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Family affair: The idea was to show how important Girl Scouting is to American life. And what organizers found was that the tradition is generational — mothers, daughters, granddaughters, even great-granddaughters who have shared the experience of being a Girl Scout./B1

AT HOME

Special arrangements: Gardeners from Westland, Canton, Farmington Hills, Garden City and Plymouth are among those fashioning some of the more than 500 displays at "An American Bouquet," this year's Ann Arbor Flower & Garden Show./D6

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Trail-breaker: As one of the first women in the state to earn a real estate license, Cora Susin fought a pioneer's battles./F1

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PLACES & FACES

Artists at work

Art Club students from Franklin Middle School in Wayne "had it their way" recently. They weren't selecting a burger, but artwork to decorate an area business as part of a school-community project.

The group painted windows of the Burger King restaurant on Michigan Avenue with spring-themed flowers.

Students participating in the project includes sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders and their teacher is Karen Moggio and student teacher Tracy Cosgrove.

Friday closings

Westland city offices will be closed for business tomorrow, the Good Friday holiday, with the exception of police and fire emergency services. Wayne-Westland and Livonia schools are also closed for break and will reopen on April 7. The 18th District Court in Westland will also be closed Friday (reopening for business Monday), and will have no work program this Saturday, March 29.

Write a resume

The Westland Jaycees are sponsoring a resume-writing workshop at the William D. Faust Library of Westland 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 12.

Featured speaker will be Kim Mason-Welle, human resources manager for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Following the keynote talk, participants will then break into groups for hands-on resume-writing lessons.

To register, call Dan Chovanec at (313) 844-7770. Cost is \$10 or free for Jaycee members.

Westland graduate

Sarah Babu Aligina was one of 1,246 students to be awarded a degree from Oklahoma State University at the end of the fall semester. New graduates represented 37 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign countries.

Aligina received a master's degree in industrial engineering and management.

Flooded residents file lawsuit



A major sewer project continues to cause headaches for the city and its contractors. A class action lawsuit was filed in Wayne County this week by several residents seeking damages for recent flooding.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Tired of waiting for their flood-damaged basement to be repaired, 68-year-old retirees Egor and Mariane Noutko joined a class-action lawsuit filed Monday against the city of Westland and three sewer-project contractors.

"We're still sitting here with a

basement full of mold. We're about \$30,000 in the hole," Egor Noutko said. "We can't live like this anymore."

The Noutkos lost furniture, a television, a computer and other personal belongings Feb. 20-21 when an improperly blocked sewer system forced 3-foot-deep floodwaters into their basement on Lonnie, near Mer-

riman and Ann Arbor Trail.

Appraisers estimated their losses at \$30,000, including \$18,000 for structural damages and \$12,000 for ruined personal belongings, Egor Noutko said.

"I'd just like to get back what I lost," he said. "The only thing I've received is two gallons of disinfectant from the city."

The Noutkos are one of the families who have sued — and among scores of north-end residents who could join the class-action lawsuit filed Monday in Wayne County Circuit Court. Attorney Geoffrey Fieger has estimated that at least 60 home-

owners will sue the city of Westland, Peter Basile & Sons of Livonia, Lanzo Construction Inc. of Birmingham and Orchard Hiltz & McCliment Engineering Consultants of Livonia.

Noutko said Fieger told him that the value of his house — currently about \$100,000 — could drop 25 to 30 percent because he can't sell it without telling potential buyers that his basement had raw sewage in it.

Negotiations continue

The class-action lawsuit comes as six insurance companies continue

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Spring Ball



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACOBFIELD

Serving up fun: Eleven-year-old P.J. Sullivan makes a selection from the appetizer table Friday evening during the Spring Ball at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road, a fund-raiser sponsored by the Westland Community Foundation. For more photos and information on this event, please turn to page A3.

Wilson school site sold

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A united Wayne-Westland school board Monday voted to sell 13.5 acres of property, including the former Wilson School, for residential development.

The seven-member board accepted an \$825,000 offer from Newtowne Development Corp. even as a Native American group — hoping to use Wilson for a charter school — sought to delay the vote.

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A fax seeking the delay arrived at school administration offices at 6:14 p.m. Monday, prior to a 7 p.m. board meeting that cemented the sale of Wilson property on Wildwood north of Palmer.

School officials didn't find the fax until Tuesday morning, Superintendent Duane Moore said, although he conceded that a delay wouldn't likely have occurred, anyway.

Moore had confirmed as early as March 18 that he planned to recommend the sale of Wilson property as

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District is challenged to lead charge against state

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Calling for leadership from Wayne-Westland school officials, some district residents said Monday they are ready to battle Lansing for better funding of public education.

Westland resident Ed Turner challenged school board members and Superintendent Duane Moore to organize a letter-writing campaign involving district residents in state lobbying efforts.

"We've waited long enough," he said during a board meeting. "I believe we should really get on the ball and start educating Lansing."

Turner is a former board appointee who was ousted in last June's election, although he has

■ **'We are ready, willing and able ... Give us the direction.'**

Vickie Lewis

—resident willing to help Wayne-Westland officials battle for state dollars

said he will seek election in the June 9 race.

Wayne-Westland board members and administration officials have long complained about inadequate state funding, particularly in the wake of tax-slashing Proposal A legislation approved by Michigan voters in 1994.

The district lost some \$10 million in state dol-

lars from Proposal A, fueling budget problems that persist three years later as officials combat a \$5 million deficit that looms June 30.

A 3-mill tax increase that local voters approved in 1995 expires in June, and state law prevents the district from asking local voters to renew it.

Some measures, such as selling excess property, have begun to reduce the red ink, but officials still are seeking ways to boost district purse strings.

To get money for classroom technology and school building repairs, officials also have organized a committee that will issue recommendations that could lead to a ballot proposal for a bond issue — allowable under state law.

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On-air personality

Westland native Linda Lee rides high on career

BY CASEY HANS
STAFF WRITER

A workplace injury led Westland native Linda Lee Keyandwy to a new career and what she calls "the luckiest break in the world."

PEOPLE

Now a morning radio producer and personality, the 36-year-old lived through 10 years of line work at the Ford Michigan Truck Plant, which eventually led her to a bilateral repetitive strain injury and back into school at Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts to be retrained for a radio career.

Although known in the Westland area by Keyandwy, she now uses "Linda Lee" as her on-air name.

"I've always strived to be good at my job — to be the best," said the



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Enjoys new career: Westland native Linda Lee

At the Westland Center...

The morning show team from WYCD Young Country radio at 99.5 FM will broadcast live from the 1997 Westland Chamber of Commerce Jobs & Careers Fair on Saturday, April 12. The fair runs from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Westland Shopping Center at Wayne and Warren roads.

The morning team includes Westland native Linda Lee, longtime radio host Joe Wade Formicola and the station's news director Bob Schuman.

The fair will feature more than 80 employers available to share information about their businesses and accept resumes and applications from job-seekers. Seminars for job-seekers will also be available during the day.

For more information, call the chamber at (313) 326-7222.

Spring musical



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

At John Glenn: The romantic comedy "Ask Any Girl" will be performed by drama students at John Glenn High School April 17, 18 and 19 at 7 p.m. at the school's auditorium. Admission the the spring musical is \$9 for students and \$10 for adults. The comedy begins when Meg Wheeler comes to New York to find love and adventure and meets a young man Evan Doughton. Here, Evan (played by student Jason Bentley) asks Meg (played by Meredith Buddington) to marry him.

Westland man will stand trial

BY LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

Two people charged with stealing a car at gunpoint from a car wash employee were ordered to stand trial after waiving their preliminary examinations Monday.

Johnny Hanson, 34, of Westland and Nicole Wilner, 30, of Farmington Hills appeared separately in 21st District Court before Judge Richard Hammer, Jr. Both are charged with armed robbery, while Hanson is also facing a felony firearm charge.

The charges stem from a March 1 incident at Lacy's Car Wash, 27845 Ford near Inkster

Road.

Two employees were closing the business for the evening, according to police, with one worker's 1997 Probe parked with the keys in the ignition and the stereo playing.

One of the men noticed a woman getting into the vehicle and tried to stop her from starting the ignition. A man sitting nearby in a pickup truck then fired a shot from a sawed-off long-barrel gun at the employee.

After the employee ran off, the pair drove away in the two vehicles.

Police arrested Hanson and Wilner less than 20 minutes later driving the stolen Probe

IN THE COURTS

through Dearborn Heights.

Officers reported recovering a weapon from the suspect's truck and found the keys to that vehicle in Hanson's pocket.

Police said the armed robbery appeared to a crime of opportunity by the pair, both of whom described themselves as crack users.

Both Hanson and Wilner were ordered bound over and are scheduled for circuit court arraignment on April 7.

Defense attorney Richard Glanda, representing Wilner,

asked for the \$100,000 cash bond which had been set for each defendant to be reduced for his client.

Glanda noted Wilner wasn't charged with a weapons offense and she had not prior felony convictions, although she does have a pending felony drug charge in another community.

"This is a most serious offense. A gun was discharged. The defendant did assault the owner in so far as taking the vehicle," said Hammer, who refused to reduce the bond.

Playscape project seeks donors, volunteers

BY CASEY HANS
STAFF WRITER

The Westland Playscape Committee is moving into full swing this spring, as the group begins raising money for the September project and seeking community volunteers to help build it.

"We seeking help from all areas," said Kelly Furtaw, one of the group's volunteer organizers. "We started planning late in the summer-early fall. We've really gotten rolling."

The group is looking for cash donations, in-kind donations of food and other building materials. Dozens of volunteers will be needed to devote several hours to their time to hammer, lift and help put the wooden structure together.

The play structure for area kids will be constructed in a community "barn-raising" fashion in Central City Park near Westland City Hall from Tuesday through Sunday, Sept. 10-14. Similar structures have been built in other communities and school districts including Canton Township, Plymouth Township and Farmington Hills.

The committee is working the Robert Leathers Co. of New York, one of only a few

'We started planning in the late summer-early fall. We've really gotten rolling.'

—Kelly Furtaw

architectural firms which does similar projects. The company has consultants which work with community committees to design and implement the projects.

Plans for the event were spearheaded through the city, Furtaw said, then coordinated through a group of some 14 community volunteers.

Last October, Leathers helped the group with a "design day" in which the community came together to share ideas of what they would like to see in a playground. A contest will be held in the community to name the structure.

The group is planning several fund-raising events over the next few months:

■ Tonight is the "Play Pool for the Playscape" fund-raiser, being held from 4-8 p.m. at the Electric Stick, on Wayne Road north of Ford. People can sign up for two-hour pool-playing blocks. Two players for

two hours pay \$15, and four players for two hours pay \$25.

■ April 26 — Family Bowling Outing is planned.

■ Tickets for a chance to win a playhouse built by students at the William D. Ford Career/Technical Center are now available. Committee members are visiting each elementary school.

■ June — a car wash is planned.

■ August — the group will host a "pep rally" to get the community in the mood to build. Planned is a "cow chip bingo" event and other activities to raise the interest.

Furtaw said the group is also considering selling ceramic tiles, with individualized hand prints and names, which will be used to construct a sitting wall through the middle of the playscape.

"It will be very colorful, and make it (the playscape) a little bit different," she said. "It will make the kids and parents feel there's ownership."

For information on the project, fund-raising events or to volunteer time or make donations, call Kelly Furtaw at 467-3198 or 729-9054 or John and Annette Mason at (313) 728-9147.

Area Daughters of Isabella celebrate 100th year at special event

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

If Julie De Podesta has her way, Vladimir's Hall in Farmington will be packed Saturday, April 12.

With the deadline for ordering tickets fast approaching, the

head count is at 200 of the expected 400, mostly women, from around the state.

The former Southfield resident is chair of the state's 100th anniversary celebration of the Order of the Daughters of Isabella, an international Catholic women's fraternal organization.

"We're asking the circles to bring their banners to line around the hall," said De Podesta. "We plan on having a table of memory lane, featuring the circles' different charity work."

The celebration will start with Mass at 5:30 p.m. in the hall, celebrated by the state chaplain, the Rev. James Wiegand of River Rouge and featuring the Mercy High School vocal group, the Mercy Aires. The group also will entertain during the 6:30 p.m. cocktail hour.

There will be a sit-down family style dinner at 7:30 p.m., followed by a short program. Dinner entertainment will be by harpist Darlene Ferack of Garden City, with Johnny Chase, a one-man band, closing out the evening.

And the chance now is for members to celebrate 100 years of service. Tickets for the celebration can be ordered by calling De Podesta at (810) 449-8257. The deadline for ordering is this Saturday, March 29.

The Daughters of Isabella started as the wives of the Knights of Columbus, but spun off to start its own organization in May 1897. At the time, the D of I was an auxiliary to the K of

C and gave all of its money to the men's group.

But Catholic women wanted to join who were not married to K of C members and the organization "wanted to stand alone and donate to its own charities," said Martha Kozlowski of Clinton Township, who is hostess for this year's state convention.

"Our primary purpose is to uphold Catholic womanhood," said Kozlowski. "But we do a lot of charity, but our main purpose is unity and friendship and while we join together, we want to do something purposeful."

Among the charities D of I has supported include Guest House for alcoholic priests in Lake Orion. In fact, it was the first lay organization to support the institution, founded by Austin Ripley to restore priests to active service.

It also helped raise \$42,000 for the Kidney Foundation of Michigan to purchase 13 home dialysis machines, raised \$10,000 through a card party for Heartline, a program for runaway women and children, \$17,000 to benefit infants with AIDS at Children's Hospital of Michigan and more than \$100,000 for cancer research conducted by a nun.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

There's a statewide emphasis on the projects D of I supports. Its current project is Hospice of Michigan.

"We record our volunteer hours for the state convention ... the hours of volunteerism, there's millions and millions of them," added De Podesta. "But what's most important is helping the less fortunate. We benefit from doing that. Giving is living."

"Leadership is service," added Kozlowski. "These little circles work and work hard."

The group's patroness is Queen Isabel, known for her philanthropic endeavors which led to Christopher Columbus's discovery of the new world. Members follow the motto of unity, friendship and charity.

Organized in circles, the D of I has three levels — international, state and local. A state must have four local circles to form a state circle. The first Michigan circle was the Sacred Heart Circle in Detroit, started in the 1920s.

De Podesta is a 23-year mem-

ber, joining of Our Lady of Sorrows Circle 617 in Farmington in 1975. She was recently appointed state fund-raising chair by the state regent.

"This is really a unique group of women," said De Podesta. "When I joined I was 32 and the woman closest to my age was 65. I left for eight years and recently returned. I'm a take-charge kind of person and my friends are glad to see me back."

A member since 1955, Kozlowski belongs to the Queen of the Skies Circle 683, named for the Selfridge Air National Guard Base, in Mount Clemens. She served as a state officer for 20 years, including being the youngest state regent ever and an international officer.

At one time the D of I had 16,000 members, but membership down to about 7,000 members by "natural attrition," according to Kozlowski.

"Women were not working as much and this was an outlet for them, a chance to go out and do something worthwhile," Kozlowski said.

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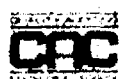
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Spring Ball: 'A cultural, classical event in town'

Organizers were pleased with last Friday's first-ever Spring Ball, sponsored by the Westland Community Foundation.

"I can't tell you how happy I am how it turned out," said foundation President Glenn Shaw. "The foundation members were very pleased. We'll do it again."

An estimated \$12,000 was raised through event ticket sales, and additional ticket sales for a chance at a two-year lease on a Ford Explorer donated by North Brothers. About 275 people attended the formal event, held at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road.

Featured entertainer the evening was pianist David Syme, acclaimed for his classical concerts throughout the world and his versatile abilities. Syme is known to Detroit-area audiences through his nine solo appearances with the Detroit Symphony. A West Bloomfield resident, he is also known for his classical concerts in such venues as Lincoln center, Kennedy Center and major halls in 11 European countries, Canada and Mexico.

Shaw said the purpose of the event was two-fold: "To first have a cultural classical event in town and then to raise money," he said.

Winners in the fund-raiser drawings included Westland businessmen Scott Marocco of Plymouth who won \$2,500 and Roger Jean who won \$1,000. The drawing for a two-year lease on a Ford Explorer — or \$5,000 cash — was won by Shelly Swartz representing the accounting firm. Plante & Moran.

Grand winner:
At right, Shelly Swartz of Brighton, representing the Ann Arbor office of Plante & Moran, accepts congratulations as her name is picked as winner of the two-year lease on the 1997 Ford Explorer. The prize is worth \$5,000 cash



STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JACQUEL

Who's lucky?: Drawing for the cash prizes at Friday's event were (from left above) Steve Johnson, Glenn Shaw and Capt. Mark Welsh of the Salvation Army.



Classical playing:
At right, David Syme, a concert pianist from West Bloomfield, provides the atmosphere for the formal event.

Honor roll

Adams students earn accolades

The following students were named to the Adams Middle School honor roll. Information is provided by the Wayne-Westland Schools:

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New elementary

First area Catholic school in 39 years prepares to open in Canton Township

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

All Saints Catholic School is soliciting donations from the business community to help with scholarships, computer technology and library materials at the new school in neighboring Canton.

The Archdiocese of Detroit broke ground on the school in September at a site of Resurrection Parish on Warren Road, east of Ridge. All Saints will be a regional school for the following parishes: Resurrection, St. John Neumann and St. Thomas a'Becket in Canton and St. Kenneth in Plymouth Township.

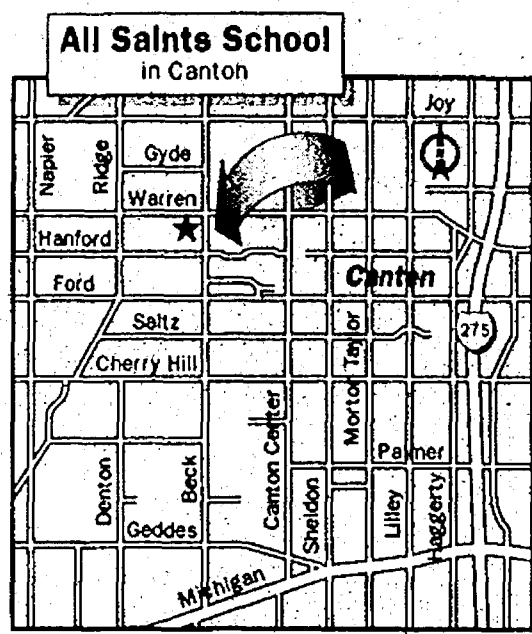
Although it will serve all four parishes, it will not receive parish subsidies. It is the first Catholic school built by the archdiocese in 39 years.

Families are required to pay a one-time registration fee of \$3,500 and a per student tuition of \$2,500.

"Some are finding the cost to be quite steep," said Mary Rita Allen, All Saints principal.

So far, 118 students are signed up to attend kindergarten through fourth grade at All Saints. The school is still accepting student enrollment until July. More students are needed for the fourth-grade classes, said Allen. The school will open this fall as K-4 and eventually expand to K-8.

"The archdiocese has been very generous. We have the money to (have a computer



TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

■ 'We have the money to (have a computer room and Library Media Center), but we always have a need for more.'

—Mary Rita Allen

room and Library Media Center), but we always have a need for more — additional books in the library and computer equipment," she said.

The one-time \$3,500 registration fee goes to the archdiocese and will be used to pay back building expenses slowly. The \$2,500 goes directly to the school for educating the children.

Carleigh Flaharty of the Canton Chamber of Commerce said she has not received a letter from All Saints nor has she received any feedback from business owners regarding the solicitation.

"With the Catholic school, I think there's a lot of support out there for it since we have a high population-base of Catholics here. Businesses are solicited all the time from various groups and they're going to pick and choose which groups they want to support," she said.

Fran Toney of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce had similar sentiments.

"Businesses are solicited every day from soccer teams to baseball teams to the United Way. It's no difference," she said.

School officials have scheduled another Town Hall Informational Meeting for anyone interested in finding out more about the school's progression. The meeting is set for 7 p.m. Monday, April 14, and held at Resurrection Parish.

The offices of the school are currently housed in the construction trailer of the Barton Marlow Company at the school site.



Partners in Education: Pictured are Westland teacher Janice Crum (center) with Graham Elementary Principal Don Chastain and Tina Luke, Lifetouch Studios representative.

Graham school teacher receives creativity grant

Janice Crum, an art teacher at PD Graham in Westland was recently awarded a Lifetouch Enrichment Grant by Lifetouch National School Studios of Minneapolis, MN. Crum submitted an idea for nurturing creativity in the classroom, the theme for the 1996-97 program.

Crum's idea was selected by a panel of independent education specialists from more than 6,300 entries.

Two hundred educators were each awarded a \$250 grant and a representative selection of the winning ideas will be published in "Sparkling Brilliance: Nurturing Creativity in the Classroom" a resource book to be distributed nationally this spring.

Residents from page A1

Westland resident Vickie Lewis said Monday that residents are willing to help school leaders in their quest to improve local funding.

"We are ready, willing and able," she said. "Give us the direction."

School officials already have met with state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton Township, and some other state legislators in an attempt to seek solutions to

Wayne-Westland money problems.

Local officials say Wayne-Westland's situation is unique because the district saw a 10-mill decrease in school taxes just before Proposal A went into effect.

That dealt a long-term blow to the district because the state, in part, used millage rates to determine post-Proposal A funding.

People from page A1

1979 John Glenn High School graduate. "When I got hurt, the whole mentality went down the tubes at Ford. All of a sudden, I felt I was worthless there. And I was."

Although a licensed cosmetologist and former waitress, Lee said her injuries would not allow her to fall back on either career. After negotiating with Ford, they agreed to pay for her retraining of eight months, which put her immediately into a job at WWW-FM and last year, into her current role producing the morning show for WYCD-FM Young Country radio, where she is also an on-air personality with veteran Joe Wade Formicola and newsman Bob Schuman.

"I'm like a puppy getting to play with the big dogs," she added.

The morning team will broadcast live from the Westland Center on Saturday, April 12, during the Westland Chamber Jobs and Careers Fair, which will be held throughout the mall from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. She also was the recent keynote speaker for the Garden City Business and Professional Women's annual fashion show and fund-raiser.

Lee said doing events like the chamber job fair, fashion show and other appearances in the community gives her more visibility, which has both an up and down side. "It's weird," she said. "I'm not just Linda anymore. I'm representing the station. I want to be myself, but I feel like I always want to be on my best behavior."

"But I wouldn't complain for the minute — it's like a dream come true."

The Young Country-format stations are owned by CBS and play some pop country and traditional country music. Lee said her goal and dream was to land a job at a country station, and that she was lucky to be placed immediately in the Detroit market. "It's a dream story for anybody getting into radio," she said. "Generally you start in a small market. This is the sixth-largest market in the country."

How about getting up at 3:30 a.m.? No problem for Lee, who said she used to have to drag herself out of bed to go to work on the line. Now, she's up watching CNN, reading the news and it's off to the station where the

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Linda Lee

Westland resident and morning personality for Young Country

show begins at 5:30 a.m. and ends at 10 a.m.; she's often still at the station well into the afternoon setting up interviews for the next show, she said.

Lee attended the former Tonquish Elementary and Nankin Mills Junior High schools in Westland before attending John Glenn High. She is the oldest of nine children and still lives in Westland, as does her dad. Her mom lives nearby in Novi.

In doing the family genealogy, her mother has discovered Native American roots on the Kewandwy side of the family. Lee said she is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie tribe of Chippewas, and adds that her great-great-grandfather was a chief.

In her spare time, she enjoys fishing, travel and camping, spending a lot of time on Lake Erie fishing for walleye and perch with her dad. Lee's 13-year-old daughter Gina, who is currently living in Tecumseh with her father, is happy for her mom. "She's really thrilled," Lee said. "She gets to reap a lot of the fringe benefits, like going to concerts and meeting celebrities."

Lee said although she has traveled over some bumps in life, she is grateful for everything that has happened to her. "I'm a good person and good things come to good people," she added. "I believe in God and I believe God looks out after me."

"I'm just living my dream. I'm so happy."

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Urban sprawl

Hillemonds says land use patterns changing

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

For decades, regional planners at SEMCOG have beaten the drums against urban sprawl and in favor of more efficient land use.

There's light at the end of the tunnel, said former House Speaker Paul Hillemonds, now president of Detroit Renaissance.

Speaking March 20 to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments General Assembly, the former Holland resident, now transplanted to Plymouth Township, pointed to three signs that state government is moving to end the paving over of farmlands in excess of population growth:

■ There were more bills in the last session (1995-96) of the Legislature on land use than in the previous 20 years, though there is no consensus yet," said Hillemonds, 47, who served from 1979-96 in the House.

■ "A bipartisan urban caucus has formed in the House. It even has some rural members. It's asking, what do we do about land use? They are concerned with the loss of prime farmland."

■ As veteran politicians retire due to term limits, they are like-

ly to be replaced by people experienced in local government and will "show more sensitivity to local issues."

Hillemonds quoted the State Association of Planners as showing that by 2020 Michigan's population will rise 11 percent, but the amount of urbanized land will increase 63-87 percent.

The region around Portland, Ore., on the other hand, is projecting a 50 percent increase in population but a mere 4 percent increase in urbanized land, he said.

Hillemonds pulled up roots this year to head Detroit Renaissance, a coalition of chief executives of businesses formed after the 1967 Detroit riot. A top concern, he said, is funding for cultural institutions such as the

Institute of Arts and symphony, among others.

"We will continue to work to find a plan for regional funding," Hillemonds said. "We will try to build a consensus first (before asking the state for enabling legislation.)" He said polling shows strong public support for regional arts and cultural funding.

The group also will encourage a gradual merger of the two public transit systems, the Detroit and SMART (suburban) bus systems, by starting with such services as maintenance. "It would be nice to merge it all at once, but we must take small steps."

Sprawl continues

Hillemonds spoke shortly after two SEMCOG staffers outlined how developers are consuming

land in northern and western Oakland County, western Wayne County and around Ann Arbor.

Average density was three households per acre before 1990; two to three per acre in 1990-95; and one per acre in Livingston County, said Ed Limoges of the SEMCOG data center staff.

"The employment change from 1990 to 2020 will occur in a broad band two townships wide through central Macomb and Oakland County and in western Wayne," Limoges told delegates. Households will sprawl in the same area, in a wider band, his projections showed.

Currently about 4,600 square miles (equal to the state of Connecticut) are developed in the seven-county region of southeast

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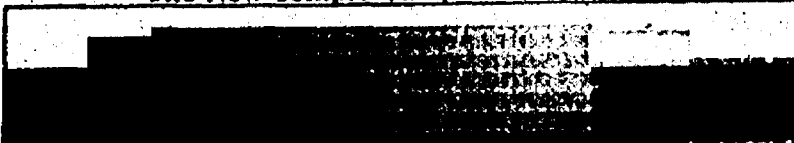
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OBITUARIES

MORTIE A. BENNETT

A memorial service for Mortie A. Bennett, 88, of Homosassa, Fla., was held in Wilder-Fountains Funeral Home, Homosassa Springs, Fla. Officiating was the Springs Masonic Lodge No. 378.

Mr. Bennett, who died March 23 at his residence, was a native of Xenia, Ill.

He moved to Florida 21 years ago from Canton. He was a firefighter in Wayne County and a U.S. Army veteran-3rd Armored Division in World War II. Mr. Bennett was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Wayne Lodge No. 112, Westland, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 3323 Harris Kehrer Post in Westland. He attended the First United Methodist Church in Homosassa, Fla.

Surviving are: wife Mary of Homosassa; sons John of Onsted, Mich., Sandy of Christianburg, Va., and Loren of Canton; brother, Walter of Livonia; sisters Bonnie Bauer of Muscatine, Iowa, and Juanita Cory of Muscatine, Iowa; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Citrus County, Fla.

ETHEL ROWLAND

Funeral services for Ethel Rowland, 78, of Livonia were recently in Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, Plymouth Township, with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Michael Varlamos.

Mrs. Rowland, who died March 21 in Farmington Hills, was born in Toledo, Ohio. A homemaker, she had lived in Livonia since 1988 and was a former resident of Westland. She was a member of Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox

Church for 35 years.

Surviving are: sons, Maxwell Michaels of West Bloomfield and Peter Michaels; one grandchild; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles.

Memorials may be made to Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church.

DOROTHY E. TESARZ

Funeral services for Dorothy E. Tesarz, 74, of Westland were recently in Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home and St. Richard Catholic Church with the Rev. John F. Hall officiating. Cremation rites were accorded.

Mrs. Tesarz, who died March 20 in Westland, was born in Detroit. She was a computer operator for a freight company.

Surviving are: husband Charles; son Thomas of Columbus, Ohio; daughters Susan Eichstadt of Livonia and Carol Teachout of Dearborn; seven grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia 48154-5010.

ESTHER M. GREEN

Funeral services for Esther M. Green, 74, of Westland were held in St. Damian Church with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Mrs. Green, who died March 21 in Detroit, was born in Milwaukee, Wis. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: husband Joseph; sons James and Joseph; daughters Kathleen Malek and Janet Gysel; two brothers; three sisters; and seven grandchildren.

VERA P. FIELDS

Funeral services for Vera Fields, 87, of Westland were held in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland Chapel, with burial at Northview Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Drexel A. Morton from St. Michael Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Fields, who died March 22 in Westland, was born in Manchester, Tenn. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: daughter Betty Harrison; sister Gurdeline Algenstedt; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

ETHELYN M. PALMATEER

Funeral services for Ethelyn M. Palmateer, 74, of Westland were held in Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Park, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Neil Ellison of Ward Presbyterian Church, Livonia.

Mrs. Palmateer, who died March 22 in Wayne, was born in Detroit. She came to the Westland community from Keego Harbor in 1979 and had attended Oakland Community College, receiving her associate's degree. She was a hairdresser.

Surviving are: daughter Dorothy Murphy of Westland; brother Franklin Stevenson of Gladwin, Mich.; sisters Ruth Squire of Florida and Florence Murfree of Mississippi; step-mother Evelyn Stevenson of Kalamazoo; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, Central Metro Region, P.O. Box 721129, Berkley 48072.

FELIZA D. ROSARIO

Funeral services for Feliza D. Rosario, 91, of Dearborn Heights were held in St. John Neumann Church, Canton, with burial at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia, with the Rev. George Charnley officiating.

Mrs. Rosario, who died March 19 in Livonia, was born in the Philippines. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: sons Dr. Floro Rosario of Southfield and Daniel Rosario of Canton; daughter Natividad Garma of Dearborn Heights; sister Patricia Torres of Long Beach, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 30600 Telegraph Road, Suite 2255, Bingham Farms, 48025. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

MARY SAID

Funeral services for Mary Said, 84, of Garden City were held in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Evergreen Cemetery, Detroit. Officiating was the Rev. John S. Adamcio from St. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church. Memorials may be made to St. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church.

Mrs. Said, who died March 24 in Garden City, was born in Wisconsin. She was a clerk.

Surviving are: brothers Michael, Matthew, Nick and Ted; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Hassan.

GERALDINE G. RUE

Funeral services for Geraldine G. Rue, 85, of Garden City were held in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Mt. Hope Memorial

Gardens, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Tom Elliott.

Mrs. Rue died March 22 in her residence. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: daughter Geri Ann Rue; brothers Fred MacGregor, Leland MacGregor, Warren MacGregor and Duane MacGregor; sisters Goldie Hodge, Katherine Johnson and Caroline Johnson; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Julius and son Herb Rue.

THOMAS G. SHINSKY

Funeral services for Thomas G. Shinsky, 68, of Garden City were held in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with the Rev. Edward Prus from St. Raphael Catholic Church officiating. Cremation rites were accorded.

Mr. Shinsky, who died March 21 in Garden City, was born in Detroit. He was owner of Metro-Pro Hardware in Ypsilanti and a former Grand Knight of Immaculate Conception Knights of Columbus.

Surviving are: wife June; sons Mark, Matthew, Gregory, Gary, Thomas and Timothy; mother Praxeda; and one granddaughter.

OGAL "DON" F. CHASTAIN

Funeral services for Ogal "Don" Chastain, 80, of Westland were held in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Maple Grove Cemetery, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Felix Lorenz Jr. from St. Paul United Church of Christ. Memorials may be made to Mooseheart

International.

Mr. Chastain, who died March 19 in Garden City, was born in Campbellsburg, Ind. He was a carpenter.

Surviving are: brother Wilber Chastain; sister Louise McClintock; and six grandchildren.

ROSE SKIBA

Funeral services for Rose Skiba, 82, of Garden City were held in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Maple Grove Cemetery, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Edward Prus from St. Raphael Catholic Church.

Mrs. Skiba, who died March 20 in Garden City, was born in Detroit. She was a clerical secretary.

Surviving is her daughter, Paula Skiba of Garden City. *Memorials may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind and Paws with a Cause.

ALVIN J. OLEKSY

Funeral services for Alvin Oleksy, 75, of Dearborn Heights were held in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland Chapel, with the Rev. Joseph L. Romano from St. Sabina Church officiating. Burial followed at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Mr. Oleksy, who died March 23 in Garden City, was born in Detroit. He was an appraiser for the federal government.

Surviving are: wife Virginia; son Terence; three grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

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fragile negotiations aimed at determining the share of flood-damage repairs that companies should pay.

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who vehemently deny any city responsibility for sewer-system flooding, fear that the lawsuit could stall talks and possibly delay home repairs for years.

"It has a real possibility of stalling the whole thing for a long time," Mayor Robert Thomas said Tuesday, although he conceded that he understands homeowners' frustrations.

"I don't blame some of the people who have sued," he said, adding later, "I would be pretty frustrated, too."

Finance Director Michael Gorman said the city is pressing insurance companies to reach an agreement on paying for damages estimated at \$4 million to

\$6 million. He said 402 homes suffered damages - fewer than earlier estimates of 500.

"We're pushing as hard as we can," Gorman said.

Thomas said that Irecon, a company authorized by the city to repair homes, is ready to begin its work as soon as insurance companies release money for the work.

"They have not released a dime," the mayor said Tuesday.

City officials are eager to recoup \$700,000 in emergency work authorized by the city in the wake of sewer-system flooding that occurred when an underground chamber - improperly blocked by concrete - couldn't empty sewage into a 72-inch pipe. The flooding occurred during the city's latest phase of a federally mandated, \$10 million sewer-separation project.

Worst in city's history

City officials called the February flooding Westland's worst-ever "disaster."

If insurance companies fail to

reach an agreement on paying for damages, Thomas said, "it may force us to look at legal action."

A representative for one contractor said Tuesday that insurance companies are expected to complete their talks next week, but he couldn't say with certainty that an agreement will be reached.

Joe Yassay, chief financial officer for Peter Basile & Sons, said insurance representatives met on Monday and made plans for more talks early next week. He said it was "a little premature" to say whether the class-action lawsuit will affect negotiations. He chose not to comment directly on the lawsuit.

Assistant Westland City Attorney Keith Madden also didn't want to discuss the suit because his office hadn't received copies of it early Tuesday afternoon. Madden did say that insurance companies "are still talking."

Mark Perkowski, a spokesman for Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, said he views the lawsuit as

"premature," and he held out hope that it won't scuttle talks among insurance companies.

Homes inspected

Meanwhile, all damaged homes have been inspected by GAB Robins, and company spokesman Tom Berardo said Tuesday that appraisals for structural damages should be completed by the end of this week. Appraisals of personal belongings will take longer because scores of homeowners still haven't completed their inventories of lost items, Berardo said.

He estimated structural damages at an average of \$12,000 per home. "That's much more than we thought," Berardo said.

GAB Robins will turn its findings over to insurance companies. Gorman, the city's finance director, said he is hopeful that claims will begin to be settled within two to three weeks, although no one could say with certainty.

In another development, West-

land City Councilman Charles Pickering said Tuesday that he was "disturbed" that three weeks had passed since council members received their last flood update. "I'm disturbed that we're not getting any updates," he said.

On March 3, Pickering suggested that an outside investigator be hired by the city to assess flood damages and to determine responsibility. His proposal didn't draw support from other city leaders.

Many Westland residents praised the administration's initial response to the flood. But Thomas is aware that those same residents could become angry if efforts to repair their homes become stalled.

Thomas said he still believes that most homeowners simply want their houses repaired without joining a class-action lawsuit that could take years to settle.

Sale from page A1

one of many measures aimed at reducing a \$5 million budget deficit that looms June 30.

On Monday, Native American representative Adrienne Brant James of Southfield told Wayne-Westland officials that the charter school wouldn't compete for public school students. Brant James and Geo Fuhat, a Redford Union school trustee, are seeking a charter for the school through Oakland University.

Rather, the charter school would foster Native American teachings in hopes of preserving cultural differences in a country that tried to "wipe us out," she said.

"This system cannot teach our children in the way they need to be taught," she said.

Wayne-Westland school board members say the sale of Wilson property will help to avert potential budget cuts such as student transportation.

Zoning approval

The Wilson site is zoned for single-family housing, meaning that developers would need rezoning approval from the

Westland City Council for high-density proposals such as condominiums.

Wayne resident Charles Johnson warned board members Monday that they are "selling off the family jewels."

Some residents wanted the property to remain undeveloped because it is adjacent to more than 50 acres of wooded land known as Sassafras Trails.

Friends of Sassafras Trails president Kevin Headrick said Monday that he believes the board should have explored options other than the Newtonville offer, but he denied allegations that his group tried to block the Wilson sale.

"I want everyone to know that's not true," he said.

Westland resident Pamela Bauer accused school board president Patricia Brown of implying that the Sassafras group was blocking the sale during talks that Brown had with an hourly Wayne-Westland school employee union, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1483.

Brown said she only told AFSCME members that the

board would have to examine program cuts unless the board sold the Wilson property.

Meanwhile, some residents voiced new concerns that district officials and state natural resources officials haven't signed a contract protecting Sassafras Trails from development.

The state has agreed to purchase the property's development rights for \$520,000 - money that would also be used to offset the district's deficit. In turn, the land would remain in its natural state for at least 90 years.

No trust

Johnson accused the board of "dragging its feet" in completing the negotiations - a move that he said is fueling a rift between the board and Friends of Sassafras Trails.

"I hope we can resolve this animosity that seems to be developing," he said.

Moore rejected Johnson's allegations and said district officials are trying to ensure that the contract "is done legally."

Board member Mathew McCusker noted one stumbling

block, saying an earlier proposed contract wouldn't have allowed the district to build a Sassafras Trails shelter where the citizens group could meet.

Moore tried to allay residents' fears by saying the district "will move as expeditiously as (the state) will move" on completing negotiations.

Board members called on Sassafras Trails supporters to work with the district to achieve common goals, but Lola King said such efforts are hampered because some residents don't trust school officials.

"It's kind of hard to work for a group that you feel has sabotaged your efforts in many ways," she said.

In another development, board president Brown instructed Moore to arrange a meeting between Newtowne Development Corp. and Friends of Sassafras Trails so that the developer can hear citizens' concerns about how the Wilson site should be developed.

Piano teachers to hear performer, recording artist

Richard Ridenour, piano instructor, performer and recording artist, will be the guest speaker Wednesday, April 9, for the Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum.

The topic of the workshop is "Jazz, Pop, Ragtime and Improvisation." The session will begin 9:30 a.m. in the recital hall of Hammell Music, 15630 Middlebelt, Livonia.

All area piano teachers are invited.

Ridenour performs throughout the U.S. along with orchestral programs that feature classical literature and contemporary pop.

He also is in demand for his solo program "Rags to Riches," an inspiring mix of piano works tracing the history of pop, ragtime and

jazz. He has released three successive recordings.

A native of Grand Rapids, Ridenour earned his bachelor's degree in music from University of Michigan and a master's degree from the Julliard School of Music. For information call (313) 427-1597.

Skate with the stars will benefit Make-A-Wish

Several Red Wing players, sports celebrities and former hockey great Gordie Howe will appear at the first annual Elysia Peley Skateathon Wednesday, April 2 from 3 to 9 p.m. at the Joe Louis Arena.

Presented by the Hockey Academy of Toronto, the skateathon will benefit two organizations - the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan and the Pediatric Oncology Group.

The event is named after Elysia who lost her battle with cancer last year.

Elysia also loved hockey, so organizers thought a skateathon was an appropriate fund-raiser to battle this disease.

Danielle Reinhart, another local child, continues to battle the disease.

Make-A-Wish Foundation grants wishes to terminally ill children.

The 1997 "Wish Child" is

John Tackett who suffers from progeria, an extremely rare disease which causes a child to age very rapidly and afflicts only a few children in the world.

Organizers stress that 100 percent of the proceeds will be donated to the two groups - Make-A-Wish of Michigan and Pediatric Oncology Group.

Anyone who raises \$50 or more in donations will skate at the Joe Louis Arena, be served refreshments and given a T-shirt

to commemorate the event.

Re-registration (to select ice time) will from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Devonaire Ice Arena, 9510 Sunset, east of Merriman between Plymouth and West Chicago in Livonia. Those participating may also register at Joe Louis Arena the day of the skate.

Scheduled to appear are: Darren McCarty, Joe Kocur and Kris Draper, members of the Red Wing Alumni, members of

the Detroit Lions and Tigers, and other sports celebrities. Gordie and Colleen Howe will be autographing their book "...and Howe!"

A silent auction, free autographs, 50/50 drawings and fun and games are scheduled. Prizes will be awarded for top individual and team donation raisers.

Corporate sponsors are still needed for the event.

People interested in becoming corporate sponsors can call Bob

Deuby at (313) 522-7199 or Ken Gentile, RE/MAX Great Lakes in Farmington Hills at (810) 473-6200. For a donation kit, call Cathy Bailey at (810) 772-5903.

"We are hoping that the hockey community will open their hearts to help us in this cause," said Michael Lenda, president of HAT.

Workshop to examine deafness, blindness

Madonna University in Livonia will hold a workshop titled, "Deaf-Blindness, Community and Culture" on Friday, April 4, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, April 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Krösg Hall.

The presenter will be Arthur Roehrig from Gallaudet University's Office for Students with Special Needs in Washington D.C.

Roehrig, who is both deaf and blind, is a teacher, counselor and author. He will present on issues such as Understanding Deaf-Blindness, Types of Deaf-Blindness and Communication Needs, Communication Techniques and Interpreter Involvement from a Consumer Perspective, and Characteristics that are Unique to the Deaf-Blind Community and Culture.

