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Tuition credit, gas tax pass in early vote

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

State lawmakers made sausage until 5 in the morning Wednesday — a mixture of meats, fat, gristle and sawdust called a roads package.

Here are some of the major ingredients as the Legislature went into its second overtime week to find new money for roads and bridges:

■ Gasoline tax — yes; up 4 cents a gallon effective Aug. 1. It was a victory for Gov. John Engler and business forces and will produce \$200 million a year in new revenue.

"We can extend some of the contracts we have now — six or eight miles — at god prices," said Engler when asked how soon drivers will see a difference.

One cent off the top will go to a state critical bridges program. The other three cents will be split between the state, 83 counties and 634 municipalities.

■ Sales tax cut on gasoline — no; efforts by Senate Republicans and Oakland county Executive L. Brooks Patterson to cut the 6 percent sales on motor fuels to 2 percent "fell off the table," as bargainers say, during the final days of dealing. Backers argued taxes on fuel should go only for roads and bridges, but House Democrats balked because the sales tax aids schools.

■ Tuition tax credit — yes; victory for the House Democratic tax agenda and Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton. Bennett's college tuition credit against the income tax was hiked from \$250 to \$375 per student per year, though House Democrats originally wanted \$500. Tax savings: \$23 million.

■ Child care tax credit — not quite; Democrats wanted this, but Republicans said any cut should

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Baracy appointed interim chief



Greg Baracy has stepped in as interim superintendent for the Wayne-Westland schools. Trustees have appointed a subcommittee to come up with a recommendation for action by August.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Without any public debate, Wayne-Westland school trustees Monday named veteran administrator Greg Baracy as interim superintendent to replace Duane Moore.

Baracy's indefinite appointment came on the same night that board members officially accepted Moore's plans to leave his job Aug. 30 to

teach at Oakland University in Rochester Hills.

Board members engaged in no public discussion about a formal process for choosing an interim superintendent. Instead, trustees voted 7-0 to approve a prepared resolution naming Baracy to the post.

In another vote that lacked public debate, trustees named a three-

member subcommittee to recommend a process for choosing a full-time superintendent. The panel, charged with issuing a suggestion in time for an Aug. 18 board meeting, includes Mathew McCusker, Debra Fowlkes and Robin Moore.

Some board members already have said they believe that Baracy, assistant superintendent for general administration, has already earned the superintendency.

But some educators are cautioning the board not to rush the process of choosing a successor to Moore, who is leaving his \$118,000 job after a two-year stint.

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The local teachers' union — the Wayne-Westland Education Association — has recommended in writing that the board post Moore's job not only internally, but also outside the district.

"We think that process is necessary just for the perception of the community," WWEA executive director Robert Kowalczyk told the Observer on Tuesday. "That way, the person (who gets the job) will at

Please see **BARACY, A12**

Teacher charged in pupil assault

BY BILL CASPER
STAFF WRITER

A former Thurston High School teacher and Westland resident was arraigned Tuesday on felony charges stemming from two sexual assaults on one of his students.

Conway A. Jeffress III, 25, pleaded not guilty to two counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct during arraignment before Redford Township's 17th District Judge Daniel Ryan. Jeffress was released on his own recognizance under \$50,000 personal bond.

Jeffress will be required to pay the \$50,000 bond if he fails to appear at the next court hearing, a preliminary examination scheduled for July 29 in Redford's district court.

He appeared voluntarily in court Tuesday after a warrant charging him was approved last month by the Wayne County Prosecutor's office.

Redford police began an investigation in March after receiving a complaint from Wayne County Protective Services that originated from staff at the high school, Redford Township police Officer John Golinske said.

The charges against Jeffress are based on a statement given to police by the victim, Golinske said. The girl was 16 years old, a Thurston High junior and a student in Jeffress' class at the time of both incidents, he said.

The girl graduated in June, he said.

Jeffress resigned last month. The first incident allegedly occurred in November of 1995 in the house of the girl's parents in southeast Redford, Golinske said.

The second incident began at Thurston in February 1996, when the former teacher allegedly got into the girl's car after which she drove to a bowling alley in Westland where the sexual assault allegedly occurred, Golinske said.

South Redford school Superintendent Jan Jacobs said Jeffress was a state-certified teacher, completing his second year at Thurston. Jacobs declined to give Jeffress' reason, if any, for his resignation.

The South Redford Board of Education voted to accept Jeffress' resignation during a special June 16 board meeting.

Jeffress was suspended for a period of time this past school year prior to his resignation, Jacobs said. Jacobs declined to give a reason for the suspension and he would not say if the suspension was related to the

Please see **TEACHER, A2**



Splish-splash: Michelle Bonior of Canton (left), a PAL junior counselor at the Girl Scout camp in Westland, has fun with camper Lisa Foster, 7, of Canton in the Westland Bailey Pool.



Sing-song: At right, 10-year-old Kimberly Grant (right) and Ashley Dobos, 9, both of Westland, sing camp songs at this year's Girl Scout day camp at Central City Park.

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Summer fun

Area scouts stay cool at camp

BY CASEY HANS
STAFF WRITER

They were out scouting for a good time — and found it this week in Westland's Central City Park.

Junior Girl Scouts and Brownies from the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council splashed in the Bailey Pool, made birdhouses, learned about fingerprinting and did science projects during the "Weird Science" week-long day camp, sponsored by the Ann Arbor-based scout council which serves this area. Unit flags were already designed and erected before the dozens of scouts hit the pool for a before-lunch swim Monday — the first day of camp.

About 140 girls — plus some straggling brothers and toddlers — and 40 adults including older scout PALS, or Program Aid Leaders, participated in the camp this week from the Wayne-Westland, Canton, Livonia, Plymouth and surrounding areas. Several scouts from St. Dunstan's School in Garden City also came to the 15-year-old camp, although they are members of another scout council.

During this week, participants of the scout camp are also doing the council's annual service project, collecting personal items for the Ronald McDonald House.

Even the community pitched in to make the camp fun. When the brakes failed on the car being used to tow the council trailer Tuesday, Jack Demmer Ford donated use of a truck for the day.

It was a rather special week for Rebecca Curtis, the 18-

year-old camper. "I had a great time," she said. "I learned a lot about science and fingerprinting. I also learned how to make birdhouses. It was really fun." Curtis is a member of the 15-year-old camp, although she is a member of another scout council.

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Lunchtime: Katie Alber, 7, of Canton takes a cool drink with lunch Monday during summer camp.

Schools save for future

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

Little by little and dollar by dollar, Livonia Public Schools district has built up its emergency fund to 1990 levels, before a series of financial woes caused the fund to dwindle to less than \$300,000.

In 1990, the so-called "rainy day" fund stood at \$10 million. In 1997-98, the fund is slated to hit that mark once again, giving the district money to turn to if a state aid payment should fail to come as expect-

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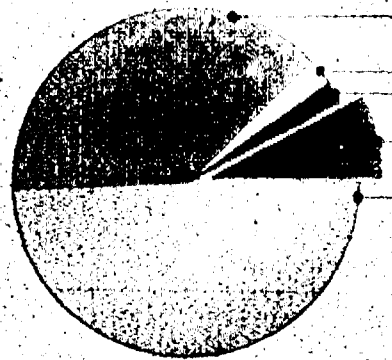
ed. "This will protect us against emergencies," said Livonia school Superintendent Ken Watson. "A problem is not an emergency, and it won't be used for that. The money will be there, should the state tell us we won't be getting our last state aid check."

Pat Tancill was a school board member.

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Rain check

In 1990 the Livonia School District's rainy day fund totalled \$10 million. In 1997-98 the fund is slated to hit that mark once again, giving the district money to turn to if a state aid payment should fail to come as expected.



