, which held a parade, doing anything and everything to show their patriotism.

They also received a circulated list of service personnel who were not receiving mail.

"We were sending packages to Brian, every three days," Abrams said.

She couldn't even imagine ser-

vicemen and women who weren't that lucky.

So, with pen in hand, Abrams began to write to several. "I wrote to seven people," Abrams said. "He (Jeff Thomas) was the only one who responded."

Abrams said that she was attracted to Thomas' name because he was a Marine, just like her brother.

Ironically, Thomas, also a Westland resident, was receiving 20 letters a day and didn't know who put his name on the list, Abrams said.

The couple finally met July 1, 1991. Now, on exactly the same day three years later, Abrams, 27, a medical assistant, and Thomas, 26, an electrician, plan to marry.

Following a honeymoon in Toronto and Niagara Falls, the couple will live in Westland.



Signed, sealed, delivered: Sheryl Abrams and Jeff Thomas turned a wartime correspondence into a love affair.

# Contract renewal riles councilman

City Council legislative aide Joseph Benyo has a new two-year contract, but Councilman Glenn Anderson is still upset.

The council voted 6-1 to renew Benyo's contract, but Anderson was very vocal that the arrangement represents "double-dipping" and shows what "having friends in the city means."

On the "double-dipping," Anderson was referring to Benyo's pension as a former Westland fire department official and his fee as council liaison.

"Shame on us if we approve this contract," said Anderson, who was elected to the council in late 1991.

The new agreement will have a cap of \$35,000, or \$10,000 higher than the current agreement's maximum.

Anderson was upset about the new cap, saying it represents a 40 percent increase.

Councilman Charles Griffin was the most vocal supporter of the position and Benyo's performance.

Griffin stressed that Benyo's income as a council employee will be a maximum of \$35,000 a year, or about mid-range of what administrator supervisors are paid.

He and other council members stressed the importance of the work done by Benyo, who, among

other things, handles residents' complaints on behalf of the council.

Councilman Charles Pickering argued that persons should be "fooled by the 40 percent" in the maximum payment, pointing out that Benyo receives no fringe benefits and his hourly rate of \$21 remains the same as in the current agreement.

Anderson had also has opposed the Benyo contract before when it came to the council for renewal.

In related actions Monday, the council renewed professional services agreements for Ronaele Bowman, Westland Youth Assist-

ance program director, and Diane Abbott, the city's cable-TV and community relations contractor.

Both were praised by the council for their performances.

Bowman, formerly director of the Garden City program, was named head of the first Westland assistance program in late 1992. It was noted Monday night that the program, which provides free, confidential counseling to at-risk youths ages 7-16 will be honored this week as the best in the county.

Abbott, who replaced Dennis Fassett several years ago, was also commended for increasing the hours of local cable programming.

## 1994 Festival queen to be named Saturday

Westland will crown its annual Summer Festival queen Saturday night at Westland Center.

The pageant, open to the public, will start at 7 p.m. It will be followed by a parade Wednesday night, June 29, which officially opens the festival, to start the next day and run through the holiday weekend.

The festival pageant winner will receive a crown, banner, trophy, roses, and a \$200 West-

land Center gift certificate. The first and second runners-up will also receive a trophy and gift certificate.

A committee will pick 12 finalists in advance of the final judging, planned for Sunday morning, July 3.

Deadline for applications is next Monday, June 27. Entry forms are available at Bailey Recreation Center, on the south side of Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

### Beating the heat



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Leading the way:** Taking advantage of the Bailey Center outdoor swimming pool are Liz Parr, Meghan Waldschmidt and Glory Cantrell, who lead the way for Jessica Berner. Open swimming hours are noon to 4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. seven days a week, weather permitting. Information on renting the pool for birthday parties or social events is available by calling 722-7620.

# School administrator promoted

BY DARRELL CLIM  
STAFF WRITER

Dan Slee, a 24-year Wayne-Westland school employee, has been appointed to the district's top post in the employee services department.

Slee, 50, will be the administration's top negotiator for employee contracts and will be charged with staffing responsibilities for the 16,500-student district.

"I'm excited about it," Slee said Tuesday, one day after the seven-member board voted unanimously to appoint him to the position of assistant superintendent of employee services. "It will be a very challenging experience."

Slee replaces Bill Taylor, the employee services department's former top official who retired in May after 34 years in the district. Slee will assume his \$74,419 post July 1.

Slee has been deeply involved in employee issues for several years, and he is expected to step into the

job with ease. He worked under Taylor as executive director of employee services since 1990.

Slee has been hired under a two-year contract. He will be the administration's chief negotiator for seven employee unions.

He came to Wayne-Westland in 1990, after working for one year as an English teacher at Lincoln Park High School and for 4 1/2 years as an English teacher, counselor and wrestling coach at Saline High School.

In 1970, he was hired in the Wayne-Westland district as a counselor at Stevenson Junior High School, a position he held for 1 1/2 years. He then served three years as assistant principal at Marshall Junior High School in Westland.

Slee left Marshall for a central office position of executive director of student services, a post he held for 1 1/2 years. He then became the executive director of employee services in 1990.

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# Westland City Council OKs plans for Value City store

There will be several new looks along the city of Westland's business sections in the near future. Following City Council approval Monday night, shoppers will have a new restaurant and retail businesses within the next year.

The biggest development will be a 250,000-square-foot Value City center, on the south side of Warren Road, just west of Central City Parkway.

It will occupy the vacant 67,000-square-foot building built several years ago as a planned Phar-Mor discount pharmacy and health/beauty aids business. The building was never occupied be-

cause of a fraud charge filed against a corporate officer.

Additional structures will also be built to house a furniture business and other retailers.

"The Crossings" is the proposed name of the development, the council was told.

Glenn Shaw, representing the developer, said Value City has 79 other centers, including Michigan locations in Monroe, Flint and Monroe. Architect Michael Rosen added that the company has free-standing furniture stores in Warren and Taylor.

The developer is hoping for a quick construction start this year. The council also approved a

Class C (liquor by the glass) license for a planned Lone Star Steakhouse and Saloon, to be part of the new Kroger Center, on the north side of Ford, just west of Central City Parkway. The council approved the request, which must later be confirmed by the state Liquor Control Commission, but expressed reluctance because Lone Star will now have the city's last available Class C license until after the 2000 federal census. Licenses are based on population.

The council also approved an addition to the existing Leon's Restaurant, 303 S. Wayne Road, south of Cherry Hill.

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same hospital, a spokeswoman said.

The father was released from U-M on Monday; the mother was discharged from Annopolis Hospital in Wayne on Tuesday. The truck driver, a 32-year-old Romulus resident, was treated and released at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, Dexter said.

Police are conducting an inves-

tigation that may include reconstructing the accident, Dexter said.

No one in the family car was restrained by seat belts or safety seats, said Dexter, who explained the state's seat belt law during an interview Tuesday.

Children under 1 year old must be placed in a safety seat, regardless of where they sitting in a vehicle.

Youngsters 1 to 4 years old must be placed in a safety seat if they are in the front seat; they must be in a safety seat or must wear a seat belt if they are in the back seat.

Children age 4 to 16 must wear seat belts, regardless of where they are sitting in a car.

Anyone older must wear a seat belt if sitting in the front seat.

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Wood said. "We tried not to hurt the (Wayne-Westland) community because we are the community," he said. "Most of our people live in the community."

With the immediate retroactive adjustments, salary ranges for AFSCME members stack up like this:

Custodians who made \$12.46 to \$15.89 an hour will now make \$12.96 to \$16.44, Slee said.

Bus drivers who earned \$12.46 to \$14.47 will now earn \$12.96 to \$15.05, he said.

Food service employees, who earned \$9.27 to \$12.76 will now earn \$9.64 to \$13.28, Slee said.

Custodial warehouse workers who made \$13.22 to \$15.89 will now make \$13.75 to \$16.44, he said.

Bus aides who made \$9.61 to \$10.43 will now make \$10 to \$10.83, he said.

Student monitors who had been paid \$10.69 to \$11.39 will now be paid \$11.12 to \$11.85, Slee said.

Those wages will be boosted by 2 percent in 1995-96, during the final year of the four-year contract.

Some hourly employees were unhappy about some concessions, such as losing two vacation days, Wood said. The maximum number of vacation days will now be

23, instead of 25, while the minimum will now be three days, instead of five, Wood said.

Another concern among AFSCME members is that 15 or so employees remain on layoff.

Aside from the one-year pay freeze, the AFSCME contract differed from earlier approved agreements for two administrative unions: the Wayne-Westland Building Administrators Association and the Wayne-Westland Central Office Administrators Association. Those two groups accepted pay freezes for three years, ending with 1994-95, in return for an 8-percent payout for the 1995-96 year.

In the past, a contract approved for one Wayne-Westland union had generally set the pattern for

others.

On Tuesday, LeBlanc elaborated during a telephone interview about his reasons for opposing the contract:

He still has concerns that the board won't have the money to pay for the contracts it has approved.

He had hoped for restoration of laid-off workers, such as custodians.

The "disproportionate" amount of overtime for hourly workers needs to be addressed, possibly resulting in laid-off employees being recalled, he said.

He fears that the contract could "decimate" the building and site fund, which he said is expected to decrease from \$500,000 to virtually nothing in the next year or so.

## OBITUARIES

### FLORENCE I. JOLLY

Services for Mrs. Jolly, 91, of Westland were Jan. 21 from the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home with interment in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi. The Rev. Ted March officiated.

Mrs. Jolly died June 17 in Westland. Born April 10, 1900, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: sons James of Livonia, Robert of Dearborn Heights, Richard of Livonia and Paul of Westland; daughters Alice McConnell of Bull Head, Ariz., Helen Spotts of Rock Falls, Ill., and Lucille Foote of Rockland, Mass.; 25 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the charity of the donor's choice.

### PEARL ANDERSON

Services for Mrs. Anderson, 76, of Westland were June 18 from St. Mary Catholic Church, Wayne, with the Rev. Paul Panaretos officiating. Entombment was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

Mrs. Anderson died June 16 in her home. Born Oct. 9, 1917, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include two brothers, Edward and Stanley Sonk. She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert, and a brother, Michael Sonk.

Arrangements were by Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

### VIRGINIA CATHERINE MACZUGA

Services for Mrs. Maczuga, 68, of Westland were June 14 from the Leonard Turowski Funeral Home, Livonia, and St. Damian Catholic Church, Westland, with interment in St. Hedwig Cemetery. The Rev. Colum Morgan officiated.

Mrs. Maczuga died June 10 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. Born May 2, 1926, in Detroit; she was a long-time area resident and export manager for a pathology equipment company.

Survivors include: daughters Marie Bonkowski, Ann Maczuga

and Bernadette Maczuga-Ponikiewicz; grandchildren Stephanie, Benjamin, Wayne, Briana and Audrey; mother Stella Dziak; niece Linda King and nephew Ronald Dziak.

### LOUISE WILLIAMS

Services for Mrs. Williams, 85, of Westland were May 28 from the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home, Westland, with interment in Mt. Wellston Cemetery, Quincy, Mass. The Rev. Leonard Partensky officiated.

Mrs. Williams died May 26 in Westland. Born Dec. 12, 1908, in Quincy, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: husband Hugh; sons Bud Pucclarelli of California, Raymond Williams of Kentucky and John Williams of Kentucky; daughters Paula Wykes of Westland, Lois Clay of Kentucky and Ruth Willard of Kentucky; grandson Chris Flaherty who Mrs. Williams raised, and 11 other grandchildren.

Memorials may be donated to the Detroit Chapter of the Alzheimer's Disease Association.

### ROY DIVETTA

Services for Mr. Divetta, 68, of Wayne were June 15 from the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, followed by cremation. The Rev. Robert Millar officiated.

Mr. Divetta died June 13 in Annapolis Hospital, Wayne. Born March 11, 1926, he was a photo technician and a 41-year Ford Motor Co. employee.

Survivors include: wife Doris; daughters Debra Mosher and Lynne Allen; three grandchildren; sister Adeline Smith; and brother Joseph. She was preceded in death by sister Annetoinette Mancinelli.

Memorials may be donated to the Michigan Heart Fund or the American Diabetes Association.

### OTIS HOWELL ROGERS

Mr. Rogers, 72, of Wayne died June 14 in Oakwood Hospital,

Dearborn. Arrangements for Mr. Rogers, who was cremated, were by the Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

Mr. Rogers was born Nov. 6, 1919, and was a retired cleanup man.

Survivors include: wife Amltal; son Jerry; granddaughter Andrea; and sisters Frances Boyd, Eloise Brown and Jean Davis.

### ZOE EUBANKS

Services for Mrs. Eubanks, 84, of Wayne were June 11 from the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City, with burial in Maple Grove Cemetery, Westland. The Rev. Charles Bishop of the Full Gospel Christian Church in Taylor officiated.

Mrs. Eubanks died June 8 in Garden City Hospital after a lengthy illness. Born June 3, 1910, in Tuckerman, Ark., she was a homemaker, an area resident for 40 years and a Wayne resident for the past four years.

Survivors include: daughters Mary Caldwell of Garden City, Ada Owen of Redford Township, Ella Harris of Guin, Ala., and Carol Truhn of Ypsilanti; son Robert of Grand Prairie, Texas; 20 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

### NANCY E. LEDBETTER

Services for Mrs. Ledbetter, 68, of Plymouth Township were June 9 from the Buckner Funeral Home, White Bluff, Tenn., with interment in Williams Cemetery in the same city.

Mrs. Ledbetter died June 7 in her residence. Born July 7, 1935, she was a 27-year machine operator at the Inland Fisher Guide plant until 1992.

Survivors include: son Dan Auldige of Westland; daughter Belinda Bock of Plymouth; three grandchildren; parents Andrew and Ida McCuthin of White Bluff; two brothers and two sisters.

Local arrangements were by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township.

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# McNamara aide to lead SEMCOG

Gail Kaess, an executive assistant to Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, is the new chairperson of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Oakland Township Supervisor Joan Buser was elected first vice chair and is in position to succeed Kaess next year. Buser also was accorded SEMCOG's "regional ambassador" award for outstanding efforts to improve the quality of life in the region.

Kaess, a Grosse Pointe Farms council member, was elected at SEMCOG's annual meeting last week in Detroit. She succeeds Richard Rudnicki, Livingston County drain commissioner, as chair of the seven-county regional planning organization.

In 1993 Kaess used a Taubman Co. fellowship to participate in

the program for senior executives in state and local governments at Harvard University. She is the second woman to chair SEMCOG in its 26-year history.

Governmental bloc leaders elected last week included:

■ Counties — chair, Mary Mechtenberg, St. Clair County board; vice chair, Meri Lou Murray, Washtenaw County board.

■ Cities and villages — chair, Beverly McAnally, mayor of Romulus; vice chair, Joanne McShiano, mayor of Farmington.

■ Townships — chair, Douglas Woolley, Pittsfield Township; vice chair, Andrew Wardach, Brighton Township.

■ Education — chair, Marjorie Thomas, St. Clair intermediate school district; vice chair, Gerald McCaffrey, Macomb intermediate school district.

# Senior citizen picnic set

Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara will host the eighth-annual senior citizen picnic 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 25, at the Warrendale picnic site on Hines Drive, between Telegraph and Ann Arbor Trail.

The picnic is free to all Wayne County seniors and is operated by

a staff of volunteers. A picnic lunch will be served and a variety of entertainment will be provided, including bingo, prize drawings and talent contests.

Tickets are available to all Wayne County seniors by calling 326-4444 outside Detroit and 326-4736 in Detroit.

# Senate considers go-cart bill

State Capitol capsules:

The state House of Representatives passed and sent to the Senate a bill to regulate go-cart safety sponsored by Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Redford.

Bankes' House Bill 5182 was a response to a 1991 fatal accident at Houghton Lake recreation center that claimed a Elvonia high school student. It requires operators to post signs announcing the availability of crash helmets and new go-carts to have seat belts and roll bars.

The House passed it 89-12. Opponents included Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, and Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth. Kaza objected that it was over-regulation and said some responsibility should be left to parent.

Under-regulated

Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, voiced a loud protest to a new law that will regulate professional boxers but not amateurs duking it out in "tough man contests." Senate Bill 1106, passed last week, amends the Occupational Code.

"How ludicrous! We are going to let untrained, unconditioned people participate in a boxing ring within a 24-hour period for the second phase of an elimination tournament. But professional fighters must wait 48 hours, and they are trained athletes," said Hart, objecting to 21-13 Senate passage of the bill. The bill exempts amateurs boxing four or fewer one-minute rounds in a two-day period.

Voting yes were Republicans Michael Boucard of Birmingham, Mat Dunaskiss of Lake Orion and Robert Gpake of Northville. Voting no were Democrats William Faust of Westland, Jack Faxon of Farmington Hills and Hart. Absent was David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield.

A new crime

Michigan will have a new felony on the law books — "home invasion" — when Gov. John Engler signs Senate Bill 260.

The Senate Tuesday concurred in House amendments on a 32-0 vote with three area senators absent — William

Faust, D-Westland, Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, and David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield. "Home should be a safe haven," said the sponsor, Sen. William Van Regenmorter, R-Jenison.

"We had three levels of home invasion. The House has two: first-degree, if the invader is armed or someone is at home during the invasion — that's a 20-year felony. Second-degree, when the invader is not armed and no one is home — that's a 15-year felony," he said. SB 260 replaces the breaking-and-entering statute as applied to homes.

State collects

The state has recovered nearly \$2.9 million in environmental cases, including two Oakland County cases, Attorney General Frank Kelley said.

Agreeing to pay \$1 million for a Rose Township cleanup of a hazardous waste dump site were Akzo Coatings, Chrysler, Detrex Corp., Federal Screw Works, Ford, General Motors, Hoechst Celanese, Michigan Industrial Finishers, RPM Inc., TRW and

Uniroyal Goodrich Tire Co. Another \$700,000 was paid to clean up a Springfield Township hazardous waste site by Akzo, HASF, Chrysler, Detrex, Federal Screw, Ford, GM, Hoechst, National Steel Corp., RPM, TRW and Uniroyal Goodrich. Kelley said that in the late 1960s both site were used for unlicensed dumping. The state spent several thousand dollars to perform a partial surface cleanup.

Money, not mouth

"Quit putting our money where your mouth is," said state Rep. John Jamian, R-Bloomfield Township, to the federal government.

The second-term legislator introduced a resolution calling on the U.S. Congress to pay for programs it imposes on the states, citing 400 new federal mandates in 1993 alone.

Not only are the mandates costly, but they "strike at the heart of the federal-state relationship," Jamian said, citing the 10th Amendment separation of federal and state powers.

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# Bills would ban topless dancing

By TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Local governments could ban topless dancing under a package of controversial bills before the state House of Representatives.

The bills Tuesday got through the House Local Government Committee on a 7-3 vote with Rep. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, abstaining.

"Are we talking about beaches?" asked Crissman, a former Rochester mayor. "Is your own back yard a public place? I recall charges brought in Florida against a couple in a hot tub. If a couple has a hot tub and there's an apartment building behind them, is that public?"

Crissman and newcomer Lynne Martinez, D-Lansing, were unhappy with the answers they received from John Dolan, attorney for Clinton Township in Macomb County. Clinton is pushing for the power to ban topless dancing.

"I'm against this," said Martinez, who voted no. "I'm with Rep. Crissman until these questions are resolved."

"You're regulating public nudi-

ty, not obscenity," answered Dolan, indicating the bill could apply to public beaches and golf tournaments.

Added Rep. David Anthony, D-Escanaba: "I'm not a lawyer, and I'm uncomfortable with this." But his effort to send the bills to the House Judiciary Committee, which handles most crime legislation, failed.

Three bills are involved — one each for cities, villages and townships. The key paragraph redefines "public nudity" as "knowingly or intentionally displaying in a public place, or for payment or promise of payment... a female individual's breast with less than a fully opaque covering." It adds: "A mother's breast-feeding of her baby does not under any circumstance constitute nudity."

Existing Michigan law already defines public nudity as display of the genitals.

The bills were sponsored by Sen. Gil DiNello, D-Eastpointe, and have been passed by the Senate. They were endorsed by the Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Townships Association.

"We've had calls from several townships. They see a migration of these facilities from the cities to the townships," said Pat McAvo of the townships association.

Raquel Bowles, of Macomb's Right to Decency organization, derided the notion that topless dancing is "a career choice. It's commercial exploitation of women."

She quoted studies and an interview with the owner of a topless bar that 90 percent of the dancers were either abused or raped in early life.

Dolan quoted a police report in which a dancer told an undercover officer that the only way she could gain access to other clubs was to dance in the topless place.

Replied Rep. Martinez: "Exploitation of women has no bearing on how to sunbathe."

Meanwhile, Clinton Township is proceeding before the state Liquor Control Commission against owners of Shooters, a Class C liquor licensee on Groesbeck Highway.

It charged the bar showcased "nudity, sexual acts," and the

simulation of masturbation and sexual intercourse involving eight women on Sept. 18 and 19 and Oct. 9, 1992.

Dolan, the township attorney, told the House panel that bans on public nudity are of "ancient origin" and widely accepted as a protection of public order.

He said the U.S. Supreme Court in 1991 upheld an Indiana law requiring dancers to wear pasties and G-strings.

Current legislation, Dolan said, avoids the question of obscenity and instead defines public nudity. Current Michigan law bans bottomless dancing, he said, leading topless bar operators to argue the law is "a green light" for topless dancing.

Clinton Township has tried to restrict topless bars under its zoning ordinance and was upheld in Macomb Circuit Court, Dolan said. But a federal judge blocked enforcement of the ordinance.

Refer to Senate Bills 107, 108 and 109 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

# Soccer, concerts to create big traffic jam

The World Cup soccer game beginning 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 24, and other events that evening are expected to create a world class traffic jam, according to the Road Commission for Oakland County.

Start with events occurring at Meadow Brook Hall, Pine Knob and the Palace that evening

Throw in the soccer game. Then add a plethora of people trying to get-up north, and Road Commission officials expect trouble in the Pontiac Silverdome area.

"No transportation system in the world could be expected to handle the volumes of traffic anticipated in this area," said Road

Commission managing director Brent O. Bair in a press release.

Traffic is expected to be worst on Opdyke and Featherstone, especially near the entrance to the Silverdome.

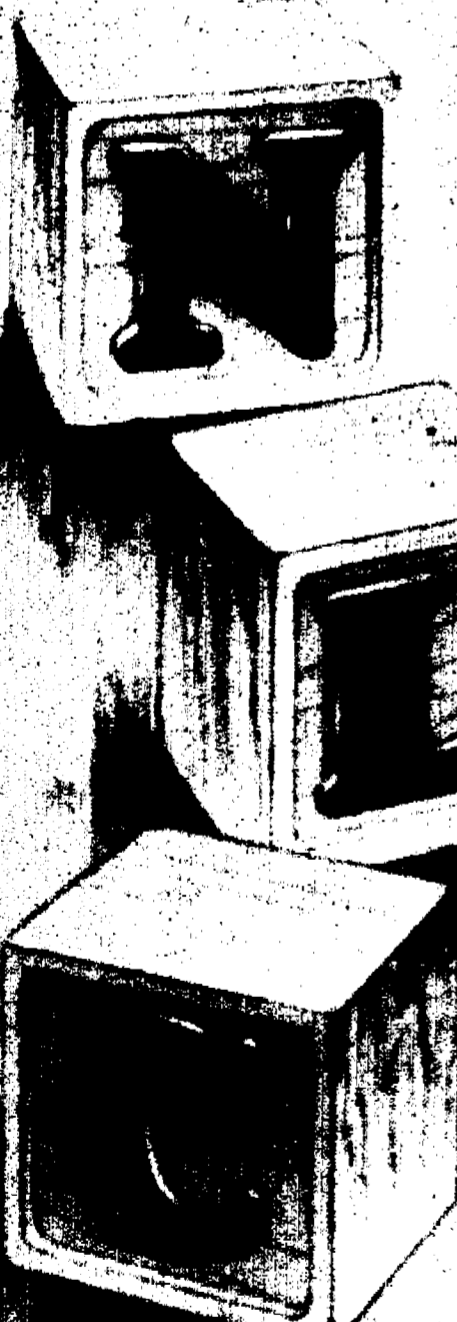
People going to the Palace, Pine Knob or Meadow Brook

should avoid Opdyke. People going up north should avoid Opdyke and I-75 near the Silverdome. People not traveling to the World Cup should avoid the M-59, Chrysler Drive and University exits off I-75. These exits will be used heavily by people going to the World Cup.