The fee for this non-credit workshop is \$35. For more information, call (313) 432-5731 or call (313) 432-5643.

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Michigan. But by 2020, Limoges said, developer will pave over 1,300 square miles, or 27 percent (equal to the state of Rhode Island). Three-fourths will be residential and one-fourth non-residential, he said.

Jerry Rowe, also of SEMCOG's data center, said the region in 25 years will see a loss of natural features (because of the popularity of lakes and rolling hills for development), loss of farmland, demand for municipal sewer and water services in "fringe" areas, aging roads pounded by traffic, and decline in older urban areas.

On the other hand, there are increasing signs of "in-fill" - development in still vacant lots in existing urban areas. From 1990-95, he said, 28 percent of residential building permits were "in-fill."

Leslie Kettren, a village of Milford official, corrected the SEMCOG planners by saying Milford's growth already has exceeded their projections. She added that wells are becoming polluted in White Lake Township, which straddles M-59 west of Pontiac.

Todd Kilroy, Westland planning director, said, "We're seeing developers turning back to older areas." He cited older parents who sell their home to their children and move to a condominium in the same community.

Land act repaired

In a report to delegates, Rowe noted the Legislature is repairing "a glaring omission" to the 1996 amendments to the Subdivision control Act of 1967.

The new law, called the Land Division Act inadvertently allows landowners to divide their land with out platting under the old act and then divide a second time after the new act takes effect March 31.

"The amendments did not include changes to the existing law to simplify and speed up the plat review process. The current procedure is much too long and is needlessly bureaucratic," Rowe said.

Many local officials had complained that farmers, in particular, had been dividing their land into "bowling alley" lots to avoid the necessity of meeting platting requirements. Result: Much farm land was taken out of production.

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Lottery taxed

State lottery winners who have received welfare assistance within the past year would be taxed part of their winnings under two bills passed by the Michigan Senate.

Senate Bill 188, which passed 30-8, would take up to half the lottery winnings of \$1,000 or more. Sponsor was Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham. It faces an uncertain future in the House.

"Welfare recipients who have the great fortune to win the lottery should remember that they once were down on their luck and benefited from the welfare system," said Bouchard. "Remember, we collect lottery winnings from parents who are behind in their child support, so the concept behind this legislation has already been firmly established."

"A lot of people who receive tax dollars are not on welfare," objected Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem.

"We have a tremendous amount of corporate support from the tax dollars. We have farmer subsidies from tax dollars, and we have a lot of use of the citizens tax dollars going to individuals in the state."

Here's how local members voted:

Voting yes: Loren Bennett, R-Canton; Robert Geake, R-Northville.

Voting no: George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn.

Republicans spoke loud and clear for academic standard," said Rep. Jim Agee, D-Muskegon, sponsor of House bill 4244. "Now it's up to the Senate to act."

"You can't guarantee educational quality for children if there are no standards in our public schools," added Rep. Sharon Gire, D-Macomb County, chair of the House Education Committee.

Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, protested: "This bill would increase state expenditure while not specifying the amount of incentives or how many school districts would participate. Therefore, this bill is innately wrong for Michigan, its students and taxpayers."

Added Rep. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt: "This is a new categorical (of aid) which sounds good at first, but it actually slows down the movement toward equity for poor rural schools."

Here's how local members voted:

Yes: Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights; Eileen DeHart, D-Westland; Gerald Law, R-Plymouth; Tom Kelly, D-Wayne.

No: Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

Not voting: Lyn Bankes, R-Redford.

Full treatment

Freshman Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, got the full treatment of senior hazing as his first piece of

legislation came up for a House vote March 19.

"I move to refer it to the International Relations Committee," joked House minority leader Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville.

"As the appointed mentor of the sponsor, I must admit that I have failed miserably," added Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake.

Raczkowski's measure was an other innocuous resolution calling on President Clinton and the U.S. Congress to include Poland in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

"Thirteen state legislatures have passed such resolutions," said Raczkowski, an Army Reserve officer. "Michigan would be the 14th. A Republican Congress and Democratic administration have joined hands to expand NATO."

Some senior members hinted that Raczkowski should follow the custom of a small gift from a business in his district for the other 108 members of the House. Raczkowski declined, however, because his measure was a mere resolution with no legal effect.

Senate bills

■ Sen. Willis Bullard Jr., R-Milford, has introduced two bills to cut the personal income tax. One would reduce the rate from the current 4.4 percent to 3.9 over five years. The other would exempt all persons earning \$5,000 or less (\$10,000 or less for

a couple filing jointly). They were sent to the Senate Finance Committee.

■ Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, introduced a bill providing incentives to school districts operating "safe havens."

Said Hart: "With so many parents working, children can't always go home directly after school. Safe haven programs provide a safe, constructive environment." He cited Garden City's "Children's Corner," a child care service on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for children up to 12.

House bills

■ Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, has introduced a bill allowing students' grade-point averages to be considered under the Michigan Competitive Scholarship program. Currently, only the student's ACT test score is considered.

"It's a simple fact that some people just do poorly on tests because of anxiety or nerves," said DeHart, citing a district student with a low ACT who was successful at Eastern Michigan University. The bill went to the House Colleges and Universities Committee.

■ Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, has introduced HB 4121

to prohibit a person convicted of a crime from suing for damages arising out of their criminal action. "If someone breaks into your home and you injure that person while stopping them, you can be sued," said Whyman.

"Everyone is so concerned about violation of the criminal's rights. What about your rights?" Her bill went to the House Judiciary Committee.

■ Whyman also introduced a bill to prohibit local government from requiring municipal employees to live within the city boundaries.

"Local units have long used this weapon against their employees in order to collect more taxes. How can a city such as Detroit continue to chase out their best and brightest employees for no other reason than residency?"

■ Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, introduced a bill to repeal the controversial "Environmental Audit" sponsored in 1995 by Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton. Kaza cited a letter from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency saying the law allows too much secrecy in corporate records that may keep Michigan from complying with federal minimum standards.

A surplus

State government ran a surplus of \$88.1 million in fiscal 1996, said Mark Murray, budget and management director.

Murray credited the improving economic climate and "strong, disciplined fiscal management," adding, "This represents the fourth consecutive year that no department overspent its appropriated budget."

Of the \$88.1 million, Murray said:

■ \$58.1 million will go into the budget stabilization fund, or "rainy day" fund, to tide the state over in economic downturns. Total size of the rainy day fund is \$1.1 billion.

■ \$10 million will go into cultural facilities. Applications to receive funds are being accepted through mid-February and are available through the Department of Management and Budget's office of education at 517/373-8883.

■ \$10 million will go to airport projects statewide.

■ \$10 million will go into special maintenance and remodeling projects.

The state's fiscal year ended Sept. 30. Final releases of funds will be made in the next few days.

Funds for standards

The House approved, 78-26, a Democratic bill to give school districts a \$5 per pupil incentive to adopt the model academic standards of the State Board of Education.

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ANN ARBOR HURON
Class of 1977
Aug. 8 at the Crowne Plaza, Ann Arbor.
Reunion Planners, P.O. Box 291, Mt. Clemens 48046 or (810) 465-2277 or (810) 263-6803

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Class of 1977
July 19 at Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor.
(810) 464-2277 or (313) 263-6803

AVONDALE
Class of 1952
A reunion is planned for June 28.
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Classes of 1981-83
Oct. 11-12 at the Ypsilanti Marriott Hotel. Cost is \$45 per person with cash bar.
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A reunion is planned for July 5.
(313) 886-0770 or (810) 783-6889
Class of 1972
A reunion is planned for Sept. 6.
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Class of 1957
A reunion is planned for Sept. 27.
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Class of 1957
Sept. 13 at the Community House, Birmingham.
(810) 646-6380.

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Class of 1947
June 28 at the Orchard Lake Country Club.
(810) 626-3522 or (810) 540-6771.

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Class of 1977
Aug. 9 at the Doubletree Guest Suites, Southfield.
(810) 360-7004, press 5
Class of 1967
A reunion is planned for Aug. 16.
(810) 647-5704 or (810) 851-8621

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM
Class of 1977
Aug. 9 at the Northfield Hilton Hotel, Troy.
(810) 465-2277 or (313) 263-6803

BISHOP BORGESS
Class of 1977
Nov. 22 at the Warren Valley Country Club.
(313) 538-7634, (313) 953-2580 or (313) 522-0359
Class of 1987
Nov. 8 at the Karas House, Redford.
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June 28, 1997, at the Doubletree Guest Suites, Southfield.
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Aug. 15 at the Northfield Hilton Hotel, Troy.
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DEARBORN
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(313) 455-0375 or (313) 421-3151

DEARBORN EDELS FORD

Class of 1967
A reunion is planned for July 27.
(313) 277-0631

DEARBORN FORDSON
January and June classes of 1952
Oct. 18 at St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia.
(313) 388-1582 (January graduates) or (313) 565-1641 (June graduates)
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Aug. 9 at Laurel Manor, Livonia.
(810) 814-8872, (810) 344-1063 or (313) 561-6176

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Classes of 1946-49
Are planning a reunion.
(313) 272-0330
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CT '77 Reunion Committee, 10608 Beaconsfield, Detroit 48224
Classes of 1980-82
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Stephanie Bradford Wright '80, 1753 Cornell, Southfield 48075, (313) 945-8473; or Dylan War-mack '81, 2131 Bryanston Ct., Detroit 48207, (313) 963-7665

Class of 1985
Is planning a reunion.
Dwayne Harvey, 18850 Lamont, Detroit 48235, or (313) 226-6080
Class of 1967
Is planning a reunion for late 1997.
(810) 626-6964 or by e-mail at eusyeg@voyager.net

Class of 1988
Is looking for names and addresses of classmates.
(313) 896-0736, (313) 859-0261 or (313) 882-1632

DETROIT CENTRAL
January-June Classes of 1947
May 24 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn. Cost is \$50 per person
(810) 594-1986 or (810) 353-7724

DETROIT CHADSEY
Class of 1947
Sept. 21 at Park Place, Dearborn.
(313) 981-2825 or (313) 421-1257

DETROIT CODY

Class of 1962
A reunion is planned for Sept. 13.
(810) 548-8593 or (810) 615-9162
January-June classes of 1967
June 20 at Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. Includes January Class of 1968 and other late 1960s classes.
(313) 348-1313 OR (313) 464-8804

DETROIT COOLEY
Class of 1947
Sept. 5-6 at the Holiday Inn-West, Laurel Park, Livonia.
(313) 937-1018 or (810) 641-8743
Class of 1952
June 13 at the Doubletree Guest Suites, Novi.
(810) 360-7004, press 6
Class of 1967
A reunion is planned for Sept. 27 at Burton Manor, Livonia.
(810) 553-8879 or (810) 426-6371

DETROIT DENBY
January-June classes of 1967
A fall 1997 reunion is planned.
(810) 776-4970 or (810) 773-5878
January-June Classes of 1957
A reunion is planned for September. Names and addresses also needed for Reconnections Newsletter.
(810) 642-0249

DETROIT EASTERN
Classes of 1955-57
A reunion is planned for Sept. 20.
(313) 886-0770 or (810) 783-6889

DETROIT MUMFORD
Class of 1982
A reunion is being planned.
(313) 438-3226

DETROIT NORTHWESTERN
Classes of 1957-59
A reunion cruise is planned for June 23-27.
(313) 341-6210 or (313) 861-4312

DETROIT PERSHING
Classes of 1949-53
Are planning a reunion.
(810) 471-5609 or P.O. Box 530-244, Livonia 48153-0244
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(313) 886-0770 or (810) 783-6889

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A reunion is planned for July 18.
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DETROIT SOUTHWESTERN
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A reunion is planned for April 1997.
(313) 532-4379 or (313) 274-2585

DETROIT WESTERN
Class of 1942
Oct. 19 at Lakes of Taylor Golf Course, Taylor.
(313) 565-4997 or (313) 381-9540

EAST DETROIT
Class of 1972
A reunion is planned for Oct. 11.
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(810) 547-8096 or (313) 422-4237 for January grads, (810) 661-1169 for June grads

GARDEN CITY
Class of 1987
A reunion is planned for fall 1997.
Kurt Tyszkiewicz, 1592 Nautical Lane, Marine City 48039 or (810) 765-1380

Class of 1962
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(313) 722-7551, (313) 565-8024 or (313) 422-8129

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(810) 486-2997
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July 26 at Laurel Manor, Livonia.
(313) 422-9347

GARDEN CITY EAST/WEST
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(313) 728-8352 or (313) 451-0052 (East graduates) or (313) 427-8768 or (313) 420-0156 (West graduates)

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HAZEL PARK
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Oct. 11 at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, Warren
(800) 677-7800

HIGHLAND PARK
January-June Classes of 1947
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(810) 737-1983 or (888) 456-1947
Class of 1969
Is planning a reunion.
(313) 864-5943, (313) 583-5418 or (313) 867-3201

Class of 1987
A reunion is planned for Aug. 16.
(313) 886-0770 or (810) 783-6889
Class of 1947
A reunion is planned for Sept. 20.
(313) 886-0770 or (810) 783-6889

HOLY REDEEMER
Class of 1972
A reunion is planned for October 1997.
(313) 522-5369 or (313) 534-6995

JOHN GLENN
Class of 1972
Aug. 2 at the Sheraton Hotel, Novi.
(313) 729-2322, (313) 397-8460 or (313) 722-9377
Class of 1977
Oct. 4 at the Holiday Inn, Livonia.
(810) 366-9493, press 2

Class of 1967
Is planning a reunion.
(810) 471-4814

LAKE ORION
Class of 1986
A reunion is planned for July 11.
(313) 886-0770 or (810) 783-6889
Class of 1987
Aug. 2 at Marriott Hotel, Troy.
(810) 366-9493, press 3
Class of 1982
A reunion is planned for Sept. 13.
(313) 886-0770 or (810) 783-6889

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Class of 1977
A reunion is planned for Aug. 16.
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LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Class of 1971

A reunion is planned for May 3.
(810) 473-7100

Class of 1986
A reunion is planned for April 19.
(313) 513-2720
Classes of 1966-68
Aug. 2 at Embassy Suites Hotel, Livonia.
(313) 513-2058

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Class of 1987
June 21 at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills.
(810) 478-6339 or (810) 422-1705

MADISON HEIGHTS-LAMPHERE
Class of 1977
June 21 at the Sterling Inn.
(810) 280-0918 or (810) 536-2599

MILFORD
Class of 1987
A reunion is planned for June 14.
(313) 886-0770 or (810) 783-6889

NORTH FARMINGTON
Class of 1977
Aug. 2 at the Novi Hilton Hotel, Novi.
(810) 465-2277 or (313) 263-6803
Class of 1987
Aug. 23 at St. Aidan's Banquet Center, Livonia.
(810) 366-9493, press 1

OAK PARK
Class of 1977
A reunion is planned for Nov. 29.
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Classes of 1957-59
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Class of 1957
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REDFORD UNION
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ROCHESTER ADAMS
Class of 1977
Aug. 16 at the Great Oaks Country Club, Rochester.
(810) 360-7004, press 2

ROYAL OAK
Class of 1947
A reunion is planned for Sept. 13.
(313) 886-0770 or (810) 783-6889

ROYAL OAK DONDERO
January Class of 1952
Oct. 4 at the Doubletree Guest Suites, Troy.
(810) 851-5038 or (810) 641-7832
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Aug. 2 at the Southfield St. John's Conference Center.
(810) 649-3424

ST. AGATHA
Class of 1977
A reunion is planned for Aug. 2.
(313) 886-0770 or (810) 783-6889

ST. ALPHONSUS
Class of 1958
A reunion is being planned for 1998.
(513) 878-7483 or (313) 455-1277

ST. CECILIA
Class of 1947
June 6 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.
(313) 591-6845 or (313) 462-5923
All Alumni
April 25 at Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, Livonia.
(810) 786-6959

ST. JOSAPHAT
Class of 1943-46
Are planning a reunion.
(313) 886-0770 or (810) 783-6889

ST. MARY'S OF REDFORD
Class of 1972
Aug. 1 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, Livonia.
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Abraham to address local economic club

U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham will discuss national legislation and the Michigan Congressional delegation's push for more federal road money at the Thursday, April 3 meeting of the Canton Economic Club.

Cost of the noon luncheon and program is \$14. Call 981-3002 for reservations.

The Canton Economic Club meets in the Summit, Canton Township's new community and recreation center on Summit Parkway, just west of Canton Center Road between Michigan Avenue and Cherry Hill.

Abraham won a hotly contested Republican primary and then soundly defeated his Democratic opponent, an 18-year Congressional veteran, by 10 percentage points in November 1994.

Abraham is a member of the Senate judiciary, commerce and

budget committees.

A graduate of Michigan State University and Harvard Law School, he is co-founder of the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy studies.

In 1982, at age 30 Abraham was elected the youngest chairman of the Michigan Republican Party. He led the Michigan GOP to secure the majority in the state Senate in 1985 and helped co-engineer election of then Senate Majority Leader John Engler as Governor in 1990.

Abraham was an assistant law professor at Thomas Cooley Law School and of counsel to the Detroit law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone before the 1994 election.

Abraham and his wife, Jane are the parents of three children. They live in Auburn Hills.

Nature preserve outlines spring family activities

The Holliday Nature Preserve Association is continuing its tour schedule this spring. This volunteer group leads nature tours and clean-up activities through the William P. Holliday Forest and Nature Preserve, which they have been doing since 1988.

The group will host general meetings at the Livonia Civic Library Wednesdays, April 9 and May 7 at 7 p.m. at Five Mile and Farmington Road in the Jenkins Room. In May, the group will preview this year's Rouge Rescue — the 10th being done at Holliday.

All of the following activities are free and family-oriented and tours last from an hour to an hour and a half. Hiking boots are recommended footwear as the trails can get muddy.

■ **Earth Day Clean-up** — Saturday, April 19 at 10 a.m. Volunteers will carry boardwalks to place on the muddier parts of the trail and clean up trash from the preserve. Meet at Hix Road park entrance just north of Warren.

■ **Spring walk in Foxlands** led by Bill Craig — Sunday, April 27 at noon at the Koppernick entrance one half mile west of Hix and one half mile south of

Joy. Travel to the Foxlands area, which is the first piece of new parkland added to Wayne County Parks in years, thanks to the efforts of local action group South East Michigan Land Conservancy.

■ **Mothers Day Walk** in the Cowan Section led by Phil Crookshank — Sunday, May 11 at 9:30 a.m. This is an annual event held in conjunction with the Sierra Club. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through the woods to marvel at the spring display of colors. Meet at the Cowan entrance just north of the Westland Shopping Center. Park in the Service Merchandise parking lot and cross the street to the preserve entrance.

■ **Wildflower Walk** led by Bill Craig — Saturday, May 17. Meet at the Newburgh entrance at noon, north of Warren. Trek westward to check out the spring display of colors in this section of the preserve.

■ **Rouge Rescue preview** — Sunday, May 31. Meet at the Newburgh entrance at noon north of Warren. Hike to the site of this year's clean-up in the preserve.

■ **Rouge Rescue 1997** — Sat-

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Senate may amend casino law

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Over Detroit's protests, the state Senate is likely to do some repair work on the casino law approved Nov. 5 by voters.

"There is a perception that 'Detroit can't take care of itself,'" Councilwoman Sheila Cockrel told a special Senate committee March 24 in Troy. "The city has as much interest in high standards (for casino operations) as does the state."

"You've heard nothing from this committee that we don't think Detroit can take care of itself," replied chairman Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham. "But there are some glaring holes in Proposal E. It discomforts me to leave those issues to unelected bureaucrats."

Among the holes spotted by GOP senators:

■ **Drinking** — Casinos in other states serve free alcohol to lower gamblers' inhibitions. Committee member Bill Schuette, R-Sanford, wants to consider banning free drinks.

■ **Credit cards** — Gamblers elsewhere are encouraged to use credit cards so they can run up debts in the thousands of dollars. Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, wants that issue on

the bargaining table.

■ **Compulsion** — Many witnesses declared casinos encourage compulsive gambling and should be made to pay for treatment, not the taxpayers.

■ **Air** — Rogers wants to check stories that western casinos pump in highly oxygenated air so that gamblers won't tire easily.

■ **Cheating** — There is no law for criminal sanctions, Bouchard and Schuette said.

■ **Campaign funds** — Schuette has sponsored bills prohibiting gambling companies from contributing to parties, candidates, political action committees and ballot proposal committees. One bill amends the campaign finance act; the other, the gaming act.

Voters approved 51-49 a law allowing three casinos in Detroit, specifying two of the licensees. Many anti-gambling persons at the hearing want another vote, but Bouchard said he wouldn't take up that ques-

tion.

Meanwhile, as Cockrel and Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, pointed out, there is a constitutional problem: The Legislature needs a three-fourths vote to amend a law approved by voters, according to Art. II of the Michigan Constitution.

And then there is the "Detroit card."

"I've heard derogatory, negative comments about my city," said Smith, the only Detroitite and lone black on the five-member panel. "I've heard them from this committee. We have 13 casinos in Michigan, all in Republican areas. Until now (when Detroit is about to get casinos), I've heard nothing about concerns for those casinos."

"It's not a Detroit thing," replied Bouchard. "That was Indian casinos. We had limited ability to regulate them. We were told we didn't have authority over them" because they were allowed under tribal

treaty rights.

Smith said that as a minority member, he would talk as much as the three Republicans put together. But he left the Walsh College hearing room at 2:43 p.m., not listening to an hour of anti-casino speakers at the end.

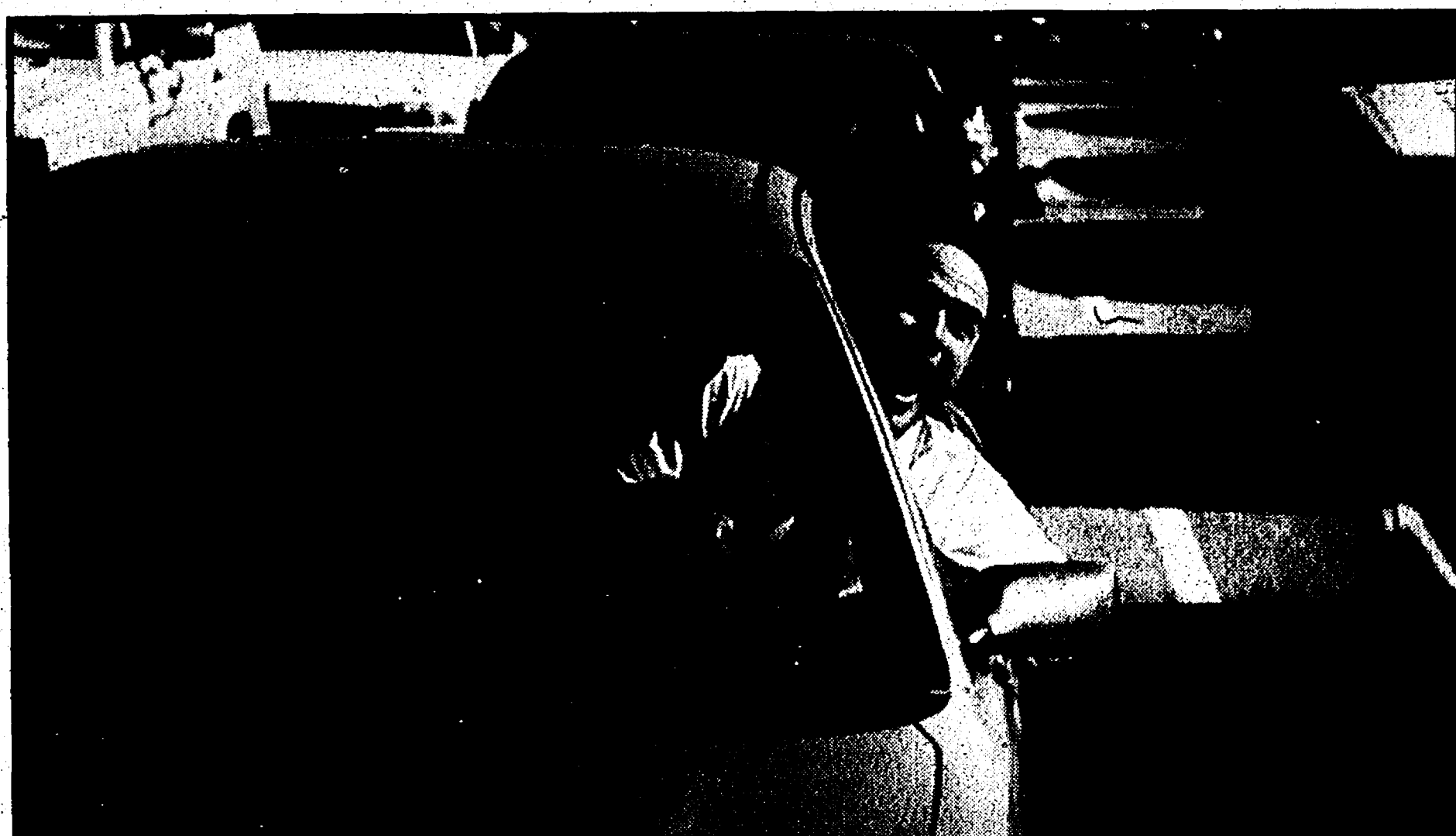
Capt. Mike McCabe, representing Oakland Sheriff John Nichols, asked for "tough, strong rules and regulations."

Highland Township Supervisor John Stakoe asked this panel to consider "the suburban element." He recalled how the wife of a Highland resident was murdered as the result of a gambling debt. "We have 20,000 residents, 36 square miles and 11 police officers," said Stakoe, saying that the gambling-related murder took officers off patrol.

Hazel Park Mayor Ben Colley asked the committee to prohibit casinos from having simulcast horse racing and wagering. He said Hazel Park Raceway, a harness horse track, is operating at a loss, and its closing would devastate the city.

Oakland County Commissioner Ruel McPherson, D-Hazel Park, agreed with Colley. He asked lawmakers to let race tracks have gambling devices.

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Wilson School

Trustees must watch the money

The fate of the former Wilson School property was decided Monday, and we must support the decision of the Wayne-Westland school trustees to sell the property and put the money into empty district coffers.

Despite a community plea to save the 13.5 acres of property and leave it in a pristine state, we believe this decision offers the best solution for the current situation faced by the school district. A multi-million-dollar million deficit will occur when a 3-mill tax increase approved in 1995 expires on June 30. State law prevents the district from asking local voters to renew it.

It's not that we are opposed to community green space. To the contrary: We believe where possible, parks and green belts are appropriate and should be encouraged.

But in this case, there are other issues to consider.

Wayne-Westland school trustees are charged with setting education policy for this district, which includes balancing the budget and keeping enough money on hand to educate our children. The \$825,000 that the district gets from the sale of this property will go a long way toward helping the district step out of its fiscal quagmire. The amount is more than fair. It is well above the \$600,000 appraised value of the property.

The Sassafras Trails property adjoining the Wilson School site is being saved, thanks to the efforts of the Friends of Sassafras and our state legislators. We urge the district to quickly finalize the paperwork needed with

the state natural resources officials to ensure there are no future problems with this site.

And although Newtowne Development Corp. of Farmington Hills — the developer purchasing the Wilson property — said they plan to build condominiums, the company owner has said he is buying the property because of its natural beauty and will design his development with an eye for maintaining many of the natural features there.

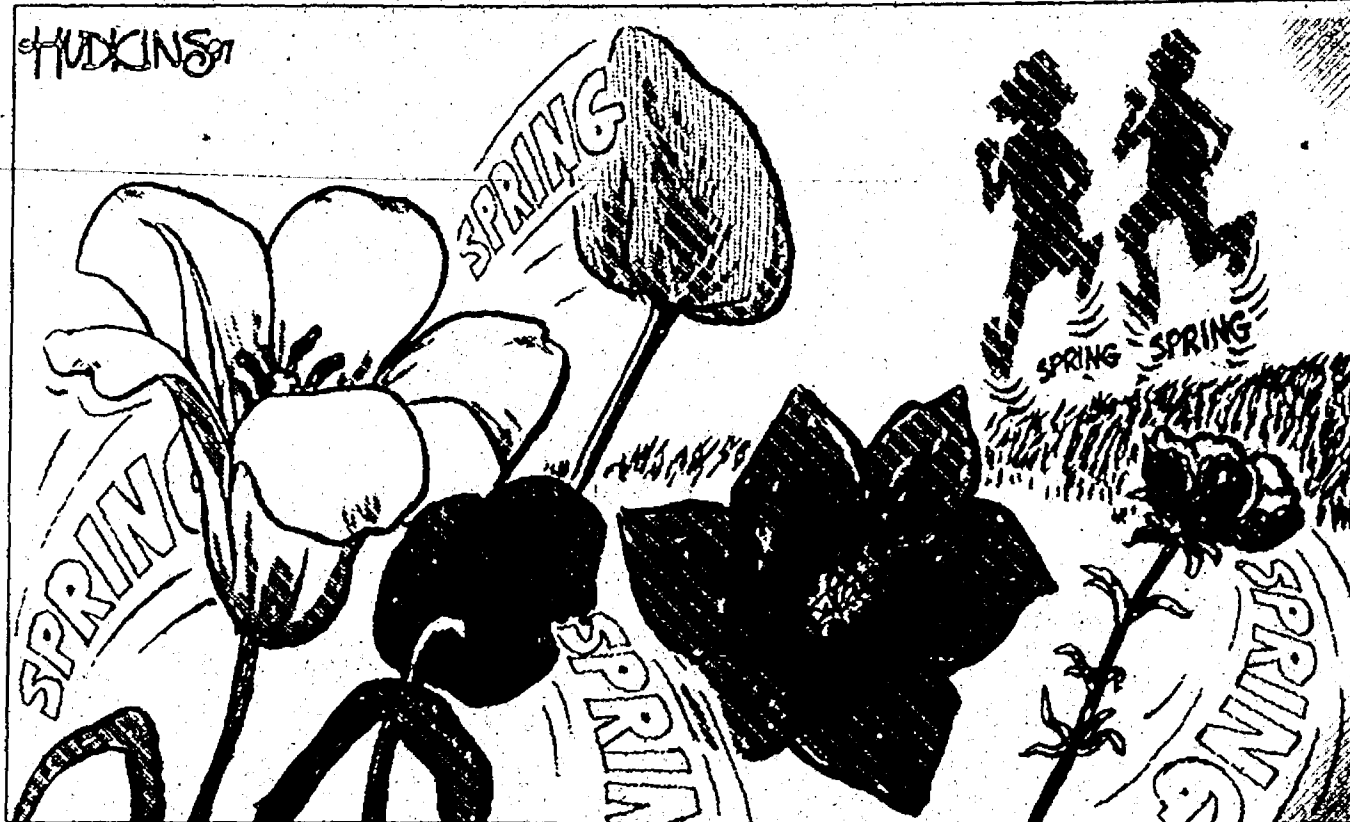
We call on the city of Westland Planning Department to work closely with this developer beginning with the concept and throughout the planning phase of any project to ensure that this occurs. And we are pleased that school official will set up a meeting between the Friends group and the developer to discuss their ongoing concerns. These efforts are important.

There is still another opportunity for the developer to work with a different faction of the community — a group of proponents looking for a site for a Native American-based charter school site. They said they plan to approach the developer with an offer to purchase or lease space in the current school building on site. Perhaps this can also be worked out.

Regardless of what is placed on the property — cluster homes, a Native American academy or both — the reality is that Wayne-Westland school trustees would have been negligent in their duties had they not voted to sell this.

We support their vote.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

Where blame belongs

I am writing in response to the article regarding the dog named Sparky. I would like to say from the start that I am a dog-lover; however, let us be just when we place blame.

I would like to know why everyone wants total blame placed upon the police officer. If people want fingers to be pointed then let us first start at the beginning.

The family knew their dog had gotten loose before (or so was printed) so they should have taken extra precautions to make sure the dog stayed in their back yard and perhaps checked on Sparky more frequently. There is a law against allowing a dog to run loose in this city.

Secondly, where all of the blame should be directed is toward the cold-hearted motorist who ran over the dog and didn't have the decency to even stop. Have we forgotten this point? This person did not care in the least whether Sparky lived or died. What type of person could do such a thing?

Thirdly, let us not forget all the neighbors. The person who made the call to the police obviously wanted something done but didn't want to check on the dog. Then there are the neighbors who apparently saw what happened when the police officer arrived on the scene. Why didn't one of them speak up and say, "That is my neighbor's dog, let me go and tell them what has happened" before the officer had to make his decision.

It is a shame all this blame is being placed on the officer, when a lot could have been done before he even arrived. Shame on the police administration and the mayor for making derogatory comments about an officer who did nothing to violate the law or police policy. Especially the mayor; after all, many officers gave him their support and helped campaign for him when he wanted to be elected. The least he could do is show a little support for his officers when not too many others will.

My heart goes out to the officer. I am sure it was not an easy decision for him to make. The police could use more support instead of criticism. I do not know many people who could do this job — a job where you are not only scrutinized by your superiors but by the public and the media as well.

Michelle Miramonti
Livonia

Dumping ground

I think it's appalling that certain Michigan landfill owners will accept waste from out of state and Canada, even if the federal government, with its twisted logic, deems it legal.

Michigan should be the last place people dump trash. We are a Great Lakes state with a high water table and abundant watersheds. The threat of harmful waste seeping into our

water supply — even the Great Lakes — is much greater in Michigan than in most other states in the country.

Tourism is Michigan's second-largest industry. Why? Because we are a land rich with stunning flora, endless woodlands, myriad inland lakes and streams and abundant wildlife. A few private landfill operators would jeopardize our state's national reputation as a major tourist attraction by making us known instead as America's dumping ground.

My hat is off to State Sen. Loren Bennett for trying to stop this practice in our beautiful state. If he can talk any sense into the federal government, he's already poised to take action here at home. Didn't the governor just announce a new campaign to market Michigan tourism to surrounding states? Those are the very same states that dump their trash here, so why would they come visit?

This entire situation saddens me and I wish Sen. Bennett the best of luck.

David Middleton
Westland

Defining our course

The collapse of Albania into economic chaos may presage events that could truly define the course of history in the Post-Cold War era.

The victory of capitalism over socialism has set the whole world speculating. Stock markets are soaring globally. We have forgotten the great speculative bubbles of the past. The gold standard is history. The very definition of money has been changed.

Trillions of dollars of "bubble money" have been created — while in Europe unemployment and under-employment are at levels unseen since the 1930's. These are dangerous statistics!

Herbert Hoover always believed that the Great Depression started in Europe then moved to the United States. He was probably right.

We should be watching Europe carefully. Albania could be a preview of the Economics of Chaos that might infect the entire world economy when the "bubble bursts."

Remember Albania!

Walter Warren,
Westland

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Salute hard work of Red Cross

The American Red Cross is the organization that turns caring into action.

In the waning days of March — Red Cross Month — it's a good time to remember how effective the Southeastern Michigan chapter has been in offering a wide range of humanitarian services.

Just last month, the Red Cross helped hundreds of Westland families cope with unexpectedly flooding caused by heavy rain. They provided emergency aid and hot meals to area residents.

A trusted symbol of compassion, quick response and efficiency, people know they can count on the Red Cross.

Many people believe the Red Cross is a government agency — it's not. The Red Cross is an independent, nonprofit organization that relies primarily on the generosity of residents, corporations and foundations to fund vital programs.

Last year, the Southeastern Michigan chapter helped more than 1,100 people — one by one — in more than 900 disasters, including

home fires and floods. The area chapter also:

- Connected military families with loved ones serving far away, by relaying more than 4,300 emergency communications.

- Saved countless lives by training 77,000 people in health and safety courses, including CPR, first aid, lifeguard training, swimming and caregiving.

- Worked with other Red Cross units to supply about half of the nation's blood supply and nearly one-quarter of tissue for transplantation.

We salute the hard work of the many people who make up the Red Cross and remind residents that they can contribute to the community through the Red Cross by donating time, money or blood.

It is only with the public's help that the Red Cross will continue to make a difference.

To make a financial donation to the Southeastern Michigan chapter, send a check to the American Red Cross, 100 Mack Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48232 or call (313) 833-2630.

Spring brings a rebirth for all

It's spring. The season officially arrived last Thursday, March 20. And this Sunday is Easter.

While Easter is the most holy day for Christians celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, it has also come to symbolize the real beginning of spring.

Many of the secular customs and practices associated with the holiday have their origins in ancient fertility rites, marking the end of winter and the "rebirth" of spring.

Some historians think that the word "Easter" comes from "Eostre," the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring, whose festival was celebrated at the vernal equinox.

The date of the holiday itself falls on the first Sunday following the first full moon after

the vernal equinox.

Wearing new clothes at Easter is believed to symbolize a new beginning, and even the Easter bunny can trace his roots to the hare, a traditional symbol of fertility.

Easter eggs are linked to the egg as a symbol of regeneration.

And if you've ever wondered how a bunny could go around laying eggs, legend has it that the original "Easter bunny" was actually a large bird that belonged to Eostre, who, in a fit of anger, turned him into a rabbit.

So if you're heading off to church in those new spring clothes, think about these and the other symbols of spring you might encounter: ice patches, snowdrifts, potholes.

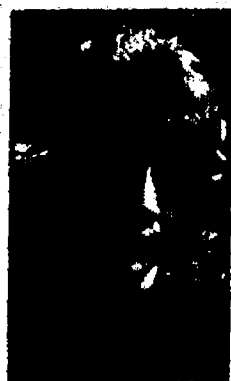
It's spring. In Michigan.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Do you have any plans for Easter Sunday?

We asked this question at the Westland public library



"Just to be with my family."

Marge Robison
Westland



"I'm going to church."

Jo Suchy
Westland



"If the weather is good, I might go golfing."

Joseph Felix
Allish
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"We're just going to my grandma's house and having a big Easter egg hunt."

Tina Barkey
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POINTS OF VIEW

'Reformers' threaten lakes, our future

Twenty years ago, the Great Lakes, with 20 percent of all the fresh water on earth, were slowly dying from pollution.

Today, the prognosis for the lakes is good — unless, that is, Congress succeeds in "reforming" the way we protect the environment and public health.

If that happens, this vast natural treasure will not merely be polluted, but actually become a significant source of pollution.

Research scientists have already seen evidence of this in Lake Michigan. Once a dumping site for tons of PCBs, the lake itself is now releasing PCB pollution into the atmosphere. Although the government restricted PCB use in 1979, thousands of pounds are still emitted by incinerators. Of all the toxic compounds

affecting this region, PCBs are one of the most deadly.

Studies investigating the human health effects of PCBs have found that exposure to this compound comes primarily from eating fish from contaminated waters. During pregnancy, PCBs cross the placenta through blood, and carry the mother's lifetime burden of this chemical to her unborn child. More of the chemical reaches infants through breast milk.

Beginning in 1983, researchers surveyed women of child-bearing age who ate Great Lakes fish and discovered that their babies were consistently lower in birth weight than children of women who ate no fish. Followup evaluations also found that such exposed children had memory deficits and exhibited subtle neurological problems. More recently, the



MICHAEL HARBUT

same researchers tested children whose mothers had elevated PCB levels and found that they scored an average of six points lower on a standard IQ test.

For many years, the Great Lakes states, including Michigan, have worked to clean up contaminated areas. In 1985, a joint U.S.-Canadian commission identified 11 critical

chemicals in urgent need of remedial action. Topping the list were PCBs, DDT, mercury, lead, dioxin and furans from chlorine, and a class of substances known as PAHs produced from coal and oil combustion.

In the atmosphere, PCBs remain airborne for perhaps thousands of miles until they are brought down by precipitation. Thus, the Great Lakes Basin, covering millions of square miles, gathers and concentrates atmospheric toxic chemicals from thousands of miles away.

Before water quality in the Great Lakes improves, we must curb the release of toxic air pollutants. The Environmental Protection Agency's proposed new air standards for particulates and ozone will take a step in that direction.

Unfortunately, some in Congress

may undermine the goal of cleaner air with a bill that could limit the federal government's ability to enact safeguards.

They talk of holding proposed regulations accountable to a misguided cost-benefit analysis.

Such an approach requires, in effect, putting a dollar figure on an unborn child's IQ, or the risk of getting cancer, or the chances of developing other health problems.

If the regulatory "reformers" succeed in redefining how our nation protects its citizens and their environment, there will be profound consequences: Our children's future — once full of possibilities — will be much less certain.

Dr. Michael R. Harbut is physician-in-chief at the Center of Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

Is this a great time for language — or what?

It's about language. Everywhere you go, someone is using popular phrases, buzzwords or — whatever. As from a pull-down menu, usages click and are retrofitted into our speech.

Funny thing is, we're all on the same page.

Yes, it's a man thing and, yes, it's a woman thing. From officespeak to peoplespeak, we've developed a kind of "webonics."

At the office, we hope to work for good corporate citizens and we try to be proactive. Of course, a few years ago we were looking at new paradigms and trying to understand the team concept.

But then things changed and we got empowered.

Now we're happy when our employers tell us our action plan is a win-win situation, although we worry we're not high enough on the food chain to benefit and are just glad we haven't been downsized.

When new equipment is introduced, the learning curve is discussed to make the technologically challenged among us feel better. And we appreciate the heads-up when we learn something valuable while team-building.

As consumers, we pull a no-brainer and go to a big-box store that offers one-stop shopping and next-in-line service, and we're reassured by the thought that what we're buying is user-friendly and we can plug and play.

Then when we're home nesting or cocooning in our comfort zone, we get clicking, go on-line, catch the wave, surf the Net, tour a Web site.

When we're tired of that we turn to our big-screen TV and channel-surf through various news networks to stay connected.

When a tragedy happens, such as a post-office shooting, we stick and stay as the media assures us the survivors



BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN

only want closure.

Later, when the counseling begins, the self-help people talk about ways we can reduce stress rather than going postal.

Commercials assure us it's about change, it's about breaking the rules and that whether you're a big kahuna or a little kahuna it's going to be a great ride.

The latest wide-release movie promises either to be the thrill ride of the summer or the drop-dead comedy

of the year.