Support salaries — \$54.8 million (38.5%)
Operational transfers — \$3.5 million (2.5%)
Community services — \$2.9 million (2%)
Fund balance — \$10.0 million (7.6%)
Instruction — \$70 million (49.3%)

TOTAL: \$142 million (100%)
Source: Livonia School District

TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

High court offers partial relief in arena case

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

A deeply split Michigan Supreme Court gave Gary Singerman a partial victory in his lawsuit against the city of Westland and its ice arena.

A 3-3 decision upheld a Court of Appeals ruling that Singerman should get a Wayne Circuit Court trial in his suit over loss of an eye during a hockey practice on Aug. 1, 1989.

Singerman wasn't wearing a face mask or helmet during the scrimmage with college-age players. Six justices appeared to say Singerman couldn't sue over whether the management should have enforced a helmet rule.

But three justices said he could sue over his charge management was "grossly negligent"

because of inadequate lighting. That had the effect of upholding the Court of Appeals decision in Singerman's favor.

The high court on July 15 held 6-0 that:

■ Wayne Circuit Judge Susan B. Neilson was wrong in dismissing Singerman's suit on the ancient grounds of "governmental immunity."

■ Singerman couldn't sue for the rink management's failure to enforce the helmet rule. They said the management would be liable only for injuries that could have been prevented by use of a helmet.

But they split on whether Singerman could sue over inadequate lighting.

Chief Justice Conrad Mallett Jr., Michael Cavanagh and James H. Brickley said "yes."

They ruled the arena had a duty to maintain the premises:

"A plaintiff's negligence alone will not support a defendant's (Westland's) motion for summary disposition. . . . Consequently, the plaintiff's (Singerman's) negligence, if any, does not relieve the possessor of the Westland Sports Arena from the general duty of maintaining a safe premises for its invitees."

They went on: "In addition, the possessor of a public ice rink should anticipate that inadequate lighting will cause an injury. Hockey is a fast-paced game that requires quick reflexes. Inadequate lighting will certainly interfere with a player's ability to react to the puck."

"More importantly, the operators of Westland Sports Arena not only should have anticipated

that the defective lighting would cause injury, they did anticipate the lighting would cause injury."

"In two separate memos, Tamara McKinstry, the arena manager, requested that the lights be fixed for safety reasons." After the accident, new lighting was installed.

Justices Elizabeth Weaver, Patricia Boyle and Dorothy Comstock Riley favored reversing the Court of Appeals, saying that panel "incorrectly held that defendants owed a duty to plaintiff because the harm was foreseeable, despite the open and obvious nature of the hazard."

Thus, since there was no majority to overturn the Court of Appeals on the lighting point, the Supreme Court in effect upheld the Court of Appeals.

Justice Marilyn Kelly took no

part in the high court's decision because she had served last year on the Court of Appeals panel that ruled in Singerman's favor.

Singerman, a former goaltender for a Pittsburgh farm club, had coached for the Eastern Michigan University Hockey Club the previous year. The rink was rented by club member Joseph Eller, who invited Singerman to watch the practice.

Players were passing pucks back and forth during a warmup. Singerman was leaning on the goalie net when a shot from 40 to 60 feet away was deflected from Eller's stick and hit Singerman.

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Anne McLaughlin, Livonia attorney who handled the appeal for Westland, said the effect was to dismiss the case against the rink managers, leaving the city as defendant. Her next step will be to see if the city will ask a re-hearing.

Singerman's attorney, William Dobref, could not be reached by press time for comment.

Kelly-Bennett feud over school funding continues

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Blamed by state Sen. Loren Bennett for losing millions of dollars for Wayne-Westland schools, state Rep. Thomas Kelly fired back Monday at charges he labeled "false, unfounded and without merit."

Kelly, D-Wayne, accused Bennett, R-Canton Township, of "playing pure, unadulterated politics" for statements Bennett made in Sunday's Westland Observer.

Kelly's attack emerged during a Monday night Wayne-Westland school board meeting. He drew support from state Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, who accompanied him to the session for an unrelated ceremony honoring district teachers.

DeHart commended Kelly as "a strong fighter for public schools and for Wayne-Westland in particular."

On Tuesday, Bennett responded by telephone that he stood by his allega-

tions against Kelly.

The Bennett-Kelly feud erupted when House and Senate negotiators agreed Thursday to provide \$6 million over three years not only to Wayne-Westland, but also to three other Michigan districts.

Bennett blamed Kelly for allowing the compromise to emerge from a House-Senate conference committee, scuttling Bennett's proposal to provide \$20.8 million over eight years to Wayne-Westland, alone.

Bennett's plan would have given the district \$4 million this year, alone, compared to the lower \$2 million figure.

Both lawmakers represent the Wayne-Westland area.

On Monday, Kelly labeled Bennett's allegations "second-hand and erroneous," and he noted that Bennett wasn't involved in conference committee meetings where the compromise was reached.

Kelly accused Bennett of raising earlier expectations that couldn't be met. He said Republicans - not Democrats - proposed changes that reduced Wayne-Westland's share of the special allocation.

Kelly said he had to accept the compromise or run the risk that Wayne-Westland might not receive any extra money.

Bennett had originally proposed the \$20.8 million over eight years after Wayne-Westland officials convinced him that the district was Michigan's hardest hit because of 1994's Proposal A, which slashed school property taxes.

Starting with \$4 million in 1997-98, the money would have been phased out during the next seven years. However, the governor could choose in any given year to veto the spending measure.

"I had no absolute commitment that the governor would sign the \$4 million this year, Bennett said.

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But the new compromise is more likely to face a veto because it adds up to \$8 million this year, considering that Wayne-Westland and three other districts are to receive \$2 million each, Bennett said.

"I couldn't make a guarantee before; now I'm worried," Bennett said.

But he said he will seek gubernatorial support for the compromise.

"It will be the strongest recommendation that I can possibly make," Bennett said. "Even though it's not what I thought the (Wayne-Westland) district deserved and should have had, this is better than nothing."

On Monday, Kelly accused Republicans of refusing to accept responsibility for the harmful effects that Proposal A has had on school districts.

DeHart said Bennett's criticism of Kelly was "completely uncalled for" and added, "The issue should be what's best for kids."

Wayne-Westland Superintendent Duane Moore conceded that he was "disappointed" to see the allocation reduced, but he added that he would be "thrilled" with \$2 million.

"For me, it's a nonpartisan issue," he said Monday.

Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent for business, said the \$2 million allocation would allow Wayne-Westland to "break even" for 1997-98.

If Engler decides to veto the money, however, local school officials again will face a budget deficit that could force painful budget cuts.

A deficit is illegal by state law.

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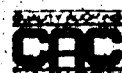
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alleged criminal sexual conduct incidents.

Jeffress was hired as a substitute teacher at Thurston in the

spring of 1995, then hired as a full-time teacher in October of 1996, Golinske said.

His father is vice president of

academic instruction at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Golinske said.

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16-year-old imprisoned for shooting

A 16-year-old Inkster boy who fired a .22-caliber rifle at two Westland police officers has been sentenced to prison for five to 10 years.

Maurice Lamar Davis, who was charged as an adult, is serving his sentence for shooting at officers Tom Edwards and Jeff Jedrusik as they rode south on Henry Ruff near Michigan Avenue in their patrol car.

The incident happened on the afternoon of Aug. 20 of last year, and investigating police Sgt. Tom Kubitsky said Davis wasn't provoked when he fired several shots for no apparent reason.

The officers escaped injury; none of the shots hit the patrol car, Kubitsky said.

Davis had been charged with two counts of assault with intent to murder, which carries a maximum life term in prison upon conviction.