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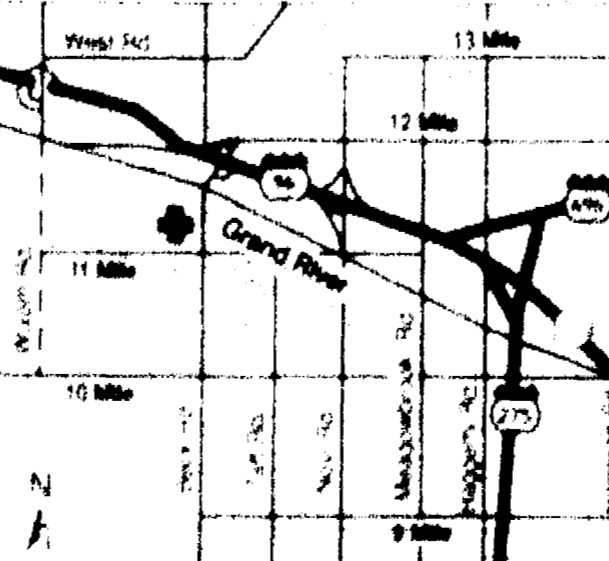
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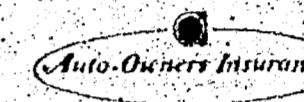
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# Tax cut to benefit business owners, pensioners

By TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Michigan business owners and pensioners will get a tax cut soon despite a minority's warning that this year's cut will be next year's budget deficit.

"It would have been easy and tempting to vote for something popular," warned state Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor. "We're granting permanent tax cuts because of a temporary surplus. If you think of the kids in third grade (in three years) who are now in kindergarten — it's not good."

But Pollack's attempt to play Cassandra — the Trojan princess with the gift of prophecy whom no one would believe — was buffeted by leaders of both political parties as the Senate completed work on

\$165 million in tax cuts.

"It shows dramatically how the state has changed in five years. We would have had opposition from the previous governor (Democrat James Blanchard)," said Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus, R-Alto. He praised Democrats for bipartisan cooperation, adding, "This is a signal to job providers in the rest of the country."

Pollack said the pension tax cuts were advocated by chambers of commerce and retailers, not senior citizens groups like AARP.

Undercutting Pollack was Senate minority leader Art Miller, D-Warren, who was "glad to see policy take (precedence) over politics," Miller praised Republicans for adopting Democratic propos-

als to cut income taxes for pensioners.

Contradicting Pollack was Sen. Michael Boucard, R-Birmingham, who said the "only problem is that governments spend too much and doesn't know when to stop spending."

Three Democrats voted against the package — Pollack, a U.S. Senate hopeful, and Detroiters Virgil Smith and Jackie Vaughan III. Two Democrats were absent: William Faust of Westland and Jack Faxon of Farmington Hills.

The recuperating David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, returned for a major part of the Senate session, joining all other area senators in voting yes.

The Senate concurred in House amendments and sent the package to an eager Gov. John Engler

for signature. Republican Engler will sign it and boast the state also has cut property, inheritance and personal income taxes as he seeks a second term.

The 23,000-member Michigan Federation of Independent Businesses praised the package for "keeping the job machine moving."

The package of bills is expected to cut the single business tax (SBT) \$80 million and pensioners income taxes \$75 million. The bills will:

- Cut SBT's rate from 2.35 to 2.3

percent.

- Raise the threshold for paying the SBT from \$100,000 to \$250,000. SBT is a value-added, applied to the sales of a business minus the cost of things it buys.

- Reduce the alternative profits tax from 3 to 2 percent.

- "Holds harmless" local units of government which have been getting a cut of SBT revenue — that is, guarantees local units will get their revenue despite the SBT cut.

- Raise the income tax exemption on private pensions from

\$1,500 to \$30,000 for single payers and from \$10,000 to \$60,000 for couples filing jointly. (Governmental pensions aren't taxed by the state.)

Senate Finance Committee chair Joanne Emmons, R-Big Rapids, said her panel would attempt by September to address the problem raised by House members — cutting taxes on seniors' investment income. About half of seniors in the suburbs don't receive pensions, according to Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake.

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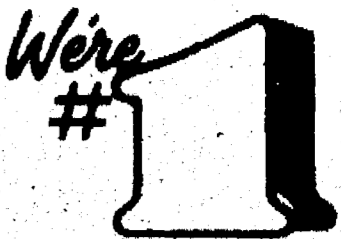


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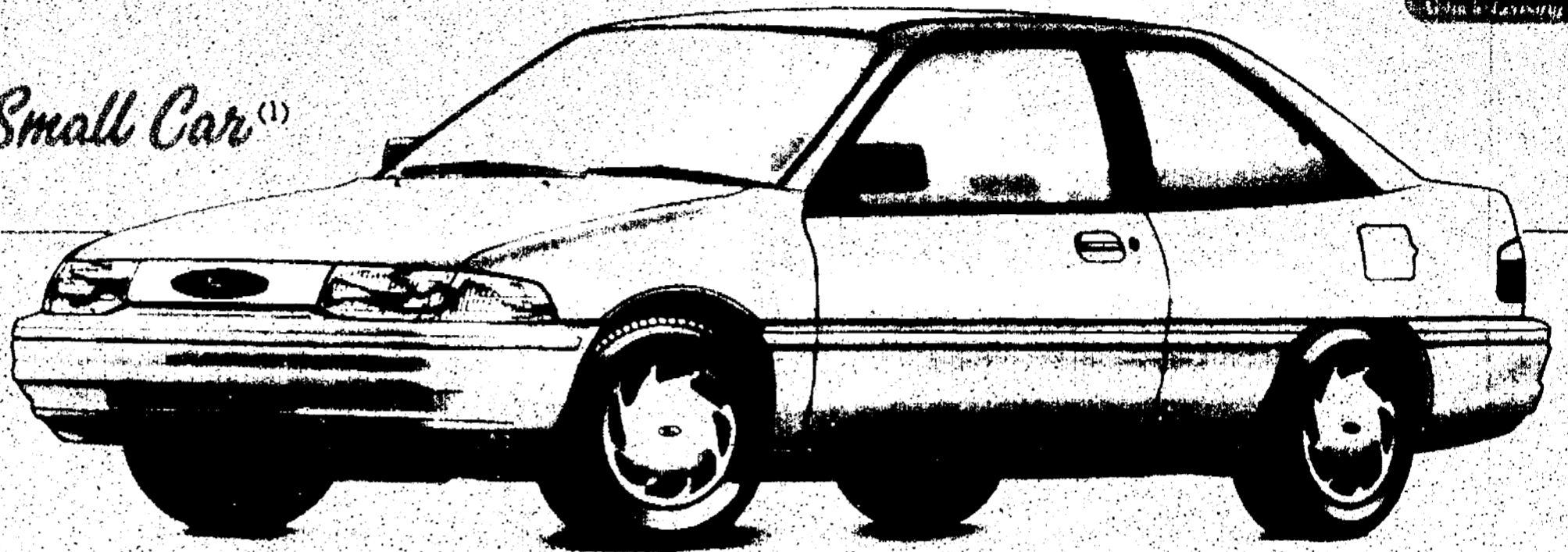
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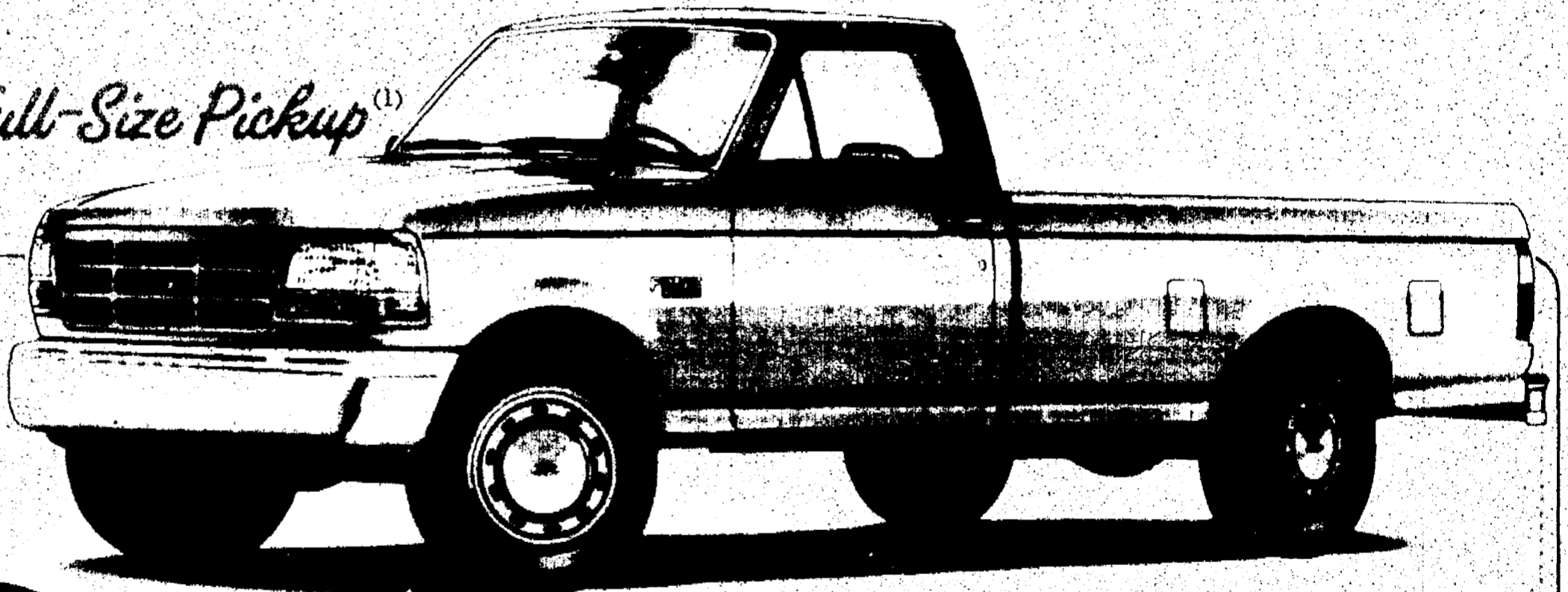


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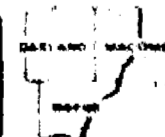
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**Performers are busy**

The Earth Angels, a local youth performing group, faces a busy summer. The group of 14 performers specializes in 1950s style lip sync and dance routines. Upcoming performances include the Livonia Spree Festival Friday; Canton Liberty Festival Saturday; Westland Summer Festival on July 3; Chesaning Showboat on July 16; the Belleville '60s festival, July 30; Westland street party on Aug. 13 and the city of Wayne's Wheelfest on Aug. 27. The group is available for festivals, birthdays, parties, Scout functions, and church events. Interested groups may call 326-8137 or 474-3597.

**Story time**

The Wayne-Westland Public Library is planning a series of "Stories in the Park" in the city of Wayne July 7-28. The program will begin at 11:30 a.m. in Goudy Park in downtown Wayne for youngsters, said Linda Baum, youth services librarian. The story times are planned on a drop-in basis, with no registration or fee required. The program is scheduled to coincide with the "Thursdays are Terrific" concerts with Tyrone Hamilton, to start at noon in the Goudy Park amphitheater.

**New recruiter**

Staff Sgt. Michael Cox has been assigned the new Army recruiter for the Westland-Wayne area. He will be in the Westland recruiting station, 2741 S. Wayne Road, near Palmer. Cox has been in the Army for 12 years, previously serving as a recruiter in Lansing and throughout the lower peninsula. Persons interested in the Army may call Cox at 729-0450.

**Awarded degree**

C Cheryl Yudt of Westland has been awarded a bachelor of arts degree from Concordia College, Ann Arbor. She graduated summa cum laude with a major in health care administration through Concordia's accelerated degree program.

Groups and individuals are encouraged to submit announcements for this column. Information must be in writing, contain a daytime telephone number and directed to the Westland Observer editorial department, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is 591-7279.

**Plan would restore elementary music**



The sound of music may return to Livonia School District elementary schools. The administration is working out details for the program, which was cut from the budget several years ago because of money problems.

BY MARIE CHESTNEY  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Public Schools' administrators are working out the kinks of a plan to bring back instrumental music next year for students in the 22 elementary schools, some of which serve the northern section of Westland.

The crux of the plan is that fifth- and sixth-graders would be bused twice a week after school to music classes in the four middle schools.

After outlining the plan recently to the Board of Education, Kent Gage, director of elementary education, got the go-ahead to flesh out the details.

However, the plan can't go into effect until trustees put into the budget the estimated \$54,000 the plan would cost.

"The board said they like the concept, but some issues needed to be sorted through," Gage said. "Before a lot of people did a lot of work working out the details, we wanted to get the board's support on the concept. We didn't want to do all the research if the board didn't like the concept."

The district's 1992-93 budget eliminated instrumental music for fifth-graders and cut instruction for sixth-graders to once a week. Instrumental music is the only elementary elective.

The 1993-94 budget eliminated instrumental music for sixth-graders as well.

The cuts raised such an outcry among parents that the trustees asked administrators to find some way to bring instrumental music back that didn't cost money.

Since December 1993, they've

studied how to reinstate some semblance of the program without spending more money.

The trustees did not like either of the two plans recommended in March 1994 and asked Gage to continue to work on it.

At the time, the trustees also admitted they were asking administrators to work under a handicap - restore a program without it costing anything.

The district estimates it would cost \$500,000 to bring back the elementary instrumental program that existed in Livonia in 1991-92.

In the meantime, instrumental music has been offered at a nominal cost to elementary students by the Livonia Youth Philharmonic Orchestra. The lessons, now discontinued because of summer, were from 9 a.m. to noon in Churchill High.

Several problems still exist, Gage said, in bringing back instrumental music during the school day. An after-school program, with students being bused, is more feasible, Gage said.

However, numerous busing problems must still be worked out with the district's department of transportation.

"My presumption was that we could add kids onto an existing bus run," Gage said. "But in some cases the buses already are full. We need to know what buses might have the space."

Changes in the program must also be negotiated with the teachers' union, the Livonia Education Association.

**Surprise!**



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Seniors honored: Sandy Strzalkowski (right), manager of the Liberty Park senior citizens' apartment complex, presented the Westland senior resources director Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek with a plaque honoring the Friendship Center senior their community work. The plaque was presented Monday when 45 seniors visiting Liberty Park as part of their monthly "mystery trip."

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# CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

### DIAL FOR DATES

For updated events in the area, call 653-2005.

### THIS WEEKEND

**MUSIC IN THE PARK**  
A free concert featuring Cosmopolitan playing Big Band Sounds will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 26, at Coburn Park behind Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh north of Marquette. In case of rain, the concert will be moved inside Bailey Recreation Center, on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh. Bring your own chairs or blankets to sit on.

**STRAWBERRY FEST**  
The Garden City Hospital volunteer guild will sponsor annual strawberry festival from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 26, on the front lawn of the hospital, on Inkster Road near Maplewood. Events will include strawberry shortcakes and sundaes, hot dogs and other food, bake sale, kiddie's booth, raffles and bake sale. Entertainment will be provided at 1 and 4 p.m. by the Rockin' Rhythm Cloggers. Proceeds will be used to renovate patients' rooms.

### CLUBS

**VFW**  
The VFW Post 7675 auxiliary will hold its monthly card party luncheon at noon Tuesday, June 23, at 33011 Ford, west of Venoxy. Raffles and prizes. Cost is \$4. 422-5300.

**THUNDERBOLT SQUADRON**  
The Civil Air Patrol Thunderbolt Squadron meets Tuesday evenings in the Livonia Police Station basement, Farmington Road south of Five Mile.

**T.O.P.S.**  
Take Off Pounds Happily Mich. 53 Westland, meets 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Kellee Hassell, 522-1641, or Rosalite Fisher, 728-0793.

**CAMPING CLUB**  
Moonliters Camping Club meets 8:15 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month at Canfield Community Center, 1901 N. Beech Dale, south of Ford, Dearborn Heights. Family camping with all ages; scheduled camps during the camping season. Harvey and Marion Gilze, 427-3669.

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

**TOASTMASTERS**  
Toastmasters International Club No. 6694-28 meets 6 p.m. Thursdays at Denby's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road, Westland, for people who want to practice and develop public speaking skills. 421-0264.

**HOLY SMOKE MASTERS**  
The Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club meets 6 p.m. Thursdays in Denby's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road. 455-1635.

**DEMOCRATS**  
Garden City Democrats meet at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Maplewood Community

Center, Room 5, Alice Leclercy, 421-1169, or Bill Pate, 427-2314.

**UNITED WE STAND**  
United We Stand, America's Michigan 13th Congressional District, meets at 7 p.m. every first and third Thursday of the month at the Roman Forum, on Ford, west of I-275 on the south side, Canton. A social gathering begins at 6 p.m. Maggie Sutton, 485-3993.

**GARDEN CITY LIONS**  
The Garden City Lions meet 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month in the Silver Saloon, 5651 Middlebelt, Garden City. Contact Ivan Nunneley, 422-6656, or Henry Tolk, 421-4954.

**HOST LIONS**  
The Westland Host Lions Club meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month in the Red Lobster Restaurant, on Wayne Road, north of Ford.

**CHILD BIRTH ASSOCIATION**  
Classes for childbirth preparation are being offered at several Wayne County locations. Morning and evening classes available. Registering new classes every month. Newborn care classes and Cesarean preparation also offered. 459-7477.

**WESTLAND JAYCEES**  
Westland Jaycees meet 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Bova VFW Post, on Hix, south of Warren. Hotline, 261-7856.

**CORVETTE CLUB**  
The Corvette Club of Michigan meets 8 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month in Les Stanford Chevrolet, Dearborn. Glenn Simas, 675-5033; or Paul Jenkins, 631-4254.

**CAMARO BUFFS**  
The new Eastern Michigan Camaro Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month at Golden Chevrolet, on Ford west of Merriman, Garden City. 326-5455.

**AMBASSADORS**  
Ambassadors Junior Civitan is seeking people ages 13-18 for community service activities. The club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Westland Historical, Cultural and Community Meeting House, 36707 Marquette, east of Newburgh. 729-5491.

**PURPLE HEART**  
The Military Order of Purple Heart meets at 4 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the VFW Hall on Ford, west of Venoxy. Meetings are open to combat wounded veterans.

### RECREATION

**OPEN SKATING**  
The Westland Sports Area will be available for open skating June 25 to Aug. 28 from 4-5:46 p.m. Fridays, 1-2:45 p.m. Saturdays, 1-2:45 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$2.50 for children (17 & under), \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors (65 and up), \$2 for skate rental. The arena, on Wildwood near Hunter, will be closed Monday, July 4 and Sept. 5. 728-4560.

**OUTDOOR SWIMMING**  
The Westland outdoor swimming pool behind Bailey Center will have open swimming from 9 a.m.

### Strawberry festival



Benefit planned: Joan Morrison, chairman of Sunday's strawberry festival, shows off her favorite fruit. The annual festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the grounds of Garden City Hospital, on Inkster Road near Maplewood, to raise money for the renovation of patients' rooms. There will be strawberry sundaes, a bake sale, a white elephant sale, free entertainment and other fun things planned.

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to 4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. seven days a week. Swimming lessons are available from 9 a.m. to noon weekdays.

The pool is available for birthday parties for \$4 per person, which includes pizza, pop, entry to the pool, use of the playground, games and prizes. The supervised pool is behind Bailey Center, on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh. 722-7020.

**CRUISING TIME**  
Westside Classic Car/Street Rod Association sponsors "Thursday Night Cruise" 6:59-9:59 p.m. at Fiesta Lane, 33259 Ford Road, Westland. Facilities will be Thursdays through Sept. 1. Parking is on a first come basis, absolutely no reserved parking. There will be food and beverages and cash bar. Family and club welcome. 722-1410.

**FOR DISABLED PEOPLE**  
A recreational get together for teens and adults who are disabled will be the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. 722-7830.

**OPEN SWIM**  
The Wayne-Westland YMCA has daily open swim available 7-8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Family swim is 8-8:45 p.m. Friday and 3-4 p.m. Saturday. The YMCA is at 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. 721-7044.

**FUN-SEEKERS**  
The Fun-Seekers, a group of singles and couples ages 21-45, meet one Saturday a month. Upcoming events include horse-back riding Saturday, June 11. For more details or to receive a quarterly flier on future events such as hayrides, mystic trips, theme parties and whirlyball, call 522-2194.

### SCHOOLS/PRESCHOOLS

**ST. RAPHAEL**  
Registrations now being accepted at St. Raphael School, 31500 Beechwood, Garden City. There are openings in grades two, five and six; possible openings in grades three, four, seven and eight. 425-9771.

**ST. DAVID**  
Has immediate openings for 3-year-olds (Tuesday and Thursday) classes beginning in September at St. David's Nursery School, 27500 Marquette, Garden City. Betty, 427-5915; Madeline, 422-1462.

**GARDEN CITY**  
Garden City Cooperative Nursery is accepting applications for next fall's class for 3-year-olds. The school is located in the Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, Garden City. Diane, 425-4549.

**MCKINLEY**  
McKinley Cooperative Preschool, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne, is accepting applications for children ages 2-4. Call Donna at 622-8501 about 4-year-olds, Frances at 425-4654 regarding 3-year-olds and Jennifer at 428-5195 about toddlers. The preschool is not church affiliated.

### BENEFITS

**GOLF**  
The Wayne-Westland YMCA annual Michael

Sonk Memorial golf day to benefit the children of Mike's House will start at 11 a.m., Thursday, July 28, at Fellows Creek Golf Course, 2936 Lotz Road, Canton. \$100 per ticket. Call Tom Brown, 467-3183, YMCA office, 721-7044, or Rich Perlowski at 721-7044.

**GARAGE SALE**  
The Westland Chamber of Commerce summer garage sale will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 30, at Cintas Parking lot, 39145 Webb, south of Warren Road, west of Hix. All spaces are \$20. Spaces scheduled by reservation only. 326-7222.

**PATCHIN SCHOOL**  
Westland's Patchin School is selling commemorative plates depicting the three schools to raise money to pay for state historical commission marker to be installed Oct. 9. 595-2615.

**BINGO**  
Wayne Civitan Bingo is 6:30 p.m. every Monday on Elizabeth between Michigan Avenue East and Michigan Avenue West, next to the Farmer Jack in Wayne. Money raised helps support many projects in the community, such as youth, park equipment, Special Olympics, First Night Wayne and Reading Projects. Information, 728-3915.

**METRO WAYNE DEMOCRATIC CLUB**  
The club holds bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, two blocks east of Middlebelt, Westland. Proceeds go to help needy people and senior citizens as well as sponsoring two Little League baseball teams every year, and support for the Penrickton School for the Blind. Call Cliff, 729-8681, or Carol, 422-5025.

**BINGO**  
Westland Jaycees hold bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Three jackpots paying \$250, \$300 and \$300, progressive. 525-2962.

### HISTORY ON VIEW

**GC HISTORY**  
The Garden City Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays in the Log Cabin on Cherry Hill east of Merriman. Admission is free.

### VOLUNTEERS

**A PLACE TO LIVE**  
Youth Living Centers are looking for families for abused and neglected teens who are in immediate need of a place to live. All teens are supervised by Youth Living Centers staff and are in school or working. 728-3400.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED**  
Youth Living Centers are looking for people interested in being an evening receptionist, a youth mentor or people to work with the youth assistance program. Dorothy Murphy, 728-3400.

**POSTER PARENTS**  
Youth Living Centers offers classes for people interested in becoming foster parents, on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a two week session. Norwen Green, 728-3400.

**FOOD DELIVERY**  
Volunteers are needed 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to deliver

meals to homebound, disabled, elderly people in Westland one hour or more per day, one or more days per week. 326-4444.

**GIRL SCOUTING**  
Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council and Huron Valley Council are looking for girls and adults who would like to be involved in Girl Scouting. Michigan Metro, 964-4475, Huron Valley, 483-2370.

### SENIORS

**DINNER-DANCE**  
The Wayne Ford Civic League Seniors will hold a dinner-dance noon to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of each month at the Bova VFW Post, on Hix, south of Warren Road. Admission is \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. Live music to be provided by Mark Berryman and Band. 721-0871.

**LINE DANCING**  
Line dancing lessons will be offered to senior citizens at 10:45 a.m. each Friday at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, at Marquette. Fee is \$2 per session. 722-7632.

**CARD GAMES**  
Wayne Ford Civic League Seniors hold card parties 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. the last Monday of each month in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, near Marquette. Admission is \$2, which includes a light lunch. 721-0871.