A long-distance provider promises free minutes, and an excited customer says, "I'm there," and we wonder if we should be there too.

We wade through talk about soft-touch control panels, aggressive front ends and new trim packages. We weigh the advantages of an ink-jet printer. We wonder if the peak times and off-peak times will correspond with our cell-phone use.

At the grocery store, we worry about packaging, look for low-fat or no-fat items and try to choose earth-friendly products made by PC people or companies — only to find we're not at a store that has Prime Time Express.

So even though it's not just lean it's cuisine we go out to eat — after all, we've entered The Zone.

Over dinner we may hear someone at the next table discussing "shebonics," which she calls the language of

females, or whether she can interface better with one person or another.

Then we hear about those soccer moms in their minivans that those of us who work full time don't seem to know about.

At the end of the day we can say we've been there, done that.

After all, there's nothing new about catch phrases. We can just look at old standards: flower power, keep on truckin', do lunch, pencil me in, mother of all, Bo knows.

Of course, we may be tempted to tune out all the hype and have a major bonding experience with someone.

But then someone else would just tell us we need a reality check or that we should get plugged in, even though we've got some Royal Caribbean coming.

Beth Sundrla Jachman is the special projects editor for the Wayne County Observer Newspapers.

Splintered High Court should try teamwork

Your school board has seven members. If three vote to fire the superintendent, they lose because it takes a majority vote.

City councils and township boards usually have seven members. Three votes can't rezone your lot because a zoning change takes a majority vote.

The Michigan Supreme Court has seven justices. But it's common for three, two or even one to sign the lead opinion. It decides a case but fails to set a precedent for other cases.

A major frustration for a newsman covering it is how to explain "splintered" court rulings to the public.

Last weekend I took the problem to the top, Chief Justice Conrad Mallett Jr., during Channel 7's "Spotlight" program. Mallett replied:

"You report what you just said, that the court was divided ... We were unable to come together on that particular issue with four. That's something we try to do, but all of my colleagues recognize — passionately — their constitutional responsibility to carry forward their opinion."

Now, teamwork is being taught as a subject, like trig or grammar. School kids, factory workers, managers, even newspaper staffs are systematically taught teamwork. Has the Supreme Court thought about hiring a management consultant to teach the justices teamwork?

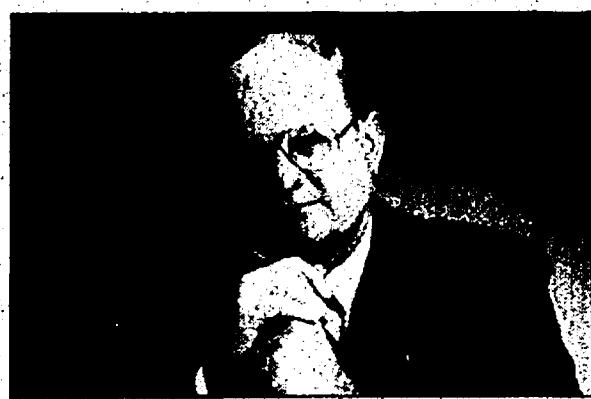
Mallett bristled a bit: "We do work as a team. I am the chief executive officer of a \$200 million corporation (the judiciary budget) with a very involved board of directors, and we work very, very well as a team. We do have fierce intellectual independence which we couldn't sacrifice to a management consultant or anyone else."

Much as I personally respect the chief justice, who is probably the clearest writer in the appellate judiciary, I demur. Near the end of a two-year term, the justices splinter rather badly. I cite the closing months of 1994 (the printed volume for 1996 being unavailable), with 13 splintered decisions, including:

Fletcher vs. Fletcher, child custody — three justices sign the lead opinion; a fourth concurs in part; a fifth justice writes a separate opinion with which the fourth concurs; two others sign a third opinion in which they concur in part and dissent in part. Three opinions.

People vs. Hicks and People vs. Bellow, two murder cases heard together — two justices sign the lead opinion; a third concurs in the result; two concur in part and dissent in part; two dissent in the Bellow case. Four opinions.

People vs. Bennis, the famous auto seizure



TIM RICHARD

where a lady cop posed as a hooker — three sign the lead opinion; one concurs in the result; three dissent.

People vs. Kevorkian, assisted suicide — three sign the lead opinion; two concur in part and dissent in part; two write a separate opinion, concurring in part and dissenting in part. Three separate opinions.

People vs. Lino and People vs. Brashier, two gross indecency cases — a "memo" opinion leads the parade; five justices write three separate opinions concurring in part and dissenting in part. Four separate opinions.

Chaney vs. MDOT, an injury on a state bridge — one justice signs the lead opinion; a second concurs; a third concurs in a separate opinion; two concur in part and dissent in part; two dissent. Five opinions.

Murphy vs. Michigan Bell, worker's comp — two sign the lead opinion; two concur in part and dissent in part; three dissent.

And so on, through sex offenses, drugs in prison, and the rest.

Gov. John Engler has proposed a new building in Lansing for the two appellate courts and state court administrator. The cost: \$70 million, enough to build two suburban high schools. What will we get?

Mallett replied, "You're going to get a concentrated place where all the judicial resources of the state are going to be located. You're going to have a concentration of collegial persons there making rules in a way that will cause the process to move much faster ... Currently, we are spread all over."

Knowledgeable lawyers say that may be the key to a less splintered appellate judiciary — getting them under one roof.

Any improvement will be welcome.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.

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Casino

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"I'm not opposed to casinos," McPherson said. "I've gambled all my life and haven't hurt my family."

Bill McMaster, Birmingham resident and chair of Taxpayers United, said, "Proposal E was a legislative initiative and could be changed by another legislative initiative. It's not like a constitutional amendment," said McMaster, urging another public vote.

Dr. John Mecartney, Detroit resident who described himself as a university sociologist who has studied casinos for years, said 5 percent of casino gamblers become addicts. Children of compulsive gamblers do poorer in school than their peers. Family disruption and spouse abuse rises.

Jerome Almon, a young northwest Detroit resident, flatly disagreed with his Cockerel's assertion that Detroit is capable of setting high casino standards. "Detroit is not competent to run it. Detroit does not run basic services," he said, citing operating problems with the city's parking system and public schools.

Strong support for casinos came from Karen Kay, chair of the Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs. "What gaming has done is allow community (tribal) reinvestment," she said, citing paved roads, fire stations, schools, sewer systems and business investments resulting from tribal casinos. "In my community, it has been successful."

So far the Senate panel has discussed no regulatory bills for Detroit casinos. Schutte's proposals to regulate political contributions by casino interests are Senate Bills 276 and 284. Refer to bill numbers when writing to your state senator.

Nature

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urday, June 7. Meet at the Newburgh entrance at 8 a.m. and work until noon. Entrance off Newburgh north of Warren. Registration will be held in the parking area here and clean-up will begin in this area and travel westward across Newburgh and include the portion of the preserve that ends at Hix Road. Tree planting will take place in the area adjacent to the parking area.

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UM-D students plan benefit for Habitat chapter

Marketing students at the University of Michigan-Dearborn will host and sponsor a silent auction Thursday, April 10 to benefit the Detroit chapter of the Habitat for Humanity.

The auction is scheduled from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Risata Restaurant in Detroit. The restaurant is located inside the Second City building next to the

Fox Theater.

Items to be auctioned off are autographed sports memorabilia, tickets to sporting and entertainment events, jewelry, diners and much more.

Last year this event helped raise over \$23,000 for Habitat.

UM-D has teamed up with Habitat for Humanity to teach marketing through experience. The team effort involves both

the renovation of Habitat homes, as well as the silent auction.

Students will be adopting several Habitat houses, and finding sponsors and materials for the auction.

Habitat for Humanity provides affordable permanent housing for people who are willing to work to obtain the goal of home ownership. The UM-D

School of Management is using this effort strictly to raise money and awareness for the need for Detroiters to support Habitat for Humanity. Students gain experience in marketing.

Tickets to the event are \$40 per couple and \$20 per person in advance, or \$50 per couple and \$25 per person at the door. Tickets available at all Ticketmaster Centers including Hud-

son's, Harmony House and Blockbuster music locations. To charge tickets by phone, call (810) 645-6666. Student discount tickets are available through the UM-D School of Management at (313) 593-1268.

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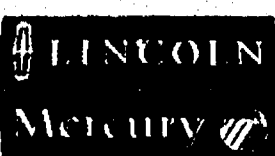
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FAMILY ROOM



KAREN MEIER

Alhambrans are my heroes

What's a hero? Who wears that moniker in this day and age? I've heard so many times and in so many places, "There are no heroes anymore." Or, "All the heroes reside in the history books." Or, "Heroes? Kid stuff."

And, as if that's not bad enough, the long-dead, history book heroes are investigated and scrutinized and posthumously psychoanalyzed and those who do the investigating and scrutinizing and psychoanalyzing come back to tell us these old heroes were scoundrels and they weren't very heroic after all.

I hate that. We need heroes. A hero reminds us that it is possible to rise above the fray and reach out to make things better for others. We need that. We have that tendency to get caught up in the daily struggles facing us all, and in facing those daily struggles, we lose sight of the more noble tasks human beings are strong enough to face, in fact, we are uniquely designed to face.

Over the years I've spoken about various "heroes" here. Not famous, history-book heroes. But your neighbors, maybe next door to you, maybe sitting in the easy chair in the other room. Maybe you are the hero I've spoken about. Heroes definitely exist.

Remember when I told you about the bagger in a Canadian grocery store? He was a hero. And the sewer workers in Ypsilanti? Heroes, all of them. And the Laundromat lady in Plymouth? The shuttle bus driver? The mother with 11 chil-

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Scouting tradition spans the years

The idea was to show how important Girl Scouting is to American life. And what the organizers found was that the tradition is generational—mother daughters, granddaughters, even great-granddaughters who have shared the experience of being a Girl Scout.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Sherie DeFranceschi is always prepared.

When she leaves her Westland home, she carries a bag with rain and snow gear as well as other items she might need.

"I'm prepared for any occasion," DeFranceschi said.

She adopted the "be prepared" motto as a Girl Scout growing up in the 1960s and 1970s. She's a little disturbed that the Girl Scouts were considering changing their motto at a conference in October.

"There's been talk about eliminating 'Be Prepared'; they were going to change it to 'Be Your Best,'" DeFranceschi said. "I just don't think people appreciate things that are given to them too easily. I think kids appreciate things more when they have to work hard."

The Girl Scout tradition is strong in the DeFranceschi family, one of the many multi-generational Girl Scout families in the area served by the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council. Her daughter, Sydney Korth, is a Girl Scout as was her mother, Beverly. DeFranceschi's grandmother, Ruth Slavik, was a Girl Scout leader.

DeFranceschi's family as well as Joni VanCampenhout's family of Plymouth were honored for their multiple generations of Girl Scouts at a reception March 8 at the Ann Arbor District Library.

The library also is home to a Girl



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Scouting way: Sydney Korth holds the sash that her grandmother wore as a Girl Scout, while her mother, Sherie DeFranceschi, shows off the sash and badges she earned as a young scout.

Scout memorabilia display through Sunday, March 30. The items include quilts made in Northville in 1949, in Chelsea in 1995, and Wayne-Westland in the late 1970s, according to Charlotte Luttrell, public relations manager for the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council.

At the reception, then families

were called up on stage and starting with the youngest scout, each was pinned by a council member. She about what she does as a Girl Scout and then she pinned her mother, according to Luttrell.

Family tradition

VanCampenhout's family is one of

three that has four living generations of Girl Scouts. She was a Girl Scout and is currently the leader of her daughters' troops. Cara, 10 1/2, is a Junior Girl Scout, while 7-year-old Rachel is a Brownie. VanCampenhout's mother, Kaye Loughrey,

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was involved from Brownies all the way up through Explorers. Her grandmother, 77-year-old Rene Kros, was a Girl Scout and is still a strong supporter.

Luttrell sought multi-generational Girl Scout families as a unique way to celebrate the organization's 85th anniversary.

"We wanted to focus on an aspect of Girl Scouting that shows how important it is to American life," she said. "We wanted to take a look back at our history and see how that tradition had continued - what would motivate someone to become a Girl Scout leader and a Girl Scout. There are so many reasons. One of them was that their mothers had enjoyed scouting as a girl."

As a Girl Scout, VanCampenhout enjoyed the time she spent with her mother. She wanted her daughters to have the same experiences.

"It was my mom who was the leader," she said. "I wanted the girls to have that as well. It was really fun to go camping with just my mom. She didn't have my dad or my brother to worry about. It was just me. I think that's one of the things I like most about it."

VanCampenhout's grandmother Rene Kros, a Granbury, Texas, resident, had the opportunity to watch the organization evolve.

"When I was growing up and first into scouting, it was really 'the thing' to do," she said. "It was a special club to belong to because as farm children there wasn't a lot of other entertainment going on. We didn't have places to go to see videos and the other things that the kids have today."

According to Kros, belonging to the Girl Scouts was "a real status symbol," something that's not true today and which makes her "very unhappy."

"It's one of the best training fields that we have," she said. "It's terribly important today to teach them the right and wrong of life, to give and take, to have compassion, and to be what we used to term being a 'good girl.'"

Growing up in New Mexico, Kros earned her badges by harvesting plants, making candles, and picking strawberries.

"We ran errands for neighbors to earn the money to buy our own uniform," she said. "One little girl couldn't do it. She came from a large family and was very

poor.

"The girls, as part of their community service badge, went together and did different jobs and pooled their money and bought this girl her uniform. That, to me, is scouting."

DeFranceschi's grandmother, Ruth Slavik, shared her fond memories of Girl Scouting before she passed away.

"My mom was a Girl Scout during World War II era," said DeFranceschi whose mother earned badges by collecting scrap metals and rubber for the war effort. "Things were really tough in with the rationing and stuff. Being from a big family gave her the opportunity to go camping and boating and to do things that she might not have had the opportunity to do."

Changing times

Girl Scouts now earn badges for a variety of accomplishments that are consistent with the 1990s. They visit the Detroit Institute of Arts and earn badges for camping in freezing cold and learning about foreign countries, as well as traditional activities like selling cookies.

DeFranceschi said she believes that badges are too easily

earned. Her daughter, Sydney, has earned badges for every 10 boxes of cookies that she sold as well as sitting at a cookie sale booth.

"I think it was a little harder to earn awards and badges when I was a Girl Scout," she said. "Now, I think because of the society or culture she's growing up in, they want that instant gratification. They get patches for everything they do. We have bags of patches."

The scouts have also become lax in the ceremonies, she added. Her daughter gets her badges in little plastic baggies - a stark contrast from her mother's fancy ceremonies.

"At our badge ceremonies, we would carry the flag and wear white gloves. It would be more like a religious experience," DeFranceschi said. "Now it's much more casual. There's no white gloves and they're shying away from wearing the uniform."

A strong believer in tradition, Korth also doesn't approve of the uniform change made in 1995.

"They changed the uniforms from little dresses or skirts to a sweatshirt and leggings. I like the little uniforms better," she said. "When they changed ours, I

couldn't understand why they did it. I just like the traditional uniforms. The new ones look sloppy."

Her mother she felt special when she wore her uniform.

"You were special in that uniform," said DeFranceschi. "Sydney just went through and saw my old uniforms. The patrol leaders had gold braiding. We had the hats. We had all kinds of little special things on our knee socks. Now, it's sloppy."

VanCampenhout and her daughters like the casual look.

"The uniforms are much nicer now; I think when they get to a certain age they don't want to wear it anyway, so it doesn't really matter," she said. "They both have leggings they can wear. They try to keep it with today's styles."

"They like the tunic-length sweatshirts, the T-shirts, and leggings."

VanCampenhout's mother, Kaye Loughrey of Stacey, Texas, is happy to see that the Girl Scouts have relaxed strict rules on uniforms.

"One thing that I noticed was when I was a Girl Scout and then a leader, they were very rigid about the uniform," she

said. "You had to wear it and it was almost as if it was a military uniform. The pin had the be in the exact place. I'm very, very happy to see that they've become a lot more flexible."

"As a troop leader, I saw a number of girls who didn't join scouting because they couldn't afford the uniform. I thought it was terrible. Now the girls can wear nothing of a uniform, if they choose. That's a great improvement. I think it opens up Girl Scouting to a lot of girls."

According to DeFranceschi, that is an important opportunity.

"It's a really good organization for girls because you have to develop certain skills," she said. "When you go camping, it's the girls who plan all the meals, they decide what they're going to have to eat. They work on a budget."

"It gives you skills that you can use that prepares you for adulthood and working. It teaches you how to get along. If you have 30 girls camping there's going to be a conflict. It really prepares you for life."

Fashionably good time



Benefits BPW: Good food, good fellowship and plenty of great fashions was the order of the day at the fourth annual Garden City Business and Professional Women's Club's "Parade of Fashion" benefit. More than 300 people attended the afternoon soiree which raised \$2,000 for scholarships to a man or woman who is re-entering the work force and needs to further his or her education and a high school senior who will be attending a two-year college. Modeling selections from Liz Claiborne were Lona Oliverio, who sported a casual navy blue and white ensemble, while Glenna Tinsley opted for a floral print shirt and blouse with a color-coordinated belted jacket.

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dren? The kindergarten teacher? The urgent care doctor? The mail carrier? The band directors? The young girl up the street who went on a trip to Russia with her grandmother? All heroes. Every one of them.

And there've been more, lots more. Introduced here. And they all have reminded me of what the possibilities are. They're the ones who've risen above the fray and reached out, who've made things better for others.

A man I met recently, a deeply religious man, told me he lives his whole life in accordance with what Jesus proclaimed so long ago, "What you do for the least of my brethren, you do unto me." Here, in 1997, is this married, 37-year-old, childless man dedicating his life to doing for and helping those who cannot help themselves, the mentally and physically handicapped children. This man, Jim, is a leader in a nationwide fraternal organization known as the Order of the Alhambra, "a fraternal order of Catholic men dedicated to assisting the developmentally disabled."

I met Jim at a circus, the Shrine Circus, a couple weeks ago. I met him at a special Monday high noon performance at the State Fairgrounds in Detroit. For that one performance of the Shrine Circus, the Order of the Alhambra had, as it has done every year since the mid-1970s, "bought out" the Coliseum and sponsored a day at the circus for "our kids," as Jim put it.

I was there with Steven and the rest of my family. The place was packed and each child, whether wheelchair-bound, or bedridden, or walking hand-in-hand with a friend or teacher, had come for one thing. And that was to have fun at the circus.

Jim explained to me that the

Alhambra concentrate heavily on "fun" when it comes to "their" kids. (Education and daily living needs are top priorities as well, no matter what religion or socioeconomic background the "kids" come from.) The day at the circus is just one example of the hundreds of activities they sponsor and help with throughout the year that focus on life as a joyous journey.

And adding to the fun of each of the many events the Alhambra either sponsor or completely orchestrate are the fezzes the men wear. When Jim and I spoke for the first time, I found myself smiling, his words, the way he put things, the conviction in his voice, just made me smile. That and the tall, fancy fez sitting on top of his head!

The Alhambra men are men from all walks of life, all ages, with at least two things in common, their dedication to handicapped people and their dedication to their Catholic religion.

I did a little reading up on the organization because I was woefully uninformed about this group. When I was first invited to attend this special performance of the circus, I was told, "The work of the Alhambra is one of the best kept secrets around." I'll say. This was the first time I'd ever heard of them. And my husband, who's been Catholic all his life, had never heard of them either.

But just because they're not famous and in the history books, doesn't mean they aren't heroes. Because they are. They have a heroic, noble mission. They remind me of the possibility of rising above the fray, reaching out to the "least among us," and bringing joy and even a day at the circus to them.

I am beginning to understand why the Alhambra men are referred to as "Sir Nobles." The name is a perfect fit.

So I'm here to say, my hat is off to those wearing fezzes!

If you have a question or comment for Karen Meier, a Plymouth resident, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or reach her at her E-mail address: FamilyRoom@worldnet.att.net.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

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LIVONIA STEVENSON

Crafters are needed for the Livonia Stevenson High School Spring Spectacular craft show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at the school, 33500 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Spaces - 10 by 10 feet or 6 by 16 feet - are available for \$50. Limited electricity

will be available for no additional cost. There will be a bake sale and concession foods throughout the day. Admission will be \$1. For more information, call (313) 464-1041 or (313) 478-2395.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

The Livonia Franklin High

School Vocal Music Department is accepting applications for tables and/or space for crafts antiques and collectibles and flea market items for its all-day Music Fair Saturday, May 3. For more information and applications, call (313) 478-6292.

LIVONIA YMCA

The Livonia Family YMCA is accepting applications from qualified crafters for one-day Mulberry Market Saturday, Nov. 1. For more information and for applications, call the Y at (313) 261-2161.

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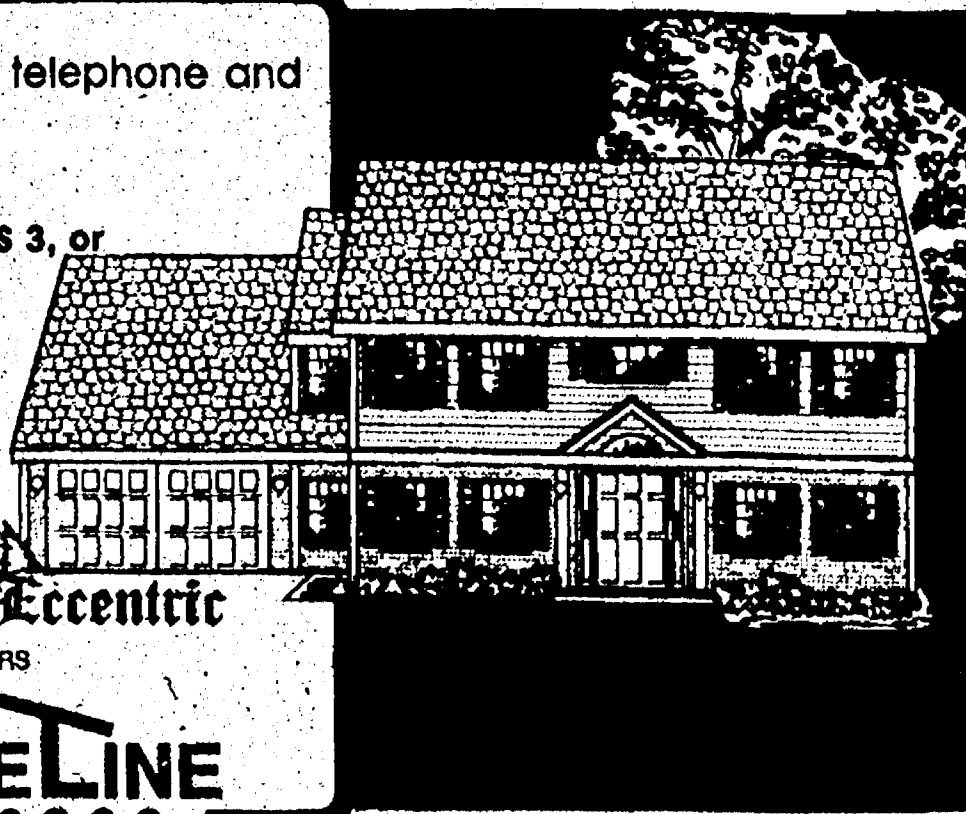
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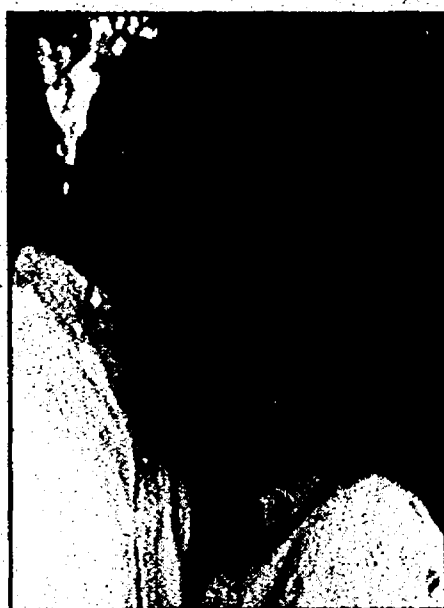
Merritt-Corkery

James and Malinda Merritt of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Marie, to Christopher David Corkery, the son of David and Julie Corkery of Wixom.

The bride-to-be, a Thurston High School graduate, works at AAMES Home Loan.

Her fiancé earned a master of science degree from Walsh College. He is employed as a branch assistant manager at SMSE Federal Credit Union.

An October wedding is planned at Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia.



Tomas-Stapleton

Christopher Lance Tomasi and Barbara Ann Stapleton were married Oct. 5, 1996, at St. Dunstan Church in Garden City, by Rev. Don Demmer.

The bride is the daughter of Ann Cheyne of Garden City. The groom is the son of Jack and Cindy Tomasi of Garden City.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Garden City High School and a 1996 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. She is employed as a youth counselor at the YMCA.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and a 1994 graduate of Madonna University with a bachelor of science in criminal justice in 1994. He is employed as a parole officer in Jackson.

The bride's attendants were Julie Edgar, Cindy Stapleton, Megan Barill, Frances Lane, Meredith Schaffer and Andrea Hoekstra. Sue Barill was the flower girl. The bride was escorted by her brother, Pete Stapleton.



The groom's attendants were Nick Tomasi, Bill Stapleton, Mike Stapleton, Don Emerson, Dan Emerson and Rick Walters. Tony Tomasi was the ring bearer.

The newlyweds received guests at Hawthorne Valley Country Club followed in Westland before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Walt Disney World. They are making their home in Lansing.

Matthews-Schwaegerle

Fred and Joan Matthews of Decker announce the engagement of their daughter, Judy Lynn, to John Eric Schwaegerle, the son of Greta of Garden City and the late Earl Schwaegerle.

The bride-to-be, a 1994 gradu-

ate of Concordia College in Ann Arbor, is employed as a third- and fourth-grade teacher at St. Matthew Lutheran School.

Her fiancé attended Garden City High School and works for Northwest Airlines.

A June wedding is planned at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland.

Schoenberg-Callihan

Quinn Ryan Schoenberg and Sheri Lynn Callihan were married Sept. 20, 1996, at Golden Rings Wedding Chapel in Livonia by the Rev. Deborah A. Hatt.

The bride is the daughter of Everett and Frances Maracle of Redford Township. The groom is the son of Linda Schoenberg of Farmington Hills and the late Bob Schoenberg.

The groom is employed as a project manager for 4 Star Tile and Remodeling in South Lyon.

Joshua Callihan served as ring bearer and best man.



A dinner followed at DePalma's in Livonia.

The couple is making their home in Redford.

Kurtz-English

William and Shirley Mills of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Edith J., to John T. English, the son of Nancy English and John English of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and holds a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Michigan State University. She is employed by Oakwood Hospital.

Her fiancé, a Redford Union High School graduate, is a bartender at Jon's Goodtime Bar.

A May wedding is planned at Hosannah Tabor Lutheran



Church in Redford.

Timoszyk-Craig

Ann and Tom Timoszyk of Wayne announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Lynn, to George Mark Craig III, the son of George and Sue Craig Jr. of Westland.

A 1991 Wayne Memorial High School graduate, the bride-to-be is employed by Aerotek Engineering in Livonia.

Her fiancé, a 1988 graduate of Wayne Memorial, is employed at Air Matic Products in Redford.

An August wedding is planned at St. John's Lutheran Church in Westland.



Johnson-Hoehn

Paul and Marilyn Johnson of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Anne, to Michael Joseph Hoehn, the son of Janice Hoehn of Birmingham and the late Robert Hoehn.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Western Michigan University, is a fifth grade teacher with South Redford School District.

He fiancé also is a graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed as a sales-engineer employed by the Daniel L. Bowers Company.

An August wedding is planned at First Presbyterian Church of



Plymouth.

Zapp-Hoey

George Zapp of Livonia and Pauline Zapp of Fenton announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally Elizabeth, to Gregory David Hoey, the son of Robert and Evelyn Hoey of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She received her bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of Michigan in 1996. She is employed by Suburban Optometric as an optometric technician. She will attend the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University this fall.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Troy High School. He received his bachelor of arts degree in English and history from the University of Michigan in 1996.



He is employed by TPI Technologies as a technical writer.

An April wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

Brichford-Myers

Thomas K. and Carol Brichford of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, to Dave Myers, the son of Ronald and Mary Frances Myers of Hagerstown, Md.

The bride-to-be is a 1985 graduate of Redford Union High School. She earned a bachelor of science degree from University of Michigan-Dearborn in 1989 and a doctoral degree from Indiana University in 1995. She is employed as a chemist at LECO Corp. in St. Joseph.

Her fiancé is a 1985 graduate of Williamsport High School in Williamsport, Md. He received a bachelor of science degree in 1989 from Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa., and a doctoral degree in 1994 from Indiana University. He also is currently employed as a chemist by LECO.



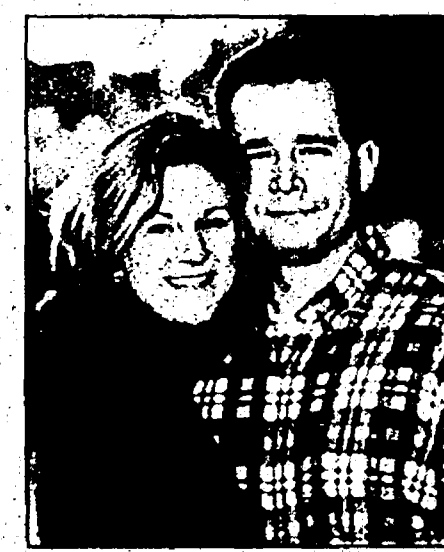
An April wedding is planned at Franklin Community Church.

Brohl-Perelli

Louis and Rose Brohl of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Natalie Marie, to Alan Michael Perelli, the son of Dolores Perelli of Dearborn Heights and the late Remo Perelli.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Divine Child High School. She received a bachelor of arts in psychology from St. Mary's College and her master's degree in counseling from Michigan State University. She is currently working on her doctoral degree in counseling psychology at MSU.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Crestwood High School and holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineer-



ing. He is employed by Ford Motor Company.

A May wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth.

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36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, and at our Plymouth office at 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, 48170.

For more information, call Sue Mason in Livonia at (313) 953-2131 or Bridget Lucas in Plymouth at (313) 459-2700.

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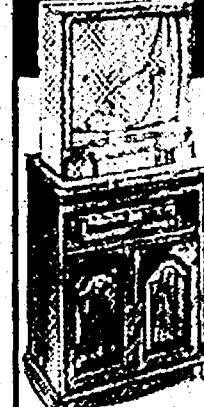
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Annual spaghetti dinner supports work of WRC

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER



Food: Walter Scherer of Plymouth "dresses" up for dinner.

Sharon Bruscato decided the way to tell her story was to create a picture with words. She related her life's tale as if she were a ship at sea.

She talked of how "life's storm took a toll" on her, leaving her "lost in a sea of confusion."

She talked about the devastating winds that sweep through her life and the "scent of the breeze of optimism."

She talked about finding a safe harbor where she received tools "with directions" to repair her life.

The safe harbor Bruscato spoke of was Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center, the tools was the help she received through its "from Chocolate Chips to Micro Chips" program.

"I've met a lot of people, but the one I enjoyed meeting the most was myself," Bruscato said. "One year ago I was a victim. A

year later, thanks to the Women's Resource Center, I am a victor."

Bruscato was one of two women who have taken advantage of the services available at the center to speak about their experiences at the WRC's annual spaghetti dinner fund raiser.

Held in the Waterman Center, the dinner attracted a sellout crowd that include state, county and local officials as well as supporters of the WRC's work with single parents and displaced homemakers.

Sharing the podium with Bruscato was Jeanette Burns who told the audience of her dream to become a teacher, a dream set aside to raise a family.

Burns found herself in need of work when her husband died five years ago. Through the WRC she was able to enroll in continuing education classes and eventually switch to the college's culinary arts program.

She graduated with honors in May 1996 and was approached by Chef Sylvia Hayes about helping tutor students who need to pass a prerequisite course.

Through the tutoring, Burns when on to assemble a study guide for the first year program and develop videos for the learning challenged.

"I see videos taking over our way of learning and college teachers will become obsolete, they will become personal train-

ers," said Burns. "With the help of the Women's Resource Center, I have reached my dream of becoming a technical instructor."

Burns and Bruscato aren't the only ones who have gotten help from the center. It has been so successful working with single parents and displaced homemakers, it was recently honored by the State of Michigan, according to WRC director Nancy Swanborg.

More than 300 have enrolled in WRC single parent program, up 24 percent over last year. But it is its work with displaced homemakers like Bruscato and Burns. The "From Chocolate Chips to Micro Chips" program currently has 20 students, with more expected to enroll during the spring term, Swanborg said.

"We surveyed the participants since it became a credit course," Swanborg told the audience. "In 17 semesters, we have had 268 women take a total of 5,100 credit hours of study. Five have received their degrees or certificates and many are still students today."

Diners also were treated to a short film about women and a door prize drawing that included two tortes provided by the college's culinary arts department, dinner for two at the Ypsilanti Marriott and gift certificates for Delta Diamond Setters and Jewelers in Plymouth.



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So good: Penny DeStigter (at left, from left), Irene Cameron, and Bernadine Maycock, all of Livonia, found a quiet corner to chat while waiting for the "Let's start eating" command from Dr. Conway Jeffers, vice president for instruction at Schoolcraft College. Among those heading his words were Mesa Campbell (top photo, left) and Marian Kehrl.

NEW VOICES

JOHN and ROSEMARY HEINONEN of Westland announce the birth of **AARON FRANCIS** Jan. 25 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has a brother, John Edward, 3. Grandparents are Rosealie Flannery of Wayne, Marshall Ertman of Kalkaska and John and Marge Heinonen of Westland.

MARK and CHERYL BETKE of Westland announce the birth of **MARK DILLON** Feb. 15 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He has a sister, Laura, 4. Grandparents are Ed and Joan Betke, formerly of Westland, and Raymon and Sharon Kidd of Wayne.

SCOTT and SUSAN PAXSON of Plymouth announce the birth of **JAMES ALFRED** Jan. 25 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Grandparents are Alfred and Judy Paxson of Canton and James and Linda Rutherford of Redford.

BARRY MOWRY and PATRICIA KASPRZAK of Westland, announce the birth of **TAYLOR MARIE MOWRY** Dec. 19 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She has a sister, Amanda, and a brother, Brandon. Grandparents

are Faye and Ray Baker and Richard and Annie Mowry, all of Wayne.

QUINN and SHERI SCHOENBERG of Redford announce the birth of **DERRICK BRADLEY** Dec. 20 at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township. He has a brother, Joshua. Grandparents are Everett and Frances Maracle of Redford and Linda Schoenberg of Farmington Hills. Great-grandmother is Jane Schoenberg of Caseville, formerly of Farmington Hills.

SCOTT and SUZY MARTIN of Livonia announce the birth of **JAKE FITZGERALD** Feb. 13 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He has a sister, Chloe, 4. Grandparents are Al and Pat Martin of Redford and Bob and Kathleen Fitzgerald of Livonia.

JOSEPH and LESLIE HUBBS of Wayne announce the birth of **CAMERON JOSEPH** Jan. 20 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has a sister, Loren Nicole, 1 1/2. Grandparents are Jim and Lisa Hubbs of Westland, Karen and Jim Smith of Munith, and Ralph and the late Flo Rushlow of Wayne.

SCOTT and BRENDA SEN-

SKY of Canton announce the birth of **TYLER JACOB** Feb. 27 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He joins a sister, Samantha Nicole, 5. Grandparents and Bill and Nataline Wyza and Anthony and Fran Sensky of Pennsylvania.

MICHAEL and CYNTHIA ROBERTSON of Westland, announce the birth of **MICHAEL LEE ROBERTSON** JR. Dec. 24 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Samuel H. and Frances Robertson and David and Mary Ann Chambers, all of Garden City.

JEFF and KELLY KIERNAN of Plymouth announce the birth of **DANIEL JEFFREY** Feb. 15, at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Janet Mitch of Crystal River, Fla., and Doug and Judy Olds of Indian River, Mich. Great-grandparents are Doris Brady of Dearborn and Reland Olds in Plymouth.

CHASITY MCKINNEY and THOMAS KUSH of Redford announce the birth of **BRANDON MICHAEL KUSH** Jan. 25 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has a sister, Alyssa Marie, 17 months.

Grandparents are Leonard and Eleanor Kush of Garden City, Patrick McKinney of Belleville and Warren and Pamela Brown of Southfield.

GREG and CANDI OLDS of Petoskey announce the birth of **NICHOLAS JAMES** Sept. 11 in Petoskey, Mich. He has a brother Cameron, 3. Grandparents are Doug and Judy Olds of Indian River, Mich. and Linda Bogart and Don Sowa of Honor, Mich. Great-grandparents are Doris Brady of Dearborn, Reland Olds of Plymouth and Warren and Jean Bogart of Northville.

DAVID and LYNN WALKER of Westland announce the birth of **CLINT DAVID** Jan. 8 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are David and Gladys Walker of Westland and William and Janet Bury of Canton.

MICHAEL CRABTREE and ANGELA BICKNELL of Detroit announce the birth of **ALEXIS MARIE** Jan. 24 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She has a sister, Jayna Wertz, 4 1/2. Grandparents are Joan Salva of Redford, and Donald and Diane Levi of Detroit.

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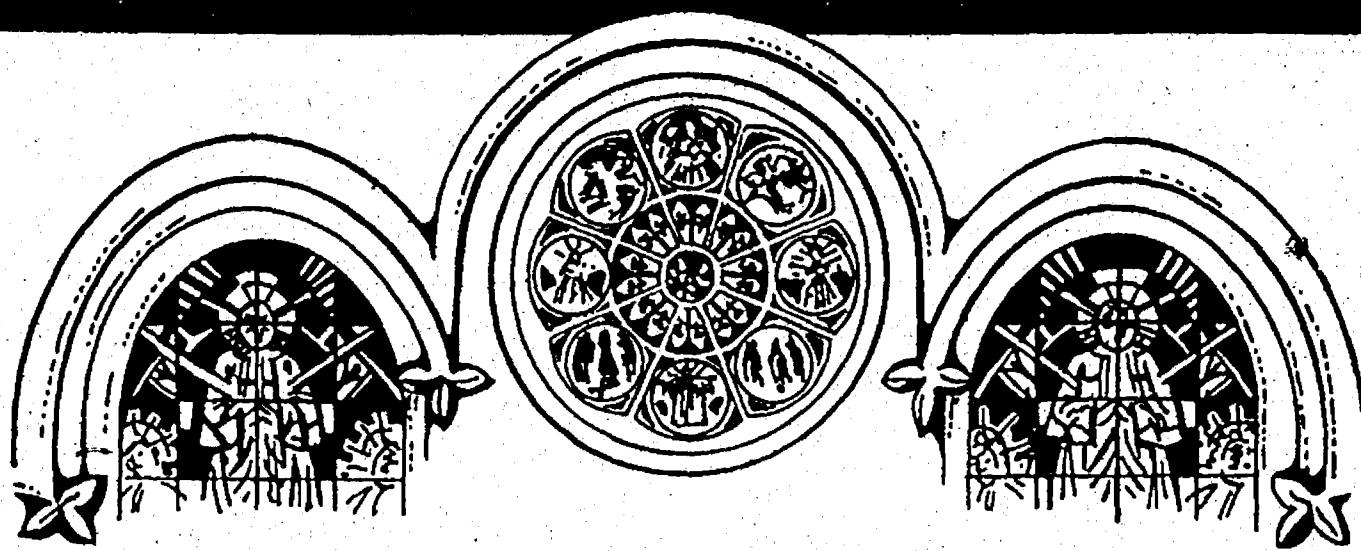
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SPRING CLASSES

Plymouth Bible Institute will offer New Testament Survey I 7-8 p.m. and Galatians: Charter of Christian Liberty 8:15-9:15 p.m. Thursdays, beginning March 27, at the institute, 670 Church St., Plymouth. The classes will run for 13 weeks and tuition will be \$50 per class. For more information, call (313) 455-7711.

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST

St. Michael Lutheran Church invites all men to its annual men's Good Friday breakfast 8 a.m. Friday, March 28, at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton. Jeff Totten, baseball chapel coordinator for the Detroit Tigers will be the guest speaker. Totten is actively involved in Home Plate, an outreach event featuring Christian professional athletes sharing their faith in Christ. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for boys 10 years and under for the all-you-can-eat breakfast and are available by calling the church office at (313) 459-3333.

BETHANY PLYMOUTH/CANTON

Bethany Plymouth/Canton, a ministry providing support for single adults, will have a Bethany Together dance Saturday, March 29, at Divine Providence Church, Nine Mile and Beech Daly roads, Southfield. Cost is \$8, including refreshments. For information, call Val at (313) 729-1974. The monthly dinner will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at Lone Star Steak House on Ford Road, west of Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call Diane at (313) 421-6751.

Other activities include Mass at 11:30 a.m. Sundays at St. Aidan's Church, followed by coffee or lunch - call Bill at (313) 421-3011 for information - breakfast at 10 a.m. Sundays at the Redford Inn, Five Mile Road west of Beech Daly Road, Redford - call Val at (313) 729-1974 - and for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Plymouth Road east of Merriman, Livonia - call Tony at (313) 422-3266.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The Festival Choir of Old St. Mary's Church in Greektown will present a service of readings and music, featuring "Requiem" by Maurice Durufle, at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday, March 28. The performance will be presented with chamber orchestra and will be augmented by celebrated Detroit area soloist mezzo-soprano June Zydek and baritone Davis Gloff. For further information, call the church at (313) 961-8711.

MOMS TO MOMS MARKET

Table space is available through Friday, March 28, for St. Theodore Parish's its yearly Moms to Moms Market 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5. The resale fair will be held in the church social hall and will feature gently used baby and children's clothing, toys and miscellaneous equipment, plus maternity items for expectant mothers at garage sale prices. For more information, call (313) 425-4421 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

EASTER SERVICES

At Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church-Livonia, 14176 Farmington Road, on Good Friday, March 28, there will be a service of the cross at 12:30 p.m. with special music of reflection. A candlelight tenebrae service of darkness will be at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 30, will be celebrated with a 6:30 a.m. sunrise devotional and 8:30 and 11 a.m. festival communion services. An Easter breakfast will be served by the church youth 7-10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children 4-10 years of age and free for children 3 years and younger. For more information, call the church at (313) 522-6830.