According to court records in Detroit, however, Davis pleaded guilty on May 13 to reduced charges including two counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

He was sentenced in June by Wayne County Circuit Judge William Leo Cahalan.

Original reports of the incident indicated that Davis was standing in a grassy area beside the road when he opened fire on the officers as they rode by.

Edwards and Jedrusik made a U-turn on Henry Ruff to pursue the suspect, who began fleeing on foot. Officers got out of their patrol car and began chasing Davis, eventually capturing him, police reports said.

A rifle allegedly used in the incident was recovered at the scene.

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Earning award: Rebecca Curtis of Westland is serving as director of the Girl Scout day camp at the Central City Park in Westland. Curtis will be a senior this fall at John Glenn High School and has been involved in scouting since she was very young.

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year-old John Glenn High School senior who coordinated the camp, with the help of a handful of experienced camp directors. Curtis was not allowed to direct the camp alone, so the directors pooled their time and resources to support Curtis and helping her earn her Gold Award, comparable in the Senior Girl Scouts to an Eagle Scout project in Boy Scouts.

Curtis' parents have been involved in scouting for 25 years, and "pinned" her into Girl Scouts when she was just two weeks old. She has been involved in scouting since the age of six. "I came when my mom started helping, and I've helped out ever since," she said.

Following her final year of scouting in the 1997-98 school year, she said. "I plan to go help out being an assistant leader... or hope to run a whole troop." Scouting has "given me an opportunity to go places and meet new friends," she added.

Curtis is in the John Glenn marching band and is active in Students Against Driving

'She's a remarkable young woman. She'll do anything for anybody. Her dream was to run the scout day camp, so we decided to help her.'

Mary Morrison

—Involved with Huron Valley Girl Scout Council, talking about Rebecca Curtis, who is leading this year's summer camp

Drunk, DARE, is the Ecology Club president and on the student council. She recently served as a delegate to the Girl Scout National Convention in Fort Worth, TX, and is working as a counselor-in-training at Camp Linden, a Girl Scout camp near Flint.

Mary Morrison, a former Westland resident who just moved to Livonia, has spent many years working at the scout day camp in Westland. Morrison said she was proud to help Curtis.

"She's a remarkable young woman," Morrison said. "She'll do anything for anybody. Her dream was to run the scout day camp, so we decided to help

her."

The PAL junior counselors, who are Cadet Girl Scouts, also earn badges and hours toward their Leadership Award during the camp, for which they must work 25 hours in order to earn.

One PAL counselor, Cait Vader, 13, is in her second year helping at the camp where she assists with the toddler group. A former Marshall Middle School student who will attend the Clarenceville schools this fall, said the toughest part of her job is dealing with the smaller children, who often don't listen.

But she enjoys scouting "I like it," she said. "We do crafts and get together with other kids our age."



Play ball: Above, Lisa Layton, 8, (left) and Megan Grady, 7, both of Plymouth enjoy themselves in a ball game with other campers this week.



Marking the spot: Creating a camp flag for their Girl Scout unit at camp are (l-r) Stephanie Stasa, 8, of Canton; Amanda Karby, 7, of Plymouth; and Tracey Lytle, 7, Canton.

Sassafras deal is signed, halting future development

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

State natural resources officials have sealed the fate of a 51-acre Westland nature area by signing a contract that will block the residential development of Sassafras Trails.

Culminating a four-year battle by citizens to protect the heavily wooded area northeast of Palmer and Wildwood, natural resources officials have approved a contract to buy the property's development rights for \$520,000.

The deal means that developers can't build on Sassafras Trails.

The \$520,000 will go to the Wayne-Westland school district, which owns the property.

"That's excellent news," Teresa Robbins, Friends of Sassafras Trails member, said Tuesday.

Bill Sullivan, spokesman for state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton Township, confirmed Tuesday that state natural resources officials signed the contract last week.

The state-level development came two months after Wayne-Westland school board members gave their approval to the long-awaited plan.

Both sides had to approve the contract to preserve Sassafras Trails.

The citizens group now plans to turn its attention to seeking environmental education programs that would draw Wayne-Westland students to Sassafras Trails.

Robbins said Tuesday that the group will try to

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get "seed money" from the \$520,000 to get programs "up and running." Friends of Sassafras Trails members also have said they may seek donations from local businesses to help achieve their goal.

School officials have said the \$520,000 also will be helpful in efforts to combat a budget deficit in Wayne-Westland.

Robbins has commended Bennett for amending a state law that raised questions about whether the school district and natural resources officials could legally enter into an agreement on the property's development rights.

Friends of Sassafras Trails members also received help from state Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, and state Rep. Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne.

Westland fisherman is hospitalized following weekend boating accident

A 20-year-old Westland man is hospitalized and has been upgraded from critical to serious condition this week, following a boating accident on Duck Lake in Oakland County early Sunday morning.

According to Oakland County Sheriff Deputy Dale Cason of the Marine Division, Benjamin J. Roberts was hospitalized following the accident in which a power boat pulling a skier plowed into the rear of a pontoon boat, traveling over the length of the boat and exiting at the bow of the boat. The five occupants of the pontoon boat were reportedly out on the lake fishing.

The accident occurred at about

12:45 a.m. last Sunday, July 13, Cason said.

Several others on the pontoon were injured and were treated and released at area hospitals, he said. "Injuries were limited to occupants of the pontoon boat," he added.

Skiing after dark is illegal, Roberts said, as is operating a boat without running lights. He would not comment about whether either boat was using running lights, pending further investigation.

Roberts remained in critical condition at press time, according to information from the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Previous news

reports said he was injured by the power boat propeller.

Charges are being sought against the driver of the power boat. Officials have said alcohol is believed to be a factor in the accident. No information was released about the driver; blood tests have been done but results were not made available.

Cason said warrants are expected to be sought within one week.

There have been 27 boating-related accidents in Oakland County this year, and another 12 water accidents which include accidents involving swimmers.

— Casey Hans

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KATHRYN M. GAUTHIER

Funeral services for Kathryn M. Gauthier, 86, of Dearborn Heights, were held in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. Officiating was the Rev. Ronald Cyprys from Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church.

Mrs. Gauthier, who died July 11 in Dearborn Heights, was born in Baltic, Mich. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: sons, Francis Chaput, George Chaput; daughters Bernice O'Conner of Westland and Rosalie Montroy; brother Matthew Cibasek; sister Josephine Esparza; 15 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence.

Memorials may be made to Community Hospice.

ANELE AMBROSE

Funeral services for Anelle Ambrose, 95, of Westland were

held in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. Officiating was the Rev. Daniel Zaleski.

Mrs. Ambrose, who died July 12 in Westland, was born in Ekaterineslov, Russia. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: daughter Lily Redman; grandchildren Robert, Debbie, Karen, Sandra and Diane of Livonia; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George and daughter, Anne York.

JAMES W. SENSING

James W. Sensing, 75, of Westland died July 8 at home. He was born Dec. 10, 1921.

Mr. Sensing was a receiver at a grocery company.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis; sons Gene Boyd and Robert James; daughter Janet Ann Braun; stepchildren Sharon Bostick, Galeala Phyllis Johnson and William and Walter

McPherson; a brother; a sister; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial will be in Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

LARRY SZMANSKY

Larry Szmansky, 48, of Wayne died July 7. He was born Aug. 31, 1948.

Mr. Szmansky is survived by sons Kenneth of Westland, Darin, Dana, Jeremy and Randy; daughters Nicole and Shellie Akers; parents Yvette and Edward; brothers, Eve and Edward; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Phil Maloney officiating. Interment will be in Knollwood Cemetery in Canton.

FLOYD R. SCHOENFELDT

Funeral services for Floyd "Fuzzy" Schoenfeldt, 76, of St.