**DYER CENTER**  
The Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday through Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m.; bingo at 1 p.m. Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

**HAWAIIAN DANCE**  
A Hawaiian dance exercise class will be 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Hall A. Instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call 722-7632.

### FOR YOUR HEALTH

**CONFERENCE**  
The Alzheimer's Association is sponsoring a conference for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, June 24, at Roberto Clemente Recreation Center, 2631 Bagley, Detroit.

**FLU VACCINATIONS**  
Inoculations against flu will be offered at Annapolis Hospital, 33155 Annapolis Ave., Wayne. Vaccinations will be given Tuesdays for a cost of \$6. For appointments, call 467-5555.

**BLOOD PRESSURE**  
Free blood pressure screening will be available 9 a.m. to noon the third Wednesday of each month at Annapolis Hospital, 33155 Annapolis Ave., Wayne. A registered nurse will be available in the emergency room. Cholesterol and glucose screening are also available for a nominal fee. No appointment necessary.

### CALENDAR FORM

The Observer Newspaper uses calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals sponsoring a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36261 Scholcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax to 313-541-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday before the following Thursday's paper. Call 943-2107 if you have any questions.

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 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
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# War of 1812

## Battle to be reenacted in park

Wayne County war buffs will have a field day in August — a battlefield that is, when the fifth annual Reenactment of the War of 1812 Battles of Monguagon and Brownstown take place Aug. 20-21 at Elizabeth Park in Trenton.

The event will feature authentic British, American and Indian encampments with more than 200 re-enactors engaged in battle with cannons and muskets. According to historical documents, the original battle of Monguagon was ac-

tually fought in Elizabeth Park. In 1812, however, the area was called Slocum's Island in honor of the man who settled there. The park site was a gift of the Slocum family and was the start of the Wayne County Park System in 1919.

Family activities during the two-day living history event will include a school and children's games of the era, tours of the British, American and Indian encampments, storytelling, dul-

ciner music, fife and drum corps, and an opportunity to view demonstrations of authentic 1912 crafts, which will be sold by blanket traders and sutlers.

The event is sponsored by the Wayne County Park System, the War of 1812 Battle Re-enactment Committee, Trenton Historical Commission, and Trenton Historical Society.

For more information on this, or any other Wayne County Parks event, call 261-1990.



**It's war:** This photo of the War of 1812 encampment won "Best of Show" in the 1993 Focus on Michigan photography contest. The picture was made at Wayne County's Elizabeth Park during the annual reenactments of two battles from the War of 1812. The award-winning photographer is Joseph LeBlanc of Trenton.

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DNR spokesperson: Denise Mogos, of Plymouth Township, a communications representative for the state Department of Natural Resources, would like to make suburbanites more aware of the work the state agency does.

# Natural resources agency reaches out to suburbanites

BY MARY RODRIQUE  
STAFF WRITER

TV viewers this spring saw peregrine falcons, an endangered species, nesting on a 33rd floor perch outside a window of the Book Building in downtown Detroit. Three chicks hatched.

The tracking of a rare trumpeter swan from Holly Recreation Center in Oakland County to a private pond in Westland caused a buzz of excitement this spring because the bird had become extinct in Michigan through hunting and trapping in the late 1800s.

Those are but two cases of the state Department of Natural Resources bringing metro area urban folks in tune with Mother Nature. The DNR placed the nesting box for the falcons and checked the eggs' progress regularly.

"The public has been asked to name the birds, and we've been getting 30 to 60 suggestions a day," said Denise Mogos, a Plymouth Township resident who is communications representative for Region 3, a 34-county area taking in the southern half of the lower peninsula from Grand Rapids to metro Detroit.

"Names will be chosen after July 1. People have shown a lot of creativity and are learning about the birds at the same time."

From endangered species protection to regulating the dumping of scrap tires, the DNR covers diverse terrain. Clean air and water and wildlife protection are but a few of the major tasks the DNR is responsible for statewide.

"DDT (an insecticide) did in the peregrine," said Mogos, who

joined the DNR just last fall after 14 years with the state Department of Mental Health.

"I see my job in part to help people see where their donations for the wildlife fund (on Michigan tax return forms) go."

Mogos works in the DNR office near Seven Mile and I-276 in Livonia.

"The difference between the trumpeter and the mute swan is the trumpeter's flat sloping beak which is black, not orange," said Mogos, who is learning such distinctions in her new role.

The 120 workers in the Livonia office field more than 1,000 calls daily on topics ranging from wildlife to fishing to air quality.

"There's a high public demand for information from the DNR," said Mogos. "We'll be leasing additional space here."

A bigger reception area and a new telephone system are planned to better serve the public, she said. Students often visit to gather information for school projects.

"We are also a deer check station. Hunters can bring their deer heads to be recorded. They get a DNR patch, and we keep track of the herds that way."

An enforcement division checks on everything from proper disposal of such things as scrap tires to investigation of contamination sites, such as those caused by leaking gas storage tanks.

"The DNR is so diverse," Mogos said. "I get an overview of everything and let the experts do their thing."

"We're trying to increase public awareness on environmental is-

ssues. The action we take daily can help or hurt our environment. If we overfertilize our lawns or improperly dispose of used motor oil, then we contaminate our rivers, lakes and streams.

"As consumers, we can choose to use recyclable goods — glass or cans — or we can buy things with big wasteful packaging. We can throw oil down the drain or choose to start a compost pile," she said.

"The DNR basically wants to conserve and develop natural resources, to enhance the quality of air, land and water."

Some calls to the DNR are misdirected, Mogos said.

"We can't tell you if the fish is healthy to eat. That's up to (the state Department of) Public Health."

Adds Bonnie Arthur "A lot of people think we come out to take care of nuisance animal problems — raccoons, skunks or opossum. For unprotected species, we tell them to call the Humane Society or they can rent live traps from their city police department."

The office at 38980 Seven Mile is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information on State Parks is available in several brochures.

The DNR fishing hot line 1-800-373-0903 gives a weekly fishing report. The number for the Wildlife newsletter in Lansing is 1-517-373-3711. The number to report poaching (hunting out of season or illegally) is 1-800-292-7900. The pollution emergency alert system can be reached by dialing 1-800-229-4700.

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# GOP splits over bills governing pharmacy costs

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

A coalition of employer and labor groups declared "a tremendous victory" over small pharmacists in a state Senate battle that split Republicans.

The battleground now shifts to the House of Representatives, where the Insurance Committee will take up SB 590-593. Those bills were amended by Sen. William Faust, D-Westland, and David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, to the satisfaction of the Michigan Health Purchaser Coalition, which includes industry and organized labor.

Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, hopes the House will restore changes favorable to pharmacists.

The health purchaser group objected to Dunaskiss' original bills because:

"They would force PPOs and HMOs to contract with health care providers not of their choosing. The bills would eliminate the

volume incentive for providers to join selective panels in the first place.

"Purchasers would not be able to focus their buying power to secure more cost-effective health care services — e.g., discounts, utilization review, more convenient hours, etc."

### Area battleground

Oakland County and the Wayne suburbs were the battleground for votes because, said Rep. John Jamian, R-Bloomfield Township, "all these executives work for General Motors."

"GM negotiates with one pharmaceutical provider — an out-of-state mail order house — so all these executives have to give up their relationship with the corner pharmacy. If they go to their own pharmacist, they must pay the higher rate out of their own pockets."

"So the corporations have removed freedom of choice to bring the cost down, from their vantage



**Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, favors the Dunaskiss amendment along with 14 other Republicans and two Democrats, including Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills.**

point. Their defense is that they need volume contracts.

"But the providers now ask: 'How come we didn't have a chance to bid or participate? We're willing to beat or meet their price.' Not even Arbor can get in."

"It's squeezing the pharmacies," said Jamian. "If customers don't come their for prescriptions, they may not buy cigarettes or

lipstick or cards. Drug stores get stomped on. They wanted to amend the Preferred Provider Act to allow open bidding. Dunaskiss' bills said you can have multiple providers."

Jamian, head of a health care company, said Dunaskiss' original bills were good for consumers, too. "They might order six months of a prescription at a time

and pay for that up front. But say you switch prescriptions mid-stream. You have three months worth sitting on the shelf."

### Substitute OK'd

The Faust-Honigman versions (known as S-4), which replaced Dunaskiss' original bills, would:

■ Require health insurers have an open application, allowing any pharmacy to apply to be on the insurer's panel. But it doesn't require insurers to accept the pharmacy.

■ Require an insurer to tell a pharmacy why it wasn't accepted.

■ Allow independent pharmacies to form buying coalitions to apply for acceptance on insurers' panels. Insurers would have to open their panels every three years (Dunaskiss got it out from five years).

All local senators voted yes on passage of the S-4 version except Honigman, who is recuperating from surgery.

Dunaskiss came closest to suc-

cess with a 17-17 failed attempt to allow employees to get a "dual offering" of pharmacists.

It was called a "killer" amendment by the Michigan Health Purchaser Coalition. That group includes the Blues, Chrysler, Ford, GM, Knart, the state chamber of commerce, Farm Bureau, the Building Trades Council, Michigan Education Association, AFL-CIO, Teamsters and UAW.

Favoring the Dunaskiss amendment were two Democrats and 15 Republican, including Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, Dunaskiss, and Robert Geake, R-Northville.

Opposed were 11 Democrats and six Republican including Faust and Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham.

Missing the vote were the ailing Honigman and George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn.

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# Stop the whining Vote's over - let's resume work

**D**ebra Fowlkes won a full four-year term on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education last week.

While supporters of her opponent, Sharon Felan, were privately upset about some of the tactics of Fowlkes' campaign committee, it's clear that a majority of the voters who cast ballots that day favored the woman who was appointed in mid-January to fill a board vacancy.

While the Observer can argue that less than five percent of the district's registered voters cast ballots, 100 percent of the community's eligible voters had the opportunity to pick a candidate.

At the same time, Felan's supporters can debate the timing of Roberta Paquette's withdrawal from the board campaign in mid-May to support Felan. Despite repeated published references to Paquette's withdrawal, even though her name remained on the June 13 ballot, the non-candidate still received 148 votes.

Even if Felan received all of Paquette's votes, which was unlikely, Felan would have

still been 14 votes short of victory.

The important thing now for school activists and others is to stop the whining and start worrying about how the district can survive financially and educationally in the post-Proposal-A period.

While homeowners are certain to enjoy the financial benefits of major slashing of school property taxes, there are many problems for the board and administration to worry about this summer and fall.

One is agreeing to an equitable contract and salary schedule with its teachers' union that will be fair not only to the faculty - but also to students who need more educational services in the next few years, not less.

Other issues pointed out by Fowlkes on election night are consideration of changing the current junior high schools to middle schools, revising school attendance boundaries, and purchasing new textbooks to replace outdated materials.

As the election winner said last week, her work has just begun.

# School system will miss Liepa

**R**andy Liepa is leaving the Wayne-Westland school district in two weeks to move north and become the Livonia school district's new finance director.

He leaves his current position with a great deal of accomplishment and pride - after helping to restore the administration's credibility

on financial projections and budgeting.

Liepa approached his responsibilities with a high degree of professionalism and maturity.

The district - the board of education, administration, employees and taxpayers - will miss him.

# Regional approach to water

**W**ater, water everywhere... but not a drop to sprinkle on your lawn today... unless, of course, your address ends with an odd number.

In the waning days of this heat wave and resultant "water emergency," many of us are on the odd-even system that regulates outdoor water use. Those with even street addresses water their lawns on even days; odd addresses on odd days.

Actually, a bit of conservation isn't too much to ask if there is a real emergency, and considering the circumstances - a heavy demand for water because of dry weather conditions and an ongoing delivery problem with the supplier - we guess there is, or was.

But when this blistering heat finally eases up and the water mains are repaired and the sprinklers go on again all over southeastern Michigan, we've got to talk about this water situation.

Now please remember: No matter what the politicians or engineers or TV talking heads say, there is no water shortage in metropolitan Detroit. How could there be when its residents sit at the edge of one of the largest supplies of fresh water on Planet Earth - the Great Lakes?

No, we're not short of water, probably never will be. It's our delivery system that has come up short during this emergency.

Most of us get our water from Detroit; the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department to be specific, and there have been many real problems with that entity over the years.

We wonder if Detroit Water - with its antiquated mains and equipment, and shot through as it is with constant city-suburban squabbling - is what we need to supply wa-

ter to an expanding metropolitan Detroit.

We badly need a regional authority to control anything as crucial as water delivery in an area as large as metro Detroit. And that authority should have... well, authority.

It would be empowered to set standards and make them stick. It should be vastly different than a toothless planning agency.

Its word would be law, and it would put an end to the petty politics that divide Detroit and its suburbs over issues like water.

What petty politics? Well, over the years, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department has been run more as a jobs program than as a water delivery system for everyone in southeast Michigan.

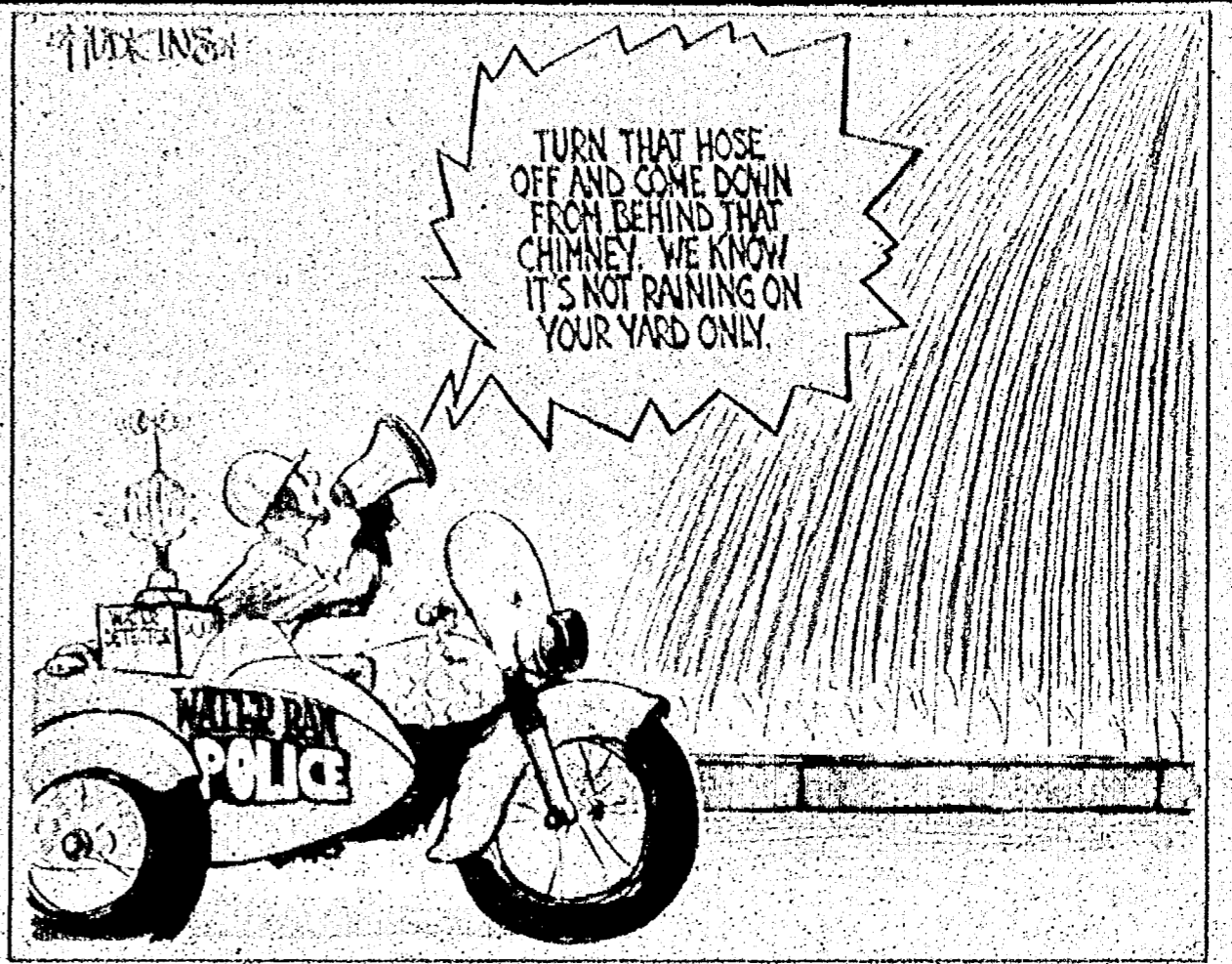
Suburbanites can serve on the Water Department Board, but only those selected by the mayor of Detroit. Only Detroiters may work for the department. That's petty - and it shuts out a lot of talented people whose only shortcoming is that they don't happen to live in the city of Detroit.

More importantly, we need a strong regional authority that would control the kind of runaway suburban (or should we say exurban?) development that has led to excessive demands on the water delivery system and other infrastructure.

State Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, was gutsy enough to propose a regionalized water system for metropolitan Detroit. But, like a lot of good ideas to come out of Lansing last year, it got steamrolled by that juggernaut of education reform that eventually led to Proposal A.

Keep at it, Sen. Honigman. Now it's time for Proposal W - for water reform.

ARKIE HUDKINS



## LETTERS

### Comparison Unjust

**H**ow dare a malcontent compare Gov. Engler to Adolf Hitler ("Engler distorts the facts in regard to teachers," printed June 6).

Anyone with even a little knowledge of World War II would know what the writer does not. Adolf Hitler was a fiend responsible for the torture and deaths of six million Jews, Poles, and other prisoners, as well as 35 million soldiers and civilians including his own people.

He was responsible for the destruction of Europe. His regime V-bombed London, killing thousands of innocent civilians and children. They blitzed Warsaw, Kiev, Stalingrad, and other great cities, and wiped out Lidice.

The writer of that contemptible letter is obviously limited in his mental and intellectual capacity and knows neither what he is talking about or what went on during Hitler's regime.

His attempt to temper his attack by claiming to be educated "as to how something like the Holocaust ever could have occurred," thereby linking Gov. Engler to a cause and not to an effect of the Holocaust, is a shallow rationale.

Because he is disgruntled and disagrees with Gov. Engler, the writer seeks to destroy the him with vicious attacks and appalling lies. His outrage and shameful assault should not have been given prominence in your paper.

Ralph W. Shiplett, Westland

### Geiss cites record

**I**n response to your May 26 editorial (concerning a turnover of persons in the U.S. House and state legislature), I'd like to bring to your attention that not all of the successful candidates in the upcoming elections will be entirely new to their positions next January.

Having served as U.S. Rep. William Ford's chief of staff for 12 years, I will be effective from the start.

As Bill Ford said when he endorsed me, "David hits the ground running. All of the senior members of congress know him and have worked with him for years."

For the past 12 years, I have been had a work helping the citizens of the 13th district.

During that time, I was able to help the Congressman secure 13 new post office facilities, \$130 million to clean up the Rouge River and \$172 million for the Ann Arbor Veterans' Administration Medical Center. This, in my opinion, is a track record that indicates experience.

Recently in a letter to area residents, Ford stated: "My record of accomplishment is also David Geiss's record of accomplishment, and it is a record that I am very proud of."

It is also a record I am very proud of and will expand on when I'm elected to the 10th Congress.

David Geiss,  
candidate for congress,  
13th district

### Airport costs knocked

**A** recent trip to Metro Airport (also known as the Kingdom of McNamara) proved quite costly. A lunch for two, consisting of half sandwiches, cups of soup and small pops all served on foam plate, cost just under \$18. Then I had to ransom my car at \$12 for three hours.

Are we supposed to be grateful for the high costs and noise that someone feels we just must have to allegedly keep up in the 21st century?

This is on top of the 30 percent parking tax per day dumped on us within a 5-mile radius of the airport.

The motto is "Don't bend over in McNamara's County!"

Beatrice Scallise, Westland

### Behavior blasted

**I** recently attended two youth baseball games, one in Canton and one in Westland. I was thoroughly disgusted and embarrassed by the behavior of some of the parents at both games.

They argued with the umpires; they screamed and used profanity at other parents and made total fools of themselves in front of the very persons that we are trying to impress good judgment and sportsmanship upon - namely, our children.

It goes without saying that the majority of parents put their children on these teams to incorporate into their lives fun, learning and cooperation. It is unfortunate that they also have them subjected to such undignified and childish displays of behavior from adults.

It's no wonder many children today have such aggressive and uncooperative attitudes.

Steps need to be taken to curb these situations. They are totally unacceptable and uncalled for. I, for one, will think twice before allowing my son to play on a team again next year.

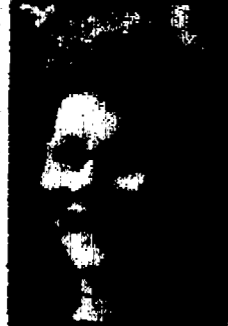
Shame on the parents that acted in this manner, and shame on the league's association for allowing it to continue.

Linda Fullerton, Westland

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### QUESTION:

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Anthony Farwell



I go for commemorative designs, such as the World Cup soccer stamps. Generally I have no particular choice.

Rose MacEwen



I have no particular choice

Leonard Norway

We asked this question of Westland Post Office patrons.

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POINTS OF VIEW

# Let's see action

## Becoming involved is part of being an American

BY ANTHONY BREHLER  
GUEST COLUMNIST

**B**y now you have probably already broken your New Year's resolution. So why not replace it with this new goal for 1994: Get involved! Take part in the American way. Call or write your local, state or federal government representative and let them know how you feel on issues, and express your desire for support. Any complaints expressed to our neighbors or associates do not resolve or accomplish anything. Instead, express yourself to your "public servants" in city hall, Lansing or Washington. If you are offended or angered by what you see on television, or read in newspapers or magazines, contact the

manager or public relations person in charge. You also can inform any sponsor of offensive material that you will initiate and support a boycott of their product or services. If enough people had done this over the past 10-20 years, we would not have the many widespread problems with violence, sexual social diseases, and rampant crime so prevalent in society today. There is no doubt that the average family today finds little time to sit and write letters or make telephone calls to those in charge in politics, business or entertainment. But the fact remains that the need is there. Everyone wants to enjoy a safe, secure and productive life. Simply obeying the law, doing your own thing, and establishing a home or profession is no longer sufficient.

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To protect and preserve your possessions you must take an active part in seeing that nobody takes advantage of your achievements. Watch for pending legislation that makes any change in your present status. You will only have your representatives' attention and concern if you let them know that you are keenly aware of what they are proposing to change and what your concerns are. Every citizen is one vote, and all politicians are keenly aware of this fact. Granted, often the political action committees (PACs) put pressure on their "subjects," but volumes of voter input can change the picture. Case in point is the Brady Bill. Originally, Congress had informed everyone it could not pass the Brady Bill until

sometime in 1994 because there were problem areas that needed discussion. After a most surprising flood of letters, faxes, and telephone calls from citizens all over this country, Congress then decided the heat was too much to take and the Brady Bill was passed posthaste. Chalk up one loss for the PAC and one gain for us. It can be done, and you can make that important difference. Please, take the advice of one who has learned the hard way. Please, get involved. Do it now and protect yourself and our future generations. You may never have a better opportunity than now. Guest columnist Anthony Brehler of Livonia is active in several civic groups.

# MEA leadership: out of touch and out of control

**I**n labor relations and Michigan politics, you need to understand that three parties are involved -- management, the union and the members. The union may bargain for what the members want. The union always bargains for what the union wants. Michigan Education Association propagandists insist that opposing MEA is "teacher bashing." Wrong. The space between MEA and the teachers has grown from a crack to a yawning gulf. In the last year, MEA leadership has made more blunders than any political group since the GOP's Goldwater debacle of 1964. Consider: **■ Senate Bill 1** -- MEA opposed the plan to rewrite school tax laws. It passed overwhelmingly. **■ Proposal A** -- MEA fought it. Voters said yes by a 69-31 margin. **■ Governor** -- AFL-CIO endorsed Howard Wolpe for the Democratic nomination, making him the odds-on favorite. MEA endorsed Larry Owen, raising the price for Wolpe to win the primary. That will irritate Big Labor, whose delegates form a majority of the Michigan Democratic Party.

Owen lost a state Senate race in 1978, lost his seat on the Michigan State University board in 1990, and looked foolish undercutting MSU president John DiBiaggio in support of football coach George Perles. Some endorsement. **■ Partisanship** -- MEA is part of the Democratic Party structure, standard practice among unions. But MEA also is supporting candidates in Republican primaries -- such as Gerry Law against Jerry Vorva in the Plymouth-Northville-Livonia district. Don't they know people can't vote in two primaries? **■ Strikes** -- Since the current law was passed in 1965 (following the GOP's Goldwater debacle), Michigan has seen 878 governmental strikes -- 676 by school unions, most by MEA. In time, MEA made enough enemies, even among unionized blue-collar workers, that the dam of criticism burst, and House Bill 5128 was passed to stop it. **■ MESSA** -- It's a wholly-owned subsidiary of MEA that administers health benefits. Under HB 5128, school boards will be able to seek competitive bids. MEA's monopoly is broken.