At Newburg United Methodist Church, child care will be provided for the Good Friday service 12:15-1 p.m. On Easter Sunday, there will be a sunrise service at 7:30 a.m. at the original Newburg Church at Greenmead Historical Village, Newburgh Road north of Eight Mile Road. The United Methodist Men also will be serving breakfast 7:30-10:30 a.m. in Guthrie Hall.

Worship services and Sunday School at the current church at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, will be at 9:15 and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday. A nursery will be provided. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-0149.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, will have Easter Sunday services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. There also will be a special sunrise service at 7 a.m., followed by breakfast served 8-11 a.m. For more information, call (313) 422-1470.

At Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia, the Good Friday service will commence at noon and continue in short,

focused segments until 3 p.m. Revs. James McGuire, David Brown, Bartlett Hess and Paul Clough along with Pamela Dodge, Robert Watson and Edward Davis will be the participating speakers.

On Easter Sunday morning at the 7 a.m. sunrise service, followed by a continental breakfast. The four regular morning services are observed at their regular times - 8, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Evening worship will feature the Billy Graham film, "Repeat Performance." For more information, call (313) 422-1150.

Three different Easter worship services will be offered at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road, Northville. An early service at 7 a.m. in the Atrium will allow those attending to greet the Easter morning with a time of devotion and praise, culminating in the Lord's Supper.

At 8:30 a.m., there will be a contemporary celebration of Easter that will feature an expanded worship team, uplifting music of praise and dramatic readings. The Festival of Easter worship and celebration at 11 a.m. will have a 65-voice Easter choir, led by a presentation of special music featuring Don St. John, minister of music, and Debbie St. John. For more information, call the church at (810) 348-7600.

St. James Presbyterian Church will have its Easter service at 10 a.m. at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-7730.

Memorial Church of Christ will present its Easter cantata, "The Joy Awaiting," as part of its Good Friday service at 7 p.m. Friday, March 28, at the church, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The musical story will begin at Calvary and travel back to heaven with Christ at His Ascension and enthronement.

On Easter Sunday, there will be a sunrise service at 7:30 a.m., followed by breakfast in the multi-purpose room. Worship and Bible school will be at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. For more information, call the church at (313) 464-6722.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will participate with eight other churches in a Good Friday service at noon at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, Newburgh Road, south of Six Mile Road, Livonia. It will also have a Good Friday tenebrae service at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. On Easter Sunday, festival services with Holy Communion will be at 8, 9:45 and 11:30 a.m. For more information, call (313) 464-0211.

Faith United Methodist Church will have a sunrise Easter service with the drama, "The Women Speak," at 7 a.m. at the church, 6020 Denton Road at Michigan Avenue, Canton. The worship service will be at 11 a.m. For more information, call the church at (313) 483-2276.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard Road, the Good Friday liturgy will be offered at noon and 7:30 p.m. Friday. Easter Vigil, Baptism, and First Eucharist of Easter will be a part of Easter Eve services at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29. On Easter Sunday, services will include the flowering of the cross and Eucharist at 7:45 and 10 a.m. For more information, call the church at (313) 421-8451.

Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia, will have Good Friday services at 1 and 7 p.m. An Easter breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m., with worship services with Communion at 7:30 and 10 a.m. For more information, call the church at (313) 427-2290.

At St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 17810 Farmington Road, Livonia, Good Friday services will be at 1:15 and 7 p.m. Easter Sunday worship will be at 7 and 10 a.m. For more information, call (313) 261-1360.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh Road,

Livonia, will have a vigil, Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist at 7:30 p.m. Holy Saturday, March 29. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday. For more information, call (313) 691-0211.

Christ, 9435 Henry Road at West Chicago in Livonia, will participate in a community service at noon on Good Friday at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia. Easter Sunday celebrations return to Nativity United with a 9:15 a.m. adult class, 10:30 a.m. Easter worship with Communion, and 11:30 a.m. continental breakfast. For more information, call (313) 421-5406.

At Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia, the Easter Sunday celebration will be at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (313) 422-0494.

St. Timothy Presbyterian Church's Easter Sunday Celebration of the Resurrection will begin with a 7:30 a.m. sunrise service, followed by an 8:15 a.m. egg hunt. Breakfast will be at 8:30 a.m. A special family worship is scheduled for 11 a.m. The church is at 16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For more information, call 464-8844.

At St. John Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes, east of

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Banquet benefits Wycliffe missions

One of the greatest joys of serving God, whether at home or abroad, is seeing people come to know and trust in Christ as their Savior and Lord.

As missionaries to Papua New Guinea, Mike and Dawn Shipton have seen many of those they served give their lives to God.

The Shiptons will be sharing their stories at a banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at the Holiday Inn at Laurel Park, Livonia, sponsored by Wycliffe Associates to raise funds for Wycliffe Bible Translators' missionary projects around the world.

Organized in 1967 by members and friends of Wycliffe missionaries, Wycliffe Associates is the support ministry of Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Wycliffe Associates has more than 50,000 members and friends nationwide who support Wycliffe through volunteer programs in their communities and overseas. They provides hands-on opportunities for those interested in helping to get the Bible

translated for indigenous peoples.

Those programs include the Banquet Ministry which feature Wycliffe missionaries who provide timely information about the worldwide progress of Bible translation.

Free of charge, complimentary tickets to the Livonia banquet are available by calling Jim and Helen Henderson at (313) 336-7917.

One of the stories the Shiptons enjoy sharing involved the member of a group of "rascals" (robbers) had been disrupting the village where the Shiptons served, stealing money and property from the villagers and missionaries while they were away or asleep.

During one such foray, one of the robbers took a "bilum," or string tote, from one of the missionaries. Unbeknown to the robber, inside the tote was, among other things, a Bible translated into the Tok-Pisin language.

Over the subsequent weeks

the robber read the Bible, then contacted the missionary he stole it from to ask questions about what he'd read. During the course of their conversation, the thief accepted Christ, then promptly returned all the money he had taken from the village.

Although the criminal activity has not completely subsided, this particular rascal has made it clear to the villagers and his fellow robbers, that he will no longer participate in such an activity because he has found the greatest treasure of all - Jesus Christ.

Shipton is currently working with new and seasoned missionaries in Dallas, helping them prepare for their field assignments and build relationships with supporting churches. He also helps members prepare for furlough in their home countries.

While with Wycliffe in Papua New Guinea, he has worked in aviation finance, as director for Wycliffe's medical clinic and as assistant to the director of per-



Mike Shipton

sonnel.

Married in 1972, the Shiptons have two daughters and three granddaughters. They hope to return to Papua New Guinea this year.



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Inkster Road and south of Schoolcraft, Redford, will have a traditional Good Friday service at 7:30 p.m. On Easter Sunday, breakfast will be served 8:30-10:30 a.m. before the worship service with Holy Communion at 11 a.m. For more information, call (313) 538-2660.

• **Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will have a Good Friday service at 1 p.m. Easter service will be at 7 and 10 a.m. with a breakfast at 8 a.m. Those who can not make it can listen to the services on WLQV 1500 AM from 10:30-11 a.m. For more information, call (313) 532-8655.

• **Aldersgate United Methodist Church**, the Easter Sunday 7:30 a.m. worship will include a journey with Jesus from the tomb to Galilee (with visuals from Israel). The drama "Will You Wait With Me?" will be presented at 9:30 a.m., with an egg hunt for children ages 10 and younger at 10:15 a.m. and a repeat of the early service at 11 a.m., enhanced by the Chancel Choir. The church is at 10000 Beech Daly, Redford. For more information, call (313) 937-3170.

• **St. Matthew Lutheran Church**, 4885 Venoy Road, north of Ford Road, Westland, the Good Friday services at 1 and 7:30 p.m. On Easter Sunday, there will be a sunrise service at 6:30 a.m., followed by Easter breakfast at 7:30 a.m. The family service will be at 9 a.m. with a festival service with Communion at 11 a.m. For more information, call (313) 425-0260.

• **St. John's Episcopal Church**, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland, there will be a service at noon Good Friday. On Easter Sunday, services will be at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (313) 721-5023.

• **The First United Methodist Church**, 5 Town Square, Wayne, will participate in a Good Friday service noon-3 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 34530 Michigan Ave., Wayne. On Easter Sunday, there will be a sunrise service at 7:30 a.m. in Grace Chapel, followed by Easter breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 8 a.m. Morning worship will be at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (313) 721-4801.

• **At Garden City Presbyterian Church**, 1841 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Easter services will include a sunrise service at 7 a.m. and worship at 9:15 and 11 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 10:15 a.m., with the children's sermonette and church school also at 11 a.m. For more information, call the church at (313) 421-7820.

• **At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**, while Easter services with the Lord's Supper will be at 8 and at 10:30 a.m. The church is at 26701 Joy Road. For more information, call the church at (313) 274-3820.

• **Plymouth Church of the Nazarene**, 45801 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, will have Easter Sunday services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. For more information, call (313) 453-1525.

• **At St. John's Episcopal Church**, 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, Good Friday services will include the stations of the cross at 12:30 p.m. and liturgy at 1 and 7:30 p.m. An Easter vigil, baptism and First Eucharist Easter will be held at 7:30 p.m. Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday services, including a festival Holy Eucharist of the Resurrection, will be at 8 and 10 a.m. For more information, call the church at (313) 453-0190.

• **A 9 a.m. Easter egg hunt and continental breakfast** will precede the 10 a.m. Easter Communion Service with harp, keyboard, and guitar ensemble at New Life Lutheran Church, which is worshipping temporarily at the former Plymouth Wesleyan Church, 42290 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. For more information, call the church at (313) 459-8181.

• **At Risen Christ Lutheran Church**, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, there will be a service at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday, "Easter Changes" will be the message at 7:30 and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday services. An Easter breakfast will be served 8:30-10:30 a.m. For more information, call (313) 453-5252.

• **First Presbyterian Church**, 701 W. Church St., Plymouth, will have its Good Friday tenebrae service at 8 p.m. Easter celebrations will include a 7:30 a.m. communion, followed by 9 and 11 a.m. worship services. For more information, call (313) 453-6464.

• **At Calvary Baptist Church**, there will be an informal sunrise service at 7 a.m. Easter Sunday on its joint campus with the Plymouth Christian Academy, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Sunday School for all ages will be at 9:45 a.m., followed by a resurrection celebration service at 11 a.m. For more information, call the church at (313) 455-0022.

• **At Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**, Canton, there will be a festival service with special music at 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday. Cross bookmarks will be given to all who attend. The church is at 46001 Warren Road. For more information, call the church at (313) 522-6830.

• **An 8 a.m. Good Friday Men's Breakfast** will precede the 7:30 p.m. Good Friday worship at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton. Tickets for the breakfast are \$4 for adults, and \$2.50 for children. Saturday evening worship will be at 5:30 p.m., with Easter Sunday services at 7, 9 and 11 a.m. For more information, call (313) 459-3333.

• **At Resurrection Catholic Church**, 48755 Warren Road, Canton, there will be a noon Scripture service Good Friday will be followed by a 12:45 p.m. Rosary, 1 p.m. Stations of the Cross and 1:30 p.m. Liturgy. The Blessing of Easter Food will be held at 1 p.m. and an Easter vigil at 7:30 p.m. Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday Masses will be at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. The Masses will conclude with a Blessing of Easter Food.

• **Geneva Presbyterian Church**, 5835 Sheldon Road, Canton, will have its Good Friday worship at 7 p.m. Easter Sunday services will include a 7 a.m. sunrise service, followed by 9 and 11 a.m. worship services. For more information, call (313) 459-0013.

BUNNY BREAKFAST

A Bunny Breakfast will be held 9-11 a.m. Saturday, March 29, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The fund raiser will benefit the Appalachia Service Project. Cost will be \$4 for adults and \$5 for children. Included will be Easter fun and activities - face painting, egg dyeing, cake walk and more. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the church at (313) 422-0149.

'REPEAT PERFORMANCE'

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will present "Repeat Performance," a new film, "Repeat Pictures," at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at the church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-1899.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The radio series, "What is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 1:30 p.m. Sundays of WQBH-AM 1400. Topics include "Is Christian Science adequate care for children?" on March 30, "Why would anyone join the Christian Science church as an adult?" on April 6, "Why don't Christian Scientists mix prayer with medicine?" on April 13, "What are Christian Science nurses?" on April 20 and "What kind of person was Mary Baker Eddy really?" on April 27.

"The Christian Science Sentinel-Radio Edition" also can be heard at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. The conversational program discusses current public topics as well as shares healing through prayer from people all over the world.

HISPANIC CHURCH

The Hispanic Pentecostal Church conducts worship services at 2 p.m. Sundays at 1075 Venoy Road, Garden City. The Rev. G. Diaz officiates. For more information, call (519) 973-8487.

BOOK OF REVELATION

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church is presenting a study of the Book of Revelation 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. The series features a videotape presentation by Monsignor John Zenz of Sacred Heart Seminary followed by a discussion. Topics include "The New Heavens and the New Earth" on April 8. For more

information, call (313) 453-0326. Our Lady of Good Counsel Church is at 1160 Penniman, Plymouth.

REVIVAL SERVICES

The Full Gospel Church at 291 E. Spring St., Plymouth will have a revival with Evangelist Donald Brady Wednesday through Sunday, April 2-6. The revival will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (313) 453-0323.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Women's Service Club of Meadowbrook Congregational Church will hold a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 1, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at the church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Warren Gilbert will discuss

"Managing Memories" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as a result of the death of a loved one. The group meets on Thursdays year-round and features speakers the first Thursday of the month. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (810) 380-7903 or Rosemary Kline at (313) 462-3770.

VEGAS NIGHT

The St. Linus Men's Club will have a Vegas 6 p.m. to midnight Night Friday and Saturday, April 4-5, at the church Hass at Gully roads, Dearborn Heights. There will be games of black jack, roulette and big wheel, with proceeds to benefit the youth sports program.



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SPRING CLASS SCHEDULE

12-WAYNE

SPONSORED BY: Wayne Parks & Recreation

Wayne Community Center

(4635 Howe Rd. Howe & Annapolis)

Resident Member 1 day per week/\$32 2 days/\$44

Unlimited/\$59

Non-Res. Non-Mem 1 day per week/\$40 2 days/\$54

Unlimited/\$69

\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class

STEPS available on site

M/W 7:15 P.M. STEP Circuit April 7 L. Prevost
T/H 6:30 P.M. Low/Hi Impact April 8 Hoxon/Amor

13-WESTLAND

St. Theodore's Catholic Church

(8200 Wayne, bet. Warren & Joy Rds.)

1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54 Unlimited/\$69

\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class

M/T/H 6:00 P.M. Low/Hi Impact April 7 O. Sheehan

SPONSORED BY: Parks & Recreation Department

Bailey Recreation Center

(36651 Ford Rd. E. of Newburg, behind City Hall)

1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54 Unlimited/\$69

\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class

** \$10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes

M/W/F 9:30 A.M. H/Low Impact April 7 C. DeLuca

M/W 5:55 P.M. Low/Hi Impact April 7 Staff

M/W 7:05 P.M. H/Low Impact April 7 Staff

T/H 9:30 A.M. Sculpt & Tone April 8 Staff

T/H 5:55 P.M. STEP April 8 T. Barackman

T/H 7:05 P.M. H/Low Impact April 8 T. Barackman

Babysitting available/\$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

14-PLYMOUTH

JoAnne's Dance Extension

(Plymouth Trade Center, 9282 General Dr., Suite 180 & 190, bet. Ann Arbor Rd. & Joy. E. of Lilley)

1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54 Unlimited/\$69

\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class

M/W/F 9:30 A.M. Low/Hi Impact April 7 C. VanHout

T/H 9:30 A.M. Step Circuit April 8 L. Prevost

Babysitting available/\$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

SPONSORED BY: Plymouth Parks & Recreation

Plymouth Cultural Center (525 Farmer)

1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54 Unlimited/\$69

\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class

M/W 6:00 P.M. Low/Hi Impact April 7 M. Hopson

T/H 9:30 A.M. Low/Hi Impact April 8 Staff

Sat 8:30 A.M. Sculpt & Tone April 12 L. Prevost

Babysitting available/\$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

15-LIVONIA

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(30650 Six Mile Rd., E. of Merriman)

1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54 Unlimited/\$69

\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class

** \$10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes

M/W/F 9:20 A.M. H/Low Impact April 7 P. Peliz

M/W 5:50 P.M. Low Impact April 7 K. Kaley

M/W 7:00 P.M. H/Low Impact April 7 K. Treadwell-Smith

M/W 8:10 P.M. STEP April 7 K. Treadwell-Smith

T/H 9:10 A.M. Low/Hi Impact April 8 T. Brandon

T/H 10:15 A.M. Sculpt & Tone April 8 T. Brandon

Babysitting available/\$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

Faith Lutheran Church (30000 S. Mile Rd., W. of Middlebelt)

1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54 10 weeks

\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class

M/W 9:15 A.M. Sculpt & Tone April 7 T. Brandon

Babysitting available/\$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

16-SOUTHFIELD

SPONSORED BY: Southfield Public Schools - Community Ed.

(Register through Southfield Community Ed. - 810-746-8700)

1 day per week/\$32 2 days/\$44 Unlimited/\$56

\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class

BRACE-LEDERLE COMM. ED. BLDG. 8 weeks

(18575 W. 9 Mile Rd., bet. Southfield & Evergreen)

M/W 5:45 P.M. H/Low Impact April 7 S. Reynolds

M/W 7:00 P.M. Low Impact April 7 J. Bovee

T/H 5:45 P.M. Low Impact April 8 L. Mackie

T/H 7:00 P.M. STEP April 8 T. Ristau

Student must provide own STEP

17-FARMINGTON

Plemonese (38500 W. Nine Mile Rd., E. of Haggerty)

1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54 Unlimited/\$69

\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class

** \$10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step

EARLY BIRD

W/F 6:00 A.M. H/Low Impact April 9 K. Black

M/F 8:20 A.M. Low Impact April 7 S. Kambouris

FARMINGTON (Continued)

M/W/F 9:35 A.M. H/Low Impact April 7 L. Pierce

M/W 6:00 P.M. STEP I April 7 P. Kerwan

M/W 7:10 P.M. H/Low Impact April 7 H. Jones

M/W 8:15 P.M. STEP II April 7 M. B. Bloom

W 8:20 A.M. Aerobic Circuit April 9 S. Kambours

T/H 8:30 A.M. Low Impact April 8 J.T. Vardya

T/H 9:35 A.M. STEP I April 8 P. Kerwan

T/H 6:00 P.M. H/Low Impact April 8 L. Lokar

T/H 7:05 P.M. STEP II April 8 L. Gignac

Sat 8:30 A.M. H/Low Impact April 12 L. Burke

Babysitting \$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

Faith Covenant Church (14 Mile & Drake) 10 weeks

(Call 810-661-9191 for more information)

1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54 Unlimited/\$69

\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class

M/W/F 9:20 A.M. Low/Hi Impact March 24 P. Carlson

T/H 9:45 A.M. Sculpt & Tone March 25 K. Harrison

T/H 7:00 P.M. Low/Hi Impact March 25 K. Roberts

Babysitting \$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

Children's World (on Halsted, bet. 12 & 13 Mile Rds.) 10 weeks

1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54

Unlimited/\$69

\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class

NOTE: Class size limited to 15 registrations

T/H 6:30 P.M. Low/Hi Impact March 25 D. Lijewski

Babysitting \$2.00 per child

SPONSORED BY: Farmington Hills Recreation Center

Farmington Hills Activities Center 10 weeks

(28600 11 Mile Rd., Gate 4 Door C)

1 day per wk/\$43 2 days/\$57 Unlimited/\$72

NO CLASSES: March 29th

** \$10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step

M/T/W/T/H/F 9:30 A.M. ** Aerobic Rotation March 24 Step/Male

M/W 7:00 P.M. H/Low Impact March 24 S. Williams

T/H 6:30 P.M. Step II March 25 P. Kerwan

Sat 9:00 A.M. H/Low Impact April 5 K. Treadwell-Smith

Babysitting \$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

** Classes alternate between aerobics & Sculpt & Tone-check with instructors for specifics

18-NOVI

Novi Civic Center (NO CLASS 5/28)

(45175 W. 10 Mile Rd., bet. Novi & Taft, 810-347-0400) 10 weeks

Non-Resident fee 20%

Please bring a mat or towel to class

1 day per wk/\$43 2 days/\$57 Unlimited/\$72

** \$10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step

NO CLASSES: April 8th or 19th, May 10th, or May 26th

M/W 9:05 A.M. Low Impact April 7 S. Brown

M/W/F 10:15 A.M. STEP II April 7 L. Gignac

M/W 6:00 P.M. H/Low Impact April 7 L. Burke

M/W 7:10 P.M. STEP II April 7 B. Kabodian

T/H 9:00 A.M. Sculpt & Tone April 10 S. Flanagan

T/H 10:15 A.M. Low Impact April 10 A. Werther

F 9:05 A.M. Low Impact April 11 A. Werther

Sat 8:00 A.M. STEP II April 12 B. Kabodian

Babysitting \$1.50 per child

Novi Meadows (25549 Taft, N. of 10 Mile) 10 weeks

(Register through Novi Comm. Ed. - 810-449-1206)

1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54 Unlimited/\$69

\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class

M/T/W/T/H 7:00 P.M. H/Low Impact April 7 T. Snurka

19-SOUTH LYON

SPONSORED BY: South Lyon Community Education

(Register thru S. Lyon - 810-437-8105)

STEP aerobics: \$1.00 per week step rental payable to instructor

Dolsen Elementary School

(56775 Rice St. S. of Gr. River, E. of Milford Rd.)

\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class

1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54 10 weeks

STEP aerobics: \$1.00 per week step rental

M/W 6:15 P.M. STEP April 7 P. Mason

M/W 7:30 P.M. Low Impact April 7 J. LaGriff

1 day per wk/\$19 2 days/\$38 7 weeks

T/H 8:00 P.M. Water Aerobics April 29 A. Parsons

20-BRIGHTON

SPONSORED BY: Brighton Comm. Education

(Register through Brighton Comm. Ed. - 810-229-1419)

Lindoom Elementary (2ym, 1010 State St. W. of Main, off of 5th St.)

1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54 10 weeks

\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class

M/W 6:00 P.M. Low Impact April 7 A. Parsons

B.E.C.C. (125 S. Church St.)

1 day per wk/\$32 2 days/\$44 8 weeks

\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class

T/H 9:30 A.M. Low Impact April 8 C. Thomas

T/H 1:00 P.M. Low Impact April 8 C. Thomas

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SPORTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1997

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Madonna honors spikers

Several players were honored Sunday night in a banquet on campus as the Madonna University women's volleyball team celebrated its record-setting 1996 season.

The Lady Crusaders, who finished with a school-record 52 wins (against just six losses) and took ninth in the NAIA National Tournament, bid farewell to four outstanding seniors.

The banquet's featured speaker was Sharon Irwin, chief registrar and student-athlete faculty representative from Point Loma Nazarene College (Calif.), site of the NAIA Nationals. She has served as Madonna's honorary coach and sponsor at the nationals in 1993, 1995 and 1996.

Redford Union grad Kelly McCausland, a 5-foot-11 middle hitter, was recognized as a first-team Kaepa/AVCA NAIA All-America for the second straight year. She also was voted Great Lakes Region Player of the Year. The four-year letter-winner also received Co-Miss Volleyball along with teammate Julie Martin, a 6-2 senior middle blocker from Livonia Stevenson.

Martin was named second-team NAIA All-America and made All-Great Lakes Region. She was also Offensive Player of the Year.

Meg Paris, a 5-6 senior setter from Burton-Atherton, shared co-MVP honors with McCausland. Paris also captured the Sister Mary Franciscene Leadership Award.

Heather Steinhilper, a 5-10 senior outside hitter from Clarkston, won the Ray Summers Scholar-Athlete Award and was an NAIA Academic All-America along with 5-8 junior outside hitter Erin Gregoire (Monroe St. Mary's).

Steinhilper carries a 3.527 grade-point average, while Gregoire, who carries a 3.62 GPA, won the Sister Nancy Jamroz Academic Excellence Award.

Steinhilper, Gregoire and 5-11 junior outside-hitter Nicole Scharrer earned the Coaches Award, while 5-10 junior outside-hitter Erin Comment (Monroe St. Mary's) took Defensive Player of the Year honors.

Deanne Helsom (Grand Blanc), a 5-7 setter, was named Freshman of the Year.

Coach Jerry Abraham also announced the signing of three recruits — Brandy Malewski (Redford Thurston), Rayna Vert (Kellogg Community College) and Kelly Artymovich (Utica Ford).

Youth hockey runners-up

The Livonia Squirt AA Knights recently finished second to the Michigan Devils in the Tier II Little Caesars hockey playoffs at Canfield Arena in Dearborn Heights.

Members of the Knights, coached by Bruce Larkin, include: Mark Bores, Billy Burns, Patrick Clark, Troy Engelland, Jon Fritsch, Steve Galvan, Patrick Griffin, Kenny Haas, Kevin Jarvis, Brent Medlen, Bryant Parker, Brent Persha, Adam Rochette, Carl Sheppard, Kenny Sinclair, Tommy Wilson and Drew Witte.

Tony Sheppard and Dan Rochette served as assistant coaches. The team manager is Bill Burns. Team sponsors include Page Litho, Royal Roofing and RSI Wholesale.

The Livonia Squirt B Sabres, coached by Mike Regan, wound up their season runner-up in the B Division.

Goalie Marshall Davey recorded 11 shutouts, including one over the first-place team.

David Kubert led the Sabres with 33 goals, while Christopher Barczuk added 28.

Other forwards included C.J. Marsh, Mat Warren, Brian Louwers, Vic Vincini, Jr., Martin Dale-Hench, Kyle Strong, Chris Ratliff and Brad Gorski. The defense was led by Charlie Shipley, Ryan Sabo, Ryan Rowe, Kyle Stutzmann and Jordan Boyajian.

Assistant coaches included John Louwers, Chris Marsh and Vic Vincini. The manager is Laurie Barczuk.

Collegiate tennis note

The Grand Valley State University men's tennis squad captured Grand Rapids City Tournament (March 21-22) for the first time ever as Chad Crosby (Livonia Stevenson) won the No. 3 singles flight and teamed up with Jeff Stieber (Mount Clemens L'Anse Creuse) to win the No. 3 doubles title.

Grand Valley had a team-high 14 points, two ahead of runner-up Grand Rapids JC.

All-Star basketball camps

Registrations are now be accepted for Bernie Holowicki's All-Star basketball camps.

The Madonna University coach will hold two different sessions for boys, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 16-20 and June 23-27 (cost \$110) at the Madonna gym.

Also, a coed shooting camp will be from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 30-July 3 at St. Robert Bellarmine Grade School (cost \$60).

The girls camp will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 7-11 at St. Robert (cost \$110).

Space is limited.

For more information, call (313) 261-3346.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to Brad Emons, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich. 48150; or send via fax to (313) 581-7279.



No rookie: Livonian Dustin Kuk showed as a 17-year-old that he belonged as he scored nine goals and had 17 assists for the University of Wisconsin Badger hockey team.

Wisconsin icer finds his niche

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

In the 1996-97 University of Wisconsin hockey press guide, Dustin Kuk is listed among the rookies.

But the 17-year-old Livonian quickly proved he belonged and performed beyond his years for the Badgers, who finished seventh in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association and 15-21-2 overall.

Kuk (pronounced Cook) appeared in all 37 games and finished fourth on the team in scoring with nine goals and 17 assists. He had six goals and 15 assists in the WCHA.

Not bad for the youngest player on the squad.

"I'd say Dustin made the step quicker among the eight freshmen," Wisconsin coach Jeff Sauer said. "He really asserted himself and was not afraid to talk and express his views, which shows a lot of intestinal fortitude."

"He's very mature for his age."

The 6-foot-1, 190-pound winger was not hesitant about doing the dirty work as evidenced by his team-high 67 penalty minutes.

"Dustin is not afraid to go in there and win the battles in the corners," said Sauer, who compares Kuk's style to NHLers Scott Mullenby and Pat Flatley. "He's a very hard worker. He has a very strong work ethic and I was really pleased with his progress."

Despite his age, Kuk was not overwhelmed playing in a big-time college hockey program or adapting to life on the huge Madison campus.

He spent the 1995-96 season playing for the Bramlea Blues of the Metro Junior A Hockey League in Ontario where he tallied 25 goals and 32 assists in 40 games with a plus-31 rating en route to you guessed it: Rookie of the Year honors.

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"For the rookies, there was a period of adjustment, an initiation of sorts, but it was really no big deal at all as long as you are pulling your weight and doing your job," Kuk said. "It was difficult at the start, but the more I played the more confident I felt."

"The pace is a lot faster in college hockey. The rinks are a lot bigger and the skill level is a lot higher."

Kuk accepted a hockey scholarship after graduating from high school (Redford Bishop Borgess) a year early.

He is currently taking classes in business and history.

"Academically I felt comfortable," he said. "The difference in college is that they're not going to hold your hand. You have to get assignments yourself in on time without people reminding you."

"The campus is beautiful and it really has everything to offer. It's a really nice place."

Socially, Kuk sometimes felt "isolated with nowhere to go," but he always had hockey to fall back on.

The left-handed shooter made big strides after the Christmas break.

"He's going to be one of our key guys as he continues to develop," Sauer said. "Next year is going to be his draft year (in the NHL). He needs to work on his skating. If he has a weakness, it's that, but he improved 100 percent in that area during the season."

Kuk plans to spend the off-season sharpening his skates.

"I'm going to come home and work some hockey schools," he said. "I'm

See KUK, C3

Stevenson girls ready to make serious run

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

SOCCER PREVIEW

When you have a program and a plan, you prosper.

It isn't simply good fortune the boys and girls soccer teams from Livonia and Plymouth-Canton are annually among the best in the state.

The quality of the programs and the coaches behind them have kept prep soccer at a high plateau for years. It's elevating the level of competition in the entire Observerland area.

Plymouth Canton won the state girls Class A soccer title last spring and Livonia Stevenson copped the boys championship last fall.

More often than not a Livonia or Plymouth-Canton entrant reaches at least the state quarterfinal round in soccer. They make the Western Lakes Activities Association one of most feared soccer conferences in the state.

"When you talk about premier soccer," Livonia Stevenson coach Jim Kimble said, "you talk about Plymouth, Livonia and Troy."

"Nick O'Shea built a tradition at Churchill. (New girls coach) Chad (Campau) is going to have some big shoes to fill there but tradition goes a long way."

"Mary Kay at Franklin knows what it takes, too. She won a few titles as a player and a coach at Stevenson. She also brings a tradition."

So does Jim Kimble at Stevenson, whose team was 15-3-1 a year ago and could conceivably be in that neighborhood again. The Spartans lose just two senior starters.

"I don't like to talk about our team a whole lot," he said. "I've won a couple of titles as a player and with the boys as a coach. We plan on making a run for it also."

"At Stevenson, it's expected. Our kids put a lot of pressure on themselves to succeed."

"The girls have talked of it since the boys won. They would like nothing better than to bring a title to Stevenson in the spring. They don't

settle for anything less than the best."

Canton has a strong mix that Coach Don Smith will meld into a team that will challenge for the Western Lakes Activities Association title and may have enough on the ball to repeat as a state champion.

"He's got a system and his record speaks for itself, Kimble said. "People can say what they want. They're the defending state champions."

Another team capable of state honors is Plymouth Salem.

"Plymouth Salem will contend for the state title," Kimble said. "They have the best player in the state (junior Mia Sarkesian) and any time you possess the best player in the state, you have the potential to win the whole thing."

"Even with that, Canton will be a team to beat. They're the defending state champions, and any time you hold that title, you have to be considered one of the best around."

"Livonia Churchill's going to be there, too. Losing (Marie) Spaccatella (going to the University of Michigan) will hurt but they have a

lot of good players coming back."

"I'm hoping we can challenge for our division and hopefully get a chance to play for the conference championship," said Chad Campau, veteran coach of the Churchill boys soccer team now adding the girls team to his duties.

"This is my first opportunity to coach the girls," he said, "and I've loved it so far. I was a little nervous going in. But it's been great so far."

"They've responded real well to everything we've talked about. It's always going to be hard with a new coach coming in, changing things around. But they've responded real well."

"I look for us to be successful this year. We've got a great group of girls. They're enjoyable to be around. We've been having fun so far."

With good players, it's hard not to have fun. And the WLAA and its environs have plenty of good players.

See capsule summaries of area teams on page C2.

MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award Winners

Honorees: Marjorie Brooks (first from left) of Westland John Glenn and Jessica Jenkins (second from left) of Livonia Churchill were honored Saturday as recipients of the Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Award for girls cross country and girls basketball, respectively. Posing with the two \$1,000 scholarship winners Saturday at the Breslin Center are MHSAA Executive Director Jack Roberts (left) and Larry Thomas (right) of Farm Bureau Insurance, the MHSAA award sponsor.



Madonna baseball team swept (0-4)

Must've been nice for Madonna University to actually play some baseball games north of Florida in March.

Not that the outcome was anything to boast about.

The Fighting Crusaders traveled to Columbus, Ohio to take on a very tough Ohio Dominican squad last Friday and Saturday. The results: four games, four losses.

Madonna lost 7-4 and 2-1 (the latter in nine innings) Saturday, and 9-5 and 2-1 (the latter in eight innings) Friday. The defeats left the Crusaders with a 3-11 record; Dominican is 22-1. Madonna's games Sunday were snowed out.

Eric Butler was saddled with the tough 2-1 loss Saturday. Butler went the distance, pitching 8½ innings and allowing two runs on five hits and two walks, with three strikeouts. The loss left Butler at 0-2.

Brian Keltner was the winner for Dominican, improving to 2-0.

Aaron Shrewsbury had a hit and the only run batted in for Madonna, tying the score at 1-1

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in the sixth.

In Saturday's other game, Dan Pydyn was tagged for seven runs on 10 hits and a walk, but only two of the runs were earned as Madonna committed two more errors, making its total five for the day. The loss left Pydyn at 0-3 for the season.

Willie Melendez was the winning pitcher (2-0).

Brandon Jaskolski and Delano Voletti each had two hits for Madonna; Jaskolski, Shrewsbury, Dan Taylor and Jeff Warholik had RBIs.

Again, porous defense again played a pivotal role in Friday's two losses. Madonna committed eight errors in the two games, bringing its weekend four-game total to 13. The Crusaders have made 31 errors in 14 games and have a .935 fielding percentage.

Mark Serra was the starter and loser in Friday 9-5 loss, allowing five runs (two earned) in 2½ innings; his record is 0-1. Dan Pierce was the winner for

Dominican (2-0).

Warholik had three hits, including a home run, and two RBI to lead Madonna's attack. Kevin Foley also had a two-run homer, and Eric Marcotte (from Plymouth Canton) had two hits.

In Friday's first game, Craig Benedict (Plymouth Canton) went 7½ innings in absorbing the 2-1 loss. Both runs were unearned; he surrendered five hits and a walk in falling to 1-2. Graham Bailey was the winning pitcher in relief.

Shrewsbury had a hit and Madonna's only RBI, driving in the game-tying run in the sixth.

The Crusaders are scheduled to open their home season today with a double-header against Tiffin University at Madonna Park (located at the former Livonia Bentley HS), starting at 1 p.m.

Lady Crusaders split

Madonna's softball team bounced back from an 8-6 loss to Northwood University Saturday to post a 7-1 victory over Siena Heights at the Wayne State Uni-

versity Tournament.

The split left the Lady Crusaders at 8-7-1. Sunday's games were snowed out.

Angie Van Doorn fell to 0-4 with the loss in the opener, giving up six earned runs in four innings. Ann Bagazinski (Livonia Franklin) had two hits and two RBI. Dawn Shaffer had a run-scoring triple, and Marissa Mittleman had a pinch-hit RBI single for Madonna.

Becky Kloski was the winning pitcher for Northwood (1-0).

In the win over Siena Heights, Madonna scored two runs in each of the first two innings and Shanna Price made it stand up, stopping the Saints on five hits and a walk to run her record to 5-1. She struck out four.

Mariann Baumann was the loser.

Vicki Malkowski collected three hits and two RBI for the Crusaders. Shawna Greene also had three hits, and Shaffer and Bagazinski each had a hit and an RBI.

Madonna is idle until Monday, when it plays at Siena Heights.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Livonia Churchill opened its boys tennis season with a third-place finish in the six-school Dearborn Press & Guide Invitational Saturday at the Fairlane Racquet Club.

Dearborn High took the team title with 32 points, edging Dearborn Edsel Ford (30) and the Chargers (28).

Churchill junior Rob Aloe captured the No. 1 singles title.

Second-place singles finishes were garnered by senior Ryan Green (No. 2) and Lorenzo Pivanti (No. 3).

Two Churchill doubles teams were also runner-up: seniors Nader Salah and Chip Norton (No. 1) and freshmen Bobby Koivunen and Ross Puchalsky (No. 4).

GIRLS SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

Finesse softball is conducting open tryouts for its 12-and-under team for the 1997 Girls Youth Travel Season.

Tryouts will be held by appointment or at 2 p.m. each Saturday (weather permitting).

Girls cannot turn 13 before Sept. 1.

For more information, call John Tonner at (810) 624-3187.

Tryouts for the Mid America girls 14-and-under softball team will be Saturday and Sunday, April 12-13.

For more information, call Bob Jastrzebski at (313) 844-3931.

SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUES

The Can-Am Senior Softball League needs a few good men in the 55-and-over and 65-and-over divisions.

League play is weekday mornings, May through September.

For more information, call the Livonia Senior Center at (313) 522-2710.

K OF C SOFTBALL LEAGUES

The registration deadline for a series of softball leagues at the Diamond at Knights of Columbus is Friday, April 4. The Diamond is located at 21900 Middlebelt (between Eight and Nine Mile roads in Farmington Hills).

The entry fee is \$550 per team (includes 14-game schedule plus playoffs) or \$700 (includes

umpire fees). Sponsor and individual awards, along with softballs and ISA team registration fees included.

There is no residency requirements, player or parking fees.

Leagues include Monday through Friday nights; Tuesday and Thursday mornings; and Sundays.

To enter, call (810) 426-0558 or Superior Sports at (313) 255-7082.

TRAVEL BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Travel basketball tryouts for a Dearborn-based Connie Mack (ages 16-18) team will be Saturday, April 12.

For more information, call (313) 561-9755.

RUNNING SPRING FREE

With spring here, runners might want to head down to Botsford General Hospital's Total Rehabilitation & Athletic Conditioning Center's Running Clinic.

The clinic, held in conjunction with Running Fit and Wolverine Orthotics, Inc., will be from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 13 at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi.

Runner Ann Boyd will give a special presentation on "Women's Issues in Endurance Sports."

Clinic fee is \$20. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required due to limited capacity. For more information or to register call (810) 473-5600.

BULLDOGS GO OUTING

The second annual U.S.A. Bulldogs fundraiser, a four-man best-ball scramble, will be at 7 a.m. (check-in) Friday, May 30 at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia.

All proceeds will help purchase baseball equipment and uniforms for 14-and-under and 16-and-under travel teams.

There will be a hole-in-one on each par-3 (includes new car, set of clubs and one of two mystery prizes). Sponsorships available.

For more information, call Ed Conz, Jr., Jackie Burd or Lou Willoughby at 1-888-868-TEAM.

GIRLS SOCCER CAPSULE OUTLOOKS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Conference: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division).

Head coach: Chad Campau, first season.

Last year's overall record: 12-3.

Titles won last year: WLAAs champions.

Scheduled season opener: 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 7, at North Farmington.

Notable losses to graduation: Marie Spaccatella, forward (Dream Team All-State, first team All-Observer, attending University of Michigan on soccer scholarship); Kerri Verardi, midfielder (second team All-Observer).

Leading returnees: Kersten Conklin, sophomore forward (honorable mention All-Observer); Kristen Esparza, junior midfielder; Lisa Fabrikiewicz, junior defender (honorable mention All-Observer); Andrea Galindo, junior midfielder (honorable mention All-Observer); Susan Hill, junior midfielder; Kerne LaPorte, sophomore goalie; Lindsay Murry, senior defender; Terri Owens, junior midfielder; Jamie Scott, junior midfielder; Steacy Supanich, sophomore midfielder; Lizz Szkybalo, senior defender/midfielder (second team All-Observer); Andrea Will, senior midfielder/forward (honorable mention All-Observer); Crystal Wright, junior goalie (honorable mention All-Observer).

Promising newcomers: Karie Bowersdorf, junior midfielder; Brooke Cioma, junior midfielder; Nicole DeDominicis, junior defender/midfielder; Tina Fischer, junior forward; Jeanine Lawson, junior defender.

Campau's '97 outlook: "We've got a lot returning and last year's team only lost three games all year. So it looks promising with our returning players."

"I believe we return eight of 11 starters, so we're going to have a good corps in our starting lineup. And I'm real confident with the people we have coming off our bench."

"We're real flexible with where we can put people. We have a lot of different girls who can play a lot of different positions. It gives me a lot of flexibility."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Conference: WLAAs (Lakes Division).

Head coach: Jim Kimble, 3rd season.

Last year's overall record: 15-3-1.

Titles won last year: District champs.

Scheduled season opener: 7 p.m. Monday, April 7 at home vs. Walled Lake Western.

Notable losses to graduation: Angela Pandolf, midfielder, second team All-Observer (now playing at Western Michigan); Marie Vanderburgh, honorable mention All-Observer (now playing at Eastern Michigan).

Leading returnees: Anne Fedrigo, senior midfielder, first team All-State, first team All-Observer, (nine goals, five assists boosting three-year totals to 18 goals, 21 assists); Allison Campbell, junior forward, honorable mention All-Observer (leading scorer with 25 goals); Leah McGrath, junior midfielder, honorable mention All-Observer; Melissa Jacobs, senior defender, honorable mention All-Observer; Jenny Barker, junior goalkeeper, honorable mention All-Observer; Nicole Tobin, senior forward.