Augustine, Fla. will be 11 a.m. Thursday, July 17 in The Wm. R. Hamilton, Bell Chapel, 820 E. Maple, Birmingham with burial at Roselawn Cemetery, Berkley. Officiating will be the Rev. William A. Ritter, from First United Methodist Church of Birmingham.

Mr. Schoenfeldt, who died July 12 in Paris, Tenn. was born in Antigo, Wis. He moved to Florida 8 years ago from Birmingham where he had resided for 24 years. He was a dental technician.

Surviving Mr. Schoenfeldt are: wife, Luella; sons, Robert of Troy, Jerry of Garden City and Richard of Saline; step-daughters, Mary Jo Chapot of Big Rapids and Donna Smith of Grand Rapids; brothers, G. Ray Schoenfeldt of St. Augustine, Fla. and Verl Schoenfeldt of Ventures, Cal.; and several grandchildren. Mr. Schoenfeldt is preceded in death by his first wife, Lois.

Foundation fund-raiser this month

The Westland Community Foundation hosts its Third Annual "Christmas in July" event at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland on Wednesday, July 23 to benefit the Westland Salvation Army Summer Camp and other community programs.

The event begins at 6 p.m. and will feature food, entertainment along with traditional holiday decorations, festive dress and Christmas cookies. The Salvation Army Band and Santa will greet visitors at the door.

As part of the event, the foundation is suggesting attendees earmark their foundation contributions for the Salvation Army summer camp, day camp or family camp; the Foundation Community Scholarship Program; the Foundation Community Improvement Program; or to the Foundation Community Scholarship.

The Hellenic Cultural Center is at 36375 Joy Road, east of Newburgh in Westland. For further information, call the foundation offices at (313) 595-7727.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 16, 1997

PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:20 P.M.

Present were Mayor Breen, Councilmembers Barker, Wiacek, Leclercq, Ryall, Juarez, and Dodge. Absent none.

Solicitation of Public comments on the proposed Wireless Telecommunications Ordinance.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 P.M.

Present were Mayor Breen, Councilmembers Barker, Wiacek, Leclercq, Ryall, Juarez, and Dodge. Absent none.

Also present were City Manager Bayless, City Clerk-Treasurer Showalter, City Attorney Cummings, Department of Public Services Director Barnes, and Police Chief Kocis.

Moved by Barker; supported by Dodge: 6-97-222 RESOLVED: To approved the Awarding Resolution for the 1997 Special Assessment Limited Tax Bonds and 1997 General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, as recommended by the Administration. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Juarez; supported by Dodge: 6-97-223 RESOLVED: To approved the Minutes as presented for the Meetings of June 2, 1997 and the Special Council Meeting of June 9, 1997. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Ryall; supported by Leclercq: 6-97-224 RESOLVED: To pay the Accounts Payable, as presented. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Dodge; supported by Ryall: 6-97-225 RESOLVED: To allow Scott Tluczek to work with Mr. Barnes, DPS, in stenciling all of our storm sewers. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Ryall; supported by Juarez: 6-97-226 RESOLVED: To confirm the following appointments and reappointments: a. Jeffrey DeFran to the Cable Commission, term of office to expire July 1, 1999. b. Harold Larsen to the Cable Commission, term of office to expire July 1, 1999. c. Kevin Kramis to the Cable Commission, term of office to expire July 1, 2000. d. Susan Pepera to the Cable Commission, term of office to expire July 1, 2000. e. James Potvin to the Cable Commission, term of office to expire July 1, 2000. f. John Ganz to the Cable Commission, term of office to expire July 1, 2000. g. Marge Wroblewski to the Commission of Aging, term of office to expire March 31, 2000. h. Frances Lamb to the Commission of Aging, term of office to expire March 31, 2000. i. John Hoffman, to the Employee Retirement System, term of office to expire March 31, 1999. j. Lisa Morrow, to the Recreation Commission, term of office to expire March 31, 1999. k. Randy Templeton to the Zoning Board of Appeal, term of office to expire March 31, 1999. l. Jackie Grudziecki to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term of office to expire March 31, 2000. m. James Byrd to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term of office to expire March 31, 2000. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Juarez; supported by Dodge: 6-97-227 RESOLVED: To proclaim June 23rd through June 29, 1997, as Amateur Radio Week. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Barker; supported by Leclercq: 6-97-228 RESOLVED: To approved the Wireless Telecommunications Ordinance, as recommended by the Planning Commission and the Administration. Moved by Dodge; supported by Barker: 6-97-229 RESOLVED: To amend the Telecommunications Ordinance, as follows: a. Section 4(B)(1)(k) to delete, "election of the applicant" to read "election of the City"; and to add to the end, "and the property shall provide security for those costs and fees." b. Section 4(B) 13: to delete, "owners of the property" c. Section 4(B) 13(a): to delete "property owner or" d. Section 4 (B) 13 (b) to add, the City may "enter upon the premises and" remove or secure, etc. YEAS: Mayor Breen, Councilmembers Barker, Wiacek, Ryall, Juarez, and Dodge. NAYS: Councilmember Leclercq. Amendment passed. 6-97-228 YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Barker; supported by Dodge: 6-97-230 RESOLVED: To award the consent agenda bids, as recommended by Administration, Items 11A through 11C; a. To award the bid for Roller Towel Service to Cadillac Overall Supply Company, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1.75 per roll, \$0.45 a week per cabinet, \$4.50 per week delivery charge, and environmental charge of \$2.00 a week. b. To award the bid for Blade Sharpening for the Olympia & Zamboni, Ice Resurfacing Machines, to C. Mueller and Son, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$14.00 per blade for sharpening service. c. To award the contract for Automotive Service Parts to A & L Parts, as they were the lowest responsible bidder. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Leclercq; supported by Juarez: 6-97-231 RESOLVED: To award the bid for the new tree planting to Davey Tree Company, the sole bidder, in the amount of \$300.00 for each Japanese Maple and \$195.00 for each Emerald Queen Norway, as recommended by the Administration. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Dodge; supported by Juarez: 6-97-232 RESOLVED: To approved Pay Estimate #1 to Troelsen Excavating, in the amount of \$155,375.10, for services performed on Brown Avenue Water Main Replacement and Additional Alternate Drainage, for the period of May 1, 1997 through May 24, 1997, as recommended by Administration. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Ryall; supported by Juarez: 6-97-233 RESOLVED: To Change Order #26 for the 1996 CSO Abatement Program, which will result in a net decrease of \$170,468.60, as recommended by the Administration. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Barker; supported by Wiacek: 6-97-234 RESOLVED: To approved Pay Estimate #13 for the 1996 CSO Abatement Program, in the amount of \$153,214.80, for the period of April 27, 1997 through May 28, 1997, as recommended by Administration. Maker and supporter withdrew the motion.

Moved by Wiacek; supported by Dodge: 6-97-235 RESOLVED: To approved the introduction of a Public Hearing be set for Monday, July 7, 1997 at 7:20 p.m., on the Part-Time Salary Ordinance. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Dodge; supported by Leclercq: 6-97-236 RESOLVED: To approved the purchase of a laser printer and feeder tray for the 21st District Court through the State of Michigan for the amount of \$4,464.62. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Ryall; supported by Leclercq: 6-97-237 RESOLVED: To remove from the table Item No. 5-97-171, the FY 1998 Consolidated Budget.

Moved by Ryall; supported by Leclercq: 6-97-238 RESOLVED: To amend the original motion Item No. 5-97-171, not to change the bottom line, but to incorporate twelve turnout gear with the funding to come from the Fire Chief's recommendations at the last Budget Workshop. YEAS: Councilmembers Leclercq, Ryall, Juarez, and Dodge NAYS: Mayor Breen, Councilmembers Barker and Wiacek. Amendment passed.