TIM RICHARD

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**■ The Saginaw flap** -- The MEA regional executive wrote to the president of Saginaw Valley State University threatening that if SVSU doesn't run a charter school in accordance with MEA wishes, "the MEA will strongly encourage the teachers we represent to discontinue accepting the placement of SVSU student teachers." Not only does the union want management power, it will hold hostage innocent college students. **■ Tantrums** -- MEA zealots have taken educational pamphlets provided by legislators, torn off the legislators' pictures and shipped the shreds back to Lansing. One wonders whether the kids respect those MEA zealots. **■ Blatant selfishness** -- The president of the Wayne-Westland EA endorsed a candidate who supports "educational employees, collective bargaining and positive progressive education." Note the union's order of priority: the union ahead of the kids. **■ The tour guide flap** -- It's standard practice for legislators to introduce visiting classes of students to their colleagues. But a teacher from Plymouth-Canton's Hulsing Elementary School

refused to have his fourth-grade class introduced by the local legislator. He "became very angry and shouted at Todd (the lawmaker's aide) and the tour guide..." and made inappropriate remarks to the children around him regarding legislators" from the visitor's gallery. I quote from the State Capitol tour manager's letter of complaint to the principal in which she added it was the worst behavior she had seen in years. While a single teacher was involved, note that the teacher was parroting the MEA line. Let's not bash all teachers for the boorishness of one zealot. Teachers are being ill-served by the current MEA leadership. A once-respectable union is controlled by a selfish, stupid handful. The overwhelming majority of teachers need to take back their union. Public education is under vicious attack. The current MEA leadership is making the attack easy. Tim Richard comments on the state political scene. You can reach him by Touch-Tone phone at (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1881.

# Expect endorsed diplomas to change face of education

**I**t's June, graduation season at Michigan high schools. Most graduating seniors this year will find something new on the diplomas handed them as they cross the stage: seals, each one indicating passage of a Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) standardized assessment test. High school seniors who pass all three tests as they progress through school -- math, reading and science -- will have a diploma with three stickers. This year's graduates are the first to have their diplomas endorsed by the state as indicating actual academic performance. Up to now, a diploma meant nothing more than that a student had stuck it out for three years in high school without getting tossed out. Applying the MEAP tests as a standard for endorsing diplomas was authorized a couple years back by the state Legislature, acting under pressure from school reformers. Local endorsement scores for graduates were printed in this newspaper in recent editions. Not surprisingly, there was some variation among districts across Michigan in the percentage of graduating seniors who earned stickers in all three MEAP tests -- and in the reactions of local school officials. In the Birmingham district, 95 percent of the 441 seniors graduating from Groves and Seaholm high schools won three endorsements, a similar success rate to Andover and Lahser in the Bloomfield Hills district. Birmingham Superintendent John Hunter said, "We are really pleased with how well our students performed. It's hard to tell in this early stage what it means, but we hope in the future it may help businesses predict employees' success." In the Avondale district, seeing parts of Rochester and Troy, 74 percent of 125 seniors earned three endorsements. James Steeby, assistant superintendent for curriculum, won't be happy until his district hits 100 percent. "The endorsement has encouraged students to focus on the importance of the (MEAP) test," he said. School reformers who hoped mere existence of an independent assessment of academic performance would change the way schools work should be encouraged by what's going on at Avondale, where the curriculum has been rewritten to stress the kinds of thinking and problem solving skills measured by the MEAP. The same kind of willingness to change can



PHILIP POWER

be seen in the Clarenceville district, which covers parts of Livonia, Farmington Hills and Redford Township. There, Superintendent David Kamish called the 1992-93 MEAP scores embarrassing. This year, Clarenceville administrators made the tests a priority. The results -- 84 percent of graduating seniors gained three endorsements -- were an improvement. Opinion varies on the value of the MEAP-based diploma endorsements. Duane Marsh, executive director of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, thinks that for employers the endorsement system will be "an absolutely used tool. With graduates' minimal work experience, the only thing an employer has to look at to see how they performed is school work... There are other criteria businesses use to hire someone, but those without the endorsements might not get their foot in the door." On the other hand, Al Edwards, research and evaluation specialist for the Livonia district, says that "employers didn't check on those kinds of things (test results) in the past and won't in the immediate future." Regardless, the stakes for graduates will go even higher in 1997, when graduates won't get a high school diploma at all unless they receive passing scores on all three MEAP tests, even if they have fulfilled other school requirements for graduation. Progress is slow. But believe me, it's coming. Phil Power is the chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. You can reach him at (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1880.

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## Volunteers are needed for cataract research

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To volunteer, call (810) 551-4601.

Participants will receive two eye examinations annually until 2000. Participants must have no illnesses or disorders that would make long-term follow-up unlikely or difficult and should have no history of eye surgery. Previous cataract surgery is acceptable for participation in the age-related macular degeneration part of the study.

## Vet emphasizes dental care for pets

Of all the advancements that veterinary medicine has made in recent years, dentistry may have come the farthest, according to Paul Bloom, veterinarian at Livonia's Bloom Animal Hospital.

Dental care for pets involves home care. Appropriate diets and use of the recently developed dental care products are an important first step, Bloom said.

At the veterinarian's office, dental procedures are more complicated in some ways than human dentistry. This is primarily because a pet must be anesthetized for dental work. Unlike most humans, pets can't be expected to sit still while having their teeth cleaned below the gumline or during other complicated procedures.

To ensure your pet's safety, Bloom recommends the use of gas anesthesia and pre-anesthesia bloodwork. The bloodwork helps identify any silent health concerns before anesthetizing the pet. Cardiac and respiratory monitors should be used during anesthesia, according to the doctor.

There is a wide range of options available in dental care. This is a vast improvement over the relatively recent days when the treatment of a problem tooth consisted of extraction. Healthy teeth and gums are vital to your pet's general good health. They are the important first step of the digestive process. A tooth abscess or gum infection, besides being painful and debilitating, can lead to dangerous heart, liver or kidney infections.

The dental procedure that most pets require periodically is called a prophylaxis. The teeth are cleaned and polished. Tartar is removed and special attention is paid to cleaning the pockets below the gumline, which are particularly prone to disease.

Some pets just naturally accumulate more tartar than others, so the frequency of cleaning is difficult to predict.

Other procedures that may occasionally be necessary are the repair of tooth fractures, root canals, filling and extractions.

## Voter bill protested

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Michigan's amendments to the federal "motor voter" registration bill sailed through the state House of Representatives, but not without a vocal protest.

"The federal law requires social service agencies, as well as driver's license bureaus, to register voters. It also does away with Michigan's law eliminating 'dead wood' -- voters who have been inactive for several years."

Rep. Greg Kazia, R-Rochester Hills, voted no because "the legislative package federalizes Michigan's voter registration laws. It concentrates more power in Washington and reduces local control."

"It resembles other measures to have come before us in that it (raises) serious and troubling 10th Amendment questions," the freshman lawmaker said.

The House passed the bills last week on 90-9 votes. The no votes came from Republicans, mostly the rebellious freshman class. Among those voting no with Kazia were Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth, and Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

Rep. Roland Jersevic, R-Saginaw, another opponent, cited the language of the 10th Amendment: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

Added Jersevic: "The potential for duplication and fraud is increased significantly. Many of the federal mandates in this bill shall fall through court challenges to the federal legislation; the National Voter Registration Act."

NVRA's purpose is to increase the proportion of Americans -- particularly low-income people -- who are registered to vote from 75 or 80 percent to more than 90 percent.

The Michigan bills, now headed for the Senate, would make these major changes:

■ Voter registration must be done at social services, public health, mental health, public assistance, unemployment-comp, and other human services offices designated by the governor. Historically, city and township clerks -- and beginning about 10 years ago, the Secretary of State driver's license offices -- have registered voters.

■ Clerks won't weed out "dead wood" -- voters who have been inactive for several years. "Under NVRA, clerks can't cancel because you don't vote. It's a forever file," said Rep. Robert Brackenberg, R-St. Joseph, a former county clerk who co-chaired the House Local Government Committee.

The Secretary of State will maintain an official voter list. City, village and township clerks will be able to access it by computer to make corrections.

"The technology is faster than the Postal Service," said Christopher Thomas, state elections director. "There will be substantial savings to local government." No longer will local clerks have to handle volumes of paper by sending cancellation notices to voters who have been inactive for several years.

NVRA was a highly partisan issue in Congress. In 1992 President George Bush vetoed it as "a partisan sham." With Bill Clinton in the White House, Congress in 1993 re-passed it.

A Republican minority in the Congress charged Democrats made it partisan by refusing to require states to designate public libraries, public schools, clerks offices, marriage license bureaus, revenue offices and post offices as voter registration places.

Cognitrol and Alcon Formulation have purchased 94 Mercury Villager vans for the U.S. Postal Service. The purchase price is \$21,335 and 94 Mercury Villager vans with FEP 451A MSRP \$19,475. Total cost: \$1,811,110. These vans are based on average capital cost of 92.9% of MSRP for Villager and 91.1% of MSRP for Side for 24 months. All Corp. Leases purchased in the Great Lakes Region through 6/30/94. See your local dealer for details. No dealer for payment. Lease can be cancelled but it will be charged to buy out of lease at price to be negotiated with GM at signing. Lessee responsible for excess wear/tear and mileage over 30,000 miles at \$11/mile. Credit approval required. Residual by Ford Credit. Take your usual driving from dealer stock by 7/5/94. Total of monthly payments is \$1,176 for Villager and \$5,456 for Side. This is an average of prices based on an independent study of Mercury dealers in Michigan. Dealings May 27, 1994 for Grand Marais, and on May 11, 1994 for Grand Marais. Offer with in stock and involved price to May 2, 1994. See your local dealer for details. Title and taxes extra. See your local dealer for details. Mercury Dealer for best price and terms. For each back, take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 7/5/94. All cars must meet your safety belt. Taxes and license.

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## Hornets (6-0) win again

Mike Allison collected four hits and knocked in five runs Tuesday, lifting the Livonia Hornets, a 15-16 year-old Mickey Mantle-age team, to a 13-3 Tri-County Baseball League victory at Howell No. 2.

Eric Yuhasz added an inside-the-park three-run homer for the victorious Hornets, now 6-0.

Todd Wilson went 3-for-3, while Mike Cotter scored three times.

David Young, who worked the first five innings before giving way to Scott Craver, was the winning pitcher.

The Hornets return to action at 8:30 tonight against Livonia No. 1 at Ford Field.

## Sting rules Potomac

Beating state champions from New Jersey and Pennsylvania, Northville Sting, an under-16 boys soccer team, took first place in the Memorial Day Potomac soccer tournament in Washington, D.C.

Team members include Brian Zawislak, Robert Bega and Chris Kennedy, all of Livonia; Ronny Mashni and John Larson, Plymouth; Lance Bethel, Ryan Winn, Joe Dapkus, Joe Frionfo, Matt Green, Aaron Miller, Chris Young, Travis Miller and Keith Knoefel.

The team is coached by Plymouth's Dave Mashni.

## Senior Olympic champ

A Temple of Livonia placed first in the archery (ages 60-65) competition last weekend at the 16th annual Michigan Senior Olympics held in Holland.

More than 800 seniors, ages 55 and older, participated in the Games.

Winners are eligible to compete in the National Senior Olympics next May in San Antonio, Tex.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to Brad Emons, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, 48150, or send via fax to (313) 691-7279.

## Collegiate action



ANN HIZALEY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Game of tag: Tim Piccini (left) of Walter's Appliance tries to put the glove down in time on DeWal runner Jeff Carron during Monday's game at Livonia's Ford Field. See roundup on page 2B.

# Lee new football general for Pats

Livonia Franklin named Rick Lee as its new varsity football coach. Lee has a rich background in the program. He was a member of the Patriots' 1975 state Class A championship squad.

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Rick Lee has come full circle in the Livonia Franklin High football program.

The 36-year-old Lee, who was a member of the Patriots' 1975 state Class A championship team, was named the school's sixth head football coach Tuesday by athletic director Dan Freeman.

Lee replaces Jim Karoub, who resigned after one season.

"Rick's been in our program as a coach since 1985, but even more so, he's been dedicated and loyal to our school in a number of areas," said Freeman.

Lee interviewed four candidates for the job. "He's worked hard to get where he's at today and he's done a lot of work behind the scenes."

"We're real pleased with our decision and we look forward to things taking off from here."

Lee, who was interviewed by Freeman and assistant principal Jim Komula, served last year as the Patriots' head junior varsity coach (5-4 record). He also spent time as head freshman coach and is currently the varsity girls track coach.

"I'm still in shock, it's made me numb and I'm asking myself, 'Is it really true?'" Lee said. "I never thought I'd be in this position, but Armand Vigna gave me an opportunity in 1985, and I'm thankful."

Lee is part of Franklin football his-

tory. His brothers Bob and John also played in the program.

As a reserve tight end, Lee caught a 17-yard touchdown pass to break a 0-0 first-quarter tie against Traverse City in the state football finals.

The Patriots went on to win the championship game at Western Michigan University's Waldo Stadium, 21-7.

"We were trying a field goal, Dennis Smith was the holder and Sam Williams was the kicker," Lee recalls. "As a tight end I had a certain assignment. The snap was fumbled and I released on what was called a 'help play.' Dennis threw the ball a little behind me and all I remember was three people in front of me. I grabbed the ball and dove into the end zone."

Following his graduation from Franklin in 1976, Lee worked for the Leaseway Transportation Co. until the plant closed in '85.

He was coaching the Livonia Hawks, a little league team, when he joined the Franklin football staff that year.

In 1987, Lee took a paraprofessional job at Franklin.

"Dr. (Ken) Watson offered me a chance to work at the school and I'm very grateful," Lee said. "Jim Komula has also been instrumental in where I am now and I can't say enough for the administration, including Mike Fenchel (Franklin principal) and Dan Freeman, for backing me."

See LEE, 3B

# Detroit Neon erases void for area players

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

All of us want to believe that dreams do indeed come true.

Steve McCaul, Brian Thiel, Derek Willford, Colin Jex and a dozen others like them are trying to transform their hopes into soccer reality. They see somebody they know from the summer club circuit make it in the international arena, like Birmingham native (and U.S. World Cup team member) Alexi Lalas, and their dreams seem all-too-tangible.

Then a new outlet emerges. A new opportunity to prove oneself. A new chance to take the skills honed during a dozen years of backyard play to a higher level.

As Thiel put it, "Experience is everything in soccer."

Which is why they are playing for the Neon, Detroit's new indoor pro franchise that plays at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Making a living in soccer is something they've all aspired to do.

Willford, a Livonia Stevenson graduate and former standout at Oakland University, joked that "two hours a day for work that's my style of living."

Playing pro sports requires much more, as he well knows. Thiel, a Livonia native and Medford Catholic Central alum, started preparing for the season long ago. "I got ready this winter," Thiel said. "I played (indoor) three, four times a week. If anyone

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asked me to play, I'd say OK."

The ultimate goal for each cannot be found on an artificial turf field in a 16,000-seat indoor arena. This six-man, hockey-format style of soccer is just what it's billed - fast, exciting, high-scoring.

But it isn't real soccer.

Which is what they're searching for. When the World Cup comes to a close, work will begin in earnest to bring an outdoor club in the now-forming Major Soccer League to Detroit.

"That's what my goal is," said McCaul, another CC grad from Livonia. "I like indoor, but (outdoor) is more my style, that's what I'd rather do."

"I hope they get one here. That would be a dream to me. That's real soccer."

McCaul graduated from Michigan State last December and signed on with the Detroit Rockers indoor team. He joined the team too late in the season to get into a game, but he practiced with them throughout the winter.

Last summer, he played with the Marsuaders in the Great Lakes Men's Soccer League. Other GLMSL veterans now with the Neon include Jex, Willford, Thiel and Scott Weiser.

Like his Neon teammates, McCaul can envision a future for

himself in soccer. "I've always played, since I was eight and I came over from Ireland," he said. "Any kid who gets a chance to play professionally the game he's played all his life, he's got to be excited."

Thiel and McCaul played in the first three Neon games. Thiel scored a goal in a 9-0 loss to the Dust Devils in Las Vegas June 15; McCaul has not scored. Neither Willford nor Jex, a keeper who played a year at Schoolcraft College, have made an appearance.

The Neon started 0-3, but they did set a Continental Indoor Soccer League attendance record when they attracted a crowd of 14,255 to their home opener against the Portland Pride June 10. The 14-team CISL is currently in its second season.

"When I came out onto the field for the opener and I saw all those people, man . . . I didn't have that in four years at Catholic Central and four years at State," said McCaul.

None of them had, but they've tasted it now, and they want more. And even though there's a good chance Detroit will get its entry into the outdoor league, it hasn't happened yet.

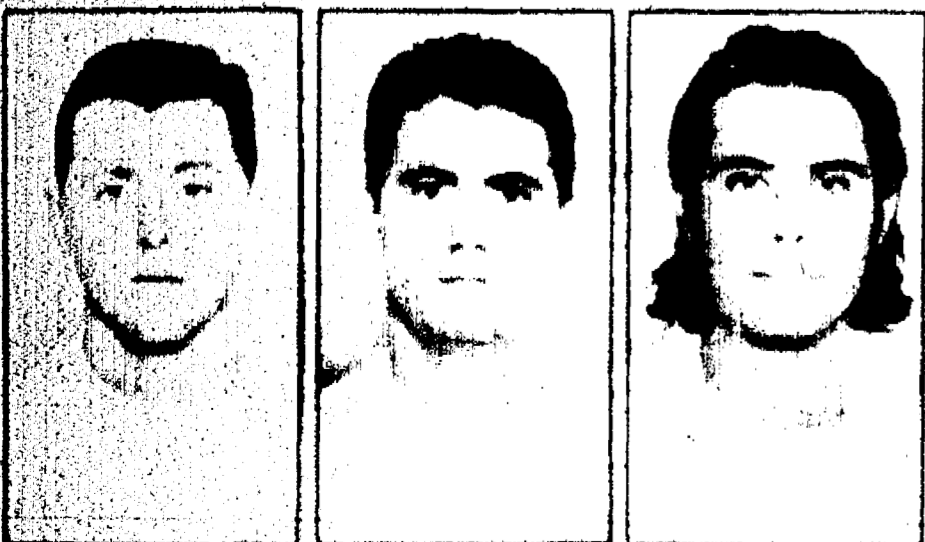
Which is why they're more than happy to devote whatever they can to making the Neon a success.

"I finished school a year ago," said Thiel, a graduate of Valparaiso (Ind.) University. "I took a job and thought my competitive career was over."

It wasn't. Thiel left his job with a mortgage company and started chasing his soccer dream. He's close to finding it.

He figures his future may be with the Neon. "I prefer playing outdoor, but I think my game is better suited to indoor," he said. And although the Neon have not started well, the fans have been there.

"In another year or so, this league will be No. 1 in the country," Thiel predicted. "Perhaps so . . . at least indoors."



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## ON THE MARQUEE



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### Forget the heat with cool weekend events

It's hot outside, but there are lots of really "cool" events this weekend to help you forget the heat.

Don't let the heat wave keep you from going to the one-ring Big Apple Circus, Carnevale in Venice, through June 28 under the big top at Meadow Brook on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. The tent is air conditioned and, kids of all ages will enjoy the show. Call (810) 645-6666 to charge tickets or (313) 923-8259 for information. The circus performs in an intimate 1,972 seat circus tent where no one sits more than 50 feet from the action in the ring.

■ Celebrate the start of summer and the first harvested fruits of the season — strawberries, by attending festivals in Franklin and Garden City on Sunday, June 26.

Franklin's Community Association is hosting a Strawberry Jazz Festival noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 26, on the historic Village Green, west of Franklin Road between 13 and 14 Mile roads. Admission is free to hear the Paint Creek Jazz Society playing traditional Dixieland music and Heyden Street, with a rhythm-and-blues sound. There will be lots of strawberry desserts and other picnic foods for sale.

The Garden City's Hospital Volunteer Guild is sponsoring its annual Strawberry Festival 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 26, on the front lawn of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, four blocks north of Ford. There will be strawberry delights including sundaes and shortcake for sale, a bake sale, kiddie booth and raffle. Entertainment will be provided at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. by the Rockin Rhythm Cloggers. Festival proceeds will be used renovate hospital patient rooms.

■ Chili cooks will be firing up their stoves at noon on Sunday, June 26, at the first Downtown Birmingham International Chili Society Sanctioned Chili Cookoff in the Midtown Parking Lot (east of Woodward between Maple and Brown Streets), and at 1 p.m. in Livonia at the Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon.

Presented by the Birmingham Principal Shopping District, the Birmingham event will feature country music and line dancing by Southern Exposure. Admission is \$2 for adults, no charge for children 12 and younger — includes chili samples, line dancing lessons and door prizes. Admission to the cookoff in Livonia, which is part of the Spruce 44 celebration, is \$1.50 for children and senior citizens, and \$2 for adults.

■ Westborn Fruit and Flower Markets at 2254

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## LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Entertainment next week:

- What's new at the movies.
- Upcoming plays and concerts in your community.

## World Cup gives summer a kick



Join in the fun of World Cup at events planned this weekend in downtown Rochester and Pontiac. There's something for everyone including music, theater and delicious food prepared by some of the area's finest restaurants.

Whether or not you get a kick out of soccer, you certainly should be celebrating the World Cup. You can get into the spirit this weekend at events in Rochester and Pontiac.

The Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce World Cup Soccer Committee is presenting three events in downtown Rochester this weekend.

Rochester's Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of James Hohnmeyer, will perform 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 23, in Rochester Municipal Park on Ludlow between University Drive and Woodward Street. The free concert series continues 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 30, when Ron Coden and Charlie Lettmer present a family show of music and hilarious antics.

An American Country Fair, sponsored by Heart-n-Homespun will be offered 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Walnut Street between University and Fourth.

The event will feature square dancing and country line dancing demonstrations, and a barberhop chorus.

Storyteller, historian Laughing Bear, a member of the Cherokee Nation, will share his knowledge of Indian tradition.

He will erect an 18-foot tepee on the fairgrounds in which he plans to welcome visitors. By teaching, storytelling and answering questions, Laughing Bear hopes to generate an understanding of Pan Indian culture before it undergoes a change.

Laughing Bear's hazel eyes sparkle and a bright smile shines when he is asked to tell a story. Entertaining as both historian and storyteller, he meanders through the stories, delighting listeners.

Nagy's, a Rochester based Lebanese American restaurant will bring an international flavor to the city's Water Street Jazz Festival noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 25 in the two-tier parking structure between Third and

Water Streets in downtown Rochester. Nagy's, at 134 W. University, is one of about a dozen Rochester restaurants participating in the event. They will be serving some of their most popular dishes.

On Sunday, June 26, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. there will be an Artful Afternoon Gallery Crawl, hosted by the 12 art galleries of downtown Rochester and the Pontiac Society of Artists. To participate, visitors may start the stroll at any of the participating galleries. For more information, call (810) 651-4110.

The Strand Theatre at 12 North Saginaw in downtown Pontiac is hosting a World Cup Festival through July 12. The shows "Hair," "Beehive," and "Psycho Beach Party" will be presented.

Tickets are available at the Strand Theatre box office, 335-8100; the Attle Theatre's New Center box office, 875-8284; and all Ticket Master outlets, 645-6666. For information, call 335-8100.

Performances of "Hair" the rock musical that gave voice to a generation, is celebrating its 25th anniversary. The pop musical features such hits as "Aquarius," "Hair," and "Good Morning Starshine." It will run 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays through July 2.

Gordon Reinhart of Westland is directing "Beehive," a musical tribute to the "girl groups" of the 1960s. "Beehive's" cast of six women portrays such classic acts as Leslie Gore singing "It's My Party," Aretha Franklin singing "Respect," and Tina Turner singing "Proud Mary."

"Beehive" will be presented 4:30 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays to July 2.

"Psycho Beach Party," spreads its wacky brand of humor at midnight, Thursday, June 23, Friday, June 24, and Saturday, June 25. Charles



World Cup event: The rock musical "Hair" will be presented through July 2 during the World Cup Festival at the Strand Theatre.

Busch's "Psycho Beach Party," is a parody of 1960s beach party movies.