Promising newcomers: Andrea Sied, freshman defender; Cheryl Fox, freshman defender.

Kimble's '97 outlook: "We're going to be, there's no reason we shouldn't be, competitive in every game we play. Obviously we look to improve on last year's record, make a run at the division and conference titles, and make a run for the state championship."

"We're losing only two senior starters, so there's no reason we can't."

"We are young, but we do have some experience. These kids have played. They expect a lot out of each other. They have set some lofty goals."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Conference: WLAAs (Western Division).

Head coach: Mary Kay Hussey, first season.

Last year's overall record: 4-11-1.

Scheduled season opener: 7 p.m. Monday, April 7 at home vs. Westland John Glenn.

Notable losses to graduation: Lisa DeShano (first-team All-Observer defender); Meghan Broderick, Cassandra Gray, Sarah Ouellette, Erin Recker, Kelly Sexton.

Leading returnees: Kim Baruzzini, junior captain; Emily Kracht, junior captain; Stacey Goodrich, junior captain; Tiffanie Hemmrough, sophomore; Monica Zarfi, senior.

Promising newcomers: Alexis Bowman, freshman; Becky Buck, freshman; Jessica Decker, freshman; Heather Eads, freshman.

1997 Patriot outlook: Hussey returns to the bench after a two-year absence. She finished 80-24-10 in six seasons with the Stevenson girls, including one state Class A crown (1990); two regional and three district championships, along with four Lakes Division titles and one WLAAs championship. She also served as

Franklin's boys coach.

LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Conference: Catholic League (Central Division).

Head coach: Ron Predmesky, 6th season.

Last year's overall record: 4-6-3.

Scheduled season opener: 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 31 at home Royal Oak Shrine.

Notable losses to graduation: Kathy Dankert, goalie (honorable mention All-Observer); Katie Kavanaugh, midfielder/stopper (honorable mention All-Observer).

Leading returnees: Annie Obrecht, junior defender; Traci Stewart, junior defender (honorable mention All-Observer); Melanie York, junior defender; Michelle Roy, senior midfielder; Meryl Denton, junior midfielder (honorable mention All-Observer); Kristina Stachura, junior midfielder; Nikki Pampreen, senior forward; Jenny LaChapelle, junior forward; Jenny Wychowski, junior goalie.

Promising newcomers: Andrea Schimmel, freshman midfielder.

Predmesky's '97 outlook: "We open up with a league game April 7 against the (defending) Class B champions, (Madison Heights) Bishop Foley."

"Then we play a Class A quarterfinalist, (Bloomfield Hills) Marian the Wednesday after that. We're going to find out real quick whether we can play or not."

"We have two seniors on the field, all the rest are juniors. So we need to start maturing right now."

"We have the talent and capability of playing well and competing in this league. It's a matter of whether we can do it or not."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Conference: WLAAs (Lakes Division).

Head coach: Jerry Poniatowski, 3rd season.

Last year's overall record: 4-16-1.

Scheduled season opener: 4 p.m. Monday, April 7 at Livonia Franklin.

Notable losses to graduation: Jennifer Tapper (stopper) and Laurie Mason (center/midfielder).

Leading returnees: Nicole Farrar, senior left wing; Lesa Mahoney, senior sweeper; Bev Tanana, senior forward; Nicole Watkins, senior midfielder; Leza Taylor, senior defender; Kristen Plentowski, senior forward; Katrina Zacharycz, junior midfielder; Julie Turner, sophomore forward; Kristen Krohn, sophomore midfielder; Katie Krause, sophomore forward; Katie Hoyer, sophomore defender; Rola Amad, sophomore defender.

Promising newcomers: Freshman Valerie Kurzynski, freshman forward; Jessica Blanchard, freshman defender; Jessie Swartz, freshman midfielder; Jade Fukuda, freshman goalie.

Poniatowski's '97 outlook: "We've got a real good attitude with the team this year. They're working together even now, after just a couple of weeks of practice. They get along together. They want to get out and do it."

"They know they're going to run up against some real powerhouses. And sometimes it's kind of hard to keep your chin up. But they can do it. They're a real good bunch of kids to work with."

"I can see some good things coming up."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Conference: Michigan Mega Conference (Blue Division).

Head coach: Larry Brenner, 3rd season.

Last year's overall record: 5-11 (5-5 conference, third place).

Scheduled season opener: 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, against Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Notable losses to graduation: Melissa Becker, defender; Kim Dobrowsky, defender (honorable mention All-Conference); Mary Ernst, forward, co-captain, (honorable mention All-Conference); Erin West, midfielder.

Leading returnees: Andrea McCahill, junior forward; Alana Tucker, junior forward (honorable mention All-Observer); Sarah Raupp, senior midfielder (honorable mention All-Observer); April Smith, sophomore midfielder; Leona Headland, junior midfielder; Joselyn Nemeth, junior defender; Pam Pripich, senior defender (honorable mention All-Observer); Jenny Spisak, junior defender; Kim Gots, junior defender; Missy Dumont, senior goalie.

Promising newcomers: Kasey Allen, freshman forward; Jenny Clark, freshman defender; Kristina McCahill, freshman forward.

Brenner's '97 outlook: "With so many of the girls coming back, I expect them to have another good season. We went from 0-16 our first year to third-place last season."

"I told these freshmen when they joined the team to expect to mature and have a first place by the time they were seniors. And I still believe that."

"I have a group of 20 freshmen ready to be developed and go. This is the first year we've had enough for two groups like that."

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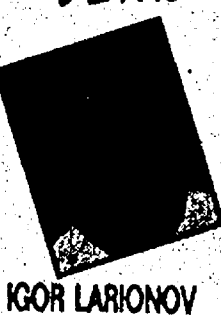
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going to be doing a lot of tedious power-skating drills, remedial kind of workouts. I need to go back to the basics, the things I learned when I was 5 years-old."

Kuk caught the attention of collegiate and Ontario Hockey League scouts as a 15-year-old on the Little Caesars Midget Major team. During the 1994-95 season for Caesars, Kuk racked up 107 points in 79 games. During the summer of 1995 he captained the Under-17 USA team.

And although Kuk acquitted himself quite well in his freshman year at Wisconsin, the season was not all peaches and cream.

The Badgers lost their final 10 games of the year, including four by a goal.

"We didn't meet our expectations," Kuk said. "At one time we were tied for second place in the best league in the country, but then we had so many injuries we couldn't overcome. It was very disappointing."

Wisconsin, however, loses only goaltender Kirk Dubenspeck to graduation.

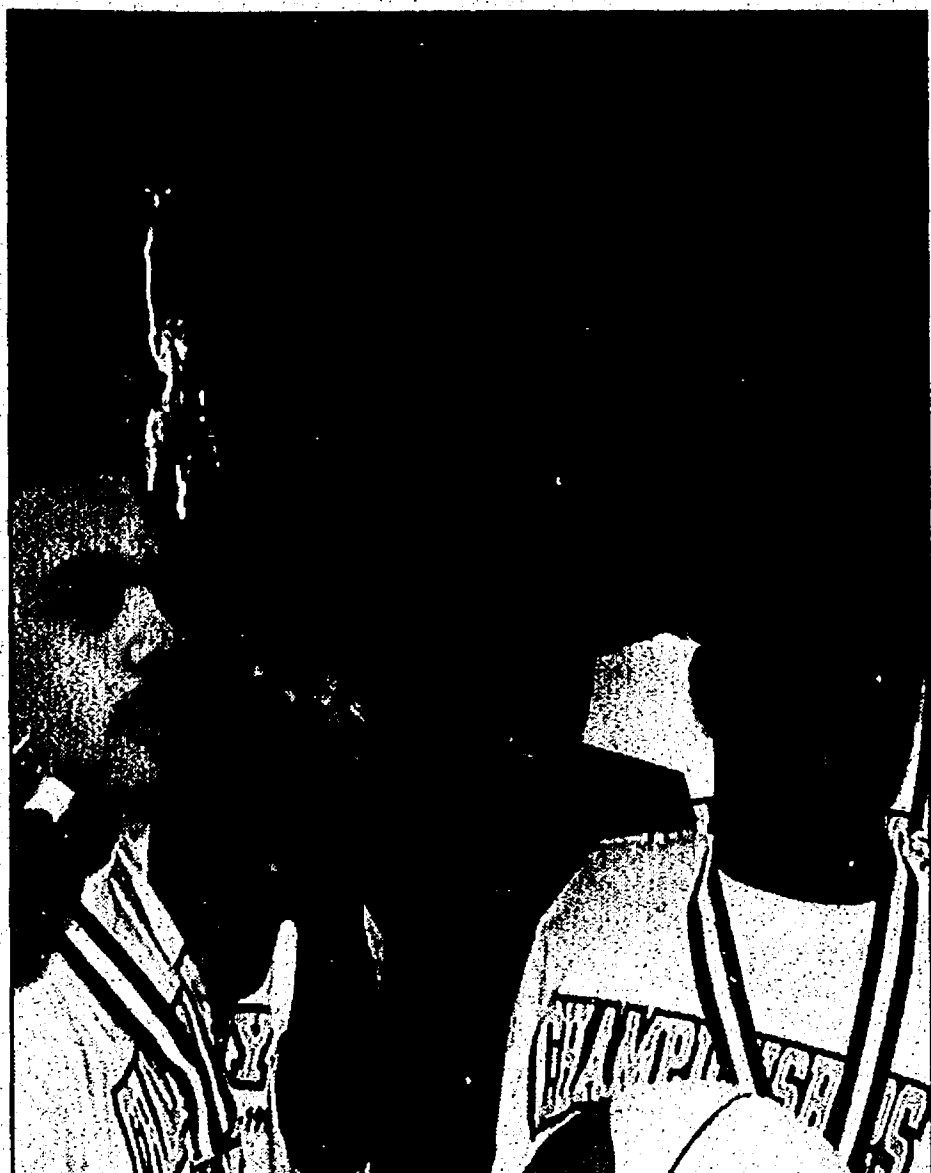
"With the guys we have coming back, we'll play with a lot more confidence," Kuk said. "We'd like to win our league first and go from there."

In the season finale against Colorado College in the first round of the WCHA playoffs, Wisconsin was eliminated in an amazing four-overtime thriller, 1-0.

"Somebody said that was the longest game in WCHA history, I don't know," said Kuk, who should be a candidate for the U.S. Junior Team later this year. "I was involved once in a three-overtime game, but this was really over two games in one night."

For Kuk, it's all part of the learning experience.

You can't consider him a rookie anymore.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

State champions: Redford Bishop Borgess players hoist the state Class C championship trophy after Saturday's 64-42 victory over Three Oaks River Valley.

Greyhounds eliminate Whalers

As it turned out, one of the high points of the season only ended up delaying the inevitable for the Detroit Whalers.

Last Saturday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth, Detroit — trailing the favored Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds 3-0 in games in their best-of-seven series — had to battle through regulation time and two overtime periods before finally pulling out a 4-3 triumph.

That kept the Whalers alive, but hopes for a return trip to Compuware for game six were dashed when the Greyhounds held Detroit's offense at bay, then put up two unanswered goals in the third period en route to a 4-1 victory in game five Monday in Sault Ste. Marie.

The Greyhounds win the series 4-1 and advance to play Sarnia for the Ontario Hockey League's

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West Division title.

On Saturday, Mike Morrone got the game-winner at 10:02 of the second OT period, assisted by Harold Druken. It was Morrone's second point of the game; he also assisted on Steve Wasylko's first-period goal.

Detroit led 1-0 after one period and 3-2 after two, with their second-period goals coming from Andrew Taylor and Julian Smith. Sault Ste. Marie's goals in the second came from Joe Thornton and Brian Stewart; then, with 14:19 left in regulation, the Greyhounds tied the game at 3-3 on an unassisted goal by Matt Lahey.

Both goalies, Robert Esche of the Whalers and Michal Podolka of the Greyhounds, were out-

standing. Esche made 56 saves, Podolka had 51.

On Monday, the Greyhounds scored two first-period goals to take control. Both came in the last 2:15 of the period, the first scored by Trevor Tokarczyk and the second by Lahey.

Detroit narrowed the gap to 2-1 with a second period power-play goal by Druken, his third of the series. Smith and Eric Gooldy assisted.

But the Whalers could not get the equalizer in the final period and, with 4:05 left, Sault Ste. Marie's Richard Uniacke scored to make it a 3-1 game. Nathan Perrott's empty-net goal with 25 seconds remaining was the clincher.

Esche and Podolka were again both outstanding. Esche stopped 37 of 40 Greyhound shots; Podolka had 26 saves.

STATE CLASS C CHAMPIONSHIP RECAP

Kingpins!

Borgess wears 1st-ever crown

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

The girls at Redford Bishop Borgess finally have some company when it comes to winning basketball state championships.

It required a second-half comeback, but the Borgess boys can now lay claim to their first-ever basketball state title.

The Spartans rallied from a 30-27 halftime deficit to defeat Three Oaks River Valley, 64-42, in Saturday's Class C state championship game before 10,984 at Michigan State University's Breslin Center.

The Borgess girls won state titles in 1993 and '94. The Spartans exploded for 13 straight points to start the third quarter and never trailed again.

River Valley surprised the Spartans early, leading 18-16 after one quarter and 30-27 at halftime. But after shooting eight for 14 from the floor in the first half, River Valley was only

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five of 19 in the second half.

The Spartans committed only three turnovers after halftime. They made six of their first seven shots in the third quarter and finished 16 of 27 from the floor after halftime.

River Valley made five three-point shots in the first quarter and two the rest of the way.

The Spartans ended the season on a 10-game winning streak for a 20-8 overall record.

"We were not playing very good fundamental defense in the first half," Borgess coach Roosevelt Barnes said. "We were reaching, they were penetrating and kicking the ball out and doing a good job of shooting. My hats off to them. They have a very good team, and disciplined. But I put my boys through a lot of conditioning and tell them the best conditioned team usually

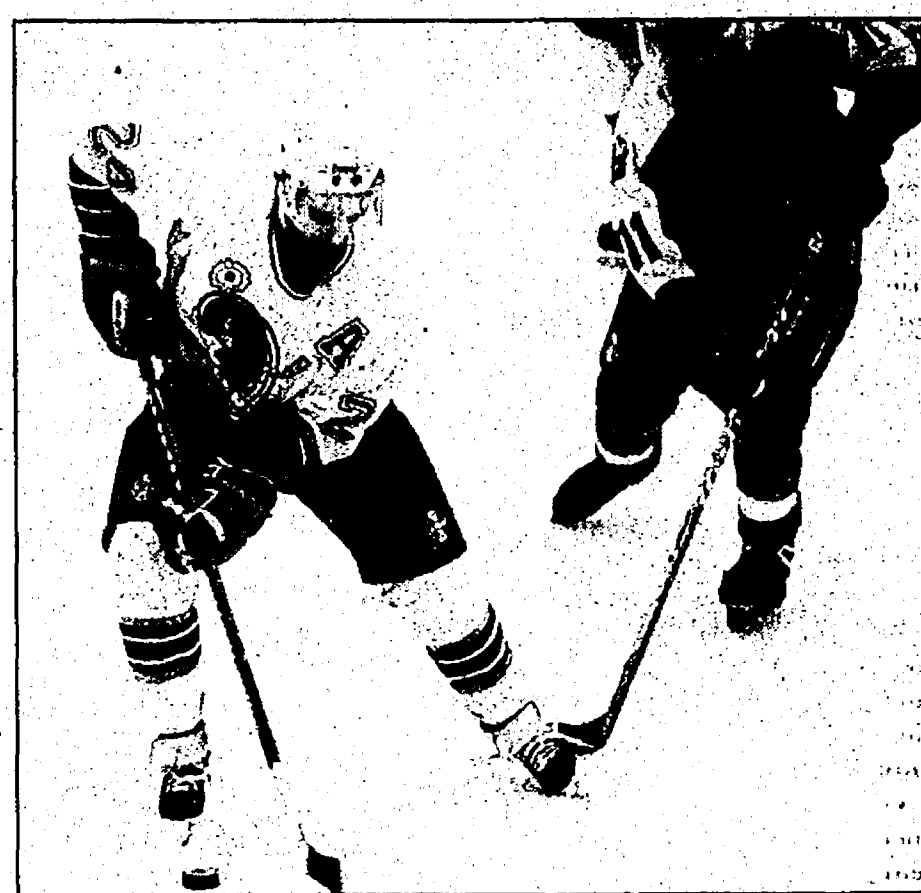
wins."

Junior guard Aaron Jessup had 16 of his game-high 25 points after halftime for the Spartans. Sam Hoskin, the Spartans' 6-foot-7 junior center, added 15 points and a game-high eight rebounds.

Point guard Kevin Jordan had nine assists and five points. John White had eight points and Bynum seven.

Zac Robertson had 12 to lead River Valley. Bryan Baker and Casey Caid scored 11 each.

"They went to their strength and we were afraid of that from the very beginning," River Valley coach Jerry Schaffer said. "Obviously they planned to ram it down our throats. They're big and talented and gradually got away from us. We put a lot of effort to a strong and physical team and we hoped to have enough in our tanks, but were spent not only from the first half but maybe the tournament."



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Controlling the puck: The Whalers' Mark Cadotte (left) steps in front of the Greyhounds' Joe Seroski.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

Thursday, March 27
Tiffin (Ohio) at Madonna (2), 1 p.m.
Saturday, March 29
Madonna at Siena Hts. (2), 1 p.m.

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EASTER BUNNY TO VISIT
The Westland Jaycees will host the group's annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, March 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Westland Jaycee Park at Hunter and Wildwood. Games, sugar-free candy, pictures with the Easter Bunny and other family activities are scheduled for kids from birth to age 15.

The Civitan Club of Westland will host an egg hunt on Friday, March 28. The hunt will be held outdoors, rain or shine, in Central City Park. Promptly at 4 p.m., a siren will sound to start the hunt. The event is sponsored by the Westland Civitan, Westland Fire Department, Westland Cultural Society and the Westland Parks & Recreation Department. For information on either event, call Westland Parks & Recreation Department at (313) 722-7620.

SPECIAL EVENTS

JOBS & CAREERS FAIR
The Westland Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Jobs & Careers Fair at the Westland Shopping Center Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. More than 80 tables of employers will be available to meet job seekers. To obtain information about the fair, call the chamber at (313) 326-7222.

MOMS TO MOMS MARKET
St. Theodore Parish, 8200 Wayne Road, Westland is sponsoring their yearly Moms to Moms Market Saturday, April 5 at the church social hall. This resale fair features gently used baby and children's clothing, toys, miscellaneous equipment, plus maternity items for the expectant mother at garage sale prices. Tables will be available for rental while space is available through March 28. Call 425-4421 for information.

TOWN HALL MEETING
Westland Mayor Robert Thomas will host his next Town Hall Meeting Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Park Townhouse, located at 34850 Fountain Blvd. between Warren and Joy roads off of Wayne Road in Westland. Call the mayor's office for further information (313) 467-3200.

ROTARY OUTING
The Westland Rotary will host its annual golf outing May 22 at 11 a.m. at the Golden Fox in Plymouth Township. Four-person scramble format. Sponsorships available. For information or to receive a brochure on the event, call Kim Shunkwiler at (313) 728-5533, Tom North at (313) 421-1300, John Toye at (313) 729-TOYE, Ken Belanger at (313) 721-1810 or Rich Perkowski at (313) 721-7044.

FRIENDS RUMMAGE SALE
The Friends of the Westland Historical Museum will host a sale on May 31. Donations are being accepted from now through May 15 at the museum, located at 857 N. Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Marquette. Items needed include dishes, linens, furniture, jewelry, toys, tools, antiques, books, knick-knacks, kitchen items and miscellaneous. Please be sure all items are clean; no clothing is needed. For information call (313) 522-3918.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE
Two dates have been

scheduled for the Westland Chamber of Commerce Community Garage Sale for 1997 and spaces are now being reserved. The events will be held Saturday, May 17, and Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parking lot between Westland City Hall and the police department on the south side of Ford Road. Space is \$20 or \$25 for premium spots. Reservations and payment will be taken in person only at the Westland Chamber of Commerce office, 36900 Ford Road. Call (313) 326-7222.

TOY SHOW
The Westland Rotary Toy Show will be held Sunday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wayne-Ford Civic League, 1666 North Wayne Road, just south of Ford Road in Westland. Entry is \$2 and kids under 12 are free. Reserve table space at the show for \$20. For information, call John Toye (313) 729-8693.

BENEFIT CAR FEST
Quality Movers, Inc. is hosting a Benefit Car Fest and Swap Meet on July 5 at Central City Park during this year's Westland Summer Festival. Sponsorships will help Children's Hospital of Michigan and help promote area businesses. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature the categories of street rods, street machines, restored/original, custom/modified, pro-street, trucks/mini-trucks for all years, makes and models. More than 50 trophies are awarded. For information or to help with sponsorships, call Gary Bulson at (313) 729-6683.

AT ST. RAPHAEL
St. Raphael Church will host its annual rummage/garage sale in the Activities Building, Merriman road, two blocks north of Ford in Garden City, on Thursday, April 3 and Friday, April 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Items available include: clothing, toys, small furniture and appliances, books and other household items. Information (313) 261-8573.

RESUME WRITING
The Westland Jaycees are sponsoring a resume-writing workshop at the William D. Faust Library of Westland 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 12. Featured speaker will be Kim Mason-Welle, human resources manager for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Following the keynote talk, participants will then break into groups for hands-on resume-writing lessons. To register, call Dan Chovanec at (313) 844-7770. Cost is \$10 or free for Jaycee members.

BIDS FOR KIDS
Oakwood Hospital will host its Bids for Kids IV — Wild West Fun Fest on Friday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Cocktails, dining, dancing, horse races and live auction with a western flair will be part of the night's entertainment. Proceeds will go to purchase and install fitness equipment in Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Canton and Romulus parks. Tickets are \$40 each and \$75 per couple. Call (313) 791-1234 for information.

OUTDOORS

EARTH DAY CLEANUP
The Holliday Nature Preserve will host an Earth Day Cleanup Sunday, April 19, at 10 a.m. Volunteers will carry boardwalks to place on muddier parts of the trail system and cleaning up trash from the Preserve. Meet at Hix Park

entrance, off Hix Road just north of Warren. Information (313) 522-8547.

SPRING WALK
A Spring Walk in the Foxlands led by Bill Craig will be sponsored at the Holliday Nature Preserve Sunday, April 27 at noon. Meet at the Koppernick entrance one half mile west off Hix and one half mile south of Joy. The group will travel into the Foxlands area, the first new piece of parkland added to the Wayne County Park system in years. Information (313) 522-8547.

AT THE LIBRARY

BOOK SALE SCHEDULED
The Friends of the William P. Faust Library of Westland are hosting a used book sale from noon to 5 p.m. Friday, April 18, and from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at the library, located at 6123 Central City Parkway in Westland. The group is also seeking volunteers to assist with the book sale. For information call Elaine Burg at (313) 728-3787 or Mary Piontkowski at (313) 326-9268.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is beginning its Book Discussion Group, which will meet the second Wednesday of April, May and June from 7-9 p.m. in the Library's Community Meeting Room. The book for the first meeting on Wednesday, April 9 is an early work by popular author Anne Rice "The Feast of All Saints." To register for the group and reserve the books, call the library at (313) 326-6123.

USED BOOK SALE
Friends of Wayne Public Library will hold a Used Book Sale Saturday, April 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 6 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds will be used to fund a puppet theater for the children's room. Donations will be accepted until April 4. No magazines or condensed books, please. The library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. Information (313) 721-7832.

TRAVEL PROGRAM
Marge and Art Elander will host a free travel program "Take a Riverboat Cruise — St. Petersburg to Moscow" at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 10 at the Wayne Public Library Meeting Room, 3737 S. Wayne Road. Sponsored by Friends of the Wayne Public Library. Admission free, but seating is limited. To register or for information, call (313) 721-7832.

CLASSES

FREE CLASSES
The Showman's Dog Training Organization sponsors free junior showmanship classes for dog owners ages 7-17 at the AMVETS Hall

on Merriman near Avondale at 8:30 p.m. the first and second Tuesdays of each month through September. Call (313) 729-7580.

MECHANIC CERTIFICATION
The William D. Ford Career/Technical Center will host spring testing for the State of Michigan Mechanic Certification tests on Wednesday, April 16 from 6-9 p.m. in Classrooms A & C at the Center. Cost is \$6 per test with a maximum of two tests per person. They are the same tests administered by the state for automotive technicians. Applications may be picked up at the William D. Ford center, 36455 Marquette, Westland. Call (313) 595-2135 or (313) 595-2172 for information. Deadline to register is Wednesday, April 16.

CLUBS IN ACTION

NAWBO WEST
NAWBO-West meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for guests, which includes continental breakfast.

COUNTRY WESTERN JAMBOREE
The Metro Wayne Democratic Club will host a Country Western Jamboree Saturday, April 19 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Local 735 UAW Hall, 48055 Michigan Ave., Canton, one mile west of Belleville Road. Tickets are \$20 per person and \$35 per couple; \$15 per retiree/senior. Call (313) 729-8681.

RIGHT TO LIFE
The Westland Right to Life group will hold its annual meeting to elect officers at 7 p.m. Monday, March 31, at the William P. Faust Library of Westland. The group will then begin meeting on the second Monday of each month, with the next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 14 at Warrenwoods Wesleyan Church, 6615 Venoy, Westland at 7:30 p.m.. Information (313) 729-7765.

MERIAN'S FRIENDS
There will be an organizational meeting for Merian's Friends to work for ballot proposal for physician-assisted aid in dying. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Town Square in downtown Wayne. Information Jean Klarich (313) 274-6212.

CAMPING CLUB
Moonliters Camping Club meets 8:15 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month at Canfield Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly, south of Ford, Dearborn Heights. Family camping with all ages, scheduled camp outs during the camping season. Harvey and Marion Grigg, (313) 427-3069.

WEEKENDERS

The Weekenders family campers meet the second Wednesday of the month in Franklin High School, on Joy east of Merriman. (313) 531-2993.

HOLY SMOKE MASTERS
The Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday at Denny's Restaurant, Wayne Road across from the Westland Center. Learn the art of speaking in public. Cost is \$24 for six months and includes monthly magazine and learning manuals. Call (313) 326-5419 for information.

HOT LIONS
The Westland Host Lions Club meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in Mary's Family Restaurant. Information (313) 326-2607.

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES
For information on a Mothers of Multiples Club in your area, call Shelly Weir (313) 326-1466.

CHILDBIRTH 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. (313) 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. Hot line, (313) 525-0962.

CORVETTE CLUB
The Corvette Club of Michigan meets at 8 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month in Les Stanford Chevrolet, Dearborn. Glenn Simms, (313) 675-5633, or Paul Jenkins, (313) 981-4254.

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 Krug Chevrolet in Taylor. (313) 326-5658.

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, 36993 Marquette, east of Newburgh. (313) 729-5409.

PURPLE HEART
The Military Order of Purple Heart meets at 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the VFW Hall, on Ford west of Venoy. Meetings are open to combat-wounded veterans.

RECREATION

BASKETBALL
Registration being accepted for men's and women's basketball leagues with Westland Parks and Recreation Department, 36651 Ford, Westland. (313) 722-7620.

SQUARE DANCE

Beginner square dance classes held 7:30-9:30 Tuesdays in Bailey Recreation Center (behind City Hall), on Ford Road, Westland. Fee \$3 per person weekly. Mike Brennan, (313) 274-3394.

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. (313) 722-7620.

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. (313) 721-7044.

WOLVERINE PACERS
The Wolverine Pacers, a race-walking club, meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 9 a.m. Saturdays in Levagood Park, Dearborn. Call Gary Gray (313) 464-8890.

OPEN SKATING
The Westland Sports Arena, on Wildwood near Hunter, will continue its open skating program through March 31. Hours are 1-2:45 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; and noon to 1:45 p.m. weekdays. Admission is \$3.25 for adults and \$2.75 for students; Monday-Friday is \$1 off admission price. Skate rental is \$2. (313) 729-4560.

SENIORS

TRAVEL GROUP
The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents, \$12.50 for non-residents. (313) 722-7632.

CARD GROUP
The Friday Variety Card Group at the Westland Friendship Center has moved to 2 p.m. Players enjoy euchre, pinocle, bridge, Uno, rummy and poker. Light refreshments are served. Call (313) 722-7632 for information or just show up to play cards. The Friendship Center is located at 1119 N. Newburgh Road.

DYER CLUB
The Dyer Seniors' Center Travel Club meets the first and third Thursdays of each month in the center, on Marquette between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

GC TRAVEL
Garden City Travel Club: for information call trip director Laree Yard at (313) 522-4446.

GAMBLING TRIP
The Westland Friendship Center has a gambling trip to Niagara Falls via motor coach planned on May 1-2 leaving the Friendship Center at 8:30 a.m. and returning Friday at 7 p.m. Cost is \$75 to the first 42 people to sign up and includes transportation and accommodations for one night. For more information, call (313) 722-7632.

SIGN LANGUAGE
The Deaf, Hearing and Speech Center will begin a new session of sign language classes at the Westland Friendship Center April 23. The eight-week classes include beginning on Wednesdays 9-10 a.m., advanced on Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m. and beginning on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon. The classes are free to Westland seniors, \$10 for non-

Westland seniors and \$50 to all others. Call (313) 341-1353 or (313) 722-7632 for information.

SCHOOLS

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
The Wayne-Westland Community Schools have ongoing registration for the preschool program, housed in Marquette School, on Marquette east of Wayne Road. There is a free program for eligible 4-year-olds in the Kids Plus program and a tuition-based program for others. The Kids Plus program is for children who will be 4 years old by Dec. 1 who also meet two "at risk" factors to qualify. The program is free for children who qualify. Call (313) 595-2660 for appointments.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL
The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in the morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays with the other pupils attending Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. (313) 728-3559.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT
The new Child Development Center at the Inkster Family Investment Center is enrolling children from 6 weeks up to 10 years in its enriched child care program. The center is at 29999 Pine St., two blocks west of Middlebelt and south of Michigan Avenue. It is a joint project of Youth Living Centers and the Inkster Housing Commission. Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call Denise Peca at 467-7261.

OPENINGS
United Christian School, on Florence near Middlebelt, north of Cherry Hill, Garden City, has morning and afternoons for 3- to 5-year-olds. The school offers classes two, three and five days a week as well as flexible hours for parents who need more than the scheduled preschool hours. There is a full curriculum in pre-reading, writing and early math, including hands-on computer time. (313) 522-6487.

PLUS PRESCHOOL
Registration for preschool by appointment for the Kids Plus Program is ongoing. Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 1. Family must meet two "at risk" factors. Program runs four half-days a week. Parents must provide their own transportation. Program is free for those students who qualify. Call (313) 595-2688.

HEAD START
Head Start registration for the Wayne-Westland School District is ongoing by appointment at Stottlemeyer School, 34801 Marquette. Classes meet four half-days a week. Children must be 3 or 4 years old by Dec. 1, 1997. The program is free, but family must meet income guidelines. (313) 595-2688.

YWCA READINESS
The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is at 28279 Michigan Ave., Inkster. (313) 561-4110.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN
Our Redeemer Lutheran Preschool is accepting applications for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds. The school is at 24931 Union in west Dearborn. (313) 562-9246.

CALENDAR FOR

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI. 48150, or by fax to 313-591-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2111 if you have any questions.

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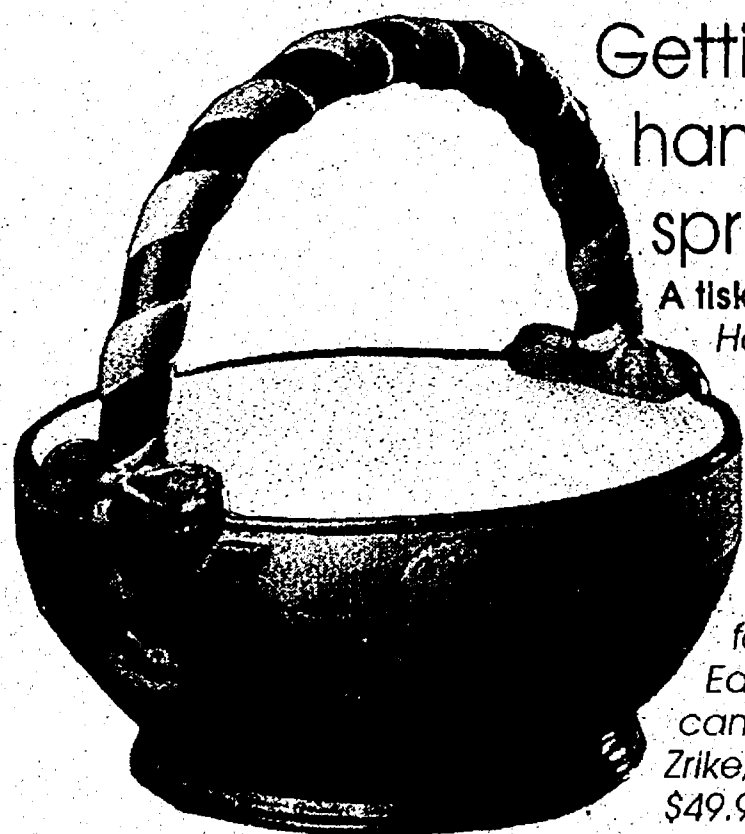


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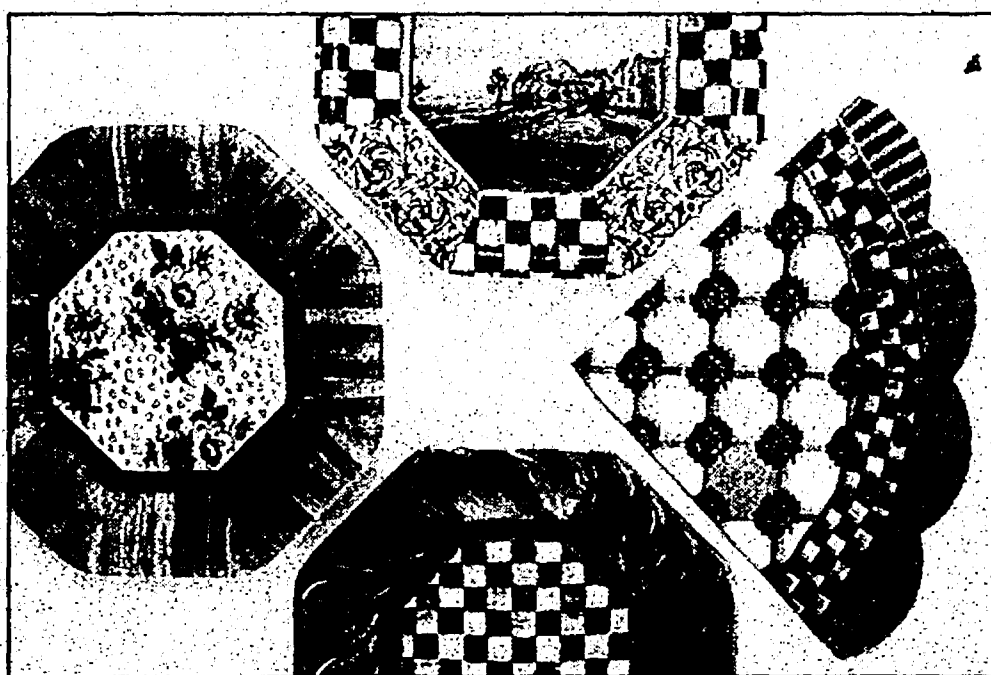
Getting a handle on spring

A tisket, a tasket: Handpainted with bright colors and whimsical bunnies, this ceramic basket is perfect for displaying Easter eggs or candy. Made by Zrike, it retails for \$49.95 at Heslop's

stores at the Merri-Five Plaza in Livonia, MeadowBrook Village in Rochester Hills, Oakland Mall in Troy and Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield.

Flower flair

Budding beauty: Graceful, fluted crystal crowns this Oneida silver plated base. The standing and reclining bud vases retail for \$29.95 each. Available at Heslop's stores at the Merri-Five Plaza in Livonia; MeadowBrook Village in Rochester Hills, Oakland Mall in Troy and Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield.



Designed to serve

Paper stylin': MacKenzie-Childs, best known for its collection of colorful majolica dinnerware and decorative ceramics, has produced a line of paper plates and napkins based on its popular designs, now available in The Galleries at Neiman Marcus in the Somerset Collection at Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy. "It was a natural extension of the MacKenzie-Childs collection to add party and picnic designs for entertaining. What better way to plan a picnic than with designer paper plates?" said Jeanie Galvin, vice president and divisional merchandise manager at Neiman Marcus. Cost is \$5.50 for a package of 15 napkins in Housedress, Bandonlan, Thistle and Garland patterns, and \$3.50 and \$5.50 for packages of eight seven-inch and 10-inch plates in Posy, Highbanks, Atlas and Roasted Marshmallow patterns.



Exciting setting

Artistic touch: Handpainted dinnerware and accessories in vibrant patterns and colors by Gail Pittman of Mississippi are offered by Escapades, 32749 Franklin Road in Franklin. Pam Bird and Kathie Ninneman, proprietors of Escapades, opened the store in August to show fresh, contemporary designs different from product lines carried at major retailers. Call (810) 855-5856.

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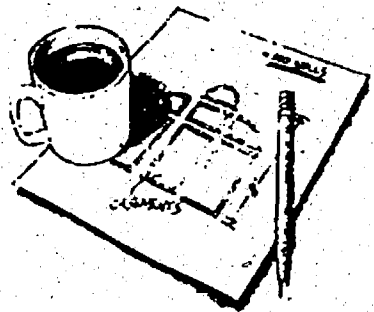
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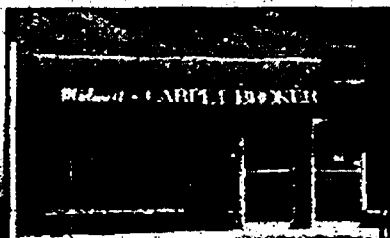
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let's remodel

Kitchen, bath work pays off

Q: We would like to sell our home in the near future and want to update either the kitchen or bath - maybe both - but we are looking for information on the return on investment for kitchens and baths, in addition to design considerations. Can you help?

A: Remodeling Magazine, a leading remodeling trade publication, recently published its annual cost vs. value report. This report stated that all types of remodeling are a good investment in Metro Detroit - with an overall average return of more than 90 percent of the cost.

The number one improvement to make, based on cost vs. value is the kitchen remodel. While the national average for return on kitchen investments was 98 percent, it was even higher in Metro Detroit.

Real estate agents interviewed in this area estimated more than a 120 percent return on a kitchen investment. Another home improvement that brought a high return on investment was bathroom remodel, with a 96 percent return for a



remodel of an existing bathroom and a 105 percent return on a bathroom addition.

To increase the value of your home and maximize your investment, you should be aware of the popular trends in remodeling and know what buyers are looking for.

A kitchen should include light and open spaces, preferably open to a family room. It should be efficient, friendly and inviting, with plenty of storage. Storage is also important in the bathroom as well as updated fixtures, and creative use of mirrors.

Good lighting is essential in both kitchens and bathroom including under counter lighting and skylights. Working

with a design/build remodeling company, which specializes in kitchen design will ensure that your kitchen will be a valuable addition to your home.

Of course, return on investment is not the only reason for remodeling. The wants and needs of your family are a big consideration. Remodeling a kitchen or bath can greatly improve the comfort and livability of your home, so even if selling is not a consideration there are still good reasons to remodel and it is good to know that you are adding value to your home.

Adam Helfman, president, Fairway Construction, Southfield, 1-800-354-9310.

For your home improvement questions or a copy of our roster book, call Gayle Walters, executive director of the NARI-Michigan Remodeling Association at 810-478-8215. Questions can be mailed to the association office at PO Box 1531563, Livonia, Mich. 48153. Members of the association include professional contractors, wholesalers, manufacturers, consultants and lenders representing all facets of residential and light commercial remodeling.

Designer reaps merit award

The National Landscape Association awarded English Gardens' landscape designer Bruce Blakeney a certificate of merit in the "Entrance" category in the 1996 American Garden Awards Program.

Blakeney is one of 10 certificate of merit recipients in the country.

Blakeney's project, judged upon its design, use of plant material, hardscape elements, and furniture and ornamentation, entailed the design and execution

of a landscape for a residential entrance. Blakeney received his award in February at the 1997 Management Clinic in Louisville, Ky.

A resident of Milford, Blakeney obtained a degree in landscape architecture from Michigan State University. He has been employed with English Gardens since 1993.

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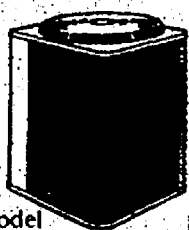
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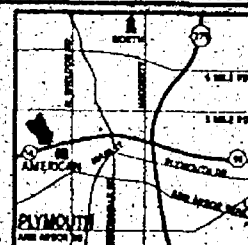
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MARTY FIGLEY

Last week I told you about the beautiful Easter Lily and promised to tell you the steps to put it in the garden for many years of pleasure.

Prepare a well-drained bed in a sunny location with rich organic matter.

Raise the level by adding good soil. Plant the bulb three inches below ground level, then mound up an additional three inches of topsoil over the bulb. If you have several bulbs, space them 12 to 18 inches apart in a hole deep enough so that the roots spread out and down.

Work the prepared soil in around the bulbs and the roots, leaving no air pockets. Immediately water thoroughly to settle the bulbs. Try not to allow the soil to heave or shift after planting.

As the stem and foliage begin to die back, cut the stems back to the surface of the soil. These bulbs, which were forced, naturally bloom in the summer, so you may have blooms toward late summer, but you probably will have to wait until next June or July for re-bloom.

As with clematis, lilies like their roots in shade and their heads in the sun. Mulch to help conserve water and keep the soil cool and loose as well as to provide a nutritious medium for the stem roots. A living mulch of a low ground cover of shallow-rooted annuals or perennials such as violas or primulas would work well.

Provide winter protection with a thick, generous layer of straw, pine needles or other mulch. Carefully remove the mulch in the spring to allow new shoots to come up and enjoy your Easter Lily for many seasons.