5-97-171 YEAS: Mayor Breen, Councilmembers Barker, Leclercq, Ryall, Juarez, and Dodge NAYS: Councilmember Wiacek. Motion passed.

Moved by Barker; supported by Dodge: 6-97-239 RESOLVED: To go into closed session to discuss the John Simpson case. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Juarez; supported by Ryall: 6-97-240 RESOLVED: To accept the recommendations of our attorneys. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Ryall; supported by Juarez: 6-97-241 RESOLVED: To remove from the table Item No. 5-97-158, the FY 1998-2002 Five (5) Year Capital Improvement Plan. YEAS: Unanimous

5-97-158 YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Ryall; supported by Leclercq: 6-97-242 RESOLVED: To send the letter from Mr. Cummings with his suggestions on the Fortune Telling Ordinance to the Planning Commission and ask them to look at the suggested Ordinance for recommendations regarding Special Use. YEAS: Unanimous

The meeting was then adjourned.

RONALD D. SHOWALTER, City Clerk-Treasurer

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*SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road June 23, 1997

*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of June 23, 1997; the full text of the minutes is on file in the office of the superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia and in the principal's office of each school and is available on request.

Present: Clulow convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Suzanne Clulow, Frank Kokenakes, Joanne Morgan, Pat Tancill, Kenneth Timmons, James Watters. Absent: Dianne Nay

Recognition - Westland Community Foundation Scholarships: Scholarships were awarded to the following Livonia Public Schools/seniors from the Westland Community Foundation: Angela Gorris, Michelle Mack, and Tara Lyons.

Recognition State Champions: The Board unanimously adopted resolutions of recognition for Livonia seniors Anne Aristeo and Paul Terek for their outstanding accomplishments as state champion athletes.

Audience Communications: The following individual addressed the Board: Sheila Taormina.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Tancill and Timmons that the following consent agenda items be approved as recommended by the superintendent: IVA Minutes & Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of June 1, 1997; IVB Minutes of the Closed Session of June 12, 1997; VB Approval to purchase textbooks for secondary courses; VC Approval of purchase Windows on Science videodiscs software, from Optical Data Videodiscs, for the total amount of \$23,619.00; VD Adoption of District School Improvement Goals and Objectives of the 1997-98 school year; VLB Authorization for Wm. Garrett & Company to be the glass replacement contractor for the 1997-98 and 1998-99 school years; VC Authorization for Hayes Excavating to install new water service at Franklin High School and Hull Elementary School for the low bid amount of \$76,956; VLD Purchase of a Toro Groundsmaster mower from Spartan Distributors in the amount of \$53,762; VLE Acknowledgment of receipt of the results of the canvass of the June 9, annual school board election for Livonia Public Schools, which was certified unanimously by the Board of Canvassers at a meeting on June 12, 1997; VLF Adoption of amended budgets for the 1996-97 school year; VIH Adoption of proposed budgets for the 1997-98 school year; and VIIH Approval to purchase Pasco Interfaces in the total amount of \$69,448.00. Ayes: Clulow, Kokenakes, Morgan, Tancill, Timmons, Watters Nays: None

Gift - Washington PTA: Motion by Morgan and Kokenakes that the Board accept the most gracious gift of \$3,600 from the Washington PTA for the purchase of playground equipment. Ayes: Clulow, Kokenakes, Morgan, Tancill, Timmons, Watters Nays: None

Bills for Payment: Motion by Watters and Timmons that general fund check nos. 282514-283711 in the amount of \$6,273,116.06 be approved for payment. Also move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$2,843,622.49 be approved for payment. Also move that building technology and improvement check nos. 1828-1834 in the amount of \$19,601.80 be approved for payment. Ayes: Clulow, Kokenakes, Morgan, Tancill, Timmons, Watters Nays: None

Approval of Teachers: Motion of Morgan and Tancill that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 1997-98 school year to the following teachers: Carolyn J. Banta, Paul A. Carlson, David C. Fehlig, Lynn S. Giermanski, Jordan T. Herron, Cheryl S. Junk, Jennifer A. Krol, Michelle Majers, Kerry A. Roggenbier, David W. Russo, Christine M. Schulte, Lori A. Shingledecker, Tracy A. Spence, and Jennifer Strum. Ayes: Clulow, Kokenakes, Morgan, Tancill, Timmons, Watters Nays: None

Leaves of Absence: Motion by Kokenakes and Timmons that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approve the requests for leaves of absence as follows: Janice Skibinski, 1997-98 school year; Alice Tillman, 1997-98 school year; Amy Vleaux, 1997-98 school year. Ayes: Clulow, Kokenakes, Morgan, Tancill, Timmons, Watters Nays: None

Superintendent's Contract: Motion by Tancill and Kokenakes that Dr. Watson's employment contract be amended to provide one additional year, terminating on July 1, 2000. Further move that the president and secretary of the Board of Education be authorized to sign the amendment to Dr. Watson's employment contract incorporating the changes approved in this recommendation, including a 2% increase of his annual salary paid off schedule for the 1997-98 school year and a 2% increase in the annual salary for the 1998-99 school year. Ayes: Clulow, Kokenakes, Morgan, Tancill, Timmons, Watters Nays: None

Annual Organizational Meeting: Motion by Watters and Tancill that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools District hold its annual organizational meeting on Monday, July 7, 1997 at 7:00 p.m., in the Board meeting room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia; further, that a regular Board meeting be held following the organizational meetings. Ayes: Clulow, Kokenakes, Morgan, Tancill, Timmons, Watters Nays: None

Reports from the Superintendent: Dr. Watson reported on the following topics: retiring Board members Tancill and Clulow; pool renovation time line; and Head Start move to Perrinville.

Hearing from Board Members: All Board members expressed appreciation to retiring Board members Pat Tancill and Sue Clulow for their commitment and support of public education.

Closed Session: Motion by Timmons and Tancill that the meeting be recessed to closed session for the purpose of discussing disposition of property. Ayes: Clulow, Kokenakes, Morgan, Tancill, Timmons, Watters Nays: None

President Clulow recessed the meeting at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened at 9:29 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Timmons and Tancill that the regular meeting of June 23, 1997 be adjourned. Ayes: Clulow, Kokenakes, Morgan, Tancill, Timmons, Watters Nays: None

President Clulow adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Area students have a heart

The results are in. Thousands of Livonia and Wayne-Westland school students helped to raise funds for the West Central Division of the American Heart Association.

During the 1996-97 school year, sixteen elementary schools hosted "Jump Rope for Heart Campaign" activities contributing a grand total of \$57,000 to the Michigan branch of the national organization.

Schools from Redford, South Redford, Wayne-Westland and the Archdiocese of Detroit Public Schools, also joined the effort with nine schools taking part in the American Heart Association program.

Money raised from these events will be used to support Michigan research, and educational programs. Students also benefit from the fund-raising

activities by being recipients of new educational tools such as "Heart Power."

The information packets, distributed free to participating schools, were created by more than 100 educational experts to bring the message of a heart healthy lifestyle to kids in grade levels kindergarten through eighth. Schools also earn free gym equipment based on money raised.

"Kids can earn prizes and learn valuable lessons by participating in these programs," said Dan Stuit, West Metro Regional Director of the AHA. "Because of the students, parents and sponsors the American Heart Association of Michigan can continue to education, research, and train medical personnel and the general public about heart disease and stroke," said Stuit.

Center needs items donated

Youth Living Centers is seeking donations of new, or nearly new, items for children and teens served by the agency's programs.

Needed are: drawing paper, arts and crafts supplies, disposable diapers, children's books, children's videos, children's music, sports equipment and

outdoor games. Donations may be dropped off at the YLC administrative building on Hively Road, just south of Cherry Hill in Inkster.