At the 11-acre tree-lined Phoenix Plaza complex on South Saginaw, there will be a wide range of musical entertainment, arts and ethnic cuisine featured until June 28. For more information, call (810) 335-4850.

The Taste of Michigan features 20 participating area restaurants including Duggan's Irish Pub, Bangkok House, Chimayo, and Nifty Normans. Visitors can dine on delicacies from

Italy, Lebanon, China, Great Britain and Mexico along with American staples like hot dogs and hamburgers. The average meal costs about \$4.

Families will enjoy the many free activities which include daily soccer clinics, the largest indoor/outdoor video tent to watch World Cup games from around the world; jugglers, pony rides, miniature golf, magicians, Leaps and Bounds (outdoor playhouse) and more.

## 'There's No Business' like Dearborn show

### PREVIEW

The Players Guild of Dearborn Ways and Means Committee's production of "There's No Business Like Show Business," 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 23-26, promises an entertaining evening filled with song and clever dialogue.

The show, to be presented at the playhouse, 21730 Madison near Monroe and Outer Drive in Dearborn, is a revue containing several pieces of

music from Broadway, including "The Music of the Night" from "The Phantom of the Opera," "Hey Big Spender" from "Sweet Charity," and "The Sound of Music" from the show of the same name.

All tickets are \$10. The box office opens 45 minutes prior to curtain. For

reservations or ticket information, call the Guild ticket line at (313) 277-5164.

A wide variety of songs have been chosen; including from "The Lullaby of Broadway" to "The Time Warp" has been included in this complete Broadway revue.

Original dialogue written and directors Valerie Mangrum and Brian Townsend provide a link for the mu-

sical numbers, as well as amusing moments.

The cast is made up of 16 talented actors including Westland residents Annette Hissong and Walter Krause; Leslie Kerrigan of Livonia;

Show proceeds will go to the Players Guild of Dearborn's capital campaign, Join in the Fund!, which has a goal to raise \$175,000. The money will be used for theater renovations.



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AUDITIONS

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE Auditions for "Lost In Yonkers" will be held Friday, June 24 for two males ages 13 to 15; and Monday, June 27 for adults. Auditions are by appointment only. Call (810) 788-2900.

AVON PLAYERS Open auditions for the musical "The Sound of Music," ages five to 20, 11 a.m. Saturday, July 9; adults -- 4 p.m. Sunday, July 10 and 7 p.m. Monday, July 11 at the theater on Tienken Road, 1 1/2 miles east of Rochester Road in Rochester Hills. Readings from script. Call (810) 652-1866 for information.

MARQUIS THEATRE Boys and girls ages 8-15 for "Rumpelstiltskin" 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 29 at the theater, 135 E. Main Street, Northville. Reading from script, be prepared to dance. Rehearsals begin July 6, performances, Aug. 8, 13, 15-20, 22-27. Call (313) 319-8110 for details.

THEATER

Local shows introduce kids to theater

Take your children to the theater this summer. This weekend the junior actors of Ridgedale will present "Robin Hood," the Disney musical version at the Ridgedale Playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. Show times are 7 p.m. Friday, June 24; 1 and 4 p.m. Saturday, June 25, and 1 p.m. Sunday, June 26. Tickets are \$4. Call (810) 283-0799 or 542-1322.

POINT'S BUILD Evening with award-winning Detroit poet, Naomi Long Madgett, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 23 at the Southfield Parks and Recreation Center, 28000 Byergreen. Tickets \$5 at the door. Call (810) 513-3533.

STAGECRAFTERS "City of Angels" will be the season's final production for the Stagecrafters of Royal Oak, running through June 26. The Baldwin theater is at 415 South Lafayette Avenue. For tickets, call 541-8430 on Tuesday and Thursdays 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Fridays 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

DANCE

POINTE ACADEMY Student concert 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 24 at Birmingham Seaholm High School. Call 852-2585 for tickets.

MUSIC

MEADOW BROOK Melissa Manchester with the Meadow Brook Festival Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 23; Richard Jeni, July 1, Little Richard, July 3. Call (810) 645-6666.

PINE KNOB Michael Feinstein, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 23; Yanni Live, June 24; Yes, June 25; Steve Miller Band, July 1-2. Call (810) 645-6666.

BRAD FELT QUARTET & DUO Concert 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 29 at Gall's Chocolates, 417 S. Washington, Royal Oak. Call 393-0001.

YOUTH SYMPHONY Blue Lake International Youth Symphony Orchestra, performs at Varner Recital Hall on the campus of Oakland University, 7 p.m. Friday, July 1. Call (810) 828-3239 for information.

CHORALE Orthodox Christian Chorale of Metro Detroit performs acappella works for male chorus, women's chorus, and four part mixed choir, dating back as far as sixth century Byzantium 7 p.m. Sunday, June 26 at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores. Tickets \$10 at the door, \$8 in advance, \$5 seniors and students. Call 546-4456.

GEM THEATRE Concert featuring Jonathan Hammond, a Cranbrook Theater School musical theater instructor, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 26. Concert will feature songs of the musical theater. Tickets \$10, available at the door. Call (810) 468-3444.

CHILDREN

HILBERRY "This is Not a Pipe Dream" fast-

paced adventure based on the early life of Belgian surrealist artist Rene Magritte 10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, June 27 to July 15; 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 9. Tickets \$3 per person. The box office is at 4743 Cass, Detroit. Call (313) 577-2972 for information. The play helps young audiences discover the true power of dreams and the triumph of imagination.

YOUTH THEATER OF DETROIT "What Fools These Mortals Be," a comedy based on Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be staged through June 30 at the Attie Theater. Special youth group discounted shows will be offered June 29 and 30. For tickets call 875-8284.

FESTIVAL International Freedom Festival Children's Day, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 29 in the University Cultural Center, Detroit. Parents and children will enjoy music and dance performances; arts and crafts, storytelling. Call (313) 577-5088 for information.

BARBERSHOP

SWEET ADELINES Spirit of Detroit Sweet Adelines International meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the VFW Hall on 1-96, east of Inkster Road in Redford. New members welcome, 534-4468.

Marquee from previous page

Woodward in Berkley and 21755 Michigan in Dearborn are having a California Beach Party this weekend to raise money to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Owners Mark, Tony and Jeff Anushagian will donate \$1 to the MDA for every shopper entering the stores June 25-26. Doug Jacobs and his Red Garter Band and the Reggae Ambassadors, a steel drum band, will entertain shoppers 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 25, at the Berkley store, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 26, at the Dearborn store. Beachcombers can feast on hot dogs, hamburgers and tropical fruit drinks that will be offered for sale.

Thank you readers for calling to participate in our Michael Feinstein concert promotion. The response was terrific, and 50 lucky callers received free tickets to see the concert tonight at Pine Knob. Feinstein will be performing at 7:30 p.m. with the very talented Birmingham/Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra. I enjoyed talking to all of the lucky ticket winners, many of them contest winners for the first time ever.

Maureen McGovern performs her "American Songbook" with the Birmingham/Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra at Meadow Brook Music Festival 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 2. Tickets are \$17.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. Tickets for children 12 and

younger are free. Fireworks will immediately follow the performance. Call (810) 645-6666.

Be sure to let me know about upcoming outdoor concerts in your community.

The Farmington Community Jazz/Dance Band performs many jazz favorites 8 p.m. Thursday, June 23, at Heritage Park, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills.

Birmingham's Summer Concert Series begins 7 p.m. Thursday, June 23, in Shain Park. The Birmingham Groves High School Jazz Band will play, followed by the Birmingham Concert Band 7:30-9 p.m.

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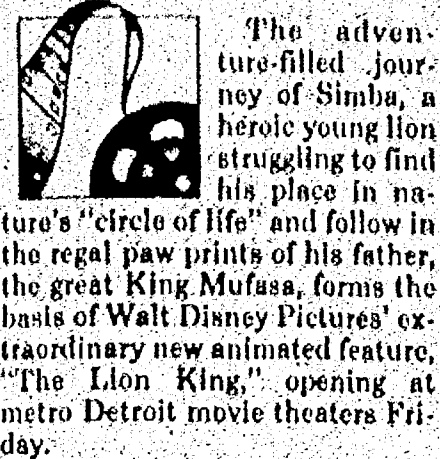
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# 'The Lion King' roars into area theaters



The adventure-filled journey of Simba, a heroic young lion struggling to find his place in nature's "circle of life" and follow in the regal paw prints of his father, the great King Mufasa, forms the basis of Walt Disney Pictures' extraordinary new animated feature, "The Lion King," opening at metro Detroit movie theaters Friday.

## PREVIEW

The film features an all-star vocal ensemble, five new songs by singer/songwriter Elton John and Academy Award-winning lyricist Tim Rice ("Aladdin") plus composer Hans Zimmer's score. Innovative uses of technology add to the production's scope and richness providing a delightfully entertaining experience for moviegoers of all ages.

"The Lion King" follows the epic adventures of a young lion cub named Simba as he struggles to accept the responsibilities of adulthood and his destined role as king of the jungle.

for the day when he will be called upon to lead.

Mufasa's evil brother, Scar, hopes the day will never arrive and schemes to do away with the king and Simba so that he can assume the throne for his own tyrannical purposes. He and his hyena henchmen — Shenzi, Banzai and Ed — lure Simba into the path of a wildebeest stampede in which Mufasa is killed trying to save his son.

Scar convinces Simba that he is responsible for his father's death and urges him to run far away from the Pride Lands and never return. A frightened and guilt-ridden Simba flees into exile where he is befriended by a wacky but warmhearted warthog named Pumbaa and his free-wheeling meerkat companion, Timon. Under the dubious guidance of this nature's odd couple, Simba adopts their "Hakuna Matata" (no worries) attitude toward life, living on a diet of bugs and taking things one day at a time.

The cub matures into a young adult and is able to put his past



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**Animated feature:** The heroic journey of a young lion named Simba (center) as he struggles to find his way in nature's "circle of life" is filled with many fantastic adventures and a memorable cast.

behind him until a beautiful young lioness, who turns out to be his childhood friend, Nala, arrives on the scene. She tells him of the hard times and suffering that have come to the Pride Lands under Scar's reign and beseeches him to take his place as king.

Simba realizes that his father's spirit lives on in him and that he must accept the responsibility of

his destined role. In a climactic battle with his uncle and an army of hyenas, Simba attempts to reclaim his rightful place in the "circle of life."

As the voice of young Simba, Jonathan Taylor Thomas ("Home Improvement") is a roaring success lending a tone of sincerity and humor to the curious cub. Simba's voice as an adult be-

longs to Matthew Broderick, who brings a blend of comedy, compassion and complexity to the character.

The unmistakable roar of King Mufasa comes from James Earl Jones, one of the most popular voices in the world. His deep, distinguished tones are just right for this brave lion.



**Angel:** Danny Glover (right) stars as George Knox, the hot-tempered manager of the "Angels," a professional baseball team of major league misfits. With half the season over, the players don't have a prayer of winning a pennant, unless a miracle occurs, which is exactly what happens when 11-year-old Roger (Joseph Gordon-Levitt, left) appeals to an umpire in the sky to help his team win.

## Tell us why your team needs an angel

Parents, coaches, fans, players, explain why your Little League, T-ball, baseball or softball team needs an "angel" so your team can win tickets to see a screening of "Angels in the Outfield" opening Wednesday, July 13 at metro Detroit movie theaters.

Your team could be one that never wins a game, or is in a contest for first place. Write and tell us why your team needs "Angels in the Outfield." Four teams will be chosen to win tickets to the screening of "Angels in the Outfield."

Send contest entries to Keely Wygonik, Taste/Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 by Friday, July 1.

Be sure to include a daytime telephone number of the person to contact on behalf of the team. Winners will be notified by tele-

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In the new version of "Angels in the Outfield," events are set in motion when Roger, an 11-year-old boy in a foster home, prays for a miracle to reunite him with his widowed father who has told him with a grin that their family will get back together again "the day the Angels win the pennant."

It looks like another losing season for the California Angels baseball team until Roger arrives on the scene to provide divine inspiration and make a believer out of everyone. With his contagious "ya gotta believe" attitude and his visions of real angels providing valuable assists in the outfield, Roger helps the last-place team rise to the occasion and become true contenders for the pen-

nant race.

Danny Glover, Christopher Lloyd and Tony Danza team for

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## Wyatt Earp strides onto the big screen

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Warner Bros. presents "Wyatt Earp," a sweeping drama starring Kevin Costner, Dennis Quaid and Gene Hackman and directed by Lawrence Kasdan, Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters.

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Beginning with a portrait of the Earp family, the film traces the maturing and eventual transformation of Wyatt Earp, played by Costner, as his per-

sonal story parallels the changes in an entire way of life in the West.

There was nothing in Wyatt Earp's background to indicate that he would grow up to be one of the most feared gunslingers and respected peacekeepers in the West. As a young man, he seemed destined to follow in his grandfather's and father's footsteps and become a lawyer

and a judge. Wyatt's journey from the cornfields of Iowa to the lawlessness of the wild West was not an untroubled one. Married to his childhood sweetheart, studying law and determined to stay in Missouri and raise a family, his plans were tragically altered when his young wife died of typhoid.

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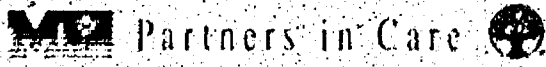
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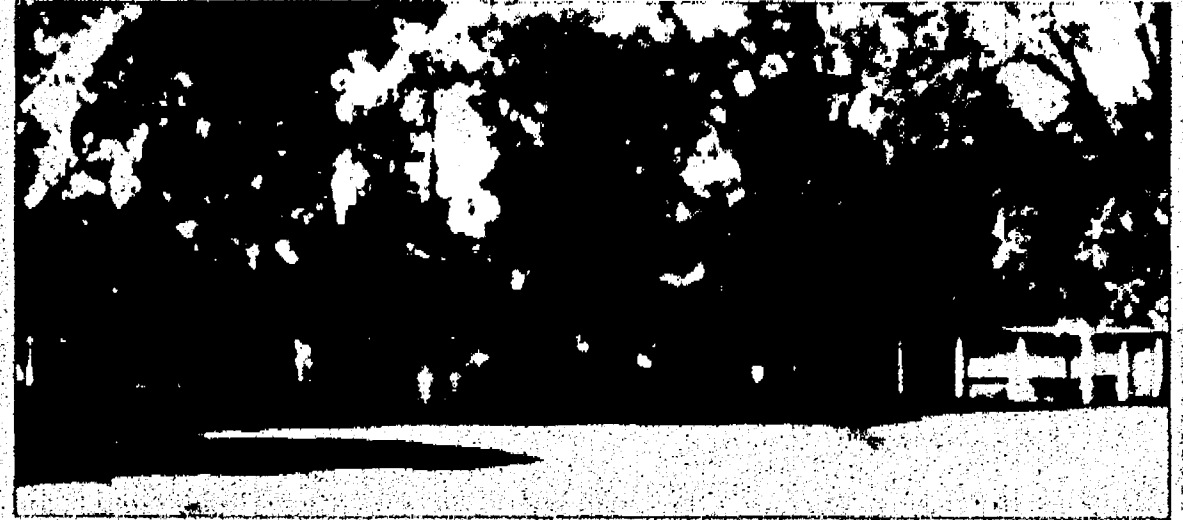
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*Burroughs Farm Today*

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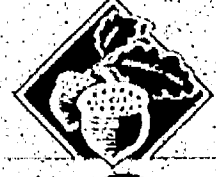
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THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1994

## FAMILY ROOM



KAREN MEIER

### Room to share especially with that gold chair

Welcome to the Family Room! What you've got here is a brand-new column. Brand spankin' new! And I've got to tell you, I'm really excited about this!

First, let me introduce myself. I'm Karen Meier and I live on a tree-lined street in Plymouth with my husband of nearly 13 years and our four children. My oldest is 10 and my youngest is almost as new as this column.

I've lived in all sorts of places in my life. The farthest away would have to be Valencia, Venezuela. Right there by the equator. And hot, hot, hot. Just like this past week in Michigan.

And the smallest place I've lived in would have to be Cedar Springs, Mich., the red flannel capital of the world. Population when I lived there - 1,800. Main Street had one stop light and not only that, the mayor used to play the organ in the movie theater every Saturday night before the show started.

And let's see, a place I'd like to go but have never been? That would be Seattle, Wash., to visit my brother whom I haven't seen in 10 years, ever since my first born was 2-weeks-old. That brother writes movie reviews for a newspaper out there and gets to interview all sorts of famous movie stars and has his face on billboards and on the sides of buses. Pretty neat, I must say. So, OK, enough of that.

Now let me tell you a little bit about this brand-new column. In the Family Room, you're likely to find just what you'd expect to find in that room in the house where the family gathers. Comfortable things, pleasant things, and if not altogether pleasant, at least kind of funny. There'll be no harsh stuff, no really sad stuff that has to stay out. I said so.

Now since my own family room in my own house on the tree-lined street in Plymouth was the inspiration for this column, I'll let you see what that room looks like.

#### Child's game

Here is the family room couch. They just don't make 'em like this anymore. The cushions are indestructible. The children use them in this definitely-against-Dad's-rules game called "Jump Stand." They stack all three cushions one on top of the other, then add other pillows, climb to the top and leap off. Part of the game is to scream really loudly on landing, feigning hideous injury. "Shenanigans," my mother would call it.

Oh, and this over there, this the most comfortable chair in the room. It's not much to look at as you can see. It's getting a bit threadbare after 13 years and that gold color is rather funky, but I wouldn't get rid of it, even though my husband thinks we probably should. Look at the seat on it - it's huge. All four children and I can sit on that old relic and still have room left over for the cat. On second thought, maybe not, she's pretty fat. Anyway, it's a great chair.

Now from here you can see right through to the front door. And since summer is here the front door stands open from early in the morning to late in the evening. So what happens out there on the porch, or the front yard, or the sidewalk, can be seen, or at least heard from in here. And that includes bits of conversation spoken by passersby as they make their way to the Arbor store up the street. And it includes the clunk of our mailbox shutting after the mail lady stuffs it full of mostly junk every afternoon.

#### On the waterfront

And right here behind you is the sliding door to the back yard. Look down there, that's the creek. It's right there behind those huge trees the forest, I call it. It's hard to see the creek from here today, but just a couple of weeks ago when we had all that rain, that tame little stream turned into a raging river.

And believe it or not, I've seen that creek overflow its muddy banks and swirl about in the forest floor back there during some mighty storms. That causes a good deal of excitement around here. I've seen folks, grown ones, dressed in their pajamas and boots and rain hats go out during an early morning downpour to see and point and exclaim. All on account of that little creek. That little creek.

You know what? I bet its waters wind up in big, important rivers and busy, noisy ports some where far, far away. Maybe that water finds its way to the ocean, somehow. Probably not, but it's neat to think about.

Oh, and of course, right there is the kitchen counter. June is Perpetual Mess Month for that counter. You see, there's the result of last week's end-of-the-school-year locker cleanout day. It's

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## Getting fit

### Doctor practices 'assisted survival'

Dr. Roger Ajluni believes that rather than practicing secondary prevention, the medical profession should focus on what he likes to call "assisted survival" - helping people stay healthy. He does it through his Medical Fitness Center.

By SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

If Dr. Roger Ajluni has one disappointment with the Clinton Health Care Plan, it is its lack of promoting disease prevention.

The president "made an excellent point that the American public, to get more out of their health care dollars, must assume some measure of responsibility" for their care, but he has let politics water down the issue of prevention, according to Ajluni.

"The best, viable alternative to the high cost of medical care is the prevention of disease," the Livonia physician said. "It's been proven possible to prevent disease with a change of lifestyle."

Ajluni might be considered a maverick, with what he calls his "assisted survival" philosophy of helping people live healthy lives. An internist, he would like to redefine the role of the physician from treating sick people to promoting quality of life with the prevention of disease. That's the reason he opened his Medical Fitness Center five years ago.

The center may be one of Livonia's best-kept secrets, not that Ajluni wants it that way. He's filled the third floor of the office building he built on Farmington Road with equipment that reads like a who's who in the fitness business - Stairmaster, Nordic Track, Healthrider, Lifecycle and Keiser.

Some people might consider what he has done as "unorthodox and crazy." After all, he has spent \$3 million creating a fitness center to promote assisted survival. It's for people - not necessarily his patients - who wish to promote and maintain their health as well as for those in need of medical rehabilitation. And just because it has "medical" in its name doesn't mean you have to be sick to work up a sweat there.

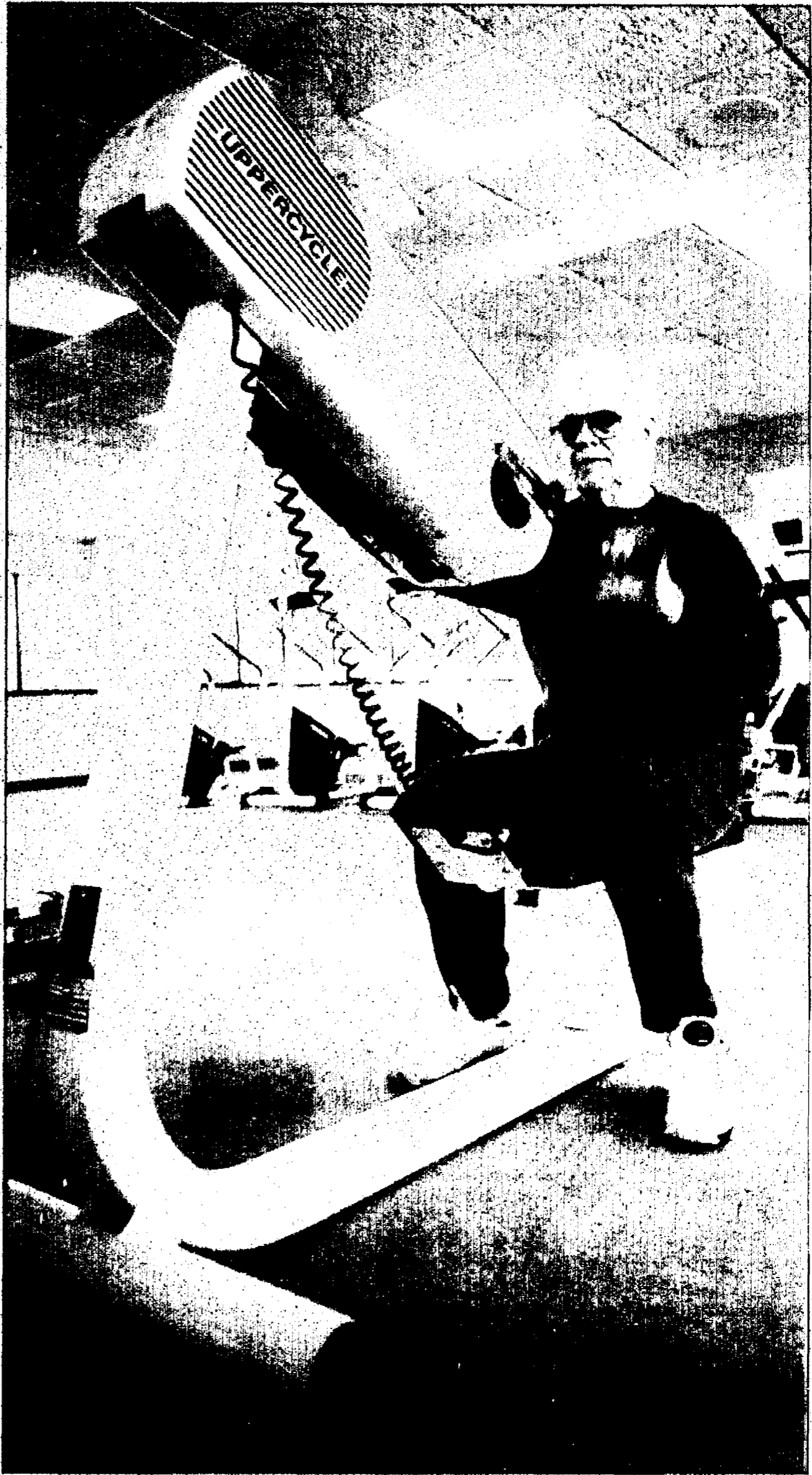
Ajluni need only look to his cousin, who has been a member for three years, to show what assisted survival can mean. When John Ajluni first started working out, his blood pressure was 150/80. Now it's down to 120/80.

"It's just like a family here," he said of the fitness center. "When you don't come, people ask where you've been. They make 'hello' calls if you haven't shown up in a while. They (the staff) walk with you; they check your blood pressure. They poke you in the belly and tell you to cut it out."