Established in 1955, the Easter Lily Research and Development Station is in Harbor, Ore.

Books

Books, books, books. Gardeners never seem to have enough reference material. Here is some of the latest:

"The Gardens of Ellen Biddle Shipman," Judith Tankard (Abrams/Saga-press, \$39.95), is a fascinating account of this successful landscape architect who designed more than 650 gardens in the United States between 1914 and 1950.

She was inspired by her grandmother's garden and her designs were gentle, rather than very formal with organized color effects of traditional cottage gar-

den plants. She felt that anyone could garden no matter their station in life.

Hiring only women, her client list included Henry Ford (Fair Lane) and other Michigan notables, many in Grosse Pointe. The landscape at Stan Hywet Hall in Akron, Ohio, is a fine example of her work and has recently been renovated following her original plan (and is well worth a visit). A real success story.

Tankard, with Martin Wood, has also written "Gertrude Jekyll at Munstead Wood" (Sagapress, \$34.95), a book that shares an intimate portrait of this multi-talented woman - a sewer, painter, photographer, writer, metalworker, designer and more.

Descriptions of the gardens at her mother's home as well as her garden across the road at Munstead Wood carry you through the seasons. Jekyll was influenced by the country cottages in her rural England and fashioned her home after them. It was rustic and utilitarian, but with much charm and warmth.

Jekyll generously shared her interests with many people. William Robinson, the great landscape designer, was a good friend and associate. I enjoyed the story very much.

"The Flower Garden: A Practical Guide to Planning and Planting," Helen Dillon (Sterling, \$19.95), was written with guidance from the Wayside Gardens Collection, the mail-order source familiar to many gardeners.

The very direct advice about siting, focal points, flower combinations, color, shapes, texture, etc., as well as sound cultural practices will inspire new ideas. All the mechanics necessary to create a beautiful, successful garden are here. Especially for beginners, 50 key plants are highlighted. The photos and their captions are excellent.

In his book, "A Flower for Every Day" (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, \$32.50), Nigel Colborn tells us how to achieve this seemingly remarkable feat. Even though the temperatures drop and drop, there is a way to enjoy his flowers, with a little planning. Colborn's enthusiasm is catching, his instructions clear; the photographs are inspiring!

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (810) 644-1314.

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Bloom time: Daffodil, astilbe and hydrangea make a colorful trio.

ANN ARBOR FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW

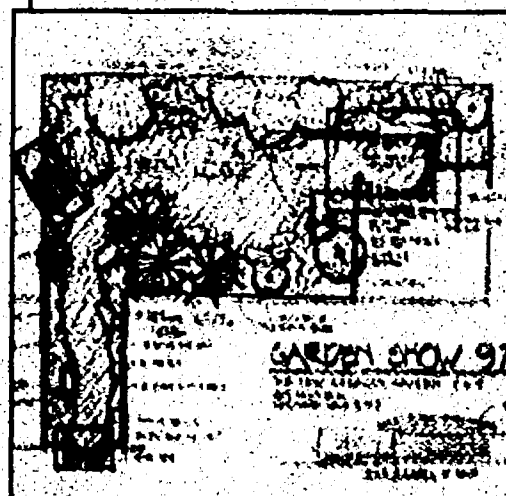
When: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 3-5, to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 6. An opening night gala takes place 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 2. Tickets are \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door, and include a festive preview evening with music, beverages and hors d'oeuvres.

Where: Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road in Ann Arbor.

Admission: Advance tickets are \$8 for adults and may be bought until April 2 at all Michigan Kroger stores. To order by phone call (313) 763-8587.

Tickets sold at the door are \$9 adults; \$3 for children ages 4 to 12; free for children ages 3 and under. Senior citizens will receive \$1 discount on tickets bought at the door April 3-4.

For shuttle locations and show information, including tickets to the opening night gala, call (313) 998-7002.



Foxy: Foxglove trumpet their beauty.



Special bouquets: The Ann Arbor Flower & Garden Show features a variety of flowers, including a black-eyed Susan vine (left) and rosa rugosa (below). In the photo at right, Bob Simmons, design manager of Keller & Stein Florist & Greenhouse of Canton, eyes the store's dramatic floral arrangement.



Show delivers 'An American Bouquet'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
Staff Writer

According to the National Gardening Association, 18 million Americans are digging up their yards to create "The New American Garden," where formality is out, nature is in.

"An American Bouquet," the 1997 Ann Arbor Flower & Garden Show, sponsored by the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, explores the latest trends in horticulture and landscape designs of these new American gardens April 3-6 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds in Ann Arbor.

Boasting more than 500 displays, the Midwest's largest indoor flower and garden show will dazzle visitors with new plant introductions and design themes adapted to the seasons and climate.

From a prairie to an Appalachian alpine garden, the show offers a host of ideas for creating every style of garden imaginable from a hotly colored California terraced garden with Spanish influence to a seaside cottage retreat on Martha's Vineyard.

The featured garden this year is inspired by the work of American architect Frank Lloyd Wright; Jens Jensen, the dean of American landscape architecture; and 20th century landscape designers Wolfgang Oehme and James van Sweden.

Designed by John Hollowell and Associates and the U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, the 2,600-square-foot exhibit exudes the new American style of garden: informal, devoid of manicured lawns and clipped evergreen bushes. The annuals, so popular in recent years, are replaced with perennials. Daylily, dwarf daffodil, black-eyed Susan, purple coneflower, and bee balm grace the space incorporating 62 tons of rock, 1,000 square feet of pavers.

"The feature garden is very Americana. It's designed after Frank Lloyd Wright who was famous for building his houses right into nature," said Margaret Vergith, show promotion coordinator.

Special arrangements

In keeping with the show's theme, Keller & Stein Florist & Greenhouse of

Canton salutes America and its gardens with an eight-by-eight-foot porch and patio setting. Pursuing their fourth blue ribbon, the Keller & Stein team will decorate the space with a waving flag and vintage wicker love seat set amidst a sea of red geraniums, blue hyacinths and white tulips.

"Our exhibit celebrates with an all-American Fourth of July parade and then coming back to grandma's house to drink lemonade on the porch," said Bob Simmons, Keller & Stein design manager. Simmons is constructing the scenario with general manager Glenn Patton of Plymouth and Roberta Pritchard of Westland.

This is the fourth year students from the Burger School for the Autistic in Garden City will compete in the Children's Plant Society category with an exhibit titled "Sunny Day Fun."

Teachers Mary Mirabitur Singleton and Diane Anderson directed the group effort. More than 200 students, from age 3 to 26, created or grew or made everything in the exhibit from the brick pavers on up. Tulips, hyacinths and daffodils were planted last September as part of the school's greenhouse programs.

"At the Burger School we have children with different levels of creativity," Mirabitur Singleton said. "While some children developed learning models, some children learned about growing plants. Others developed a concept of what to present as an American bouquet."

Mirabitur Singleton oversaw the sponge-painting of the mural featuring a blue sky and a beautiful tree with flowering blossoms. Anderson saw to the crafting of ceramic animals such as birds and caterpillars. Each of the projects demonstrates the therapeutic value received from gardening.

"We thought our students could benefit from participating in the show," Mirabitur Singleton said. "At the school we have science and art programs where children are able to express themselves, and gardening lends them to express themselves."

Showgoers need know little or nothing about autism to realize group activity was the project's goal. A neurological disorder that interferes with development of reasoning, social interaction and communication, autism is a lifelong disability that

makes learning difficult.

"It's a whole school project," Mirabitur Singleton said. "Last year, 136 pairs of happy hands were involved. When you see their faces, the interest and the love they have, and watch them as a group not individuals, it's heartwarming."

In addition to the featured garden, a Marketplace showcasing more than 40 vendors, a garden gallery of antiques, and a Master Gardener booth, the Ann Arbor Flower and Garden show includes a Standard Flower Show, presented in cooperation with The Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan.

Florence Smith of Farmington Hills will decorate a section of a 1950s lunch counter to compete in the category "Rosie's Diner." Director of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan District 1, Smith will create a casual floral arrangement to accompany two place settings borrowed from the real Rosie's Diner in Rockford.

Sue Schweitzer and members of the Michigan Orchid Society hope their garden party exhibit will attract enthusiasm for the perennial plant. Schweitzer, a Plymouth gardener, began growing orchids 15 years ago.

"I grow orchids because of the beauty of the flowers," Schweitzer said. "The challenge is to get them to bloom."

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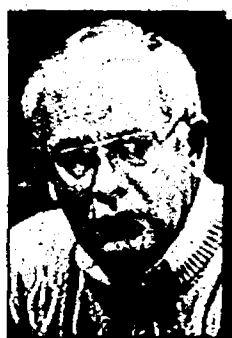


Maggie Hodgkin, 2, of Fenton enjoys the scenery at the Ann Arbor Flower & Garden Show. Maggie's father, John, is tree and shrub design services supervisor at



appliance doctor

Spring is time for appliance check



JOE GAGNON

One of these days very soon, the temperature will climb into the 70s during the day and stay there. Nature will stop fooling with our emotions by not snowing on us the next day and then we will be on our way to the summer season.

In preparation for all this, let's begin with Easter dinner that many of you will have at your home.

1. Turn the kitchen range on before Sunday and make sure the oven is heating properly and the top burners come on. If your range is gas, make sure you crack open a kitchen window during the whole time you're using it. Gas ranges are known to give off carbon monoxide into the kitchen area and the problem can be eliminated by introducing a little fresh air into the home. Some stoves

have a timer with a manual and hold button, and if you set it on the wrong setting, the oven won't heat over 200 degrees. Make sure the automatic igniter inside the oven is lighting the flame each time it cycles, and for goodness sake, don't slam the door too hard. These igniters are so fragile that a simple hard closing of the door can break them.

2. Those service technicians who repair clothes dryers are about to become very busy. The dryer vent line is a perfect place for the critters who want to new homes to move into. The flapper outside must be cleaned with an old toothbrush, making sure the hinges are clean allowing it to close all the way. They can't get in if the door is shut, and if they do, they can enter all the way into your basement or laundry room. Remove the vent line and take it outside, making sure it's clear of built up lint accumulation. Please keep in mind that clothes dryers are responsible for more than 13,000 house fires a year in

the American home. If your dryer is making rumble sounds or squeaking noises, it's time to have service on it.

3. The condenser under your refrigerator should be cleaned every four months and, as you know, the cat or dog have been laying there all winter. The accumulation of dust and hair that covers all the black tubing under a refrigerator is the biggest source of service calls in this product category. It can cause premature failure of the compressor, poor temperatures and an increase of \$5 to \$10 on your utility bill each month. The hardware stores sell a refrigerator condenser brush that will allow you to clean it properly and keep in mind, a clean condenser will add years of life to your refrigerator.

4. If you use a warm wash setting on the washing machine, it's time to shut off the cold water valve just slightly. Make the adjustment using a candy thermometer so that the water in your washer tub is exactly at 100 degrees. You can not wash clothes in warm wash

unless the temperature of the water is exactly 100 degrees.

5. It's time to give your dishwasher a Tang breakfast treatment. Purchase the powdered Tang from your local grocery store and deposit the whole contents into the bottom of the dishwasher. Make sure you turn on the hot water at the sink faucet first, let the dishwasher run for 3 or 4 minutes and then shut it off and open the door. Make the deposit, close the door and let it run through the cycle. It will clean out all the undissolved soap build up and your dishwasher will work like new.

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Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances. Gagnon is president of Carmack Appliances in Garden City and does a weekly radio program on WJR-AM.

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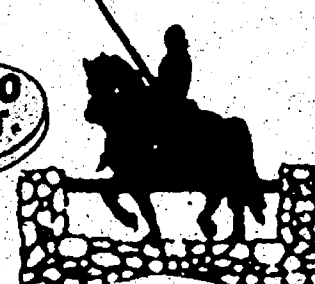
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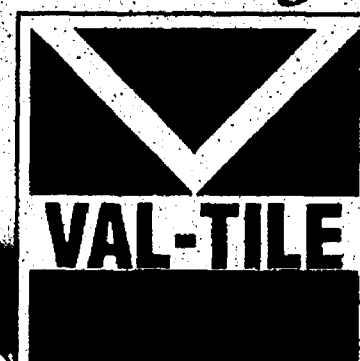
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RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Picture the ultimate "foodie" fantasy ... an entire day filled with food - food to eat, food products to peruse, famous TV Chefs in person doing demos, discussions, and cookbook signings, and last but not least, Robin Leach! This is no

fantasy my fellow culinarians - on April 6 at the Troy Marriott, you will be able to make this "foodie" fantasy a reality.

Martin Yan celebrated host of TV's Yan Can Cook, critically acclaimed chef and star of TV Food Network - Curtis Aikens, and PBS Cucina Amore's Nick Stellino will all be tantalizing our taste-buds and educating our mental palates with their talents.

We all know that food is hot - chefs are now celebrities, there are over 1,000 cookbooks currently on the market,

gourmet cooking accessories and related houseware items are now a \$25 billion business, cooking is considered entertainment - and I no longer carry a brief case, I now don a black chef's knife case as part of my business attire! The TV Food Network is proof positive of this hot trend - this food channel (on 24 hours a day) is currently the third fastest growing cable network in the country, with a whopping 20 million subscribers in 1996. There are over 600 food web sites on the Internet - TV Food Network's Web Site (www.foodtv.com) is listed as one of the top 25 sites on AOL.

Last year, I was fortunate enough to have been a guest on the TV Food Network in New York, interviewed by well known, and charming David Rosen-garten - what an enlightening and delightful experience. For those of us in the industry and doing TV spots, we know the work involved ... bringing partially cooked food (properly chilled) on the airplane, explaining to the airlines that you are in the food industry and that's why you are carrying a butcher's knife with you on the plane, and schlepping your favorite Le Creuset cast iron pot to do your food demo.

Sound like fun? Actually it is, and how fortunate for me to be involved with, and in constant contact with, my buddies at Chef Events - the co-sponsors (along with the TV Food Network) of this exciting event. This event is also presented by KitchenAid, ReaLemon, Continental Cablevision, Treasure Cove, and I'm proud to say, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Involved, of course I'm involved!

Don't miss this exciting event on April 6 - tickets are \$42 for a day's worth of food-fun and entertainment for the food enthusiast or the culinary-curious. Cooking Across America slated for the Detroit Metro Area is one of only 12 such events scheduled throughout the entire country in 1997. Get a group together (discounts for groups, and culinary students are available). Call 1-800-949 Chef for tickets and information.

To whet your appetite, here is a recipe from Nick Stellino, host of Cucina Amore.

Amore.

It's great to have pull! Try out this delicious recipe, add a deep green leafy salad with a balsamic vinaigrette and some crusty, rustic - country bread.

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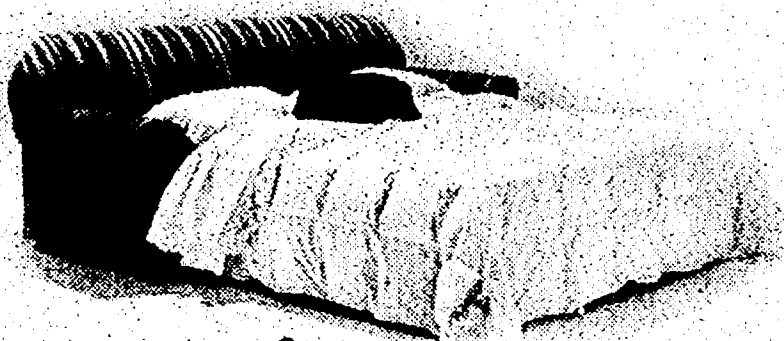
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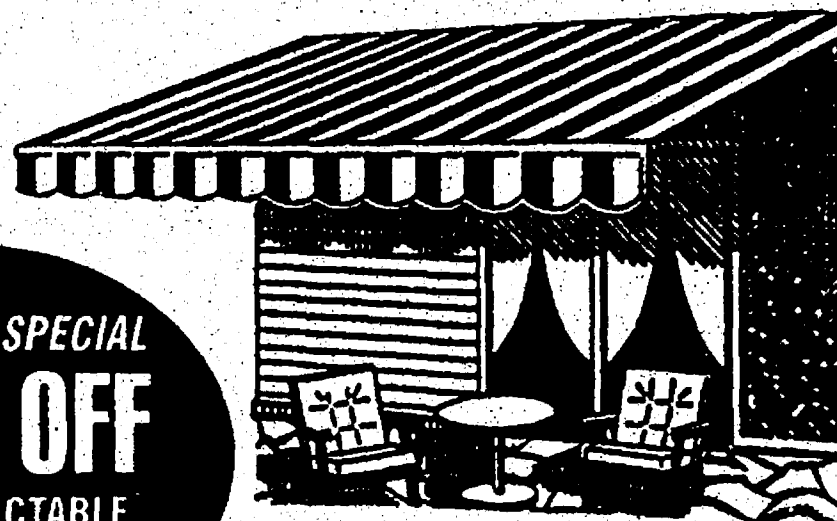
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ing.

This is my version of one of her many great dishes. Even now that she is married, with children of her own. Deep in my heart, I think of her as the sister I never had."

- 3 quarts water
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, thickly sliced
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/4 cup drained capers
- 4 ounces chopped oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes
- 1 1/2 cups chicken stock
- 1 1/2 cups tomato sauce
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 1 (8-ounce) can water packed white tuna, drained and flaked
- 1 pound pasta - penne, farfelle, or shell
- 3 tablespoons freshly grated Parmigiano Reggiano cheese

In a large pot, bring the water for the pasta

to a boil.

Heat the oil in a large sauté pan set on medium-high heat until sizzling, about 2 minutes. Cook the onion and garlic for 3 minutes. Add red pepper flakes, salt, pepper, sugar, capers, and sun-dried tomatoes and cook for 2 minutes. Stir in the chicken stock, tomato sauce and 1 1/2 tablespoons of the parsley and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 5-8 minutes. Add the tuna to the simmering sauce, mix well and remove from the heat.

Add the pasta to the boiling water and cook until just tender. Drain well and return to the pot. Add the sauce and cook over medium heat for 2-3 minutes, stirring, until well coated. Stir in the cheese and the remaining parsley and serve to your guests.

COOK'S TIP: To add a different dimension, combine 5 tablespoons of balsamic vinegar and 5 tablespoons of sugar in a nonstick sauté pan. Bring to a boil and reduce by half, about 5 minutes. Stir into the sauce to give it a sweet and sour finish.

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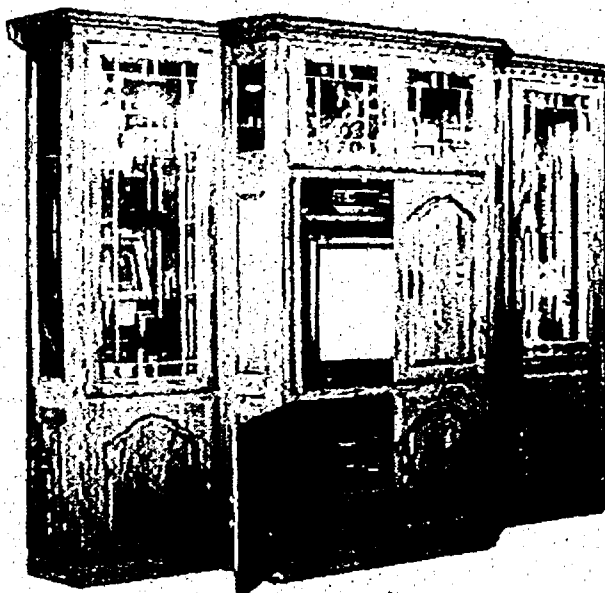
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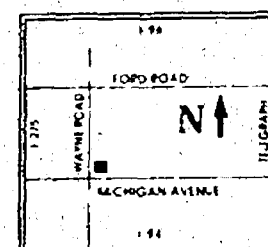
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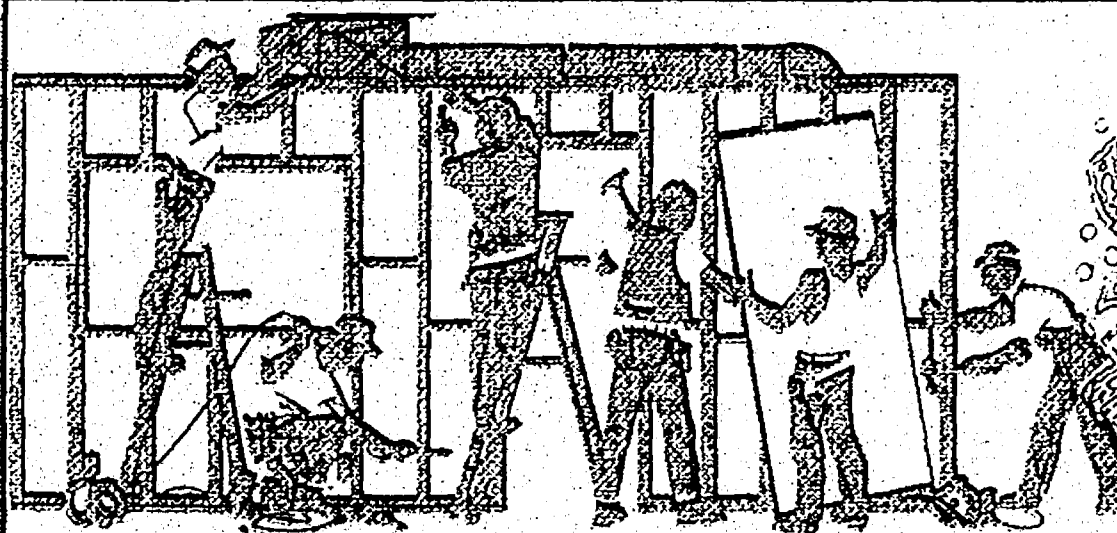
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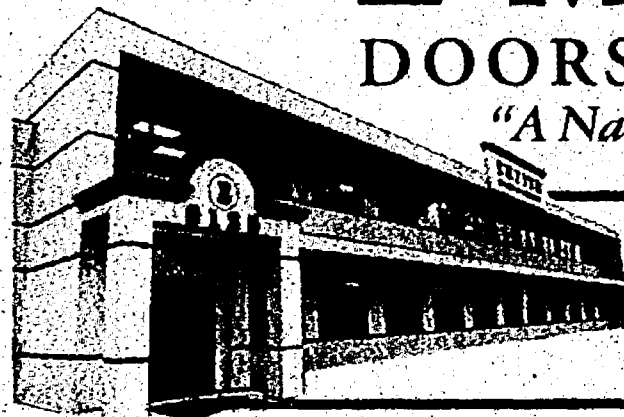
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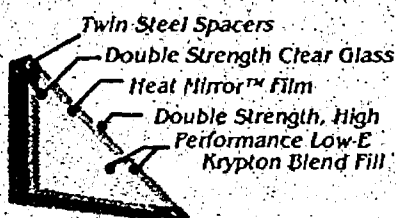
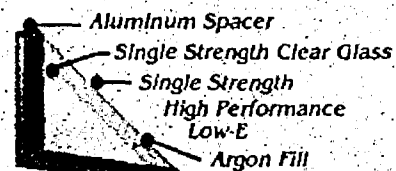
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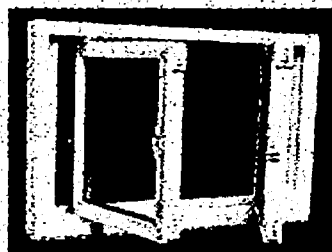
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FRIDAY



Kadeem Hardison (left) and Marlon Wyans star in "The Sixth Man," opening at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



Mustard Plug with the Parka Kings and the Twist-Offs, 5 p.m. at the Mosquito Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland, (313) 513-8688.

SUNDAY



Raul E. Esparza and Dana Powers' Acheson are featured in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of Tom Stoppard's comedy/mystery "Acadia," (810) 377-3300 or Ticketmaster (810) 645-6666.



Hot tix: Glen Campbell presents five shows this weekend with the Smothers Brothers at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets range from \$10 to \$37.50, call (810) 433-1515.

Making people SMILE is serious business for CLOWNS

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

For a clown, being in the circus is the ultimate.

"It's super fun, there's nothing like a circus spotlight, all those people at once, it's awesome," said Flutterby (Tony Patterson) of Livonia, one of four local entertainers who will be clowning around at the Royal Hanneford Circus, which is coming to the Palace of Auburn Hills April 1-5.

"You don't get rich doing the circus, you do it for the glory and people," explained Flutterby. This is her sixth year with the Hanneford Circus, the second largest in America.

The Royal Hanneford Circus demands a lot of their clowns. They have to be funny, and able to paint faces. Doors open an hour before show time. Vendors offer elephant and pony rides, and the clowns paint faces for \$2.

"The kids love us," said Flutterby. "We look silly and funny. Kids can get their face painted and see the clowns up close, that's neat."

"To know a clown in the circus is way cool," said Wanda Jensen of Oxford (Fumbleina).

Jointly owned and produced by Tommy and Stuppi Hanneford, the Royal Hanneford Circus was created in London, England, in 1768. It was originally based on equestrianism.

This year, the circus "Artists from around the World" entertain, thrill and chill. Senor Vasquez from South America will dazzle audiences from high above as he performs his head balancing routine on a trapeze while Miss Jody from the United States takes to the single trapeze executing aerial artistry at its best. Switzerland will be represented this year with The Nerveless Nocks, a family of six who have earned acclaim for their daring stunts on skyscraping sway poles.

Russian-born Dania Kaseeva returns with her husband, David Maas, the singing ringmaster. Together they present an original and astonishing magic act, puzzling audiences with costume transformations and incredible illusions.

In between, there are the clowns, who make the audience crack up with their silly pranks.

Dick Wiseman of Birmingham, known in circus circles as Noodles, just finished performing with the Royal Hanneford Circus in Toledo and Lansing. "An absolutely lovable boy clown," he's looking forward to performing in the center ring with his friend Patterson.

"Most of the clowns performing in the circus are veterans," said

Wiseman, who owns a print shop in Birmingham. This year he's one of the burglars in the safe cracker routine. The burglars steal million dollar candy bars from the safe, and Patterson, the chief of police, goes after them. But the burglars pull a switcheroo and Patterson (Flutterby) rides away with cops, not the crooks.

Running around the ring is a lot of work physically, but Wiseman is hooked line and sinker.

"It's a labor of love," he said. "You wouldn't do it if you didn't like doing it."

Kevin Howley of Canton, also known as Duffer, is anxiously awaiting word from the Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus Clown College, and his 22nd birthday, which he'll celebrate while performing at the Royal Hanneford Circus on April 3.

Juggling is one of his strong points. "I've always been able to make people laugh," he said. "Even when I was a baby I was able to make old grumps smile. It's a real honor to make people smile. I take it very seriously. Clowning is my top priority."

Wilma Jensen has two aliases — Wanda the Fairy Godmother, and Fumbleina the clown.

"I enjoy working with the other clowns in the circus," she said. "It's quite a kick to work with so many clowns in a large arena. Flutterby came up with my name. Everyone giggles when I 'Fumble' again."

When circus performers "Fumble," Fumbleina and the other clowns rush into help.

"We go in if something goes wrong, or isn't set up in time," she explained. "Clowns do a great job, they don't do CPR, but are ready to stand in if something goes wrong so the audience won't know. Clowns play a very important role in the circus."

Getting the crowd's attention makes performing in a circus different from birthday parties, charity events, other things clowns do for fun.

"Facial expressions are important," said Jensen. "I wear lots of makeup on my eyes and mouth to draw attention to them, and white gloves on my hands. My motions are exaggerated, very slow or very fast, I do large sweeps with my hands, and wear a yellow wig — you can't ignore yellow, it makes you happy."

She likes the Royal Hanneford Circus because it's a "family circus of family acts that have been handed down through generations. They don't say goodbye at the end, they say 'see you down the road.'"



Royal Hanneford Circus

When: April 1-5, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Drive. Shows 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, April 1-2; 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, April 3; 7 p.m. Friday, April 4; 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 5.

Tickets: Range \$12, \$8 reserved and \$5 general admission. All seats opening night are \$4. Children 12 and under, and senior citizens age 65 and older receive \$2 off \$12 and \$8 tickets. Children age 2 and younger, free, call (810) 645-6666 to charge tickets, or (810) 377-0100 for more information.



Joyful clown: (Above) Flutterby (Tony Patterson) of Livonia brings joy and laughter to audiences wherever she performs. (Left) Kevin Howley calls himself Duffer, which describes a clumsy person, a golfer with good intentions, but mediocre results. Making people smile, he says, is an honor.

CHILDREN'S THEATER

Acting up on stage teaches youngsters life lessons

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Winnie the Pooh, searching for a pot of honey, throws caution to the wind and ventures out on a very blustery day in "Pooh Visits Storyland," now playing at the Marquis Theatre in Northville.

"He's magically swept away in a wind storm and lands in Storyland," said Cindy Zeitz of Canton who wrote and adapted the play with Jeffrey Weiner. He's in a place he doesn't belong, and meets lots of storybook characters who help him find his way back including Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, and Pinocchio.

Zeitz began working with children as a theater major at Michigan State University, and loves it.

"I find working with children touches my life in so many ways," she said. "There's an unconditional love. Kids are so accepting, and I learn so much from them. It's being able to give, and get back. It amazes me to watch them grow and develop."

This show is special because in addition to children, the cast includes three adults — Pooh played by Shannon-Nicole Locke, Piglet, portrayed by Irene Hublick, who also directs the show, and Toymaker, Rumpelstiltskin, and Geppeto, all played with enthusiasm by veteran stage actor Jackie Marns of Canton who has performed at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre, and with Birmingham-based Heartland Theatre Company.

"There are not enough of these theaters out there," he said. "This is my opportunity to give something back. These are delightful kids. They love what they're doing, they're so energetic and sincere. I just love being around them."

Marns is enjoying the show too, which he describes as colorful and very well written.

"Winnie the Pooh gets to meet all these storybook characters, and make a beautiful ice cream salad out of it," said Marns. "I love looking out at the audience. It's a quality produc-

On Stage

■ "Pooh Visits Storyland" — 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through April 27; and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, March 31 to April 4, Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., Northville. Tickets \$8.50, call (810) 349-8110.

■ "Huckleberry Finn" — noon (lunch), 1 p.m. (show) Saturdays; 1 p.m. (lunch) 2 p.m. (show) Sundays through May 18. Paper Bag Productions presentation at the Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Tickets \$7.50, includes lunch, (810) 662-8118.

A 50 cent discount will be given to anyone who brings a new or in-good-condition children's book (one book per full-priced admission) to be donated to Focus Hope.

On stage: "Pooh Visits Storyland," at the Marquis Theatre, features Marla Galea, (top row, left to right), Shannon Locke, and Megan Kohn. Lauren Norris (middle row, left to right), Brittany Norris and Nicole Ackerman, and Irene Hublick (bottom).



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MUSIC

Legendary Jazz All-Stars to perform at Orchestra Hall

Four legendary jazz talents headline the Ameritech Jazz Series at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

On Saturday, guitarist Kenny Burrell, sax player Frank Foster, trumpeter Marcus Belgrave and pianist Hank Jones take the stage in a line up of celebrated

Detroit Jazz All-Stars.

Called the "dream team," the four jazz artists bring a blend of experience and innovation. Burrell pioneered guitar-led jazz combos, and is called "Ellington's favorite guitar player."

He played with Dizzy Gillespie, John Coltrane and

Tony Bennett.

A widely recognized composer, Foster is master of a range of reeds, including tenor sax, flute and clarinet. Foster was a major contributor to the renowned Count Basie Orchestra, and played with Benny Goodman and Woody Shaw.

By the time trumpeter and flugelhornist Belgrave was 18, he was collaborating with Ray Charles.

That partnership lasted a decade. Since then, he's played performed with Ella Fitzgerald, Charles Mingus and Aretha Franklin. Belgrave is a member

of the jazz studies faculty at Oakland University.

Meanwhile, Jones has been a fixture in jazz for nearly 60 years.

He has performed and recorded extensively with Billy Eckstine, Coleman Hawkins and his own band. Jones was also a

regular pianist with a range of television studio bands, playing on "The Today Show" and the "Jackie Gleason Show."

Tickets for the Ameritech Jazz Series range from \$12 to \$36, with box seats, \$58. Call (313) 833-3700.

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tion. It's a good family type thing. I was happy to see fathers who would rather be home watching a game in the audience, and enjoying themselves."

Besides stage experience, being in a show teaches kids lots of useful things they'll need when they're grown up.

"They're around different kinds of people and get to meet kids of different religions and cultures," said Marns. "We demand a lot from these kids, and they come through with flying colors. People pay to see this show. The kids are learning that's important to work hard, and be part of a group. They see the finished production, get reaction from the audience, and learn to take criticism."

Inge Zayti founded the Marquis Theatre with her husband Jay, who passed away eight years ago. She helps create a family atmosphere at the theater with her daughter Christina, and staff. The children rehearse every other night, and are expected to keep up with their homework. Inge Zayti doesn't tolerate any "language."

"I run a tight ship," said Zayti. "You have to come to rehearsal, if you miss three times you're out. These are good shows," said Zayti. "We're doing fun shows, people love it."

The hard work pays off. Six Marquis Theatre veterans have performed on Broadway. Sarah

Wiercioch of Plymouth, who plays a Toy and Elf in "Pooh Visits Storyland," is appearing as young Kim in "Show Boat," at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit.

"I'm very impressed with these kids," said Hublick. "They get to do some meaty roles, very character roles. The kids aren't in the background, they're up there with the adults."

Paper Bag Productions

C.J. Nodus is presenting an original musical, "Huckleberry Finn," a Paper Bag Production, based on the classic Mark Twain tale, at the Historic Players Club in Detroit.

"Being involved in theater teaches kids more than how to get applause," he said. "I've seen children blossom. Being in theater enhances their self-esteem,

and increases their sense of responsibility. They learn how to get along with other kids, and how to work together as a team."

Local youngsters appearing in "Pooh Visits Storyland" include: Lauren Fisher, Lindsey Mergener, (Farmington); Marla Galea, Brittany Norris, and Andrew Martin (Plymouth); Megan Kohn (Canton); Jaimie Deutsch (Farmington Hills); Lauren McCabe, Michelle Butkovich, and Laurie Kuhlman (Livonia).

"Huckleberry Finn" features performances by Tali Zechory (Beverly Hills); Jeffrey Hyke (Rochester Hills); Liz Tyndall, Chris Boloven, and Ashlee Miller (Livonia); Jillian Naujokas, Richard Dziuban, (Canton); Meaghan and Heather Kangas (Redford).

Nederlands Dans Theater coming to Ann Arbor in April

Combining the freshness of youth and the experience of age, Nederlands Dans Theater II and III is coming to Ann Arbor 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 3-4 at the Power Center, 121 Fletcher Street. Tickets range from \$20 to \$36, call (313) 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

Presented by the University Musical Society, Nederlands Dans Theater first began performances of contemporary ballet in 1959. Artistic director and choreographer Jiri Kylian creates performances that display both classical ballet techniques with a style that is contemporary and

avant-garde. With the founding of the Nederlands Dans Theater II in 1978, the company created a complementary group of younger dancers to work closely with the main group and eventually prepare to join it. The fourteen dancers in the ensemble range from age 17 to 22, and have had professional and classical ballet training. They are recruited from all over the world.

Nederlands Dans Theater III consists of five dancers, all over the age of 40. This dance ensemble offers performances of technical grace and experience.



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■ Sundays - Mass 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan Church, Farmington Road, north of 6 Mile, Livonia. Coffee or lunch after Mass. (313) 421-3011

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■ Tuesdays - Meet for coffee and conversation 7 p.m. at Archie's, Plymouth Road, east of Merriman, Livonia. Tony (313) 422-3266

BETHANY TOGETHER

Singles Dance 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 29 at Divine Providence Parish Hall, 25335 West Nine Mile, (between Beech Daly and Telegraph), Southfield. \$8/includes refreshments. Proper dress attire. (313) 729-1974 or (313) 561-2722 or Bethany Hotline (810) 988-0454

CACD

The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit plays volleyball 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 22 and 29 at Birney Middle School, Northwest corner of 11 Mile (I-696) and Evergreen, Southfield. Cost \$4/guests and \$3/members. (810) 557-6183

■ A Spring Dance will be 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday, April 12 at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Hall, Southeast corner of Inkster and Chicago, Redford. \$6/members and \$8/non-members. DJ music. (313) 534-1109

DEARBORN FAIRLANE DANCE

Dearborn Fairlane Dance Club featuring live bands presents ballroom dancing 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Thursday at Knights of Columbus, 15800 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. \$4. Married couples welcome. Dance lessons by Shirley Blair, 7-8 p.m. for \$2. (313) 422-5925, (313) 565-3656

FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS

■ Co-Ed Golf Leagues meet-

ing/sign-up 7 p.m. Thursday, March 27 at Westbrook Golf Course, 26814 Beck Road just behind Providence Medical Park corner of Grand River, Novi.

■ FSP along with Metropolitan Single Professionals host "Single Mingle Dance" 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, March 28 at the Marriott Hotel, Six Mile east of I-275 in Laurel Park Mall, Livonia. Mail ballroom. D.J., cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Admission \$6/non-members. Attire dressy, men must wear coat and tie.

■ Red Wing Hockey, Friday, March 28. RSVP. \$34.50. Call now for ticket availability. (810) 851-9909

■ Co-Ed Bowling 5:45 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. every other Sunday at Drakeshire Lanes, Grand River east of Drake Road, Farmington. Cost \$12 per week (3 games). (810) 851-9909

■ Second City and Dinner 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29 at Second, 2301 Woodward near Montclair adjacent to the Fox Theater. Cost for dinner and show \$37.50. RSVP. Carpoolers meet in Orchard 12 Mall parking lot (12 Mile and Orchard Lake) near Comerica Bank at 7:15 p.m. For availability (810) 851-9909

■ Co-Ed Softball League information/sign-up meeting 11 a.m. Saturday, April 5 at The Farmington Community Library, 23550 Liberty, just west of Farmington Road and south of Grand River, behind police station, Farmington.

■ Co-Ed Sand Volleyball League information/sign-up meeting 12 noon Saturday, April 5 at The Farmington Community Library. League games begin May 4.

■ Pizza and Movie Night 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5. Meet at Buddy's Pizza, 31646 Northwestern Highway just west of Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills. Cost \$8 all you can eat pizza, salad, beverage. After dinner meet for a movie. RSVP (810) 851-9909

■ Biking/walking/rollerblading 11:45 a.m. Sunday, April 6 at Kensington Metro Park, I-96 at Kent Lake Road exit 153, Milford. Meet at the East Boat Launch in the second parking lot as you enter off the main parkway.

■ Singles Coalition Benefit dance 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday,

April 25 at Novi Hilton Hotel main ballroom, 21111 Haggerty, I-275 at Eight Mile, exit 167, Novi. Admission \$15/advance or \$20/door. Fee includes, hors d'oeuvres, DJ and cash bar, special entertainment. Benefits for Children's Hospital of Michigan. (810) 851-9909

■ Co-Ed Bowling 5:45 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. every other Sunday at Drakeshire Lanes, Grand River east of Drake Road, Farmington. Cost \$12 per week (3 games). (810) 851-9909

■ Co-Ed Dart League 6:15 p.m. every other Sunday at Roosevelt's Billiard Bar and Grill, 27843 Orchard Lake Road at 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Cost \$5 per week. Subs needed. (810) 851-9909

■ Co-Ed Indoor Volleyball 6:40 p.m. every Tuesday at Racquetball Farmington, Nine Mile west of Farmington Road, Farmington. \$4/player FSP members; \$6/non-members. (810) 851-9909

■ Volleyball 6:40 p.m. Tuesdays at Racquetball Farmington, Nine Mile west of Farmington Road, Farmington. Courts for beginner, intermediate and advanced. Cost \$4/mem-

bers; \$6/non-members. (810) 851-9909

■ Euchre, Pinochle and Dinner 6:30-10:30 p.m. Mondays at Maples of Novi Golf Course Clubhouse, 14 Mile Road one mile west of Haggerty. \$7/FSP members, \$8/non-members.

■ Games Night with light dinner, Saturday, March 1, at 7 p.m. at Maples of Novi Golf Course, 14 Mile Road one mile west of Haggerty Road. (Use the Wakefield Drive entrance) Dinner 7:30-8:30 p.m. Cost for evening \$12/door which includes games and dinner. Casual dress. (810) 851-9909

METRO MINGLERS

■ A singles group, sponsored by the Easter Seal Society, for people with disabilities ages 21-35. (313) 338-9626, (810) 646-3347.