Youth Living Centers is a family resource center serving children and families in western Wayne county. For more information, call (313) 728-3400.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY July 22, 1997 - Board of Review NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all property owners of the City of Garden City that the Board of Review will meet in session on Tuesday, July 22, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to correct mutual mistakes of fact or clerical errors PA 74 OF 1995 authorizes the July Board of Review to hear appeals for poverty exemptions, but not for poverty exemptions denied by the March Board of Review. This applies to current year only. RONALD D. SHOWALTER City Clerk

CITY OF GARDEN CITY REGISTRATION NOTICE FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1997 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the last day of registration for the GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION is MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 1997. Candidates seeking nomination to the office of Councilmember are to be voted upon. The Office of the City Clerk, located in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan, will be open for the registration of all qualified electors, not already registered, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition to the regular hours, the Office of the City Clerk will be open for the sole purpose of voter registration on Saturday, August 9, 1997 from 8:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. RONALD D. SHOWALTER, City Clerk-Treasurer

CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan, 48135 (Telephone: 313-525-8814), on or before Wednesday, July 30, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. for the following: TWO OVERHEAD DOORS FINGERPRINTING SUPPLIES PHOTO FILM/DEVELOPMENT AUDIO CASSETTE TAPES Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a sealed envelope endorsed with the name(s) of item(s) bid. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part and two waive any formalities when deemed in the best interest of the City. R.D. SHOWALTER, City Clerk-Treasurer

Scholarship honors dean's service to S'craft students

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
STAFF WRITER

After 30 years of exuberant energy lavished on Schoolcraft College, Sandra Florek earned the most distinguished tribute possible when college trustees recently established a scholarship in her name.

"No one could have done anything nicer for me," she said. "I was just so touched that the board chose to do this. I can't think of a nicer thing anyone could do for me."

Those were the same sentiments expressed by the board.

"This is a lasting tribute and expression of appreciation for her longtime service to Schoolcraft," said Pat Watson, chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

"Not only is Sandra dedicated and committed to the educational success of students, but also shows them it's possible without financial hardship."

Several of the trustees discussed the idea of the scholarship after noticing Florek didn't make a big deal out of her own 30-year service award. However, keeping it secret was both

timing and luck.

"We had to be careful to talk about the scholarship under the guise of employee recognition at the board meetings so she wouldn't find out," said Watson.

"Luckily, the one meeting we talked extensively about it Sandra left early."

The \$10,000 scholarship will be awarded to students who have a grade point average of 3.0 and who show some type of need.

Students will write essays stating their career goals and why receiving a scholarship will make a difference.

Making a difference has been Florek's mantra during three decades of service. She started working at Schoolcraft as a counselor and also taught business classes.

Even during the early days, she demonstrated her enthusiasm by volunteering to work in the prison system.

Later, she threw her energy at increasing enrollment by going to potential students at police departments and enrolling them at work.

Today, she is dean of marketing and development responsible

for public and community relations, marketing and fund-raising.

"There was never anything I did here that I didn't like," said Florek, who is called "Sam" by friends and colleagues. "I have never been bored and some days I wish I had more hours."

Her current job allowed her to become active in area communities in a variety of ways like serving as president of the chamber of commerce in Livonia and Plymouth.

Other community work has included serving on the YMCA board of directors and assisting in the Straight Foundation drug rehabilitation program.

She was also a member of the Northville Historical Society, worked with the Livonia Economic Development Organization and is a member of the Garden City Hospital Board of Directors.

Despite her schedule, Florek, 56, finds time to counsel students, because she likes keeping in touch with the people the college serves.



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Sam Florek
- SC dean

"Frankly, the college exists for the students," she said. "We're always looking for better ways to meet the needs of the students."

In 1994, she received the distinguished Athena Award from the Livonia Chamber of Commerce for her work promoting

opportunities for women.

"Everything I've done I've always jumped in head first," she said.

A Canton resident for 27 years, Florek was the first counselor to work at the college's Women's Resource Center. Florek developed presentations for

women's workshops. She also developed a program, "Thinking About College" and the first continuing education course for potential women business owners.

If you can believe she has spare time, Florek said she enjoys reading and walking.

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For more information, please contact Schylbes J. Hopkins, Principal, Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2761 East Jefferson Avenue, University Square Office Building, Suite 601, Detroit, MI, 48207 or call (313) 877-9100.

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Group seeks state grant to expand nature preserve

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

The president of the Holliday Nature Preserve Association has nominated a tract of land in Canton Township for a state land grant and may seek to add a portion of the site to the preserve.

The Holliday Nature Preserve is located in Westland's far west end and a portion of it lies on the border with Canton. The land the preserve seeks lies adjacent to railroad tracks east of I-275, between Koppernick and Warren roads, in Canton Township.

The DNR administers the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to provide funds to local units of government and the DNR to acquire and develop lands for public recreation or resource protection.

Bill Craig hopes to expand or create a buffer zone for the 540-acre preserve from a light industrial zone adjacent to I-275. There is flat open land located next to I-275 that is already in the early phases of development.

Craig cited nearly 85 acres on his application, but he is mainly

concerned about land just across the tracks from the preserve. Beech, butternut, hickory and maple trees are housed on the preserve and directly across the tracks.

The land is not classified as wetlands, but it houses at least a dozen vernal ponds, Craig said, created in the spring by rain and snow melts. The ponds dry out in the summer.

"It is virtually untouched," said Craig. "You couldn't ask for a better site to add on to the preserve. It would be a shame to lose a prime, ready-to-go piece of property that could be added."

Wayne County owns the preserve's land. Craig hopes Wayne County could pick up the paperwork and seek land trust status from the state. But that will cost the county money.

No actual buildings have been proposed near the railroad tracks, but plans have been outlined in Canton for a special assessment district for a storm sewer adjacent to Tonquish Creek, which flows through the preserve and is a tributary of the Rouge River.

The plans include a five-acre retention basin in the southeast

corner of the tract to collect storm water, detain it, then allow it to flow into the creek.

The DNR is somewhat restricted in that it can only purchase the land if the landowner wishes to sell the property at "fair market" value. The DNR also is mainly interested in property that accesses one of the Great Lakes, tracts having "unique natural features" in need of protection by the state, and lands that can expand recreational opportunities near a state park.

Purchases of property by any unit of government may be difficult if the owners have other plans for the property. Craig said he has notified the owners that the preserve is interested in the land.

The deadline for the county to apply is Sept. 1. "I haven't gotten any word back from the county on what they will try to do," Craig said.

He hopes Hurley Coleman, director of county parks, would notify County Executive Ed McNamara and the County Commission about the preserve's wishes. Coleman could not be reached for comment.

Mandated services

State officials defied Headlee amendment, attorney says

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

The attorney for 84 suburban school districts insisted state government wasn't serious in its efforts to pay for mandated services under the Headlee amendment to the Michigan Constitution.

Dennis Pollard, Bloomfield Hills attorney in the so-called "Durant" case, accused the state of "total non-compliance" over 17 years in failing to pick up special education, bilingual and driver's training for the districts.

Pollard earlier proposed the state pay the 84 districts \$567 million in principle plus interest for to compensate for what it shorted them since the 1979 school aid budget.

In a July 9 supplemental brief to the State Supreme Court, Pollard characterized three governors and the Legislature as "a group of people who defiantly would not move at all."

Assistant attorney general Jeffrey J. Butler's brief said the state had twice asked the Supreme Court for advisory opinions on points of law.

"Patently absurd," said Pollard. The advisory opinions were requested on different legal questions, name an appropriation bill premised on the state's assuming functions previously provided by local units.