#### Starting out

Before a member climbs on a Stairmaster, does a lap on the indoor walking/running track, or enters into the whirlpool, he or she undergoes a fitness evaluation.

The evaluation looks into the person's past history to determine what, if anything, might limit their exercising and their body composi-



JIM JAGOFF/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

tion (the ratio of fat to lean to muscle to bone). They also get an escorted tour of the facility to try out the machines. For those who want it and for "rehab" patients, blood pressure also is checked before and after exercise.

The end result is a personal exercise program that is re-evaluated every three months.

The center has about 800 members, some who found it by word of mouth and some who came by way of a cardiac rehabilitation program. The fees are comparable to other health clubs - about \$40 a month, with reduced rates for senior citi-

zens and families.

Opening the facility was the fulfillment of a dream for Ajluni, and while it has given him "very personal satisfaction," on a professional level, he has found only a few people who share his belief in assisted survival. Hospitals and physicians for the most part focus on secondary prevention, treating the illness, rather than primary prevention, keeping the patient healthy.

"If you have 100 people and five have heart attacks and strokes, the hospital will concentrate on the care of those five and engage in secondary prevention," Ajluni said.

"The other 95 are potential candidates for primary prevention. A change in their lifestyle could postpone or prevent disease. A change in lifestyle could literally squeeze out another 10-15 years."

But the role of doctors and hospitals up until now has been secondary prevention.

He points to statistics that show assisted survival can work. In 1985, \$4 billion was spent in the United States on coronary heart disease.

Heart attacks were common, with six out of 10 people dying from

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### Summer tans: Fry now and pay later

Summer's here, and for many folks that means adding some color to their pale skin, whether in a tanning booth at the beach or stretched out on a lounge chair in the backyard.

But exposure to the sun now, even in the tanning booth, can lead to skin cancer later in life.

The incidence of skin cancer increased more than 500 percent between 1950 and 1985, said Dr. Mark Balle, a dermatologist at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. "Today, a newborn baby has a one in 105 chance of developing malignant melanoma in his or her lifetime, an increase of 1,500 percent since 1935.

More than 700,000 Americans will be diagnosed with skin cancer this year alone, making

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# We need to look at the forest of issues

## MORAL PERSPECTIVES



REV. ROBERT SCHADEN

real estate.

It has often been stated with a good deal of truth that we can easily miss the forest for the trees. The task of missing the larger reality in the face of so many particulars extends far beyond the confines of a wooded piece of

forest that is being missed for the trees.

No matter how we choose to name the trees, the forest of death appears alive and well. More and more death is the accepted, and for some, the approach of choice when it comes to a problem. Be it pregnancy, pain or penal conundrum, death is more and more the accepted solution.

Each of the issues is larger than it would seem. Be it abortion, or suicide or capital punishment, the basic question remains the same, what is the place of death as a response to problems?

When we first heard of the abortion solution, it was presented within the context of incestuous rape cases. Physician assisted suicide has been put forth in the context of the most grotesque pain. Capital punishment has been touted in light of horrendous and heinous crime, as if all violent crime is not heinous in its own way.

However, the landscape of reasons has changed. Students, not all by any means, but more than some would guess, write thesis papers in which they insist that

"A woman should not be inconvenienced with a pregnancy she does not want," "Physician assisted suicide could eliminate overcrowding of hospitals," and "Capital punishment would make more room in our jails."

Have we perhaps bought into more than we bargained for? Can we continue in the direction we seem to be heading without arriving at this kind of thinking? The logic behind it all is that death is preferable to inconvenience and even overcrowding.

What kind of future priorities are we building into the world of our tomorrows? What will the people who write thesis papers today decide about our lives when we are crowding a hospital or draining a health care system? Some have already suggested that folks over a certain age should not be allowed medication.

We would like to think that things will not get past the point we want them to. But maybe they already have.

In either case the faster the vehicle is moving the more difficult it is to put it in reverse.

Some of us work very hard to arrive at the opinions we hold on major issues. Some of us arrive at them without really knowing how we got there. It was simply one unnoticeable step at a time, and then one day we awoke to find ourselves at a place we never thought we would be. Do we want to shift directions or do we like the place we find ourselves? Is there another way to address unwanted pregnancy besides the currently politically correct one? Is there another answer to pain than Dr. Death? Is killing the criminal the only or even the more affective approach to the problem of crime?

Perhaps if we begin to see look beyond the trees and look at the forest the issues on which we so quickly pass judgment may show a different set of leaves.

The Rev. Robert Schaden is with Neuman House on the campus of Schoolcraft College in Livonia. If you have a question or comment, call him at 953-2047, mailbox number 1876, on a touch-tone phone.

## Tuneful show



'Greatest Star': The National Touring Company of Cary, N.C., will present the musical, "The Greatest Star of All," at 7 p.m. Friday, June 24, at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Tickets are necessary and are available at the church office 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. A free will offering will be taken at the performance.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue.

### ■ SINGLE PLACE

Single Place Ministries of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will have a Street Dance and Texas Barbecue at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at the church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Dinner costs \$10. The country and square dancing will be at 8:30 p.m. on Church Street. Dance instruction will be provided. The cost is \$6. For reservations, call (810) 349-0911.

Single Place will have a seven-week divorce recovery workshop at 7:50 p.m. Thursdays, July 14 to Aug. 25. The cost is \$30.

The ministry also offers summer volleyball at 6:30 p.m. Sundays at the Park Place Apartments, on Eight Mile, between Meadowbrook and Griswold, Northville. Cost is \$1.

### ■ CHRISTIAN FILM

"The Appointment" video, the most widely used Christian film in the country, will be shown at 5 p.m. Sunday, June 26, at Temple Baptist Church, 23550 W. Chicago, Redford. The film is the story of a writer who has done a series of anti-God and anti-church edi-

torials for her news magazine and has a mysterious visitor in a non-threatening way tell she will die at a specific time in eight days. The film is designed to get viewers to think about where they stand with God, according to the producer-writer-director, Rich Christiano. For more information, call the church at (313) 255-3333.

### ■ GOSPELFEST

Gospel artists and choirs representing different eras of gospel music will be united for the 12th annual GospelFest 2-7 p.m. Sunday, June 26, at the Chene Park Music Theatre in Detroit.

Headlining will be commissioned; an urban contemporary group based in Detroit, and the Dixie Hummingbirds, a traditional a cappella quartet that has performed for more than a half century. Other featured performers included gospel rapper Mike-E, Tessie Hill, The Gospel Warriors, The Resurrection, Allen Duane Grant and the Celestial Christian Chorale and the New St. Paul Tabernacle Church of God in Christ Voices of Faith.

GospelFest tickets are priced at \$3 for pavilion seats and \$2 for lawn seats. They're available at the Fisher Theatre box office, God's World at 13533 W. Seven Mile Road at Schaefer, Detroit.

and at Chene Park the day of the event. For more information, call 393-0066.

### ■ SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries will offer a class centered around Jesus Christ for single adults at 10:45 a.m. Sundays, June 26 and July 3 and July 10, in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road at Six Mile Road, Livonia. The Rev. Paul Clough will lead the group with scripture messages relevant to daily single living.

A grief support group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, June 29 and July 13, in the Calvin Room and at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, July 7 and July 21, in Room A-15 in the church.

Single Point also will sponsor a divorce recovery workshop July 11-16 at the church. The cost is \$25, \$15 for alumni. Guest speakers will discuss such topics as assuming responsibility, forgiveness and relationships. There also will be small group discussions with trained facilitators.

Single Point will sponsor volleyball at 6 p.m. Thursdays, June 30, July 7 and 14, at Rotary Park on Six Mile Road, and co-ed softball Wednesdays, June 29, July 6, 13, 20 and 27, at Riley Middle School on Five Mile Road, be-

tween Middlebelt and Merriman roads, Livonia.

For more information, call (313) 422-1854.

### ■ BETHANY

Bethany West, a nonprofit Catholic organization providing spiritual, social and educational assistance to divorced and separated Christians through peer ministry, will have a general membership meeting with a motivational speaker at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 2, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church on West Chicago, east of Inkster Road, Redford. For more information, call Mike at 522-3576 or Kathy at 584-1158.

### ■ SPIRIT OF THE CROSS

St. Theodore Church's Spirit of the Cross Prayer Group meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays in the social hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call John at (313) 422-5611 or Margaret at (313) 427-9125.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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### ■ CLARENCEVILLE UM

Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia, will have a vacation Bible school for children age 4 through eighth grade 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 27 to July 1. Pre-registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 27. For more information, call 474-3444.

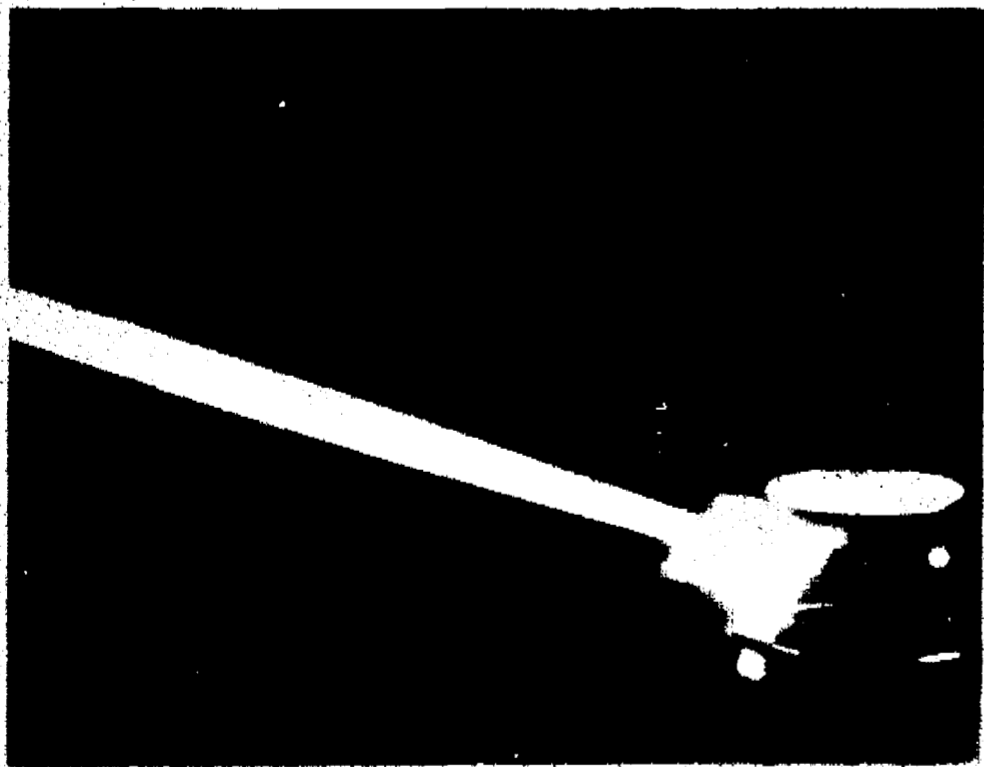
The church also is registering children for its Kids Camp July 11-14. To qualify for the camp, children must be completing third through fifth grade.

### ■ MEMORIAL

Memorial Church of Christ will have a vacation Bible school for children age 4 through the sixth grade 9 a.m. to noon June 27 to July 1 at the church, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. This year's pro-

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# Writer communicates well and adapts in relationships



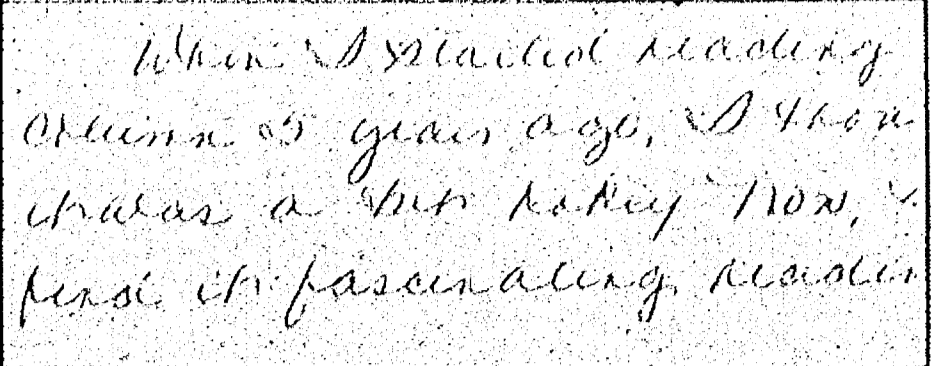
LORENE GREEN

Dear Lorene, When I started reading your column 5 years ago, I thought it was a bit hokey. Now, I find it fascinating reading, so much so that I would like to have my handwriting analyzed. I'm 43 years old and right-handed. Thanks for your consideration.

Sensitivity allows her to communicate well with others and often respond in a helpful manner. She is adaptable in relationships with people. Her desire is to flow with the tide, not against it. Compromise is preferable to confrontation. Emphasis is placed on a code of proper behavior. Rudeness in others is distasteful. The self-consciousness here suggests a dread of being judged. I suspect she would not appreciate someone standing over her, watching her every move. When interacting with others she is versatile... sometimes persuasive, sometimes direct and sometimes more friendly than she may actually feel. And at other times, she can rely on a little feminine intuition. Much depends on the situation involved. In her desire to make a good first impression she will put forth

her best effort. There is just a tad of showmanship here which might propel her into the limelight on occasion. I rather doubt if that is her favorite place, however. This woman is a self-starter who can get right down to business and keep things moving. She has a built-in sense of order and can organize her daily routine efficiently and methodically. She neither gets lost in unimportant details nor in fancy ideas. She is dependable, resourceful and shows sound judgment. Augmenting this is the mental acumen to weigh the soundness of other people's reasoning. She is efficient and productively original. In addition, she is emotionally mature, practical and logical. Her approach to work is direct. Time is used wisely and, if she has spare time, it is also used productively. She is capable of creat-

ing time-saving methods to achieve her objectives. She is interested in results and probably disapproves of people who cause unnecessary delays. Many of her goals are placed high and probably require a level of challenge on her part. A seeming conflict is possible in that she appears to have the inner drive and initiative, but a little timorousness is also present. Has she been under the influence of someone with a stronger personality than her own? Some suppression is suggested here. This is a defense mechanism often used to exclude from conscious thought memories that are unacceptable or anxiety provoking. There is also a hint of secrecy here. Many of her lines have an upward slope to them. This tells us that generally she looks for rainbows not rain.



Our writer has an independent side and perceives herself as having achieved success on her own. She does not rely on anyone else to provide her self-esteem. She is not without a sense of humor. Although she may not be the funny one herself, she does want to have fun and enjoy life. An aesthetic sense cannot be missed in her handwriting. She has an awareness of beauty. The wonders of nature would hold

special appeal for her. If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and signature are all helpful. And objective feedback is always welcome.



On the move: Ken Kushlak of Livonia stays in the outside lane of the walk/running track at the Medical Fitness Center.

## Fitness from page 1C

Heart attacks were common, with six out of 10 people dying from them. Twenty-five years later, \$122 billion has been spent and the mortality has dropped from 60 percent to 47 percent.

"That cost \$122 billion and, even allowing for inflation, the credit for the reduction in mortality doesn't go to the medical profession; it goes to the American people," he said. "Eleven percent is largely due to a change in lifestyle—exercise, diet—the other 2-3 percent is what we got for \$122 billion.

### Shared philosophy

Dawn Bowers buys into the prevention philosophy, dividing her exercise time between the Medical Fitness Center and another health club. At MFC, she has been crowned the Stairmaster queen for her 45-minute to one-hour workouts. She also lifts weights, rides the bikes and walks.

"It's hard to get friends to be disciplined and motivated like I am," she said. "I work out five-six days a week, two hours a day."

Bowers works out at MFC three of those days and has found it offers a more personalized service, and has a smaller clientele and a qualified staff. Another plus: "You don't have to wait for a machine."

Bowers was surprised when she visited the center for the first time. She had thought it was for physical therapy and was surprised to find it so well equipped. She's been exercising at the center three times a week since December and last month spotted something new on the floor.

"Is that the new Covert Bailey bike?" she asked, pointing to one of the exercise bikes. "I just saw that on TV last week."

Janet Hammel had a heart attack last October. After going through cardiac rehabilitation on the second floor of the building, she moved upstairs for the next phase. Her husband, Don, came with her.

"We have programs that are set for our individual ability and I think it's helped," she said as they rode side by side on exercise bikes. "My arthritis isn't as bad as it was."

The Hammels are at the center three days a week; the other two days they work out by walking. "I haven't lost much weight, but I've lost size," Don added. "I definitely feel the difference in my waist size. You know there's some

pants you just can't change and now they're very comfortable." While the American public has become "highly sensitized to fitness," Ajluni has found the little interest in the medical profession in the tri-county area. He suspects that a lot of doctors agree with his idea, but it's not financially rewarding. As for hospitals

"I've found hospitals reluctant to engage in this endeavor; I've found that fitness and prevention are not a part of their mission," he said. "They're in the business of taking care of a sick person when they get sick and making money off it."

But such lack of support hasn't deterred Ajluni. The welcome mat at his fitness center is out for anyone and everyone.

"We take you as you are and help you live longer," he said. "All you need is positive mental attitude, and you don't have to be a size 5 to walk in the door."

The Medical Fitness Center is at 17940 Farmington Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. For information, call 425-5544.

# Blood drive has double good benefits

Philip Cohen left the doctor's office feeling confident that his only worry was the extra 10 pounds he needed to lose. At age 36, he had never suffered from an illness harsher than a cold or a touch of the flu, and this was his first ever checkup. It was a visit he had consented to only after the urging of his wife. So that night when the doctor called, the last thing he expected to hear was "We have a problem." The blood tests the doctor had ordered that day showed an extremely high white count, an indicator of leukemia.

"Suddenly I'm told I have a life-threatening disease, and it just knocked every support I had out from underneath me," said Cohen, the father of two children, ages 10 and 7. "The age-old question of 'why me?' just looms large for the longest time."

Diagnosed in December 1972, Cohen continued to work full time for the National Bank of Detroit where he is a loan officer. Although his medication made him extremely tired and sometimes very sick, he did not want to slow down.

"Psychologically, what I was saying was that if I'm working every day the disease hasn't got me, I'm under control," said Cohen, a Northville resident. "But that really wasn't the smartest thing to do. I should have just been home and resting."

Now, he works at NBD two mornings a week and works out of his home the other three mornings. The afternoons he saves for rest. That lets him concentrate on the things that matter to him most—his family.

"Being sick makes you realize that the things you have are probably more valuable than the things you want," Cohen said. The hope for Cohen and others suffering from leukemia, aplastic anemia or one of 60 other blood-related diseases is a bone marrow transplant. Unfortunately, the odds of finding a bone marrow match could be compared to finding a needle in a haystack—one in 100 to one in 1 million. While many patients wait to find a bone marrow match, their lives are sustained by blood transfusions.

Residents of southeastern Michigan will have a chance to help on Friday, July 1, by participating in the Gift of Hope Drive. The drive is a joint blood donation and bone marrow testing event, sponsored by WWJ-AM and WJBK-TV. The first 450 people between the ages of 18 and 55 who schedule an appointment to donate blood at one of the Red Cross's nine donor centers will be entered into the National Marrow Donor Program Registry. Event participants must donate blood to be entered into the registry. If participants are deferred as blood donors, but are still eligible to enter the registry, they will be referred to a future bone marrow testing event. "At this event, we're making it possible for participants to provide help to patients like Phil Cohen in two very important ways—by donating life-sustaining blood and by entering the National Bone Marrow Registry," said Tracie Drayton of My Friends Care.

"Costs associated with entering the registry are usually as much as \$150 per person. At the Gift of Hope Drive participants are entered in the registry at no cost." My Friends Care is an organization which provides financial assistance to families seeking funds for human leukocyte antigen typing and for expenses incurred as a result of a marrow transplant procedure. The event is financed by My Friends Care and the Southeastern Michigan Marrow Donor Program. The event will help boost blood inventories leading up to the Fourth of July holiday weekend. "Blood inventories are seriously impacted during the summer months and the extended Fourth of July weekend makes a difficult situation even harder," said Dr. A. William Shafer of the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross. "Many donors go on vacation during the summer

months and as a result many workplace blood drives collect less blood. "Also, high schools and universities, which account for nearly 13 percent of the blood supply, are closed or have very low attendance during the summer months." To receive a bone marrow transplant, a donor must be found whose marrow matches that of the patient. If a match cannot be found through a brother, sister, or cousin, a match must be found with an unrelated stranger. A match is identified by matching the characteristics of the immune system through the identification of human leukocyte antigens (HLA). At the Gift of Hope Drive, the small amount of blood needed for HLA testing will be removed when participants donate blood. Those wishing to participate in the drive must be between the ages of 18-55, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in generally good health.

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# Golfers tee off for a cause at Hospice Services benefit

More than 60 golfers turned out at Bay Pointe Country Club for the recent Western Wayne Hospice Foundation's first "Living Every Day" golf outing.

The outing raised more than \$6,500 for Hospice Services of Western Wayne County Inc.

Following a buffet luncheon, the golfers teed off in a shotgun start for the four-person scramble event. Four hole-in-one contests offered opportunities for prizes in addition to contests for the longest drive and closest to the pin for both men and women.

After the golf event, participants and guests were treated to dinner, awards presentation and drawing for door prizes capped off the evening.

Seasoned and non-seasoned golfers alike to the greens for the fund-raiser.

"It was nice to do something for hospice," said Diane Lowen, a first time golfer. "I have never golfed before and as I stood there ready to tee off on the first hole, swallowed up by all that water, I was really intimidated. What got me to golf -- I really believe in Hospice Services."

Four teams tied for the first place -- Ziomek Funeral Home's team of Chris Ziomek, Art Kreinbring, Rod Wesley and Bruno Ziomek; MLW Associates' team of Beth Lurtz, Terry Lurtz, Bruce Gerish and Wes Henrickson; Ace Business Form's team of Art Zucal, Pat Zucal, Gary VanBuren and Chuck Skene; and Phase's team of Pete Burgeron, Joe Savol, Chip Sabadash and Phil Jhlenfeldt.

The men's longest drive contest winner was Mark Wilson, representing Bon Secours Home Medical. The men's closest-to-the-pin winner was Carl Taplin, representing Dohin Nursing Center.

"It was a wonderful day for our first golf outing," said Ziomek, president of the Western Wayne Hospice Foundation. "I'm looking forward to seeing those who participated this year and meeting many new golfers at next year's event. I'm very thankful for the all the people who made this event possible, especially our generous sponsors and all the exceptional volunteers."

The event was sponsored in part by People's Home Medical of Southgate. According to Brian Palmer, director of operations, the organization "is interested in helping Hospice Services because we believe in their mission of caring for the incurably ill."

"We want to support Hospice Services anyway we can," he added. "This first golf event was a success, and I'm looking forward to next year's event."

The foundation and the Hospice workers also earned praise from Jim Cantrell, president of Community Federal Credit Union in Plymouth, for a great job putting on the golf event.

"What a great outing! Everything was well done," he said.

Hospice Services was established in 1981 to offer compassionate, skilled home care to those individuals who face an incurable illness. Hospice offers supportive care, promotes quality of life, and provides comfort and emotional healing for the patient and family members.

"We provide services to patients and their families regardless of their ability to pay," said Maureen Butrico, executive director.

tor of Hospice Services. "While some costs for medication, nursing and doctor visits are covered by the patient's medical insurance, some costs must be supplemented in other ways. The Western Wayne Hospice Foundation was created to fill the ongoing need to procure funds to meet patient and family needs which are

not reimbursable." With 20 full-time staff members and more than 130 volunteers, Hospice Services provides much needed service to patients with any incurable illness in western Wayne, southern Oakland and eastern Washtenaw counties, with offices in Garden City and Plymouth.



Tea time: Playing in the Hospice Services benefit were Sharon Smith (from left), Virginia Vreeland, president of the organization's Board of Directors, Maragret Trescott and Stephanie DuPaie.

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**PHILIP** and **LINDA JAKU-BOWSKI** of Livonia announce the birth of **KATELYN MARIE** March 26 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She has a brother Andrew Philip, 5. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schuller of New Hudson, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jakubowski of Kettford Township.

**MARK** and **JULIE HILLARD** of Scottsdale, Ariz., announce the birth of **JACOB MARK** May 11 at Scottsdale Memorial Hospital. He has a brother Duane Hillard, 8. Grandparents are Ralph and Janet Gault of Livonia and Jerry and Carol Hillard of Sinal Valley, Calif.