NEWBURG SINGLES

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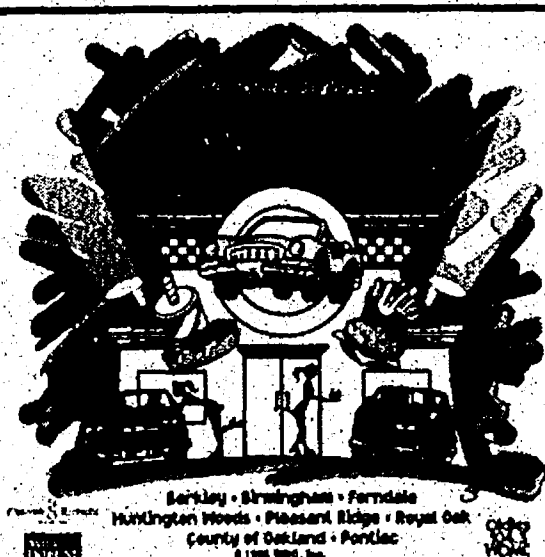
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Everclear singer does an acoustic performance. 7 p.m. Thursday, April 3, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$10 in advance. All ages. Tickets for the show originally scheduled at the 7th House in Pontiac will be honored. (acoustic) (810) 333-2362

THE ALLIGATORS

9 p.m. Friday, March 28, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 412-1040

FIONA APPLE

With Morcheeba. 8 p.m. Thursday, April 3, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$16.50 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT

MARCIA BALL BAND

7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, April 4, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (blues) (313) 761-1451

BARNSTORMER

9 p.m. Thursday, April 3-Saturday, April 5, High Kicker Saloon, 593 W. Kennett, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (country) (810) 334-5550

JOHNNY BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS

9 p.m. Friday, March 28, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 855-3110

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS

9 p.m. Friday, March 28-Saturday, March 29, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. \$5. 21 and older. (jump blues) (313) 278-5340

THE BLASTERS

9 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12.50 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL

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9 p.m. Friday, April 4, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

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THE BOMB

9 p.m. Monday, March 31, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (313) 996-2748

ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE

8 p.m. Saturday, March 29, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 335-8100

BROKEN TOYS

With Carolyn Striho and Blue Nation, 9 p.m. Friday, March 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 544-3030

BROTHER RABBIT

9 p.m. Friday, March 28, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (313) 996-2748

BUGS BEDDOW BAND

8 p.m. Friday, April 4-Saturday, April 5, Roger's Roost, 33626 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 979-7550

BUSTER'S BLUES BAND

10 p.m. Thursday, March 27, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 349-9110

BUTTERFLY

10 p.m. Friday, April 4, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk) (313) 485-5050

GLEN CAMPBELL

With The Smothers Brothers, 8 p.m. Friday, March 28, 3:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29, and 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 30, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$37.50. (country/comedy) (810) 433-1515

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THE CARDIGANS

With Papas Fritas, 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 4, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Sold out. All ages. (alternapop) (313) 961-MELT

CHISEL BROS. WITH MIMI HARRIS

9 p.m. Thursday, March 27, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. 9 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917/(313) 581-3650

JOANNA CONNOR

9 p.m. Friday, April 4-Saturday, April 5, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. \$10. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 278-5340

DETROIT BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday, April 4, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 642-9400

TIM DIAZ

Of Spank, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 28, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. \$10. All ages. (810) 349-9421

D GENERATION

With Fluffy, 6 p.m. Thursday, April 3, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (glam rock) (313) 961-MELT

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ACOUSTIC MUSIC SHOWCASE

With The Luddites, Ernie Douglas, Terry Gonda, Jere Stormer, Dan Hazlett, Passenger to Nowhere, and poet Cindi St. Germain, 9 p.m. Friday, March 28, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (acoustic) (313) 832-2355

RONNIE EARL AND THE BROADCASTERS

8 p.m. Thursday, March 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (blues) (810) 544-3030

DAVE EDWARDS AND THE LOOK

9 p.m. Friday, March 28-Saturday, March 29, Boomers, 16006 Southfield Road, Allen Park. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, April 4-Saturday, April 5, Walsh's on the Border, 20116 W. Warren Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 928-8570/(313) 441-6190

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY

10 p.m. Friday, March 28, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Cover charge. 21 and older,

(blues) (810) 360-7450

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS

10 p.m. Thursday, March 27, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Saturday, March 29, Fat Willy's, 19170 Farmington Road (north of Seven Mile Road), Livonia. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 332-HOWL/(810) 615-1330

FLIPP

8 p.m. Monday, March 31, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (glam rock) (810) 544-3030

FOOLISH MORTALS

10 p.m. Friday, March 28, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 349-9110

FOSTER KIDS

9 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (313) 996-2748

GETAWAY CRUISER

With Ten Second Dynasty and Penfold, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-8555

GRIN

9 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 485-5050

COREY HARRIS

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (blues) (313) 761-1818

HOLMES BROTHERS

9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance. 19 and older. (313) 996-8555

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA

With Fluffy, March 27-Saturday, March 29, Rumors, 112 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 546-0606

THE INTOXICATS

With Broadzilla, 10 p.m. Thursday, April 3, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (punk rock) (313) 485-5050

JOYRIDE

9 p.m. Thursday, March 27, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 485-5050

MICHAEL KATON

10 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 332-HOWL

KNEE DEEP SHAG

9 p.m. Friday, March 28, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (funk) (313) 485-5050

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND

9 p.m. Thursday, April 3, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 855-3110

JOHN D. LAMB

8 p.m. Friday, March 28-Saturday, March 29, Mr. B's Roadhouse, 595 N. Lapeer Road, Oxford. Free. 21 and older; 8 p.m. Friday, April 4-Saturday, April 5, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (810) 628-6500/(810) 349-7038

LITTLE CHARLIE AND THE NIGHT-CATS

9 p.m. Thursday, April 3, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. \$15. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 278-5340

LITTLE RED AND THE BIG BLUE

10 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 349-9110

MACHINE HOUSE

9 p.m. Friday, March 28-Saturday, March 29, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$2. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 533-4477

JERRY MACK AND THE TERRA-PLANES

9:30 p.m. Sunday, March 30, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$2. 19 and older. (blues) (313) 996-8555

DAVE MASON BAND

Founding member of Traffic, with special guest Stewart Francke, 8 p.m. Friday, March 28, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 833-9700

MEDICINE HAT

9 p.m. Friday, April 4-Saturday, April 5, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$2. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 533-4477

MOTOR CITY JOSH

9 p.m. Friday, April 4, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 412-1040

MUDPUPPY

9 p.m. Friday, March 28, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 855-3110

MUSTARD PLUG

With the Parka Kings and the Twist-Offs, 5 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Mosquito Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. All ages. (ska) (313) 513-8688

NINETEEN WHEELS

9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older.

(roots rock) (313) 996-8555

NOBODY'S BUSINESS

9 p.m. Friday, March 28, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (313) 581-3650

ROBERT PENN

9 p.m. Friday, April 4, D.L. Harrington's, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 852-0550

JAMES PETERSON

With Mudpuppy, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917

PUSH DOWN AND TURN

9 p.m. Thursday, March 27, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (313) 996-2748

RESTROOM POETS

With Sister Seed and Jill Jack, 9 p.m. Friday, March 28, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$7 in advance or at the door. 18 and older. (roots rock) (810) 335-8100

SHAWN RILEY

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, March 28, Fat Willy's, 19170 Farmington Road (north of Seven Mile Road), Livonia. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (810) 615-1330

ROYAL CROWN REVUE

9 p.m. Thursday, March 27, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$5 in advance. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, March 28, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$5 in advance. 21 and older. (soul/swing) (810) 334-1999/(810) 333-2362

SAFFIRE - THE UPPITY BLUES WOMEN

8 p.m. Saturday, March 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (blues) (313) 761-1451

SAINT ASHLEY

With Pipes of Panic and Fast Orange, 9 p.m. Friday, April 4, Paycheck's Lounge, 2932 Caniff, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative/pop) (313) 874-0254

SAX APPEAL

8 p.m.-midnight Friday, March 27-Saturday, March 28, Peabody's, 154 S. Hunter, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older; 7-11 p.m. Tuesday, April 1-Wednesday, April 2, and 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, April 4-Saturday, April 5, Timbers Seafood Grill, 40380 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (pop rock) (810) 644-5222/(810) 478-7154

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Celebrate release of new CD "Nectar of the Good Life," with a party and performance 8 p.m. Thursday, March 27, with special guests Ernie Douglas, The Civilians, and Rubber Soul, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$6 in advance; \$8 at the door. (alternative rock/acoustic/progressive rock) (810) 335-8100

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SICK OF IT ALL

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9 p.m. Thursday, April 3, The Groove Room, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 589-3344

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8 p.m.-midnight Friday, March 28-Saturday, March 29, Lonest Coffee House, 207 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages; 8 p.m.-midnight Friday, April 4, Java Master, 33214 W. 14 Mile Road, West Bloomfield. Free. All ages. (810) 642-CAFE/(810)

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RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES

9 p.m. Friday, March 28, Cowley's, 33338 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Classics, 36759 Mound Road, Sterling Heights. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 474-5941/(810) 264-9500

VUDU HIPPIES

9 p.m. Friday, March 28, Rivertown Saloon, Detroit; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Mount Chalet, 4715 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative pop) (313)/(810) 549-2929

LAVELLE WHITE

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"Zorba," Friday, April 4-Saturday, April 5, MCPA, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. (810) 286-2222

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"Show Boat," featuring Tom Bosley from "Happy Days" as "Captain Andy," Tuesday, March 11-Saturday, May 24, Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. \$22.50-\$70. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. on selected Sundays, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 1 p.m. matinees on March 26 and April 16. (313) 832-2232

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"Arcadia," through Saturday, April 13, at the theater, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, and 2 p.m. Wednesdays (\$22), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$26.50), 2 p.m. Saturdays (\$22), 6 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 8 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$22), and 6:30 p.m. (\$26.50). Discounts available for students, seniors and groups. (810) 377-3300

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"The Jeweler's Shop," a play written in 1960 by Pope John Paul II (then Bishop Karol Wojtyla), in English language, 8 p.m. Friday, April 4, and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5, The Rev. J. Rakoczy Auditorium, St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. \$20, \$10. (810) 683-1750

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"The Hot L Baltimore," Lanford Wilson, previews Thursday, March 27-Thursday, April 3, with the regular run Friday, April 4-Sunday, May 18, at the Garage Theatre, 137 Park St., Chelsea. 8 p.m. preview nights; regular run is 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, and 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, Saturday, May 3, Wednesday, May 7, and Saturday, May 17. Preview prices: \$10 Wednesdays and Thursdays, \$12 Fridays and Saturdays; \$25 opening night,

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"Wedding Band," 8 p.m. Thursday, April 3-Saturday, April 5, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 6, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 10-Saturday, April 12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 13, Trueblood Theatre, Frieze Building, 105 S. State St., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$14; \$7 for students. (313) 764-0450

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"The Sisters Rosensweig," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Sundays, April 3-19, Civic Playhouse, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. \$9, with student, senior and group rates available. (313) 971-AACT

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"Somewhere in Between," Thursdays-Sundays, April 3-May 11, Millan Theatre Company, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$14. Bargain booklets are available for small groups and party packs featuring unlimited champagne are also available. (313) 868-1347

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"Lend Me A Tenor," 8 p.m. Friday, April 4-Saturday, April 5, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 6, 8 p.m. Friday, April 11-Saturday, April 12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at the guild, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. \$10; \$8 for seniors and students. (313) 531-0554

THE VILLAGE PLAYERS

"Relatively Speaking," by British playwright Alan Ayckbourn, 8 p.m. Friday, March 28-Saturday, March 29, at Village Players of Birmingham, 752 Chestnut St. (corner of Hunter Boulevard, south of Maple Road), Birmingham. \$12; \$10 students. (810) 644-2075

YOUTH

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Pooh Visits Storyland," through Sunday, April 27, Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., Northville. 2:30 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 2:30 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays. \$6.50. Children younger than 3 will not be admitted. (810) 349-8110

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

"Huckleberry Finn," through Sunday, May 18, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson (across from Harbortown, between McDougall and Mount Elliott), Detroit. Lunch begins at noon with 1 p.m. performance on Saturdays; 1 p.m. lunch and 2 p.m. show on Sundays. \$7.50 includes lunch, with special rates available for groups of 20 or more. 50 cent discount to anyone who brings in children's books in new or good condition to be donated to Focus Hope. (810) 662-8118

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"The Marriage of Figaro," sung in Italian with supertitles; 8 p.m. Thursday, March 27-Saturday, March 29, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Michigan League, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$18 and \$14; \$7 students. (313) 764-0450

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10 a.m. Saturday, March 29, Alcamo's Hall, 21801 Nine Mile Road (east of Harper Avenue and I-94 Freeway), St. Clair Shores. \$10. (313) 852-4051

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CLASSICAL

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Mezzo-soprano, with pianist Gyorgy Fischer, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$20-\$60. (800) 221-1229

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Soprano performs with pianist Michelle Cooker, noon Wednesday, April 2, Forum Recital Hall, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Free. (313) 462-5218

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8 p.m. Friday, March 28, with free swing dance lessons from 8-9:30 p.m., and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Mill Street Entry, lower level of Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. ("swing punk") (810) 333-2362

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With Transmision and Quartex, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Xhedos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road (one block west of Woodward Avenue), Ferndale. \$8. All ages. (810) 399-3946/xhedos@wwnet.com

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8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River (north of Eight Mile Road), Farmington Hills. (810) 474-4800

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9 p.m. Friday, March 28-Saturday, March 29, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older. (810) 642-9400

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9:30 p.m. Friday, April 4-Saturday, April 5, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 662-8310

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7-10 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Bistro 313, 313 E. Walton Boulevard, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (810) 332-9100

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9 p.m. Thursday, March 27, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (810) 543-0197

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7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. \$12. All ages. (810) 349-9421

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10 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, April 4-Saturday, April 5, Woody's Diner, 208 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (810) 543-6911

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Wendy Liebman, winner of the 1997 American Comedy Award for Best Female Stand-up, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner and show), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, March 28-Saturday, March 29 (\$12, \$23.95 dinner and show); Ricky Kelmon, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, April 4-Saturday, April 5 (\$12, \$23.95 dinner and show), and 7 p.m.

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'Donnie Brasco' creates gangsters Hollywood-style

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JOHN MONAGHAN

There are two kinds of gangster movies: the ones that make you feel that you've seen something you shouldn't, that you are a privileged guest in the underworld. Think of Sam Fuller's "Underworld USA," Martin Scorsese's "Goodfellas" and "Casino," and, of course, Francis Ford Coppola's "Godfather" saga.

Then there are mainstream Hollywood's attempts at presenting organized crime, in which popular stars fuel morality plays among thieves. It is this category that "Donnie Brasco" firmly falls into.

While the performances by Al Pacino and Johnny Depp are almost beyond reproach, I never

once believed that I was truly rubbing shoulders with wise guys.

I had the bad luck of seeing it the same week as "The Godfather" opened its 25th anniversary rerelease at the Main Art Theatre. The story of Marlon Brando's Mafia family makes the well-meaning "Brasco" look like an After School Special.

"The Godfather's" brilliance lies in how it uses every minute of its nearly three-hour running time to examine how the Mafia, like any family business, relies on a successor. Physically, the new print restores the brown-tinted cinematography that has been so overused in movies since.

"Donnie Brasco" is based on the memoirs of Joe Pistone, an FBI agent, posing as a jewel thief, who personally delivered dozens of mafia convictions in the 1970s. You see Brasco's first meeting with Lefty, a loyal loser

played by Al Pacino who worries that he's going to be popped every time he's summoned by the boss.

Donnie, in contrast, plays it cool, speaking only when he has to while participating in everything from truck hijacking to dismembering murder victims. Johnny Depp, adding another face to a gallery of oddball movie characters, is convincing as a husband and father who tries to hold his family together through irregular visits and phone calls home.

Of course the common denominator in both films is Al Pacino. In "The Godfather" he played the Depp part to a wonderfully overboiled Brando. Pacino's Michael was the one we could relate to because he actually questioned the morality behind the workings of his infamous mafia family.

Pacino acts his heart out in "Donnie Brasco," but you get the sense that, despite his mannered

quirks and a dramatic finale, he can play this part in his sleep.

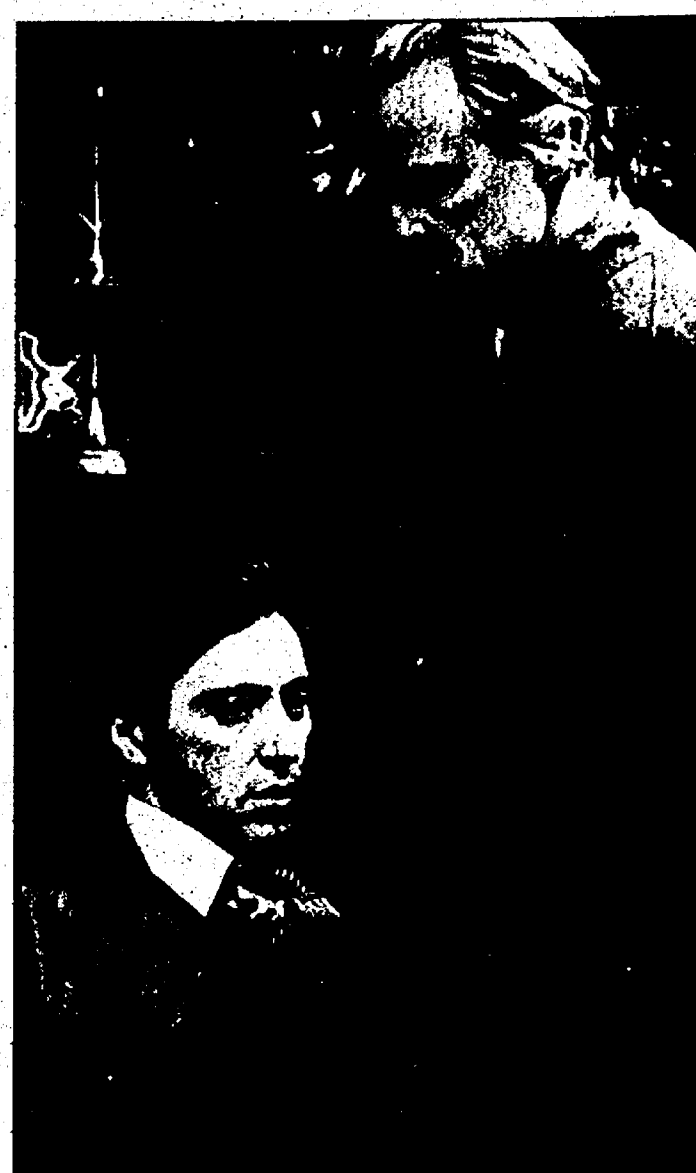
I knew I was in trouble when I saw Barry Levinson's name in the producers' credits. Like his own directing work on "Bugsy," this movie is too long and takes itself far too seriously.

Levinson has handed the reins over to Mike Newell, out of his dramatic league after lighter fare such as "Enchanted April" and "Four Weddings and a Funeral."

One clever bit from the book, the analysis of the wise guy phrase "forget about it," is handled clumsily in a tacked-on scene between Brasco and fellow FBI agents in a hotel room. He goes through an entire routine about how the phrase can mean everything from "think nothing of it" to "get lost."

When I say "forget about it" in relationship to "Donnie Brasco," my meaning is this: save this movie for video and spend the evening revisiting "The Godfather" instead.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. You can listen to him on Dave Dixon's Radio Show AM 1270, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.



Classic: Michael Corleone (Al Pacino, left) confers with his father Vito (Marlon Brando) in the Academy Award-winning film "The Godfather."

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Bittersweet drama about two very different men on the run - one a harassed advertising executive, and the other has Downs Syndrome. Cast includes Daniel Auteuil, Pasquale Duquenne, Milou-Miou.

"B.A.P.S."

Rags-to-riches comedy about two young women from Harlem who travel to Beverly Hills in search of Mr. Right. stars Halle Berry.

"THE SIXTH MAN"

Fantasy adventure about a basketball player whose deceased brother's ghost helps him lead his school to the NCAA championship. Stars Marlon Wayans.

Scheduled to open Friday, April 4

"DOUBLE TEAM"

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"INVENTING THE ABBOTTS"

Drama about two families that live under the shadow of an unresolved secret. Stars Liv Ullmann, Kathy Baker.

"THE SAINT"

Action thriller based on the classic literary series about a debonair, wealthy pillar of society who is secretly a philanthropic crook. Stars Val Kilmer, Elisabeth Shue.

"THAT OLD FEELING"

Romantic comedy about a divorced couple who discover at their daughter's wedding, that the old flame and arguments still burn. Stars Bette Midler, Dennis Farina.

Scheduled to open Friday, April 11

"ANACONDA"

An adventure story about a documentary film crew that strays into dangerous territory when they move into the habitat of the world's largest snake - the Anaconda. Stars Jennifer Lopez, Ice Cube.

Hitchcock's '39 Steps' wonderful film

BY LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

Late one night while flipping television channels, I came across an old movie. I had come in midday and I didn't recognize the film. I did recognize the stars, in particular British actor Robert Donat. Watching the film, I was really struck Donat

STREET SCENE

Michigan band builds a following on the road



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Being at home has become a strange happening for David Kirchgessner, singer for the Grand Rapids-based ska band Mustard Plug. The six-piece group has spent most of the last 1 1/2 years on the road building up its fan base by playing to an average of 200 kids a night throughout the United States.

"We've been touring a lot over the last three years. It's just sort of built up bit by bit through hard work and getting out there. Every time we go back to a city it gets bigger," said Kirchgessner via telephone from his home on a rare break.

The grass roots following should soon pay off for Mustard Plug, who plays an all-ages CD release show at the Mosquito Club in Westland on Saturday, March 29. The band released its sophomore effort "Evildoers Beware!" on the Van Nuys, Calif.-based Hopeless Records label.

"Evildoers Beware!", recorded at The Blasting Room in Fort Collins, Colo., was produced and engineered by ex-Black Flag drummer Bill Stevenson and Stephen Egerton, both of the seminal punk band the Descendents and its sibling All.

"It was great really. They understood things from a musicians' perspective. They are sort

of from the same background as us. They know what it's like to be a touring band. They understood where we're coming from and what we wanted to do," Kirchgessner said.

"We've been huge Descendents fans for awhile. It's sort of like a dream come true to work with them and become friends with them. We got to preview some of the Descendents stuff and go camping with them. It was fun to find out what they are like as actual people ... to find out stuff like Bill's really into fishing," he said.

As a benefit of their friendship, Mustard Plug opened for the Descendents at the legendary Whiskey-A-Go-Go club in Los Angeles on one of the first dates of the Descendents' reunion tour.

"It was the first time the Descendents got to see us play live. There were a lot of label people here like the whole staff from Epitaph (the Descendents' label). We were really looking hard for a record label and there were a lot of people who were watching us," he said.

"It was a good thing for us but at the same time the entire crowd was waiting to finally see the Descendents after eight years. So there were weird pressures coming from us in different angles. Part of the crowd was really, really interested in what we were doing. The other part wanted us off the stage."

"Evildoers Beware!" - a musical hybrid of ska, punk and rock - explores Mustard Plug's rigor-

ous touring schedule ("Box"), the wrong side of the tracks ("Suburban Homesick Blues"), and relationships ("Never Be," "You," "Miss Michigan"), amongst other things.

Kirchgessner wrote about 70 percent of the lyrics on "Evildoers Beware!" Most of them, he said, center around life on the road.

"When I start to write a song, I try to think of things to write about. I'm trying to write from personal experiences in one way or another. But it seems like 75 percent of my life lately is on the road with the band. It's kind of bad in a way. It narrows your experiences and what to write about," he explained.

Kirchgessner said life on the road with his band - which also includes guitarist/vocalist Colin Clive, trumpeter Brandon Jenison, trombonist Jim Hofer, formerly of The Exceptions, drummer Nick Varano, and bassist Craig DeYoung - is rough but fun.

"You get used to it. It's weird for me to be at home now. But I think we're basically booked up until June."

Mustard Plug, along with special guests the Parka Kings and the Twist-Offs, perform Saturday, March 29, at the Mosquito Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Doors open at 5 p.m. for the all-ages show. For more information, call (313) 513-8688.

In other ska news, the Canton-based Jamaican jazz/ska group The Articles inked a deal

with Moon Ska NYC records on Monday, March 17. The band's CD "Flip F'Real," produced by Victor Rice (Stubborn All-Stars and New York Ska Jazz Ensemble) is expected to be released in June by the label which is also home to the Scofflaws, the Toasters and Let's Go Bowling. The Articles are throwing an announcement party at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at the Beat Hotel record store, 3185 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. For more information, call (810) 544-BHTL.

The 1980s pop band Wang Chung released on Tuesday, March 25, its greatest hits compilation "Everybody Wang Chung Tonight ... Wang Chung's Greatest Hits" (Geffen). Along with its Top 40 hits "Everybody Have Fun Tonight," "Dance Hall Days," and "Let's Go," the collection features two new contributions - a dance remix of "Dance Hall Days" from U.K. mixers the Rapino Bros., and a new song "Space Junk." "Fun Tonight: The Early Years," the original ballad demo of "Everybody Have Fun Tonight," also appears on "Everybody Wang Chung Tonight."

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Celebrating release: The ska band Mustard Plug - from left, vocalist David Kirchgessner (laying on floor), guitarist/vocalist Colin Clive (standing), trumpeter Brandon Jenison, drummer Nick Varano, trombone player Jim Hofer, and bassist Craig DeYoung.

SCREEN SCENE

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

Detroit Film Theatre Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5; \$4 students) "Maborosi" (Japan -1995). March 28-30 (call for showtimes). A young woman's intense quest to understand her husband's unexpected suicide is the starting point for this odyssey of self-discovery.

"Life of Oharu" (Japan -1952). 7 p.m. March 31. In 18th-century Japan, a beautiful lady-in-waiting is banished for her illicit affair with a low-ranking samurai. Kenji Mizoguchi directed this insightful look at the social conditions of women in Japanese society.

Magic Bag Theatre 22920 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (810) 544-3030 for information.

"The Decline of Western Civilization" (USA - 1985). Starting at 9 p.m. April 1. Before she made the feature film version of "The Beverly Hillsbillies," director Penelope Spheeris focused her lens on the mid-80s punk scene, with seminal performances from The Circle Jerks and Black Flag. Shown on big-screen video. (Free)

"Beavis and Butt-head Do America" (USA -1996). 9 p.m. April 2. Mike Judge's intellectually challenged teens head across the U.S. in search of a missing



Triple play: Billy Bob Thornton wrote, directed and stars in "Sling Blade."

television. (\$2)

Main Art Theatre 118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 542-0180 for information and showtimes. (\$6.50; \$4 students, seniors and matinee; \$3 twilight)

"Kolya" (Czechoslovakia -1996). This Oscar-nominated foreign film finds a marriage of convenience turn into a personal revolution for a middle-aged, down-on-his-luck cellist.

"Hamlet" (USA - 1997). Kenneth Branagh's latest version of the Shakespeare classic runs at its true length of nearly four hours (with intermission).

But this shouldn't keep you away from the year's first epic film experience, a tour de force for star/director Branagh, who has compiled a most eclectic cast including Billy Crystal, Jack Lemmon, Kate Winslett, and Robin Williams.

"Waiting for Guffman" (USA - 1997). Christopher Guest, best known as a founding member of the fake rock group Spinal Tap, creates his own mock documentary about a small town in Missouri staging a sesquicentennial pageant. Guest co-wrote and directed the low-budget film, and even stars as Corky St. Clair, the high school drama teacher who helms the show with hilarious results.

"The Godfather" (USA - 1972). The success of the "Star Wars" rereleases has all the studios looking in the attics. Francis Coppola's seems like a good place to start, the still-influential gangster epic that gave Marlon Brando his greatest role as Don Corleone and launched the career of Al Pacino.

Maple Theatre 4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield. All titles play through at least next

Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 855-9090 for information. (\$6; \$2.95 twilight)

"Sling Blade" (USA - 1996). Billy Bob Thornton wrote, directed, and stars in this portrait of a

middle-aged man released from a mental institution after 30 years. He must somehow assimilate back into the community where he committed a grizzly murder. Nominated for best actor and screenplay honors, Thornton's first feature also boasts surprising performances from Dwight Yoakam and John Ritter.

Michigan Theatre 603 E. Liberty Street, Ann Arbor. Call (313) 668-8397 for information. (\$5; \$4 students)

"Kolya" (Czechoslovakia). Through March 31. See Main Art Theatre listing above.

Windsor Film Theatre 2135 Wyandotte St. West, Windsor, Canada. Call (519) 254-FILM for information. (\$5.25; \$4 U.S.)

"Summer of Aviya" (Israel - 1996). 9 p.m. March 27-30. The tumultuous relationship between a disturbed mother and her sensitive daughter who try to fit into their village. The girl creates an elaborate fantasy around a new neighbor who she believes to be her father.

"Death by Hanging" (Japan - 1968). 9 p.m. March 30-April 1. From acclaimed director Nagisa Oshima, the true account of an intelligent young Korean unjustly executed for the rape and murder of a young Japanese woman.

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DINING

Zia's feeds you hearty Italian dishes family style

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Believing that the area lacked an eatery catering to large groups, owners Mike Gibbons, Dieter Boehm and Dennis Serras of Ann Arbor-based Main St. Ventures converted their D. Dennison's, formerly at this location, to a new concept — Zia's. The name translates as "aunt" from Italian and each diner is made to feel like part of a southern-Italian family, not only sharing food, but lively conversation.

When you review menu offerings from chalkboards, conveniently posted throughout the 320-seat restaurant, the word "expensive" may cross your mind. But what you need to remember is that each order easily serves four average eaters. Figure everything divided by four and Zia's now becomes inexpensive to moderate. The larger the group, the less expensive per person.

Zia's attracts large groups of people out to have fun in a loose and lively environment. The exterior announces this loud and clear. Once inside, you don't know quite where to look first — the antipasto and pizza preparation station just inside the red-rimmed swinging glass doors, the larger than life hostess station, the red and white checkered table cloths or the mismatched old-style carpeting. Looking up, smiling cherubs give their greeting from the ceiling, but in some parts of the well-divided interior it's tomato vines painted on vaulted arches.

Braided garlic hanging at the generously sized bar sets an Italian atmosphere, but the year-round Christmas lights and plas-

Zia's

Where: 27909 Orchard Lake Road, (northwest corner of 12 Mile Road and Orchard Lake Road in the Orchard 12 Mall), Farmington Hills, (810) 553-7000.

Hours: Monday through 4-10 p.m., Thursday; 4-11 p.m., Friday and Saturday; noon to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Menu: Southern Italian hearty portions served family style.

Cost: Appetizers \$4.25-12.95; Pizza \$12.95-15.95; Pasta \$8.95-19.95; Entrees \$14.95-28.95; and Desserts \$5.95-8.95.

Reservations: for parties of 5 or more.

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tic Santa funkily eclipses everything else.

Seating is at tables for four and larger or in very roomy, comfortable booths. Each table is preset with stacks of dishes to share the generously-sized portions. Generous? Each meatball is 1/2 pound! And that's only the beginning.

Servers become actively involved at each table to guard against over-ordering. Scenes from the recent hit film *Big Night* may come home to you as you read the bottom line on the chalkboard menu. "Substitutions and special orders don't bother us, we don't make them." Remember the woman eating risotto trying to order spaghetti?

While Zia's may be a new concept for partners in Main St. Ventures, they've been in the

restaurant business since 1981 and own such popular places as Gratz, Palio, Real Seafood and Maude's in Ann Arbor. They've kept the D. Dennison's name in Laurel Park Place Mall for now.

Popular starters from among appetizer selections are the garlic bread, \$4.25 for a large 1/2 loaf; a spectacular antipasto salad \$12.95, serving four more than generously, and fried calamari with marinara sauce \$8.95. Rectangular pizzas are 12 by 27 inches with the favorite being Quattro Formaggio (four cheeses) at \$13.95.

Runaway hits among side dishes are garlic smashed potatoes \$7.95 and Flash Camera at \$10.95. This is what it reads — 12 shots in a little box camera for you to take lasting memories of your group's fun.

Early birds get to reserve the lone table in the kitchen seating 10. Not only do you get to watch the red baseball hat-outfitted kitchen crew prepare the dishes, they send this table samples as a reward for enjoying the noise.

At the helm in the kitchen is 36-year-old Bob Heebner, a veteran of kitchens not only in Michigan, but in Colorado, where at 22 he was executive chef at one of the state's largest resorts.

"I like the simplicity and straightforward food prepared here," Heebner said. "It goes back to the old school and tradition. The awesome portions go against the current trend of small portions and pretty plates. We specialize in casual and fun."

A traditional spaghetti and meat sauce (small \$10.95 serves two easily and large \$13.95 serves four) is a favored pasta.



STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

At the helm: Chef Bob Heebner, a veteran of kitchens not only in Michigan, but in Colorado, runs the kitchen at Zia's.

Fish lovers are fond of Linguine Pescatore \$19.95 for a huge bowl teeming with mussels, clams and calamari.

The most unusual entree is Zia's Osso Buco \$28.95, a succulent whole, four-pound braised veal shank in natural juice sauce accompanied by two pounds of garlic smashed potatoes. Four people will feast here and still leave with one of the large doggie bags for a meal the next day.

Chicken Cacciatore \$19.95 is a "hunter's style" four-pound cut up chicken over the garlic smashed potatoes.

To accompany is Zia's all-Italian wine list. Wicker-decorated chianti bottles may be out among connoisseurs, but they're in among Zia's vino in three sizes, standard 750mL, 1.5L and 3.0L.

Among dolci (desserts) owner Mike Gibbons pointed to the

tiramisu \$8.95 as most popular with cheesecake and bread pudding, both \$6.95, coming next. Even if you don't know what it is or have never tried it, treat yourself to luscious Panna Cotta, "Cooked Cream" molds, creamy and richer than custard, authentic and traditional with delicious caramel sauce.

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Wine & Woks dinner April 28 celebrates Spring with light, casual fare, reds, whites and rose wines that will really surprise you. Tickets \$40 per person, call (810) 689-2332, 1515 E. Maple, Troy.

GOLDEN MUSHROOM

Wine dinner 1994 Bordeaux, 6:30 p.m. (reception) 7:15 p.m. (dinner) Monday, April 7. Five course dinner, which includes, roast lamb loin in potato crust,

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Italian Wine dinner Monday, April 28, 18100 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield.

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CIGAR SMOKERS

EXCALIBUR

Cigar smoke dinner, April 14, wine, cognac and cigars. Tickets \$95 per person, (810) 358-3355, 28875 Franklin Road, Southfield.

GOLDEN MUSHROOM

Cigar dinner with a representative from the Miami Cigar Company to talk about cigars, 6:30 p.m. (recep-

tion) 7:30 p.m. (dinner) Thursday, April 17. Cost \$150 per person, plus tax and gratuity, Call (810) 559-4230. The restaurant is at 18100 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield.

EVENTFUL DINNERS

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"Show Boat" entertainment package Thursday, April 10. Includes full course dinner, tickets to the show and round trip transportation from Meriwethers, 25485 Telegraph, Southfield, to the Masonic Temple Theatre. Cost \$90 per person, does not include gratuities or alcoholic beverages. Call (810) 358-1310 for reservations.

OPUS ONE

Dinner/theater package for "Show Boat" at the Masonic Temple through May 24; "Rigoletto," April 5-12; and "Blue Suede Shoes," April 15-19 at the Detroit Opera House; and the Righteous Brothers, April 16-19 at the Fox Theatre. Decide, which production you want to see, then call (313) 961-7766

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Beal named Veep



Beth Beal has been named vice president in the retail mortgage area at the Bank of Bloomfield Hills. She has doubled the volume of mortgages originated at the bank since joining last September. She has eight years experience in the banking and mortgage industry and lives in Beverly Hills. Beal has earned real estate licenses in Michigan and California and volunteers at the Women's Survival Center in Pontiac.

Elsea elected director



Richard S. Elsea, president of Real Estate One headquartered in Farmington Hills, has been elected a director of the Realty Alliance organization. Elsea was instrumental in the founding of Realty Alliance, a trade organization consisting of 53 of the largest real estate companies in the U.S. Real Estate One, family-owned, is the only Michigan company in the alliance.

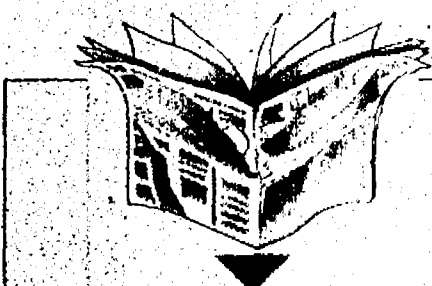
Plerson: ad manager



Cindy Plerson has joined Homeowners Marketing Services as a district manager for Eastern Michigan out of Livonia. HMS is a leader in the home warranty industry and a provider of Realtor errors and omissions insurance.

New at RE/MAX:

Sales associates have affiliated with several area RE/MAX offices. **Marshall Mandell** joined RE/MAX Executive Properties in Farmington Hills. He holds professional designations of Graduate Realtor Institute and Certified Residential Specialist. **Daniel Dubensky** and **Eric Fishbein** climbed aboard RE/MAX in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills. **Bret Haner**, a licensed assistant, will work with **Gary Haner** at RE/MAX Today in Clarkston.



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Recollecting: Cora Susin, a pioneering woman in the real estate business, has many tales to tell of life in the field.

Trailblazer makes her mark

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Realtors who think things are tough today might learn from Cora Susin, who took and gave a knock or two during her real estate career.

Then again, maybe she was too tough to imitate.

Susin recalls evicting tenants for non-payment from rental properties owned by her mother during the Depression because her brothers couldn't seem to deal with the situation by themselves.

She remembers making daily treks to Lansing for several weeks to get plat approval for a residential development, Susin Lake, she put together in Springfield Township.

Susin recalls running her own firm without membership in the Birmingham-Bloomfield realty board after she clashed with powers-that-be there on an office zoning matter.

Feisty. Opinionated. Outspoken.

That's Susin, 90, a Bloomfield Township resident who figures she was one of the first women in Michigan — if not the first — to acquire a real estate license nearly 60 years ago.

"I fought for everything," she said. "I do and say what I think. Unless they can prove me wrong, I figure I'm right. That's all you have to go by — yourself, how you feel."

Susin learned the rudiments of buying and selling property from her mother, Filmena Vecelli, in Pennsylvania.

"That's all my mother knew," Susin said. "She bought houses. That's where she made money. She would send me to the bank with the (rent)

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*Cora Susin
real estate pioneer*

money. They had a stool for me to stand on to reach the counter."

Cora eventually left home — didn't want to get involved romantically with coal miners — visited Michigan with a friend and married John Susin, who had arrived here first from the old hometown.

Cora worked real estate, "that's all I know," she said, while John was a mason. Now deceased, John also scouted property for development during hunting/fishing trips.

Susin doesn't remember her first sale, saying there were thousands over the years. She also doesn't remember experiencing any discrimination in the field because she was a woman.

Back then, you didn't need to take classes to obtain a license: Experience was the teacher.

"I really knew my ropes," Susin said. "I never took anything from anyone. I made friends with everyone I contacted."

She said she started to make big money in the early 1940s when the Holtzman family recruited her to sell cottage homes, two-bedroom bungalows in Berkley priced between

\$2,000 and \$3,000.

"I guess they felt if they gave me something, I sold," Susin said of her selection. "When I start something, I finish it."

The sales commission back then was 1-1/2 percent.

Other builders recognized Susin's talents. "They would tell people, 'If you want something, go see Cora.' They liked the way I operated," she said. Referrals followed.

"I was a pretty good judge of people," Susin said. "My daughter will drive people around forever and a day. That I wouldn't do."

"I'd figure out what they're really looking for. You hear them talk. The best thing to do is go where they live. That tells you what they can afford," she said.

Susin, who started with Bill Harrison, worked at several other firms before launching her own in the mid-to-late 1960s, basically a one-woman band.

"I couldn't get along with anybody else," Susin said. "I didn't need anybody else."

Many people admired her bluntness. Others didn't. Susin retired

about a decade ago after selling property to Holtzman/Silverman for development of Cranbrook Chase in Bloomfield Township.

Dolores Hekker, Susin's daughter, is a Realtor.

"She's a lady before her time," Hekker said. "There's a lot of women that have a driving force today. She just put her boots on and plowed right through. I don't think she thought out what she was going to do. She went out and accomplished. She did it."

"I said as a little girl that I would never be in real estate," Hekker said. "It took so much time. She was never home. I eventually fell into it."

"But she's not a good person to learn from because she does everything (herself)," Hekker said. "You do it her way. That's the only way."

David Busch, an owner of Snyder, Kinney, Bennett & Keating, had some contact with Susin years ago.

"It was evident she was confident, self-assured and very knowledgeable," Busch said. "She was very direct and to the point, independent."

Laura Hall, now retired but a Realtor for 26 years and a former president of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Board of Realtors, used the word "opinionated" to describe Susin.

"She was going to do her own thing, regardless of other people," Hall said. "I happen to like her. Whenever we talked with each other and said we would do something, it was done."

Susin's advice to Realtors today could be timeless.

"You should be honest and above board," she said. "Stick to your guns in all your dealings."

Developer may be responsible for fixing sump pump

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ROBERT M.
MEISNER

Q. I live in a condominium unit where my sump pump goes on all the time. I am concerned that the developer did not hook it up properly or provide adequate back up. What can I do?

A. It, of course, depends upon the condominium documents as to whether the sump pump is the responsibility of the association to maintain or the co-owner. Also, regardless of who is ultimately responsible, the developer may not have used sound construction practices and/or may have short changed

you in regard to the drainage or the type of sump pump used at your unit or its environs or both.

To the extent that the association has standing to

pursue this matter, the sump pump problem should be one of the list of defects that it is seeking to have corrected by the developer.

To the extent that is a co-owner problem, you should write the developer to the extent that you have a warranty claim and/or otherwise seek to determine the cause of the problem and get it remedied, if it turns out to be your responsibility after seeking the advice of a lawyer.

Q. I am very upset because I just took a job with a new employer and two months after I started, I was laid off. I was told that there was money available to retain me, and now I am out of a job. Do I have any claim?

A. I believe that you do — to the extent that you can establish that your employer assured you that funds

would be available for your position. To the extent that you relied on that assertion and took employment, you may have recourse.

The courts have held that an employer who succeeds in asserting its economic health to attract qualified employees, knowing the assertions are untrue, may not later hide behind an "at will" employment contract and may be sued for fraud because of the alleged violations of the contract.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms MI 48025. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.

HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer-area residential real estate closings recorded February 24 - 28 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in Southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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43729 Fleetwood Dr \$132,000
45419 Glengarry Blvd \$275,000
45451 Glengarry Blvd \$259,000
46370 Guntery Dr \$187,000
45097 Horseshoe Cir

\$137,000
1887 Lone Wolf Ln \$141,000
41669 Metaline Dr \$130,000
46990 Mornington Rd \$266,000
7273 Oaktree Ct \$162,000
41587 Pheasant Creek Dr \$197,000
43599 Proctor Rd \$141,000
44502 Ridgefield Rd \$157,000
28666 River Meadow Cir \$165,000
2878 River Meadow Cir \$163,000
1224 Terrell Ct \$145,000
2011 Vine Way Dr \$85,000
1801 Vine Way Dr Apt 6 \$84,000
41415 White Tail Ln \$158,000

Garden City
29010 Cambridge St \$65,000
28544 Dawson St \$66,000
33615 Ford Rd \$75,000
31330 Hennepin St \$91,000
28933 James St \$80,000
30105 Rosslyn Ave \$142,000
Livonia
29466 Bobrich St \$56,000
29840 Curtis Rd \$115,000
33895 Elmira Ct \$47,000
14555 Gary Ln \$135,000
33635 Hathaway St \$159,000
17159 Louise St \$169,000

29520 Mark Ln \$148,000
38539 Morningstar St \$67,000
14146 Park St \$127,000
35478 Parkdale St \$124,000
8913 Perrin St \$100,000
38628 Tuscany Ct \$187,000
8925 Virginia St \$122,000
Plymouth
265 Blunk St \$167,000
40561 Brecken Ridge Ln \$220,000
47088 Brooks Ln \$385,000
8826 Corinne St \$137,000
40808 Crabtree Ln \$170,000
12363 Duxbury Ct \$286,000

215 E Spring St \$70,000
710 N Mill St \$86,000
49461 Pointe Xing \$158,000
Redford
9251 Brady Ct \$102,000
25203 Cathedral \$104,000
20441 Centralia \$65,000
9535 Columbia \$74,000
12731 Columbia \$40,000
18820 Fox \$77,000
16688 Garfield \$54,000
9385 Jerome \$100,000
19576 Olympia \$82,000
20082 Olympia \$85,000

9375 Riverview \$73,000
13949 Royal Grand \$93,000
10035 San Jose \$74,000
Westland
38277 Carolan Blvd \$59,000
33142 Cowan Rd \$117,000
7504 Harrison St \$79,000
8733 Hugh St \$126,000
35815 Hunter Ave \$90,000
7765 Rivergate Dr \$105,000
6230 White Oak \$126,000
6242 White Oak \$123,000
6266 White Oak \$122,000

Local mortgage firms combine

Michigan Mortgage Lenders and Wellington Mortgage, two privately owned firms, announce that they have merged to form what they say will be one of the top five independent mortgage banking firms in Michigan.

The new company, to be called Michigan Mortgage Lenders, will be led by Suzanne M. Taube, president, Steven E. Jacob, chief executive officer, and Lawrence A. Berry, chief operating officer. "This is a perfect fit for our customers," Taube said. "The combined strengths of our organizations will enable us to introduce mortgage products that have not yet been offered in this market."

"Our philosophy is to look beyond formulas for individual exceptions," she added. "We focus on finding ways to say yes to customers by developing creative solutions for home buyers."

Michigan Mortgage Lenders now offers a complete range of home financing options including conventional, FHA and VA governmental, non-conforming, bruised-credit mortgages and home equity loans.

"The strong wholesale (secondary) background of Wellington added to the extensive retail (origination) component of Michigan Mortgage lenders produces tangible synergy," Jacob said.

Michigan Mortgage Lenders, headquartered in Bloomfield Hills, also has offices in Roseville, Grand Rapids and Oscoda. The firm employs 70 and expects to exceed \$200 million in mortgages this year.

Taube, an Oxford resident, founded Michigan Mortgage Lenders in 1985. Jacob, a Birmingham resident, and Berry, of

Bloomfield Hills, founded Wellington Mortgage 3 years ago. Also, publicly traded NHP Incorporated of Vienna, Va., through Washington Mortgage Financial Group, a subsidiary, has purchased Detroit-based Proctor & Associates.

Proctor is a commercial mortgage banking firm and a servicer of commercial mortgage loans.

Purchase price and terms weren't disclosed.

As part of the transaction, Proctor's four principals, David Sibbold of Plymouth, Terry Halverson and Steve Pyatt, both from Birmingham, and Harvey Greenmann of Grand Rapids joined Washington Mortgage.

The acquisition marks the continuation of Washington Mortgage's strategy to gain national market dominance in the commercial mortgage banking field.

Included in the transaction is Proctor's \$1.2 billion loan servicing portfolio of multi-family, retail and office building mortgages.

Proctor has produced loan volume in excess of \$2 billion since 1985. In 1995 alone, Proctor originated nearly \$320 million in commercial mortgage loans, representing over 25 percent of all life insurance company financings in the state of Michigan.

"Proctor is a recognized regional leader," said Shekar Narasimhan, president of Washington Mortgage.

"This acquisition will enhance its capabilities to compete through access to increased capital and additional loan products. It was impressive to us that Proctor's strict credit culture was quite compatible with our own," Narasimhan said.



Reorganization: Gino Rossetti, center, founder, president and CEO of an architectural firm, is surrounded by newly-named principals: David B. Richards (left), Michael S. Tomasik, Matthew L. Rossetti and Don Loudermilk.

Rossetti Architects changes structure

Louis Gino Rossetti, FAIA, founder, president and chief executive officer of Rossetti Associates Architects in Birmingham, has created a new corporate structure after 28 years of ownership.

Four individuals who have assumed significant roles in strategic planning, policy direction and management decision join Rossetti as principals in the firm.

They include Don Loudermilk, David B. Richards, Matthew L. Rossetti and Michael S. Tomasik. Loudermilk, a nationally recognized member of the sports architecture community, has worked on more than 100 arena/stadium projects. He's director of sports facilities at the firm.

Current involvements include the International Tennis Center at Crandon Park in Key Biscayne, Fla., and the Convocation/Arena at Eastern Michigan University.

Loudermilk's experience includes the RCA Dome in Indianapolis and the Alamodome, a 65,000-seat domed stadium in San Antonio.

He received a bachelor of architecture degree from the University of Kansas and has been affiliated with Rossetti for seven years.

Richards, AIA, currently is completing his project management role for the \$234 million USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, N.Y. He's director of technical services for the firm.

Previous experience includes the Palace of Auburn Hills and

its Addition and the Oakland Towne Square office complex in Southfield.

Richards, who has a master of architecture from the University of Michigan, joined Rossetti in 1979 as a project architect.

Matthew L. Rossetti, AIA, was lead designer for the Corel Centre, a National Hockey League facility in Ottawa, and for the International Tennis Center at Crandon Park.

Other projects include the Orchestra Place Office Building, under construction, and the Ford Motor Vehicle Design Center.

Rossetti, son of Gino, serves as director of business development and a project designer. Matthew Rossetti received a master of architecture degree in 1986 from the University of Michigan.

Tomasik, AIA, oversees all day-to-day management activities for Rossetti as operations director. His areas of project interest include health care, commercial and education.

Involvements include Sinai Hospital of Detroit, Comerica and Detroit Medical Center.

Tomasik graduated from the University of Detroit in 1971 with a bachelor of architecture and he is an instructor in architecture at Lawrence Technological University.

Gino Rossetti established Rossetti Associates Architects in 1969.

His seasoned expertise augmented the design talent on such recent projects as the Palace of Auburn Hills, the USTA National Tennis Center, Orchestra Place Office Building and the Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids.

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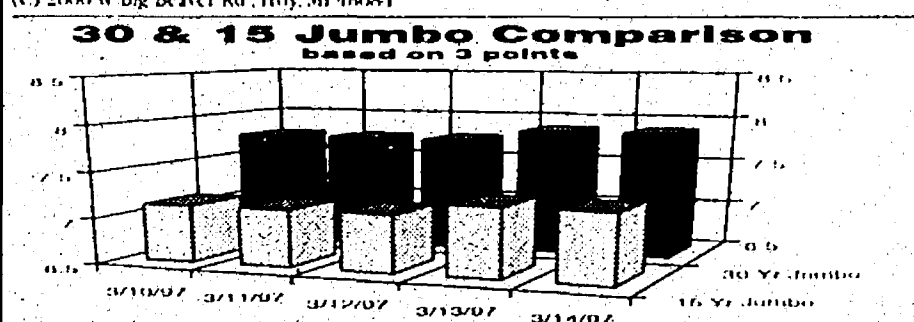
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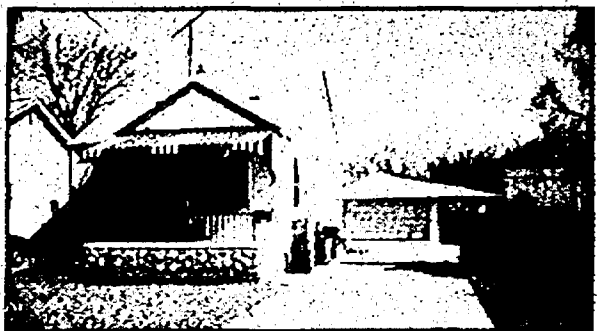
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On a 30-year, \$120,000 mortgage, for example, getting a mortgage that costs 0.5 percent less per year saves you about \$13,000 in interest over the life of the loan. That's enough to buy a nice car! On second thought, save it.

Doing it yourself

You can find many mortgage lenders in most communities. Although having a large number to choose from is good for competition, it also makes shopping a chore. Following are some mortgage sources you may turn to in your search.

While you may recognize the

names of large banks from their advertising, they usually don't offer the best rates. Make sure that you check out some of the smaller lending institutions in your area as well. Also, check out mortgage bankers who, unlike banks, do only mortgages. The better ones offer some of the most competitive rates.

Real estate agents can also refer you to lenders with whom they've done business. Those lenders don't necessarily offer the most competitive rates — the agent simply may have done business with them in the past.

Another source some shoppers choose in the real estate section of one of the Sunday newspapers in our area for charts of selected lender interest rates. These tables are by no means comprehensive or reflective of the best rates available. In fact, many of them are sent to newspapers for free by firms that distribute mortgage information to mortgage brokers. Use them as a starting point by calling the lenders who list the best rates.

HSB Associates (1-800-873-2837) publishes mortgage infor-

mation for most metropolitan areas. For \$20, they'll send you a list of dozens of lender's rate quotes. You need to be a real data junkie to wade through these multi-page reports full of numbers and abbreviations, though.

Hiring a broker

Insurance agents sell insurance, real estate agents sell real estate, and mortgage brokers deal in mortgages. They buy mortgages at wholesale from lenders and then mark them up to retail to you. The difference, or spread, is their income. The terms of the loan obtained through a broker are generally the same as you would obtain from the lender directly.

A mortgage broker gets paid a percentage of the loan amount — typically 0.5 to 1 percent. This commission is negotiable, especially on larger loans that are more lucrative. You have no reason not to ask a mortgage broker what his cut is. Many people don't, so some brokers may act taken aback when you inquire. Remember, it's your money!

The chief advantage of using a mortgage broker is that the broker can shop among various lenders to get you a good deal. If you're too busy or not interested in shopping around for a good deal on a mortgage, a competent mortgage broker can probably save you money.

A broker also can help you through the tedious process of filling out all those horrible documents lenders demand before giving you a loan. And if you've got credit problems or an unusual property, a broker may be able to match you with a hard-to-find lender willing to offer you a mortgage.

In evaluating a mortgage broker, be on guard for those who are lazy and don't continually shop the market looking for the best mortgage lenders. Some brokers place their business with the same lenders all the time, and they may not necessarily offer the best rates.

Also watch out for those who are salespeople and earn big commissions pushing certain loan programs that are not in your best interest. They probably

aren't interested in taking the time to understand your needs and discuss your options. Check a broker's references.

Even if you plan to shop on your own, talking to a mortgage broker may be worthwhile. At the very least, you can compare what you find with what brokers say they can get for you. Just be careful. Some brokers tell you what you want to hear — that is, that they can be your best friend — and then aren't able to deliver when the time comes.

If a loan broker quotes you a really good deal, make sure to ask who the lender is. Most brokers refuse to reveal this information until you pay the few hundred dollars to cover the appraisal and credit report.

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Editor's note: Dave Mully will be appearing at the Home Improvement Show at the Novi Expo Center to discuss Mortgage Shopping and how to save money on mortgages. Mully's sessions are Thursday, April 3, at 4 p.m., Saturday, April 5, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., and Sunday, April 6, at 5 p.m. Discount family tickets are available at Farmer Jack.

David Mully has been researching mortgage lenders for more than 10 years. He shares his most recent findings every week in this column. Any feedback from homeowners about their experiences with mortgage lenders is welcome. Readers may contact him at 1-800-405-3051, fax him at 810-380-0603 or send email to maxwell11@juno.com. You can access Mully's previous Mortgage Shopping articles online at <http://www.observer-ecentric.com/realstate/mully/archives.htm>

Realizing the American dream: Qualify for your first home mortgage

Home buyers concerned with meeting conventional mortgage loan guidelines because of a lack of sufficient down payment, too much monthly debt or a bruised credit history often assume that renting is their only available option.

But Mike Wisok of Source One Mortgage Services Corporation in Farmington Hills said these individuals may be overlooking a financing option that has been in existence since the end of World War II.

"President Franklin Roosevelt insisted that families needed more financing choices, other than their neighborhood bank, in order to buy a home. So he changed the home mortgage laws and created government loans," said Wisok, manager of the Farmington Source One office. "So people who can't meet the stringent lending guidelines of conventional financing should first look to government loans, which are generally more affordable and attainable than jumping straight to alternative financing, commonly known as B&C lending."

These government loans, known as FHA or VA loans, enable individuals to lower their down payments and increase their purchasing power, which, allows them to qualify for more with less.

FHA mortgage

Insured by the Federal Housing Administration, an FHA mortgage requires buyers to provide less cash upfront to buy a home. This means far more people can accumulate the required down payment, which can be as little as 3 percent down toward the sale price.

VA mortgage

Guaranteed by the Department of Veteran Affairs, a VA mortgage is available only to qualified veterans for personal

residential use. Comparable to an FHA loan, a VA loan also offers low down payments and assumable loans.

Advantages of FHA/VA loans:

- Low down payments.
- Interest rate can be negotiated to permit few, if any, points.
- The buyer or the seller can pay the points.
- Gifts up to 100 percent of the down payment, closing costs and prepaids are accepted.
- Closing costs can be financed.
- Loans are fully assumable, which means a borrower may sell the home at a later date and the new purchaser, if he/she qualifies, could assume the mortgage with the same interest rate and payment schedule.
- No income limitations.
- Loan completion does not require any more time than conventional loan. A government-approved lender is the actual lender of the money. The government simply insures the loans.

"Government loans are great for refinancing too," Wisok said. "If borrowers obtained high interest rate mortgages a few years ago and they have since been timely with all their payments, they may be able to refinance now using government loans at much lower rates."

Wisok suggests that if potential home buyers can't qualify for conventional loans, their next step should be to look into FHA or VA loans instead of going directly to a loan with higher interest rates.

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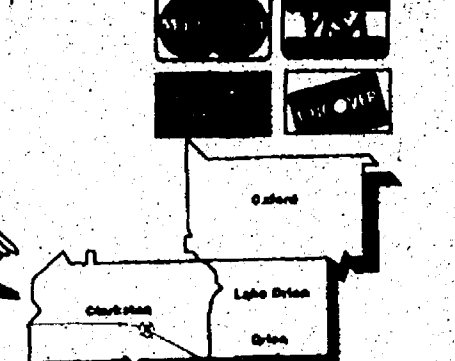
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1575 sq. ft. Cathedral ceiling, central air, 2 car garage, 42453 Woodbridge, \$165,000. By owner 313-397-4834

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ENJOY
This gorgeous home with custom deck, overlooking large yard backing to creek. Updated kitchen with lots of oak cabinets, appliances, including home warranty. \$143,900 (AWUC). Call Doug or Judy.



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BRING THE FAMILY! To this custom four bedroom Colonial! This beautiful home offers everything you've ever wanted! Home offers gorgeous kitchen with many cupboards (nicely), Family Room is cozy and comfortable with fireplace, don't miss out on the impressive covered patio area & backyard this summer! Updates galore come & enjoy! Appliances negotiable. Sprinkler system! Move in for under \$5,750* total. \$124,750

WESTLAND 35079 Birchwood
S. of Church Hill, E. of Wayne
OVER 1,300 SQ. FT. is offered on this nice Colonial with large Family Room. This quiet family neighborhood is waiting for you! Home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, one full, attached garage, vinyl windows, nice hardwood floors. Family Room has gas fireplace and is perfect spot for custom fireplace, home warranty too. Move in for under \$4,750* total. \$103,750.

WAYNE, 38345 Laurenwood
S. of Glenwood, W. of Newburgh
WATCH THE DEER RUN! This peaceful, natural wooded setting will take your breath away! Glenwood Heights offers this gorgeous quad-level home with 4 bedrooms or 3 bedrooms and den, whatever you like. Huge family room has fireplace, large kitchen/dining room area. Thousands of dollars in updates, must see to appreciate, tons of storage - full basement tool deck! \$119,900.

WESTLAND, 1042 Woodbourne
S. of Cherry Hill, E. of Merriman
WOW! WOW! WOW! This home is huge! This home is nice! Must see this custom home which offers 4 bedrooms, 3 baths and den - office it's your choice! 1,700 sq. ft. awaits you and stunning 2214 family room will take your breath away! There's more! Master bedroom is 22x13! Tons of updates, central air, clean lot. Hurry immediate occupancy! Move in for under \$5,250* total. \$109,900.

WESTLAND 34366 Unicorn
S. of Cherry Hill, E. of Schuman
Awesome newer construction! This home is spotless! This beautiful 1992 built brick ranch offers 3 large bedrooms with tons of closet space, huge kitchen area with large island & a lot of cupboards (Must See!), large bath with double sinks, spacious basement, deck leads to private backyard, oversized 2.5 car garage with opener, custom windows, all appliances (newer) stay! Move in for under \$5,750* total. \$119,900.

WESTLAND 35737 Castlewood
S. of Hunter, W. of Wayne
COMFORTABLE CASTLEWOOD! Beautiful condo complex offers pool & clubhouse and also this beautiful unit. This is a nice condo at a nice price! Condo offers 2 bedrooms, both have walk in closets, master bedroom has full bath and cathedral ceilings. Nice deck and large storage shed offered and garage w/ opener. Move in for under \$4,500* total. \$92,500.

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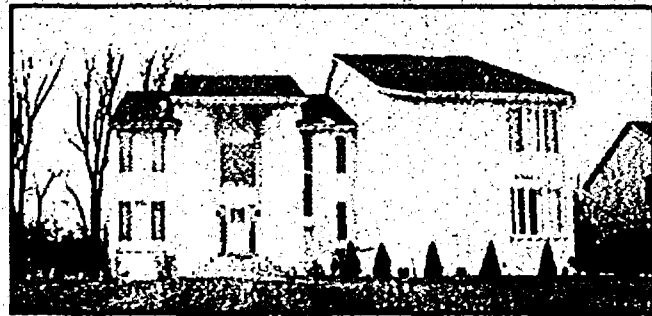
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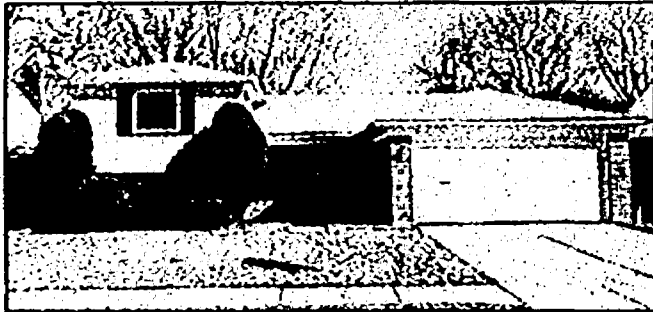
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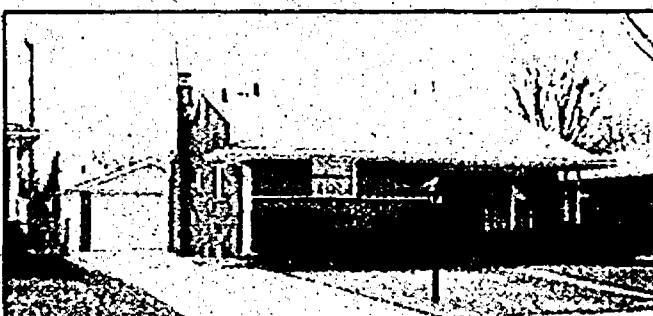
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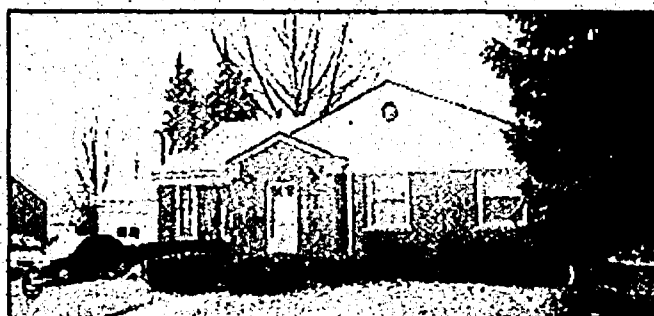
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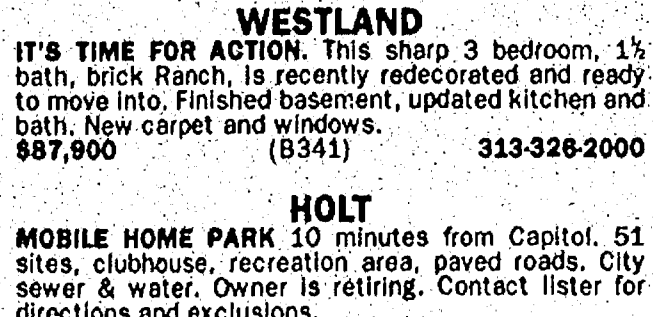
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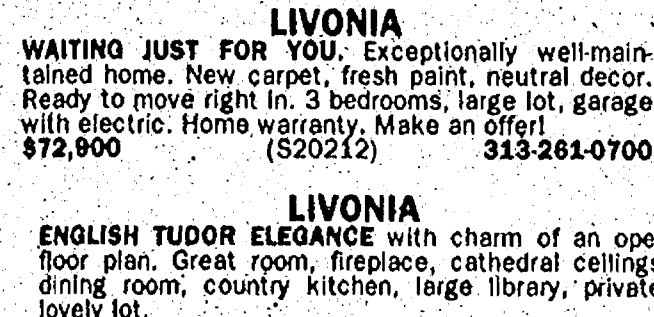
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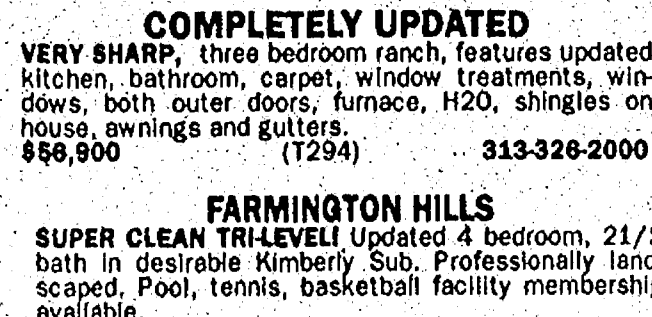
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Knock-Knock - do you have what it takes to open the door of opportunity? Are you a leader? Can you handle multiple projects and effectively manage and lead a technical staff? Do you have exceptional interpersonal and organizational skills? Can you effectively handle and solve complex problems? Are you interested in helping us formulate our vision for the 21st century and carry it through? If the answer is YES to all of the above, then this door of opportunity may be for you. Please submit your salary history with your cover letter to be considered for this position. Ms. Krieger, P.O. Box 691, Southfield, MI 48077 or fax: 810-352-0018. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

Computer Inventory Control

Salary, expense acct., auto. Coast to coast travel. Personal Data Report. 810-524-1500

COMPUTER OPERATOR (Entry-Level)

Immediate full time opening in our Information Services Department for self-motivated individual who is eager to learn and has the ability to make sound decisions. Must be willing to work various shifts and weekends.

Enjoy benefits that include:

vacation, retirement plan, 401(k), holiday pay, paid personal leave, tuition reimbursement, full-time employees can participate in our medical, dental, life insurance programs and educational subsidy program. Interested candidates may apply in person Mon-Fri. between 10:00am and 3:00pm or send resume with salary requirements to:

FOODLAND DISTRIBUTORS

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COMPUTER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Michigan's leading telecommunications company is seeking dynamic, energetic and self-motivated candidates with experience for immediate entry level positions at its corporate headquarters.

POSITION ONE: Computer programmer and database support

Specialist. Supporting the development and troubleshooting of database systems and supporting programs. LAN and Paradox experience a plus.

POSITION TWO: LAN support specialist

"CNA" a must, "CNE" preferred. Manage, maintain and improve Novell 4.x network. HT and Novell servers. 100 users.

Full benefits, competitive salary. LDM can offer great opportunities for individuals with the desire, intelligence & motivation to excel. Qualified candidates mail or fax resume to:

RAY SMITH, (813) 873-6615, 8801 Central Expressway, Hambrick, MI 48221

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National Software Company has immediate openings for individuals with experience in software installation and support. Individuals should have good organizational skills, self-directed, works well with others, fast learner and has good communication and phone skills. Experience with PC in DOS environment and experience with Windows 3.1/95/98 a plus.

PLUUS! Overnight travel required. Send resume to: ATTN: SBZ or FAX

810-559-0469 or fax: 810-559-0469. Box #1690, Observer & Eclectic Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

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Computing

LAN SYSTEMS ANALYST

At Henry Ford Health System, we have an immediate opportunity available for a LAN Systems Analyst to work at our corporate office. We'll rely on you to maintain LAN software and hardware, and perform system upgrades, enhancements, diagnostics and preventive maintenance. An Associate's degree or Technical certificate in a computer related field, 5 years related experience including 3 years in a network service area; and an in-depth knowledge of Novell 3.11/3.12, Ethernet and Token Ring environments also are required.

For immediate consideration, please forward your resume via mail to:

Henry Ford Health System, Human Resources Services Center, One Ford Place, Suite 14B, Attn: K. Robinson, Detroit, MI 48202; or internet: k.robinson@hfh.org or e-mail: k.robinson@hfh.org

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

Needed part-time for bulldozer and rubber wheel back hoe. Experience and a Class A CDL a must. Fax resume to: 313-455-0185 or mail to: LoPecole Home, Inc., 43003 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth, MI 48170

CONSTRUCTION HELP - must be physically fit with good transportation

Good pay. Call after 5pm. (810) 471-8192

CONSTRUCTION LABORER

\$10 an hr. Learn how to run heavy equipment. Send resume to: 6163 Rosewood Parkway, White Lake, MI 48383

CONSTRUCTION SUPERINTENDENT

RESIDENTIAL HOME BUILDER is looking for an experienced superintendent with a minimum of 2 years experience. Please fax resume and salary requirements to: (810) 539-7733

CONSTRUCTION YARD HELP

Part-time. Clean, neat & pressure wash & paint construction equipment. Send resume to Box #1871, Observer & Eclectic Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

COOK

needed for intergenerational facility. Experience preferred. To apply, call: 313-449-4431

COORDINATOR

Growing specialty remodeler seeks full-time energetic person to facilitate sales, production, customer service and financial aspects of business. Office. Detail oriented, organized, computer proficient individual with strong communication skills. Excellent opportunity for growth. Send resume and salary history to: (810) 352-6697

CORPORATE PLANNING PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR

Needed for Tier 1 automotive supplier to perform project management, coordination, conduct analysis & economic research, & assist in the development of new corporate products. Must have strong communication skills, ability to work independently in a team environment, and excellent organizational skills. Supervisory experience, excellent verbal/written communication skills, proficient PC skills, and strong Strategic Planning experience/knowledge preferred. Spanish language helpful. Please send resume and salary history to: Box #1641, Observer & Eclectic Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

COUNSELORS

medical weight loss clinic is expanding. Immediate openings for positive, energetic individuals. Wage includes hourly, commission, bonus and benefits. Complete training program. Fax resume to: 810-355-0475 or call Maryann. 810-353-8448

500 Help Wanted General

COUNTER / General help full time & part-time

Midday/Afternoon/Evening/Weekends for fitness & racquetball club in Livonia. At: 313-591-1212

COUNTER HELP

For Canton cake shop. Ideal hours: 2-7pm, daily. (313) 207-2253 (SALE-E)

COUNTER HELP

Needed. Full-time. Benefits. Apply at K & M Mart, 14900 Telegraph Rd., Redford Troy. (810) 477-6410

COUNTER PERSON

For truck parts. Afternoon shift, 1pm-10pm. Must have good mechanical ability and some knowledge of truck parts, good writing & math skills, drug-free & dependable. Starting pay \$8/hr. Great Lakes Truck & Trailer Parts. Call Bob: (313) 724-5588

COUNTER SALES

Established service company is looking for a motivated person with good math aptitude, congenial manner and sales ability for counter sales. Some heavy lifting required. Excellent salary + commission and benefit package with advancement potential. To mail resume, apply or fax Mr. Warren, Hapgood Cleaning Services, Inc. 14000 W. 8 Mile, Oak Park. Fax 810-545-2521

COURIER

Full-time for Southfield law firm. Must have reliable car. Experience helpful. Call Julie at: (810) 355-5555

COURIER, FULL TIME

Universal Standard Medical Laboratories, a leading regional provider of Clinical Laboratory Services, is seeking full time Couriers for pick up and delivery routes in the Metro Detroit Area. This critical customer service position requires good communication skills, an excellent driving record, and offers flexible scheduling for days and afternoons. Couriers will operate company-owned vehicles on these routes. Competitive wages and benefits. Apply in person or send resume to:

Universal Standard Medical Laboratories ATTN: Human Resources 26500 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI 48034 FAX: (313) 358-0704

CREDIT ANALYST

An efficient and experienced Credit Analyst is needed in our Brighton Office. This position involves reviewing credit applications, order approvals, reviewing past due accounts, and analyzing credit reports. The right candidate will have prior office experience, including accounts receivable or credit collection, excellent verbal and written communication skills. Competitive salary depending on experience and education. Complete benefits package includes medical, dental, 401K, profit sharing and educational reimbursement. Please send a resume or complete an application at the address below. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE. KSI Kitchen Bath Showrooms. Attention: HR/CRA 9325 Marbury Road, Detroit, MI 48215 Fax: (313) 223-2230

CREDIT INVESTIGATOR

Large leasing financial services company is seeking a Credit Investigator for our team. Position required background check and driving record. Must have strong communication skills and be able to travel. Excellent opportunity for growth. Send resume and salary history to: (810) 352-6697

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CUSTODIAN

Full-time for large office in Livonia. \$7.25 per hr. to start. Full benefits, medical, paid vacation, holidays, uniforms. Shift: 2:30pm-11pm, Wed. thru Sun. Call: (313) 422-1150

CUSTODIAN

The Salvation Army of Farmington Hills is seeking a part time Custodian. 12 hrs/wk. Apply in person: M-F 10 - 4, 27500 Shawwassee (corner of Shawwassee & I-196).

CUSTOMER REPS NEEDED

For car sales. Full and part-time, days, evenings & weekend. \$7.75 per hr. or higher. Send resume to: 22780 Hesper Dr., off of 9 Mile between Hwy 8 & Meadowbrook Rds. No phone calls!

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Looking for energetic self-starter to assist in solving customer insurance needs in downtown Plymouth insurance agency. Send resume and salary requirements to: (313) 453-3642

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Full and part-time Customer Service positions available. Must be professional and hard-working with computer skills. Call WOLVERINE STAFFING for more information at: (810) 354-4270 Ext. 3

Customer Service Rep.

For insurance office in Livonia. Full time & part time position available. Must have good people skills, will train. Call: (810) 476-7772

500 Help Wanted General

CUSTOMER SERVICE

We need friendly, concerned people to treat our customers "like kings". Must be organized, responsible, detail oriented, with computer experience and good phone manner. We develop health education publications and sell them to hospitals and corporations. You will handle phone calls, process orders, and work on a variety of projects. Resume and salary requirements to: S. Jackson, 30445 Northwestern, #350, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 or Fax: (810) 539-1808

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

Growing Livonia distributor seeks a Customer Service Representative for current account base. Responsibilities include: order entry and account service. Enthusiasm, telephone skills and high school education required. Hourly base plus bonus and full benefits. Qualified candidates please send resume and salary requirements to:

AmSys Attn: Paul Borlet 12110 Hubbard, Livonia, MI 48150

CUSTOMER SERVICE DESK \$7.50-\$10/HR.

We need enthusiastic people to answer the phones & assist our customers who are calling to place orders. We provide training. Full time & part time benefits in an upbeat office environment. Full time day & evening shifts available. Call: 810-351-5630

Customer Service

AFTERNOON/EVENING POSITIONS ARE GOING FAST!! American Band and Wallpaper, Inc. is seeking experienced salespeople to sell decorative products. Immediate needs to fill the following shifts:

11:00am - 3:30pm 3:30pm - 7:00pm
12:30pm - 4:00pm 4:00pm - 7:30pm
AMERICAN OFFERS: \$8-\$10/hr. (Avg.) base compensation. Full & part time shifts available. Wage guarantee. Paid training. Company matched 401K savings plan. Career advancement opportunities.

ABSOLUTELY NO COLD CALLING!! OUR CUSTOMERS CALL

Must have excellent communication skills & basic computer knowledge. Call today to speak with an employment specialist at 313-207-5555 or 800-230-7347.

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A leading systems integrator specializing in LAN/WAN and video inter-networking is seeking Customer Technicians to perform customer and LAN/WAN installation, service and product configurations. Leading product installed and serviced are: Microsoft Windows 95/NT, 100 Base-T, Token Ring and FDDI. Two years electronics certificate or Masters in Electrical Engineering or equivalent. SNMP platforms and network administration experience a plus. Excellent benefits and competitive salary. Send salary history to:

Clover Communications, Inc. 41290 Vincent Ct., Livonia, MI 48150 Attn: Debbie Mason-CT

DAMMAN HARDWARE

We've opened a new store in WEST BLOOMFIELD and are currently looking for Computer & Full Time positions. For Sales Associates and Cashiers. Benefits package includes: Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP), Medical Benefits, Paid Holidays and MORE!! If you'd like to learn more, visit our store at 4295 Orchard Lake Road at Lone Pine. Call 471-4111

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ELECTRICIAN/ANODOR Plumbing Department Head needed full time. Excellent benefits, salary and growth. Contact Dan at Colleen, 2015 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. (313) 455-7555

ELECTRICIAN Experienced electric control panel wiring and building. Will also train motivated people. Please call for more info. 28043 Center Ave., Wyom., MI 48393, or FAX to: 810-449-7356

ELECTRICIAN PANEL BUILDER

Experience in control panel wiring, machine tool wiring required. Please call for more info. Apply in person.

Alpha Environmental Refrigeration Company
2619 Bond Street
Rochester Hills, MI

ELECTRICIAN Experienced for residential and commercial work. Call for more info. (313) 459-4555

ELECTRICIAN/INTERCOM Full-time for Southfield property maintenance company. Benefits. Call Mon. thru Fri., 9-5pm. 810-356-1030

ELECTRICIAN JOURNEYMAN Looking for experienced people only. Commercial, residential, and industrial. Call for more info. 810-227-5595

ELECTRICIAN machine tool and panel wiring. Good pay, benefits. Call for more info. (313) 794-6752

ELECTRICIAN MASTER OR JOURNEYMAN For H.V.A.C. mechanical contractor. Commercial/residential. Full-time. Benefits. Please call. (313) 225-1920

ELECTRICIAN ONLY looking for minimum 6 years experience needed. Good pay. Send resume to P.O. Box 5229, Northville, MI 48167.

ELECTRICIANS - Immediate employment. Master & Journeyman. Call for more info. 810-655-3525

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Growing company in need of a lift truck technician. This position will perform all types of maintenance, parts and supply inventory, and be responsible for our fleet preventive maintenance program. The ideal candidate should possess the following:

- Electrical/Mechanical Skills and Experience
- Proficiency in Troubleshooting
- Team Oriented, Organizational Skills, and
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We offer a complete benefit package including medical, dental, vision, 401(k) and profit sharing. Good pay, benefits, and a chance to grow with us. Send work history or resume to:

LIFT TRUCK TECH
P.O. Box 55815
Westland, MI 48185

ELECTRONIC PREPRESS OPERATOR

Book Manufacturer has an immediate opening in our Electronic Prepress Department. Operators work closely with customers to create documents for output as imposed film and electronic files. Operators must have a minimum of 2 years experience with PCs and Mac workstations. Knowledge of Quark and PageMaker preferred.

We offer 12 hour shifts, working 3 and 4 days a week. Time and a half for overtime. Excellent pay, benefits, and a chance to grow with us. Send resume to:

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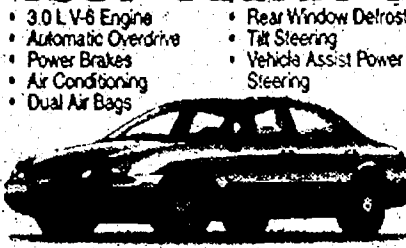
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• Power mirrors
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• Driver remote entry
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24 Month Lease
\$124 a month

Was \$13,615
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• Tilt
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• Power locks
• AM/FM cassette
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• Sliding rear window
• Aluminum wheels
• XLT
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• Power Locks
• Power Seat
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• AM/FM Cassette
• Rear Defrost
• Stock #73059

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Was \$19,385
Now **\$16,395**

1997 Mustang



• PEP243A
• Air conditioning
• Power windows
• Power locks
• Cruise
• Alum. wheels
• Pm sound AM-FM Cassette
• Power seats
• Rear spoiler & more

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\$249 a month

Was \$19,900
Now **\$15,795**

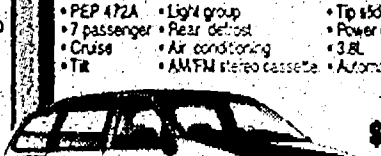
1996 Extended Aerostar XLT



• XLT trim
• Privacy glass
• Rear defrost
• 4.0 Liter
• Power convenience group
• AM/FM stereo cassette
• High cap air
• Aluminum wheels
• Floor Console
• Trailer Tow Package
• Stock #64327

Was \$24,388
Now **\$17,999**

1997 Windstar GL



• PEP 472A
• Light group
• 7 passenger
• Cruise
• Tilt
• Tip side driver seat
• Power convenience group
• Floor mats
• Privacy glass
• Stock #71159

24 Mo. Lease
\$266 a month

Was \$24,615
Now **\$18,895**

1997 Ranger XLT 4x2



• XLT trim
• Power steering
• Aluminum wheels
• Sliding rear window
• Passenger side air bag
• Air conditioning
• Cr. 54
• Tilt
• Tachometer
• Lockable remote entry
• Power windows
• Power locks
• Power mirrors
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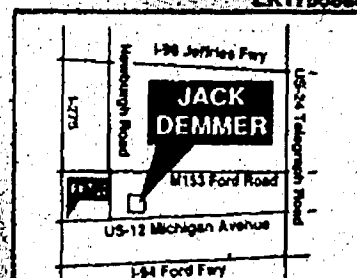


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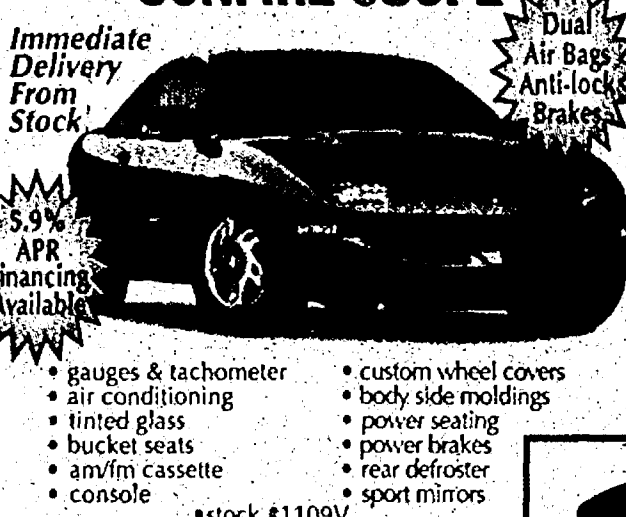


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• sport mirrors

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• Anti-lock Brakes

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RED'S PRICE **\$12,595**

G.M. OPTION II **\$11,931**

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• anti-lock brakes
• body side moldings
• custom covers
• gauges & tachometer
• tinted glass
• sport mirrors
• stock #2141

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RED'S PRICE **\$13,999**

G.M. OPTION II **\$13,208**

RED'S PRICE **\$19,999**

G.M. OPTION II **\$18,321**

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• 4-speed automatic
• stereo cassette
• cruise control
• tinted glass
• sport mirrors
• spoiler
• aluminum wheels
• remote decklid
• gauges/tach
• cycle wipers

5.9% APR Financing Available

• stock #2000V

RED'S PRICE **\$15,699**

G.M. OPTION II **\$14,816**

RED'S PRICE **\$20,999**

G.M. OPTION II **\$19,128**

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• power brakes
• power windows
• defogger
• deep tint glass
• convenience net
• power quarter windows
• seven passenger
• 3400 V6
• 4-speed automatic
• air conditioning
• cruise
• perimeter lighting
• keyless entry
• stock #3070V

RED'S PRICE **\$20,595**

G.M. OPTION II **\$19,483**

RED'S PRICE **\$29,999**

G.M. OPTION II **\$27,423**

1997 SIERRA CREW CAB



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• deep tint glass
• keyless entry
• bucket seats
• 10,000 GVW
• 454 V8
• automatic
• SLE decor
• power windows/locks
• stereo cassette
• tilt
• cruise
• Stock #6098V

— WAS \$30,340 —
SALE PRICE **\$26,995**

GM Employees Subtract **\$1485** From Purchase Price

1997 SUBURBAN



• 3/4 ton
• SLT decor
• V8
• automatic
• HD trailer equip.
• tilt
• cruise
• power seat
• stereo CD/cassette
• leather
• keyless entry
• Stock #6169V

SALE PRICE **\$32,295**

GM Employees Subtract **\$1784** Toward Lease or From Purchase Price

1997 SONOMA



• 4 cylinder
• 5-speed
• air
• stereo cassette
• tilt
• cruise
• SLS decor
• Stock #5273V

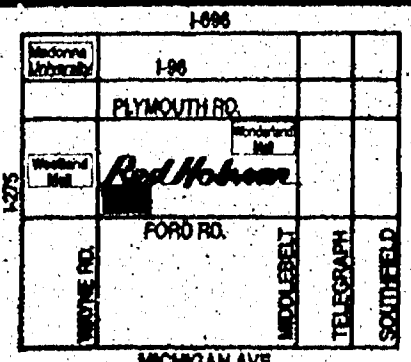
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