In the Durant lawsuit, he said, the question was about underfunding several mandated services. He said Art. IX Sec. 29 (Headlee amendment) plainly required the state to pay for mandated services, and clearly allowed taxpayers to sue for back funding.

And to the state's contention that a \$567 million payback would be a "windfall," Pollard said that amount was "purely to remedy the lack of funding which occurred. In other words, the judgments are purely com-

pensatory in nature." The Supreme Court is expected to decide the amount of damages sometime this summer. It ruled in June that the lower courts correctly ruled the state had violated the Headlee amendment in shorting the schools on special Ed and other services.

Observer area plaintiffs and the amounts they are seeking are Livonia \$21 million, Plymouth-Canton \$11 million and South Redford \$4 million. Northville \$7 million, Novi \$6 million and Farmington \$22 million.

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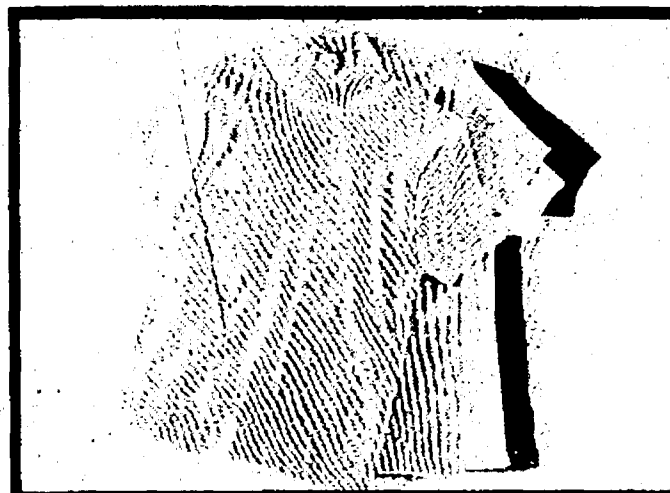
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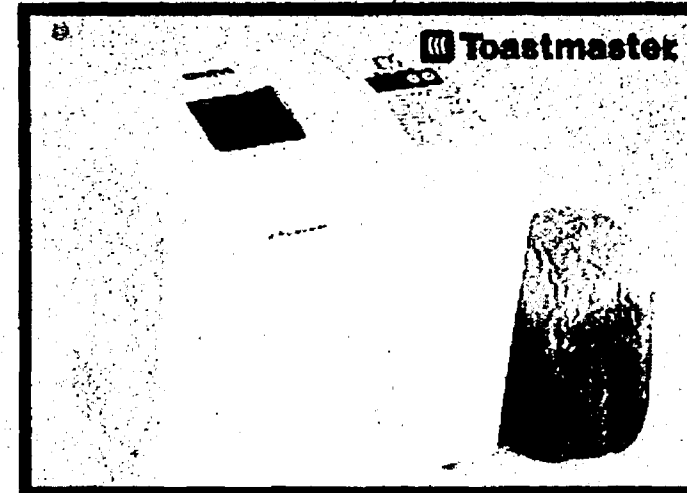
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Old stats used to compute 911 revenue to locals

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

The Conference of Western Wayne will use an outdated three-year-old formula to distribute revenue for the CWW's 18 communities to purchase 9-1-1 equipment and pay for emergency dispatch personnel.

The CWW — a legislative consortium of city and township leaders from 18 western Wayne County communities — approved a resolution Friday

that stated that the CWW would divide \$181,212 each month among its communities. Each community would be paid according to its percentage of billable telephone lines Ameritech counted in October 1994.

The CWW receives revenue from Ameritech after Ameritech collects 9-1-1 surcharges on residential telephone bills. Based on the old billable line counts, Canton Township will receive \$14,340; Garden City, \$7,150;

Livonia, \$32,945; Plymouth, \$3,956; Plymouth Township, \$7,805; Redford Township, \$13,787; and Westland, \$21,122.

The CWW will distribute these amounts until new percentages are computed. Ameritech expects to have new totals for each CWW community by January 1998.

In the meantime the CWW will establish an escrow account for revenue received above the

\$181,212 "threshold" amount. The escrow account will be used for any retroactive payments due to changes in the relative number of billable lines. If payments exceed the escrow account, any adjustments would be derived by adjusting future payments over several months.

"It's very possible that the revenue levels will fluctuate," said Marsha Bianconi, CWW's executive director.

Once new phone counts are

received, the CWW will terminate the escrow account.

The CWW has distributed surveys to its 18 communities for the officials' opinions on what information should be included on a Web page on the Internet.

CWW assistant director Naheed Huq said the aim of the Web page was to provide general information about the communities, such as elected officials, meeting schedules and agendas.

"We would also like to provide information about the CWW area — population figures, key contacts, local legislators and perhaps, short weekly or monthly announcements from each community about important events that you want publicized," Huq told CWW members. The CWW hoped to get the page activated by the late fall. Huq wanted the survey returned by July 25.

Proficiency test wins praise

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Michigan's 11th-grade high school proficiency tests won warm praise from a top international educator.

"Those responsible and involved should be congratulated," said Dr. Willard Daggett, president of the International Center for Leadership in Education Inc. based in Schenectady, N.Y.

But Daggett also warned the State Board of Education about how to "avoid sabotage from the normal group of naysayers to any reform efforts." The warnings were to inform students, teachers and parents about the tests' purposes and techniques.

Daggett has spoken several times in Michigan to legislators and educators about modernizing the curriculum to make graduates more employable.

He directed the Legislature's 1994 project in which 10 "model schools" created high-standard curricula. He was previously a manager in the New York State Department of Education.

Not only do the HSP tests cover basic concepts in math, science, reading and writing, but Daggett said they require "the application of knowledge and cognitive skills to real-world situations."

A major goal of Michigan's two-year-old tests has been to emphasize multi-step problem solving rather than one-step calculations and memorization. Another goal has been to integrate academic disciplines rather than test them in isolation.

In particular, Daggett praised the communications tests (reading and writing) for "requiring the complex cognitive skills of analysis, synthesis and evaluation within real-world problem situations."

For the math and science tests, however, he urged "a greater degree of integration of knowledge."

In general, Daggett called Michigan's tests "similar in several positive ways" to European and Asian exams his center has studied.

Daggett said the tests were serving another main purpose by being geared to the core curriculum required for 10th graders.

Daggett gave Michigan these tips for avoiding misunderstandings about and opposition to the HSPT:

- College admissions officers need to explain how student achievement is measured — test scores, grades, extracurricular activity, teacher recommendations, and standardized college entrance tests.
- Teachers should be included as test scorers "so they gain an understanding of what is really expected of students."
- Both work-bound and college-bound students need assemblies to hear the rationale for more complex learning.
- Sample answers from students should be used to demonstrate to parents, teachers and students what is meant by proficiency.

Parents have had their students boycott the HSPT in some suburban districts, fearing that a high score would do no good and a low score would harm one's chance of college admission.

Daggett questioned "the example of the valedictorian who was purportedly refused college admission because of weak HSPT results." He suggested that "an understanding of the full context of that example might lead to a different conclusion."



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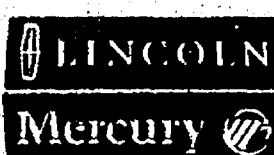
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for students who need help. Those who have benefited include a young woman who came to the United States from the former Yugoslavia three years ago. She was a Schoolcraft College scholarship recipient

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EMU plans open house

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This event is designed to give high school seniors a taste of what EMU has to offer. Visitors will have the opportunity to speak with personnel from admissions, career services, financial aid, housing and attend an academic fair with faculty members.

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member back in 1990 when the fund stood at \$10 million. She saw the fund drop to next-to-nothing and is one of the seven trustees who approved the district's new budget containing the new \$10 million balance in June.