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# 5 earn Girl Scouts' Gold Award

Five western Wayne County teens were among 16 scouts awarded Girl Scouting's highest honor, the Gold Award.

The award was presented to Lesley Denton, daughter of Bill and Ida Denton of Canton, Laura Weir, daughter of Robert and Barbara Weir of Canton, Sarah Olender, daughter of Thomas and Catherine Olender of Plymouth, Karen Randinitis, daughter of Ed and Georgia Randinitis of Plymouth, and Elysa Rodriguez, daughter of Joseph and Connie Rodriguez of Westland.

The Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. It was presented to the scouts at a special ceremony on May 16. In addition to a certificate of recognition from the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council, they received framed tributes from the State Legislature, presented by State Reps. Justino Barns, D-Westland, and Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, and letters of congratulations from Gov. John Engler and President Bill Clinton.

The scouts created a plan for fulfilling the Gold Award requirements, carried out in close cooper-

ation with their leaders and including a service project providing a significant contribution to the community.

The award recognizes a Senior Girl Scout's commitment to excellence, and her ability to realize her goals, now and in the future.

Denton helped to develop a juice box recycling project for the Plymouth-Canton school district, a project that reflects her desire to help the environment for future generations. She is a senior at Plymouth Salem High School, where she is a member of the Ecology Club. Denton also enjoys Jashinry Karate and is a member of Senior Girl Scout Troop 646.

Weir planned and implemented a Bicycle Safety Fair for children at an elementary school in her community for her service project.

"Watching the kids have fun and enjoy themselves was a terrific feeling," she said.

A senior at Plymouth Canton High School, she enjoys dance and is involved in St. John Neumann's youth group and choir. She is a member of Senior Girl Scout Troop 501.

Weir also was awarded the Girl Appreciation Pin for helping educate and enrich younger girls through her dedication, service

and enthusiasm.

She has been an assistant Brownie leader for three years, Troop camp aide, program aide, TIME committee member and a staff intern at Camp Linden. She also has organized cluster workshops and investitures and planned holiday celebrations. To keep herself prepared, she has taken training ranging from basic leadership to the Trusted Adult Program.

Olender planned and implemented a Skills Day for Junior Girl Scouts and developed a video. The interaction between the younger and older Girl Scouts was very rewarding for the Ladywood High School senior.

At school, she is involved in drama, Explorer Scouts, Model United Nations, SADD and the Environmental Club. She is a member of Senior Girl Scout Troop 501. In the fall, she plans to attend Adrian College.

Like Denton, Randinitis also helped to develop a juice box recycling program in the Plymouth-Canton school district. She believes she was able to develop her leadership, public relations and communications skills through her efforts on the project.

Randinitis is a senior at Plym-

outh Canton High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council. She also plays piano and is a member of her church's bell choir and Senior Girl Scout Troop 646. In the fall, she plans to attend Hope College.

To earn her Gold Award, Rodriguez developed and implemented the 1993 Core Camp Program at Camp Linden. The program, which focused on educating girls about Native American culture, attracted some 1,800 people.

A senior at Wayne Memorial High School and member of Senior Troop 512, she is co-captain of the varsity swim team, a member of the German Club and School Improvement Team. She plans on attending Western Michigan University this fall to pursue a career in sports medicine.

The Gold Award was also presented to Laura Brooks of Ypsilanti, Sarah Cole of Northville, Rachel Jellema of Ypsilanti, Melanie Keller of Dexter, Katherine McRoberts of Ann Arbor, Tarah Padley of Ypsilanti, Rebecca Regner of Ypsilanti, Heidi Roloff of Ann Arbor, Carrie Shafer of Dexter, Jennifer Skornicka of Ypsilanti and Katherine Smith of Northville.

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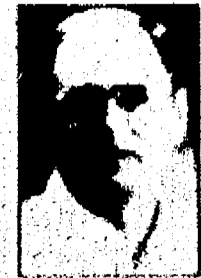
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Endangered species engender the same kind of feeling to many. Each species has survived the test of time, but for various reasons their numbers have declined to only a few. To see one of the remaining few elicits a bittersweet feeling. It is sweet to see it, but bitter because there are few remaining.

Each species is a work of art, sculpted and shaped by time, the environment and interactions with others. Each species is unique, that is what makes it a species. Watching and learning about how each species interacts with its environment makes that species even more interesting.

This past weekend our family saw a rare and unique species of Michigan — a Kirtland's warbler. Currently, it is estimated that there are just slightly more than 1,200 individual birds in the world. Though they were probably never really common, their numbers this year are higher than they have been since counts started in 1951.

We watched a singing male near the road perched on a jack pine, the only kind of tree this bird nests under. It was simply grand to see a survivor of a species whose population had dropped to 334 in 1974 and again in 1987.

These figures are pretty accurate because the Kirtland's warbler only nests in jack pine forests, primarily within two counties in northern lower Michigan. Wildlife biologists can accurately count the entire population within this size area.

If you would like to treat your-



**Rare bird:** The Kirtland's warbler is unique to two counties in northern Michigan around Grayling and Mio. Just 1,200 Kirtland's warblers are known to exist. Picky nesters, they universally prefer jack pines for their aeries.

self to the pleasure of viewing one of the rarest species of birds in North America, get to Grayling or Mio and join a U.S. Forest Service staff member on a guided tour through the breeding grounds. Doug Mason was our guide and not only did he show us a Kirtland's warbler, but we saw Brewer's blackbirds, clay-colored sparrow, eastern bluebirds, upland sandpiper and more.

Meet at the U.S. Forest Service office in either Grayling, or Mio at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday; or 7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tours only run until July 4, 1994, so hurry. Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia. You can leave him a message at 953-2047, Ext. 1874.

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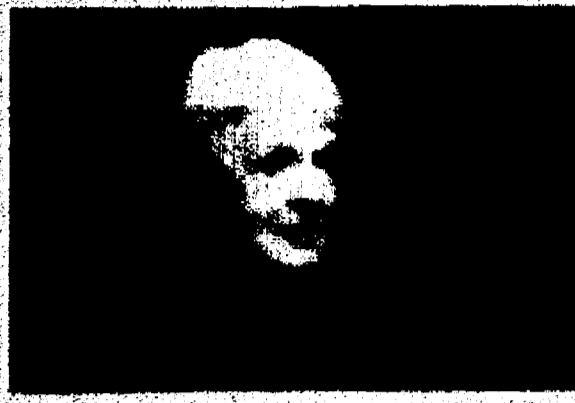


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THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1994

## GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

### Know when to water during summer heat

The recent water rationing has reminded us that prudent use of water is essential when we garden. Our lawns can go without water and will become dormant during the hot summer months if water is withheld, but the grass will green up again when it rains without any harm to it.

Drip irrigation and/or soaker hoses direct water on plants and apply it at the soil level, keep the foliage dry, and thus help to eliminate diseases and insect problems.

Plants signal when it's time to water. If they wilt during a hot day, if the soil around them is damp, they will generally recover by early evening, so there is no cause to worry. If, though, the plants don't recover by early the next morning, it's time to water. Don't wait until the leaves shrivel. Watering deeply once or twice a week is better than shallow watering - drip irrigation is perfect for this job and is so simple to do once the hoses are in place.

Several companies make soaker hoses and drip irrigation kits. Moisture-Master by Aquapore Moisture Systems Inc. uses a blend of recycled rubber and polyethylene, and adds ultraviolet inhibitors for long life. Irrigro makes a trickle irrigation kit. It is distributed by Laid Back Enterprises. Wade Rain manufactures Acu-Soaker systems and Rain-Drip produces both soakers and drip irrigation kits. You will find the one suitable for your situation in many local garden supply stores.

Many drought-tolerant plants grow well in our area and are readily available. Your county extension agent can help, or you can consult your landscaper.

For more information about wise water use in the garden, "Water-conserving Gardens and Landscapes," John M. O'Keefe (\$12.95, soft; Storey), gives good advice on the subject.

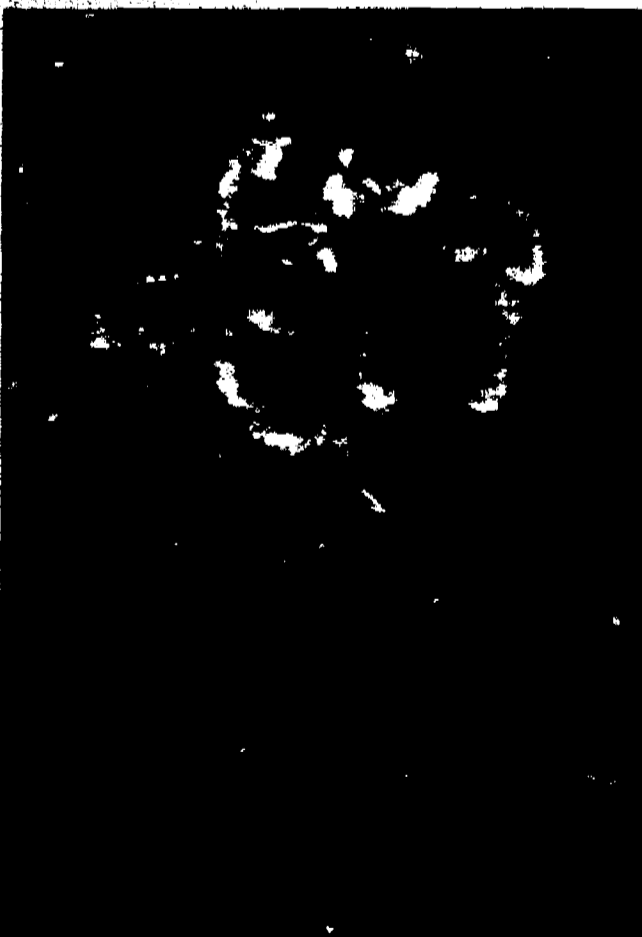
### Dianthus directions

I have had much success growing several species of Dianthus for a number of years and don't pamper them with special watering practices.

During the recent Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association/Meadow Brook Landscape and Garden Show I was surprised to find that many people didn't know the name of the pretty little flower that graced some of the beds.

Dianthus is a hardy perennial that blooms for most of the gardening season, well into September. The species range from 3 inches to 1 to 2 feet tall and are perfect for edging a bed or in a rock garden. They brighten an area in con-

See WATER, 2D



MARTY FIGLEY

Bright addition: Dianthus add a bright spot to a garden and bloom all season beside paths, in rock gardens or in containers

## LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week

- Learn about the art form known as holography
- Linda Chomin's Artistic Expressions column
- Exhibitions, art gallery event listings



Abstract expressions: Blue, green and lavender color the figures in this oil by Lynette Anderson, who says she was "thinking of the world being overpopulated and everyone being different on the outside but alike on the inside" when she painted it.

## Canton shows fine arts and crafts



Lynette Anderson conveys the beauty of nature and Native Americans in oil and pastel paintings. Her work will be on exhibit as part of the fine arts and crafts show at Liberty Fest '94 Saturday-Sunday, June 25-26, at Heritage Park in Canton.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER

Lynette Anderson developed a love for nature while growing up on an Illinois farm. She successfully transfers that love to canvas using an earth-colored palette and style she refers to as abstract expressionism.

Anderson will exhibit paintings in oil and pastel along with nearly 50 other fine artists and crafters at Liberty Fest '94 June 25-26 at Heritage Park in Canton Township (see accompanying story). The fourth annual show, sponsored in part by Canton Parks and Recreation, runs 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Mystical dream-like scenes of Native Americans, impressionistic flo-

ral and wildlife done in realism illustrate the 29-year-old Sunday School teacher's amazement with God's creations. Anderson asks "Who else could make something so beautiful?"

"I really love the outdoors and nature. I believe in being aware of your surroundings and having a deep respect for it," said Anderson in an interview at the home she shares with husband Eric and daughters Courtney, 6, and Kristen, 3, in Canton Township.

"I always like to paint what I feel is beautiful and I've always been fascinated with Native Americans because my grandfather's father was a full-blooded Cherokee."

An emerging artist who earned

See CANTON, 2D



Nature's art: Lynette Anderson of Canton paints to communicate the beauty of God's creation. She brings her oil and pastel paintings to Liberty Fest '94.

BILL HOUSLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Quest for self-expression colors his view

BY DIANE GALE  
STAFF WRITER

The spark in Stefan Derbich's eyes. The sarcasm in his quips. The bounce in his walk. These marks of character can be attributed to his one simple and unending quest:

"All my life, I have been searching for that self-expression."

He spoke in his native Polish language in his Farmington living room, with his daughter as translator. "I am continually not happy yet. I'm always searching."

At 86, that's what keeps his sketch pad in hand and his paint always nearby.

He was born in Berlin in 1908 and moved to liberated Poland in 1918. His daughter, Emilia Palmer, a Farmington Hills resident, translated questions recently about when he knew he had talent and when he wanted to be an artist. His answer was quick "When I was born."

Derbich studied at the Academy of Fine Arts in

See QUEST, 2D



Stefan Derbich, whose works are on exhibit at Madonna University in Livonia, poses in his back yard with two of his colorful compositions.

Striking palette: Artist Stefan Derbich, whose works are on exhibit at Madonna University in Livonia, poses in his back yard with two of his colorful compositions.

Artbeat features vignettes from the suburban arts scene. Write: Artbeat, Creative Living, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is: 313/591-7279.

### GARDEN TIME

The Friends of Greenmead will present an annual garden walk 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 25 at the gardens of seven Livonia homes.

Admission is by ticket only. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$8 the day of the walk. Tickets are at Greenmead, Eight Mile and Newburgh, Livonia City Hall or the Livonia Civic Center Library, both Farmington Road and Five Mile.

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## Art Beat

will become a reception hall for nearby Newburg Church as well as a conference and meeting center. Call Greenmead at 313/477-7375.

### ON EXHIBIT

"Fireworks Captured," the largest kaleidoscope exhibition in the state, is coming to Chameleon Galleries in Plymouth, Sunday, June 26.

Enjoy a mesmerizing journey through 100 scopes from 12 of the best artists in the country.

Don Donk, winner of the 5th Brewster Society Award for Creative Ingenuity, will be there to show you his latest creation, "Musical

Geodesy," a limited edition of 100. Sherry Rupert also will be there with one of the most fascinating scopes, the "Kaleidarium."

The exhibition runs June 26 to July 3.

### ART ENTHUSIASTS

Canton Project Arts will hold a juried gallery showing of fine arts again this October. Last year's show proved a major success, thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of the volunteers.

Canton Project Arts is looking for volunteers to help plan and work at this year's show. If you are enthusiastic about art and are interested in the Canton arts scene, consider attending the next Canton Project Arts meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 30, at Canton Township Hall, Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. Call Tim Haber at 313/455-5045 with questions.



Added to attraction: Here is a tourist photo that has impact. By using a wide angle lens to obtain good depth-of-field, Monte Nagler was able to produce this exciting photograph taken in Gettysburg, Pa.

## Take memorable photos

**FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY**

Many months ago, I wrote about the importance of making photographs instead of just taking snapshots. I discussed how making a photograph is a planned process combining the technical knowledge and understanding of your camera along with the ability to "see" through the viewfinder.

You might say, "Sure, but does that apply to tourist attractions such as the Statue of Liberty or the Washington Monument?" I'm sure you can do much more than just snap a picture of these and other such typical tourist attractions.

You can easily put into practice many of the creative elements that contribute to the making of a photograph.

Let's take, for example, the picture shown here taken in Gettysburg, Pa. The man on the horse is Major General John Fulton Reynolds, one of the leading commanders of the Civil War.

Rather than just quickly snap off a shot of the proud General, I decided to go a step further. I selected a wide angle lens so that I

## Visual art groups may seek grants

Arts Midwest is accepting Artworks Fund applications from non-profit, visual arts groups.

Up to 10 collaborations may still be funded. Grants will be awarded in a first-come, first-served basis to qualifying applicants. Applications must be received prior to Friday, July 1. For information and application materials, call Bobbi Morris, Arts Midwest director of funding programs, at (612) 341-6755.

U.S. organizations outside, as well as within, the Arts Midwest nine state regions of Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota,

North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin are eligible to apply.

Arts Midwest recently awarded eight Artworks Fund visual arts grants to organizations throughout the Midwest. These matching funds of up to \$1,000 primarily help sites exhibit or buy works by artists who received 1990-94 Arts Midwest/National Endowment for the Arts Regional Visual Artist Fellowships in sculpture, photography and crafts.

Artworks Fund monies may also be used to feature these artists in residences, workshops or other educational activities.

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On hand for the opening reception noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 26, will be Mount Pleasant kaleidoscope artist Don Doak, winner of the fifth Brewster Society Award for Creative Ingenuity. The public is invited.

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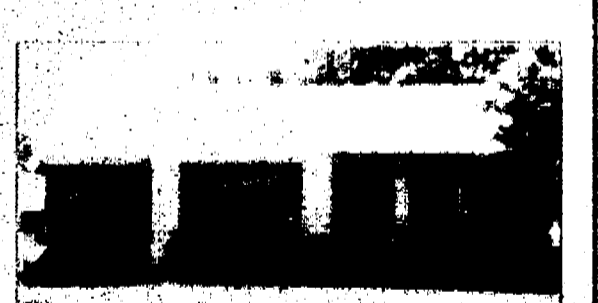
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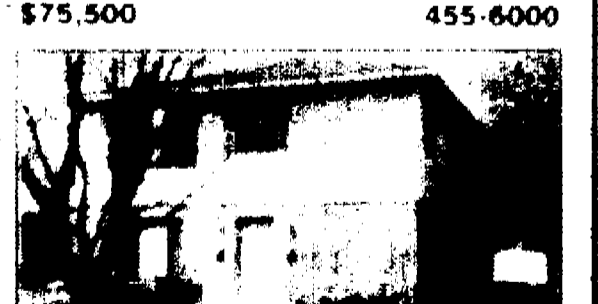
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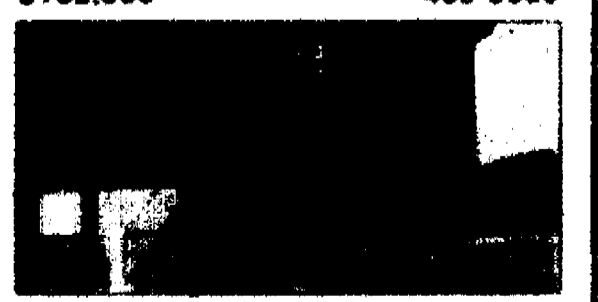
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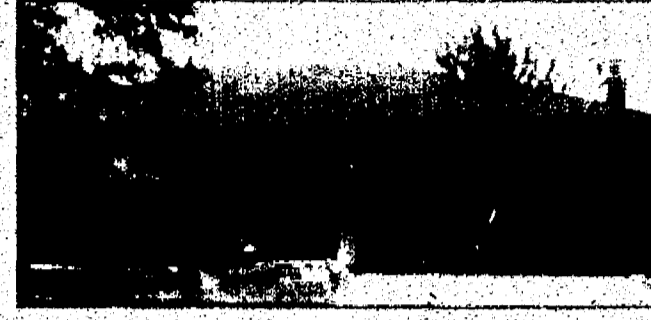


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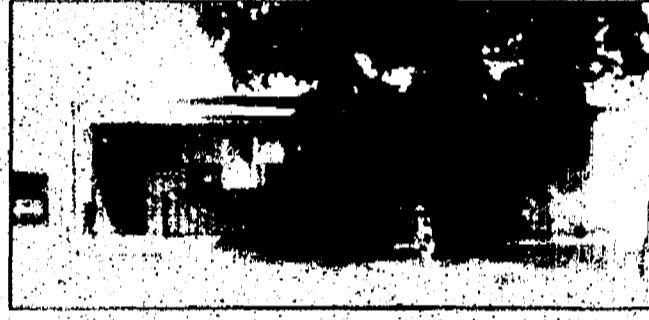
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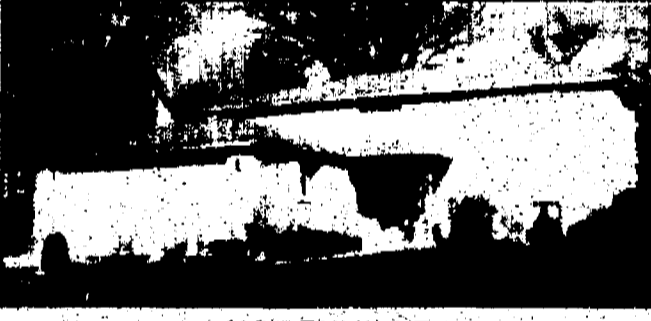
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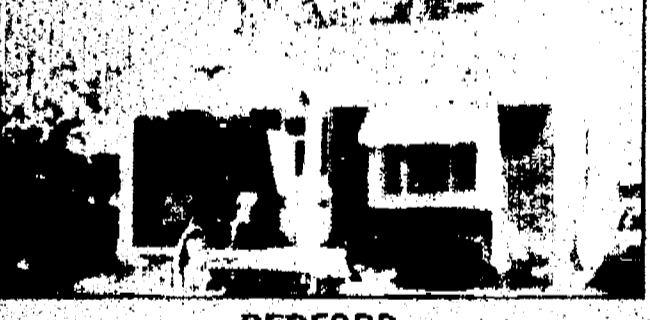
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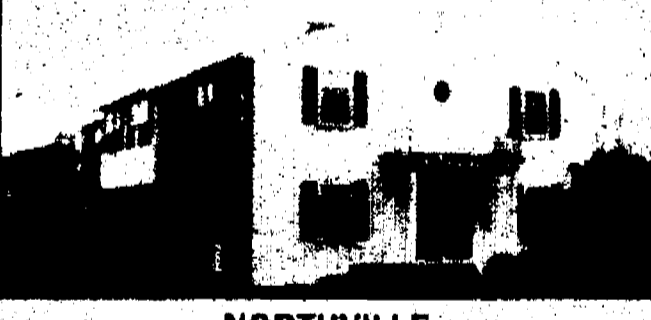
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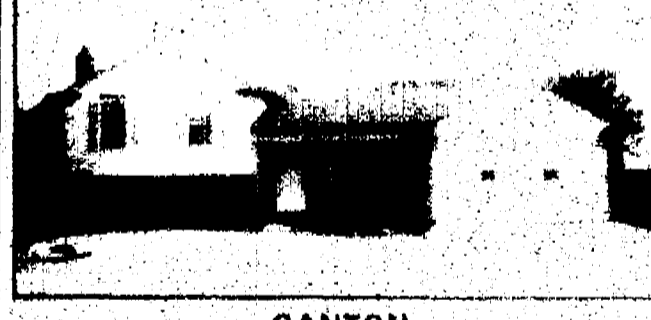
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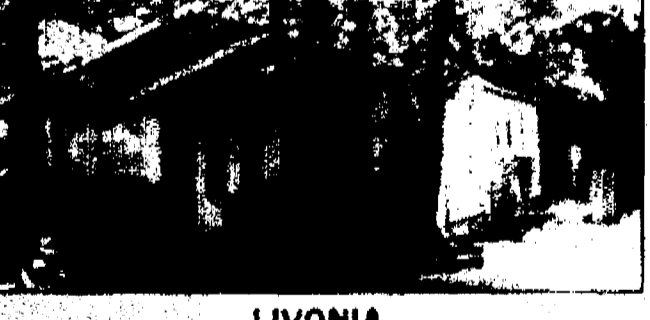
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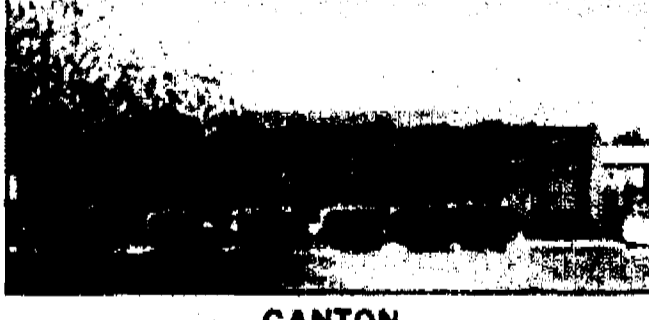
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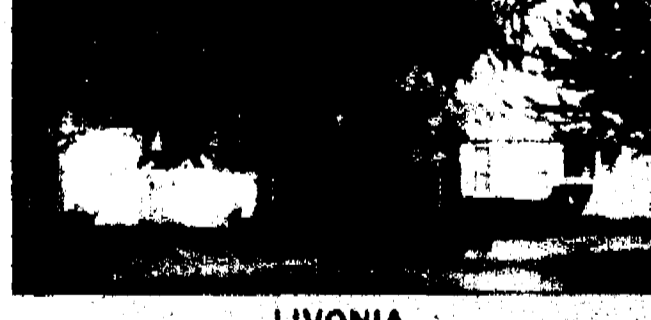
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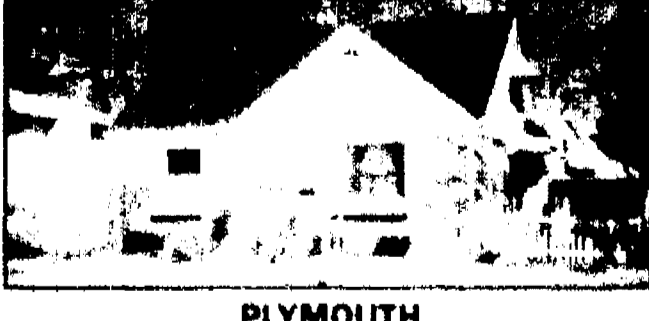
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# BUILDING & BUSINESS

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THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1994

## BUILDING & BUSINESS OBSERVER STARS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary - including the towns of residency and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired - to: Stars, Building & Business, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Thomas Ledue of Garden City is now director of regulatory issues for Michigan Credit Union League, Southfield. He'll advise on compliance issues, direct the regulatory issues staff and work with government regulatory agencies and Credit Union National Association.



Ledue

Margaret Taylor Smith of Birmingham, the first woman elected to The Kresge Foundation's board in 1985, becomes the foundation's first woman chair. Smith, author of "Mother, I Have Something to Tell You," is a board member of Women & Foundations/Corporate Philanthropy.



Smith

Stephen A. Bromberg of Bloomfield Hills becomes chief operating officer of Butzel Long, a Detroit law firm, succeeding Harold A. Ruemenapp of Bloomfield Hills. Ruemenapp remains a shareholder and member of the board of directors and the executive committee.



Bromberg

John M. Rankin of Livonia, production and media manager for Jervis B. Webb Co., Farmington Hills, is Quality Achiever of the month. His responsibilities include producing corporate brochures and developing and implementing trade magazine advertising programs.



Rankin

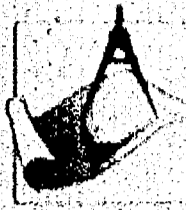
Cynthia Lindsey of Southfield, an attorney for CN North America in Detroit since 1989, was promoted to trial attorney. She's a founding member of the Optimist Club's Riverfront chapter.



Lindsey

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## More buildings boast polymer panels



A small company that manufactures exterior panels for office buildings is working hard to promote the product to architects and contractors. Polymer synthetic concrete panels offer many advantages over architectural concrete, supporters say.

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

**B**usiness is picking up for Metro Cast, described by its sales rep as the oldest manufacturer of precast polymer panels in the country.

As architects and commercial builders learn more about the product, business should get even better, said Donato E. Paolucci, who started the company in 1971 and moved to Westland five years ago.

"You have to constantly promote," Paolucci said. "We have to promote to architects where they can specify our product. We never had an association where we pay our dues and someone else promotes."

"Architects really dictate what we're doing," said Al Swerdlow, marketing manager, who projected sales this year in excess of \$2 million.

Polymer concrete - a mixture of sand and resin - is lighter, stronger, more pliable and more water resistant than architectural concrete, a mixture of sand and cement, Paolucci said.

"Our work is mostly for institutional buildings and government projects where the money is," he said. "It's usually not smaller shopping centers where they use cheaper materials."

Projects in process, recently completed or on the drawing board include renovation of the Troy Municipal Building; a new student center at Grand Valley State University near Grand Rapids; a dome for a new church in Canonsburg, Pa.; and two highway patrol buildings off the New Jersey Turnpike.

Five workers at Metro Cast make the precast panels by hand.

They mix the polymer concrete, trowel the mixture into molds and build mounting frames. Finish is determined by design of the mold, the amount and kind of sand added to the mixture and troweling experience.

"It's a skill - more than just pouring concrete," Swerdlow said.

In addition to a smooth cast finish, options include limestone-like finish, sand finish, aggregate stone finish and texture finish.

"When we started out, aggregate panel was the preferred material," Paolucci said. "Now that's out

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Donato E. Paolucci  
Metro Cast owner

of favor. People want a smooth finish, lines."

"Smooth but grooves. Lines. Something you can see," Swerdlow added.

The panels can be welded or bolted to girders of a building.

Paolucci said he helped research the polymer process when working for Architectural Research in the early 1960s. That company has since gone out of business, he said.

Proponents of the product tout its advantages.

"This material, sand and polymer, doesn't absorb water," said

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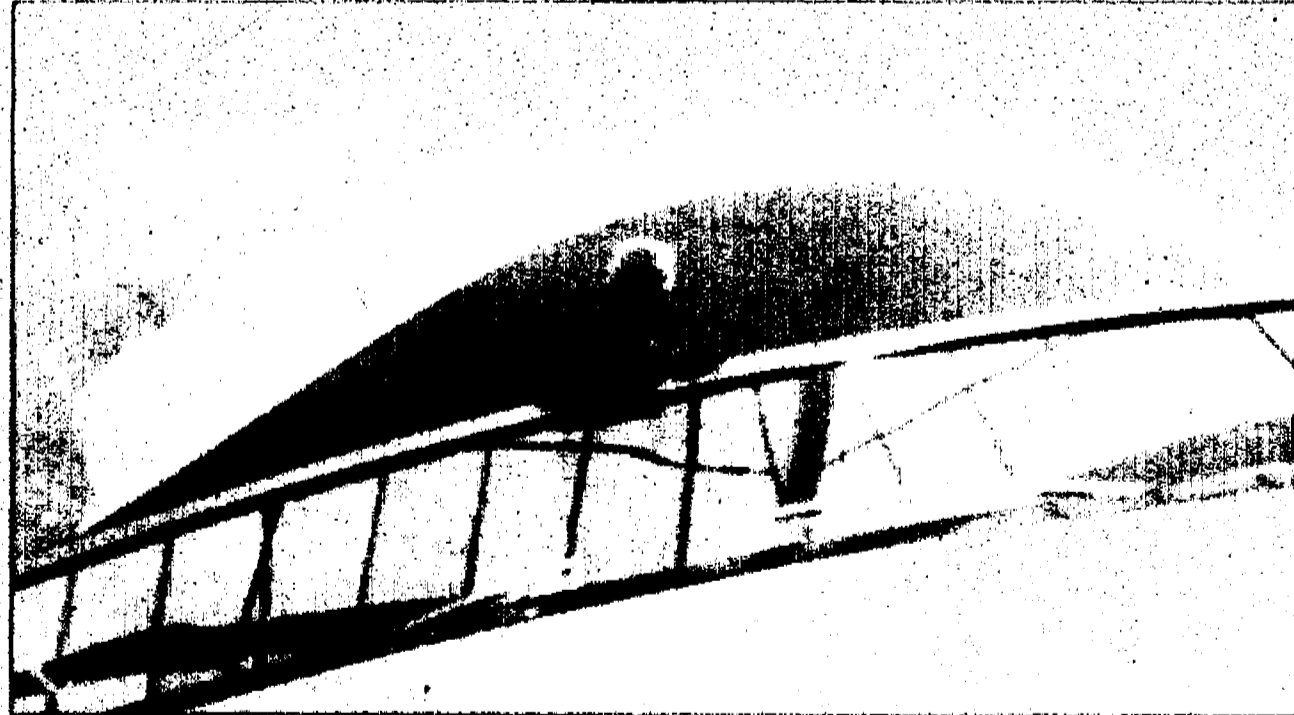
Mixing product: Above, Vitorio Muglia of Metro Cast adds sand to resin to produce a polymer concrete mixture.



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Finish selections: Left, Donato E. Paolucci, owner of Metro Cast, shows off some of the different finishes available on polymer concrete panels.

**Escrow fallout:** William R. Yaw Jr., a vice president with Standard Federal Bank, describes how the new state school financing plan affected his bank and its customers.



## Proposal A to affect summer taxes

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

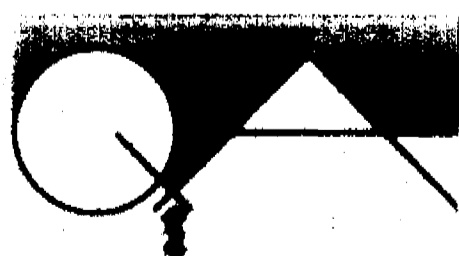
The final fallout from the great school financing explosion in Michigan is about to drift into suburbia.

Summer tax bills, reflecting a dramatic cut in school property taxes for most homeowners, are due out in July.

This is the first billing notice individuals and mortgage lenders will receive since school property taxes were eliminated by the Legislature in 1993, then partially restored by voters in March via Proposal A.

Homeowners who pay their taxes through escrow accounts serviced by financial institutions have been affected. So, too, have banks and savings & loans.

Standard Federal Bank, headquartered in Troy, is the mortgage volume leader in Michigan both in number of loans and dollar amount.



"We do more lending than the next three in total - NBD, Comerica and First Federal of Michigan," said William R. Yaw Jr., senior vice president and director of marketing for Standard Federal Bank.

The bank services some 271,000 mortgages nationwide, most in Michigan, with an aggregate value of \$13.7 billion, he said. Branches are located in every Observer & Eccentric community.

Following are edited excerpts from a recent interview with Yaw.

**What were the thoughts here at the bank as the school financing drama unfolded?**

Yaw: "I don't think we'd want to take a political position. All we had to do was follow it and stay on top of whatever came out. If it were better to finance with a sales tax and transfer tax, so be it."

There were no computer program adjustments of major consequence, nothing that we had to collect any differently.

**So what happened to escrow accounts?**

Yaw: "Escrow analysis typically is done after the first of the year, as soon as your winter tax bills are paid. After we did that, we had to make a readjustment, cut by state

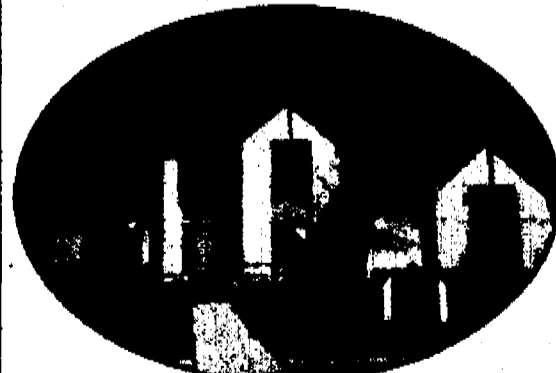
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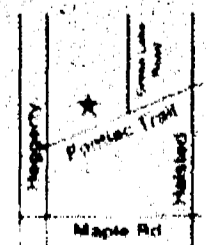


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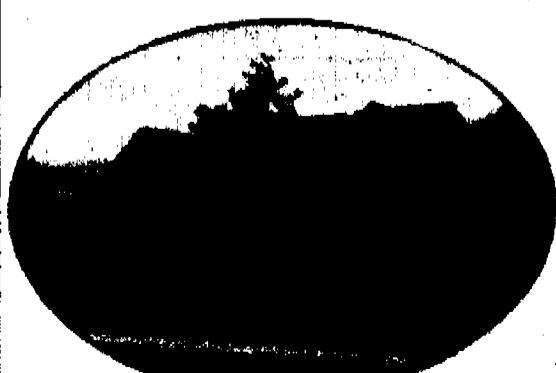
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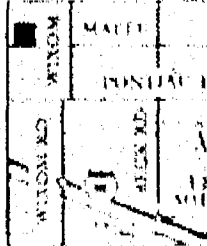
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# Stars from page 1F

**Jerry McVety** of McVety & Associates, a division of HDS Services, Farmington Hills, was elected president of Michigan State University's Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management School Alumni Association. The West Bloomfield resident had been vice president of the association's board.



McVety

**Thomas F. Reiss** of Troy was promoted from vice president to first vice president of Michigan National Bank, Farmington Hills. Reiss, an attorney who joined the bank in 1988, manages commercial loan decisions for four lending groups.



Reiss

**Joseph R. Dudley** of Southfield was promoted from automotive sales manager to vice president, automotive marketing for Nyltek Fastener Corp. in Macomb. He joined Nyltek 17 years ago as a sales representative.



Dudley

The Oakland County Bar Association elected **Wendy L. Potts** president of its executive board. She's been a board of directors member since 1987. Potts, a partner with Hill Lewis in Birmingham, specializes in family law. She was appointed co-moderator of the State Bar of Michigan in 1990 and has been a mem-



Potts

ber of the Special Commission Committee Regarding Recommendations of the Supreme Court Task Force on Gender and Race/Ethnic Issues in the Courts.

**Paula Eridon** of Rochester Hills joins Ross Roy Communications, Bloomfield Hills, as executive vice president/director of business development. She'll manage the Masco and Hiram Walker accounts and head business development, strategic planning and research teams. She had been marketing director for Carlson Marketing Group, Troy.



Eridon

**Tina Dasch** of Farmington Hills has finished Tammaroff's training program, becoming a sales and lease representative for the Southfield auto dealer. She's been in management at area dental offices for the past 30 years.



Dasch

**Chad A. Fentress** of Southfield was named marketing area counsel for IBM's Great Lakes area based in Southfield. He joined IBM in Purchase, N.Y., in 1987 as an attorney for external legal affairs.



Fentress

**Matt Johnson** of Rochester Hills was named senior art director at Goldfarb & Co., a Southfield advertising agency. He joined the agency in 1987.

**Peter Middleton**, who'll relocate to the Detroit area, becomes executive vice president/director of diversified services for Ross Roy Communications, Bloomfield Hills. He had been CEO of Bates Direct Communications in London.

**James C. Moore** of Birmingham joins Bozell Worldwide, Southfield, as managing partner, Chrysler International. He had been a senior vice president for McCann-Erickson, Detroit.



Moore

**Jeffrey A. Balagna** of Troy has joined CDI Computer Services, Inc./Innovative Information Systems, Inc., Madison Heights, as executive manager of the CTIS division. He had been vice president of technical information systems for a Detroit area computer services consulting firm.

Southfield-based Associated Food Dealers of Michigan named four board of director members. They are **John Glonatto** of Rochester Hills, J&J Food Centers vice president, Rochester; **Cal Steln** of Troy, executive vice president of Pfeister Co., Livonia; **Mike Rosch** of Sterling Heights, general manager of General Wine and Liquor Co., Lincoln Park, and **Gary Davis** of Grosse Pointe Farms, Tom Davis and Son's Dairy Co. president.

**Marle Volkert**, a registered nurse from Livonia, becomes director of in-service education for Botsford Continuing Health Cen-

ter, Farmington Hills. She'll oversee employee development, including staff orientation and continuing education. She had been with the hospital's inpatient rehabilitation unit. Volkert has 15 years of nursing experience, including 13 years at Botsford.

**Paul L. Raddlog** of Bloomfield Hills joins Software Services Corp., Ann Arbor, as director of technical development. He had been a senior manager for Deloitte & Touche's worldwide information technology consulting practice.

**Rieh Ansell** of Birmingham was promoted to management supervisor for all Diversified accounts at Young & Rubicam Detroit. He had been account supervisor for the MichCon, Du Pont Automotive and Lionel accounts.

**Maya Ganatra** of Farmington Hills received Oaktree Professional Temporaries quarterly Super-Temp Award. Ganatra, who works from the Farmington Hills branch, was chosen for attitude, commitment to a variety of assignments and performance reviews.

# Polymer from page 1F

rating effect you get with ordinary concrete."

"You can construct any kind of shape you want," he said. "Colors and texture are unlimited."

"It gives you the result when cured more than five times the strength of concrete," Swerdlow said.

Because polymer concrete panels are several inches thinner than architectural concrete panels, the cost can be 30-45 percent cheaper on a job site, Paolucci said.

"It's always cheaper in the long run if you build something that lasts forever," Paolucci said.

Brick facades still dominate in Michigan, Hodea said.

But Swerdlow is working to spread the word on precast polymer concrete. Informational packets sent to architects often lead to an invitation to stop by with some samples.

"About every six weeks, we run a seminar for six or eight architects," Swerdlow said. "We take them on a plant tour. They're interested in the process."

Cheryl Whitton, an architect with the firm of David Donnellon

& Associates in Troy, used panels made by Metro Cast at the Troy Municipal Building.

"We were matching the look of the existing building," she said.

Whitton said she would want to study the use of precast polymer panels where people might come into direct contact or perhaps tap them with their vehicles to make sure the product could stand up to abuse.

Overall, she would be open to using the panels in applications away from public contact.

"I don't see any real disadvantages," Whitton said. "You can have them made into almost any shape. They produce them very quickly."

Only Metro Cast and a couple others in the metro area make the polymer panels, Paolucci said.

Swerdlow expects that more companies will jump into the supply business if the process becomes more popular with contractors and architects.

"It's a very specialized, detailed application that requires a great deal of skill and experience as to mechanics in the shop," he said.

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law of 35 percent.

Some people are going to be surprised in some school districts that their taxes won't be down. They will have an escrow shortage. I won't mention towns.

Those are wealthier, higher-spending school districts that the state allowed to maintain a higher tax rate?

Yes. Yes. Go on. Yes. There will be some over-reduction, some not enough.

What then? Yes. If it's short, customers can make it all up with one payment or they can spread them over 12 months. If it's over, customers can credit it back to the next year's escrow and reduce payments or get a refund. That will be done in the 1995 escrow analysis.

Did you find that borrowers took the savings from escrow account reductions and paid down their mortgages faster to reduce interest expenses?

Yes. The change, on average, was \$45-\$50 per month. That's not going to be a windfall for most people when they recognize the sales tax is up 2 percent and with the real estate transfer tax.

I don't know that people are sitting and say, 'Gee, how does this impact my mortgage? Should I go refinancing? Do I add more money to reduce payments quicker?' I suppose some might do that, but I don't see any risk.

Any windfall should be looked at with an amount of skepticism. Some uncle out there is going to get it. Federal, state or schools. There is no free lunch.

I guess my viewpoint is whatever savings comes up in escrow better be shifted over to the other pocket for other taxes that will chip away at you.

How many of your mortgage holders pay their taxes through escrow accounts?

Yes. About 80 percent. How will a reduction in escrow accounts affect bank earnings?

Yes. It's a hard number to find. It won't be 30 percent because we're only talking about a reduction in school taxes and only in Michigan.

It's not as significant as it may appear, but it's not an insignificant number. Probably several hundred thousand dollars on an annualized basis. I'm not making light of it, but it's not a major impact on the bank's ability to perform.

How do you make up that lost revenue?

Yes. You're always looking at ways to enhance earnings, ways to reduce expenses. I don't think you take the myopic view of looking at one area and say, 'What do we do to replace this?' You lose track of the big picture. It's such an insignificant number. We're not going to start a new law to offset it. It's a major issue.

Where does the bank invest money received in escrow accounts before paying property taxes once or twice a year?

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**NEW GM**  
Virginia Beach, Va.-Home Quarters Warehouse has named Joe Kelley as general store manager of its Livonia warehouse.  
He started with HQ in 1993 as a general store manager trainee in the Showbury, Mass., warehouse store. He was promoted to general store manager of the Southgate warehouse in August.

**LIMITED-EDITION ROLLS**  
Hang around Don Massey Cadillac in Plymouth come September and you might get a peek at Rolls-Royce's limited-edition sports car — or maybe not.  
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hour in less than seven seconds. Cost: \$225,000.  
This year, Rolls will crank out 35 Flying Spur's for North American dealers, including Don Massey, Michigan's only authorized Rolls-Royce dealer.  
Says Donald E. Massey: "We expect most of these cars will be sold before they reach a showroom."

**CREDIT UNION SERVICE**  
Hauer Financial Reports, a Florida-based bank research and rating firm, said Co-op Services Credit Union, Livonia, has joined Bauer's Bank Water Sponsor Program. The program provides consumers with free information on the strength of credit unions; banks or thrifts that sponsor the service.  
For information, call 1 (800) 388-6686, 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. weekdays.

**EXPANSION PLANS**  
TG North America Corp., a unit of Japan-based Toyota Gosei Co. Ltd., is expanding its presence in Michigan to better serve North American automotive customers.  
The new 35,000-square-foot facility on Crooks in Troy will house sales, engineering, design, test and administrative staffs.  
The company's product lines include

weatherstripping systems, hoses, vibration insulators, body side moldings, steering wheels, air-bag assemblies and interior and exterior systems for automotive applications.  
TG plans to occupy the new site in August, according to Tom Sullivan, associate broker with Manhattan Co., Troy.

**PR COUNSEL**  
Aero Detroit/Pioneer Engineering, a Madison Heights engineering services company, has named Bianchi Public Relations of Bloomfield Hills as its public relations counsel. Aero serves the automotive and aviation industries.

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**JOBS PRACTICE**  
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**HUMOR HELPS**  
Oakland University's Continuum Center offers a workshop "The Value of Laughter in Counseling" 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on campus in Rochester. Cost is \$59. Reservations requested by June 22 at 370-3033 or (800) 370-3042.

**PRESENTATION SKILLS**  
The Troy Chamber of Commerce sponsors a workshop "Sharpening Your Presentation Skills: Getting to the Point" 8-10:30 a.m. at the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver. Speakers will feature new rules and tools for effective sales presentations. Cost, which includes breakfast, is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. Advance registrations requested. Call 641-8151, press 2, line 3.

**MANAGEMENT INFO**  
The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants sponsors two Management Information Shows 7:30 a.m. to 6:20 p.m. this date and June 30 at the Dearborn Hyatt Regency. The program features 39 breakout sessions and an exhibit hall of nearly 75 displays ranging from computer and insurance companies to financial services and office suppliers. Cost each day is \$45 in advance, \$90 at the door. For information, call the MACPA at 659-2288.

**FRANCHISE OPTION**  
Uniglobe Travel conducts a free seminar on travel agency franchising 7-8 p.m. at the Northfield Hilton, 5500 Crooks, Troy. The seminar examines trends in the industry, methods for evaluating franchise organizations and a Uniglobe profile. Reservations required at (800) 544-6461.

**LAND DEVELOPMENT**  
The Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts a seminar "Land Development, Site Planning and Zoning" 9 a.m. to noon at its offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100. Cost is \$20 for members, \$10 for additional members from the same company and \$35 for non-members. For reservations, call 737-4477.

**PENSION DISTRIBUTIONS**  
The International Association for Financial Planning Southeast Michigan Chapter hosts a seminar "Qualified Plan Distributions" 7:45-10 a.m. at the Skyline Club, 2000 Town Center, Southfield. Cost is \$15 for members with reservations, \$18 at the door and \$20 for non-members. For information, call 643-9315.

**INTERNATIONAL LAW**  
The International Law Sections of the state bars of Michigan, Wisconsin and Union Internationale des Avocats-Paris, in association with bar associations of Canada-Ontario, Mexico, Illinois and Indiana sponsors a two-day forum "Comparative Law of Canada, Mexico and USA" at the Dearborn Inn Marriott. The seminar will emphasize practical aspects of conducting trade throughout the northern hemisphere. Cost is \$150, \$125 for additional people from the same firm or company, and \$50 for faculty and students. Reservations due by July 1 to Virginia Herick at 490-7548.

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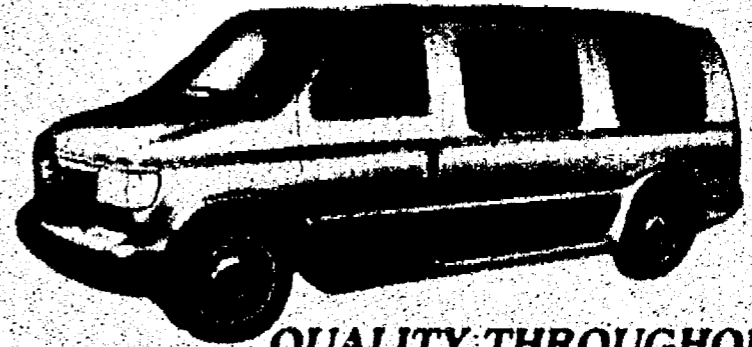
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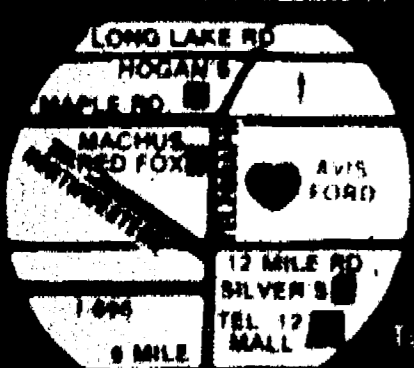
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