She views the \$10 million fund as just a "short-term insurance policy" that will pay off when bad times hit.

"This is not the fund balance we had back in 1990, before there was recapture, and before there was Proposal A. This is simply an insurance policy. The district is in a terrible situation, being

dependent on the state.

"We must not get a false sense of security because of the uncertainty of state funding. We don't know if they will meet their financial obligations."

Tancill did not seek re-election; she stepped down from her seat June 30.

The fund has climbed steadily from its 1994 low despite big expenditures by the district to improve its programs. Recent improvements include lowering elementary class size; revamping middle school via a pilot program at Emerson Middle School; and hiring addition-

al high school teachers.

"We did this at the same time we built our rainy day fund back up," Watson said.

In presenting the district's \$134 million budget for 1997-98 to the Livonia Board of Education, both Watson and Randy Liepa, assistant superintendent for business, agree the district is in "excellent" financial shape.

Figuring conservatively, Liepa built the new budget on getting an extra \$137 per student next year from the state.

The actual increase came in last week at \$154 per student, a 2.2 percent increase. That means, for each enrolled student, the district will get \$7,068 next year from the state.

A growing district, Livonia projects it also will enroll an additional 248 students next year. If so, student enrollment would go from 17,410 to 17,658. "The 2.2 percent increase is not the rate of inflation, but we're not complaining," Liepa said.

Nothing has been built into the budget to reflect the \$19 million the state

owes Livonia because of the so-called Durant case. Livonia is one of 84 school districts which filed suit against the state back in 1980 maintaining that the state shorted them on mandated programs, mainly for special education.

The legal issues are still unresolved. In June, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled the state owes districts the money. Now it must be determined who will get the money, and how much.

Watson said the question remains if and when Livonia and other Michigan school districts will ever get the money.

Roads from page A1

benefit non-working mothers as well as working mothers. The new tax law will allow an additional \$600 exemption for children 6 and younger, \$300 for children 7-12. On balance, a victory for Democrats, some face-saving for Republicans.

State takeover - no; but Engler will try again in fall. The

governor had wanted the Michigan Department of Transportation to take over 23,000 miles of county and local roads, then scaled back his demand to 9,200.

As of this week, he got nothing, to the satisfaction of many counties and county road authorities.

But Engler and lawmakers

said they would address the issue again in fall. "Photographers take pictures of all the potholes, but those are on local roads," said Engler.

Asked on a Channel 7 "Spotlight" program why he waited until the seventh year of his administration to raise the issue, Engler said he had been busy on

property tax, school reform, welfare reform and other issues. "You can't take on too many at once. I've studied this issue now," he said.

Meanwhile, another road issue faces Engler and the Legislature by Sept. 30, 1998 - expiration of the current road money formula under which the state gets 39.1

percent, counties 39.1 percent and municipalities (cities and villages) 21.8 percent.

Engler set a target of \$570 million annually in new road money. He will almost immediately get \$200 million from the gasoline tax, which will rise to 19 cents a gallon; some part of \$170 million in road administra-

tion efficiencies and higher registration fees; and, if he's lucky, \$100 million more from the federal government, though he insists Michigan as a "donor" state should get \$200 million from Washington.

Legislative roll call votes on key tax bills were not available at press time.

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Westland man seriously injured in weekend auto accident

Three people were injured in a two-vehicle collision at Cherry Hill and Venoy in Garden City early Saturday.

Garden City police said a vehicle traveling westbound on Cherry Hill was struck by a vehicle turning left into eastern driveway of N and N Coney Island.

After the impact, the two vehicles slid

along Cherry Hill and came to rest on the western driveway into the restaurant.

The driver of the westbound car, a Westland man, was thrown from his vehicle and landed on the ground nearby.

He was the most seriously injured in the accident and eventually airlifted to the Uni-

versity of Michigan Hospital.

The accident remains under investigation and it has not been determined whether alcohol was a factor.

Police also said it was unclear whether the Westland man had been wearing a seat-belt.

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Youth gangs

Western Wayne suburbs work with local school districts to curb activity here

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

"People don't realize there is a gang problem in the suburbs, but there is."

Those are the words of a former southwest Detroit gang leader who testified at a public hearing in Livonia sponsored by the Michigan Task Force on Youth Gang Violence.

"More jobs and recreational programs need to be developed to keep kids from joining gangs," said Pablo Bonilla. "You've got to give opportunities and outlets."

The hearing in Livonia drew only a handful of participants, most of them from southwest Detroit. Oddly enough, the two hearings held in the Detroit area were in Southfield and Livonia. That was as close to southwest Detroit, where gang activity is most prevalent, the seven-member task force traveled.

The topic brought up over and over by those who dealt with gangs were job opportunities, recreational activities and other programs designed to keep kids off the street.

"There's more to life than making fast money," Bonilla told the panel as he described his gang life of drugs, shootings and jail time. "If there are jobs available and other opportunities, the popularity of gangs will go down...guaranteed."

Alex Montaner, a former gang member who now runs a program finding jobs in southwest Detroit, says some businesses actually want former gang members for employees.

"It's smart business," said Montaner. "Gang members are hard working — even if it is dealing drugs — and loyal. And they've proven to be the same

when given a decent job."

While those from southwest Detroit warned the suburbs that gangs are everywhere, Livonia police youth officer Mike Reilly says gang activity, in at least some parts of western Wayne County, is quiet.

"We saw a lot of gang activity about three years ago," testified Reilly. "However, working with the schools we quickly put an end to it. Talking with our counterparts in Garden City, Westland and Redford Township, we find it quiet there also."

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey told the panel his city has been working hard to curb youth violence.

"Livonia recognized the potential for gang violence years ago...and we worked hard to keep it under control, if not eliminate it."

The only other community

which sent a representative and made its presence known to the task force was Warren.

The chairman of the panel is Carl Taylor of Detroit, a nationally-known authority on gangs and youth violence. He says many people...especially those in the more wealthy suburbs...have their heads in the sand when it comes to youth violence.

"With the demands of being a parent, many people lose sight of the needs of their children," said Taylor. "Those communities who don't invest up front will get negative outcomes. Those communities are ripe for violence, even though residents don't want to think so."

After the investigative process on gangs and youth violence is completed, the task force will present its findings to Michigan legislators for policy recommendations.

RU school superintendent will lead county group

The Wayne County School Superintendents Association, a voluntary association of superintendents from the county's 34 school districts, has chosen Ken Johnson, superintendent of Redford Union schools, as association president for the 1997-98 school year.

The WCSA also named Len Rezmierski from Northville Public Schools as vice president and Patricia Cole of Wyandotte Public Schools as secretary and treasurer.

WCSA meets monthly during the school year. Members discuss common issues and concerns, and share ideas. The meetings are hosted by Mike Flanagan, superintendent of the Wayne County Regional Educa-

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County expands health care network

Two additional health care networks have announced programs to become providers under HealthChoice. Wayne County's health care program aimed at helping businesses retain workers.

The new providers are MChoice, designed by the University of Michigan Health System in affiliation with MCARE and ULTICARE.

HealthChoice, a health care program which offers comprehensive treatment and preventative health care services to Wayne County businesses that don't have any health coverage, has been available to residents since 1994.

To qualify companies must employ five or more people and have at least 50 percent of their workforce averaging a wage of

'This new partnership means business owners can offer their employees a much wider selection of health care providers. As I see it, expanding HealthChoice with these two providers on our team puts us in the big leagues.'

Edward H. McNamara,
County Executive

\$10 an hour or less. They must have at least 90 percent of their business in Wayne County and not have offered health care benefits in the last year.

Employees must be ineligible for other health benefits and work at least 20 hours a week.

Employers, employees and HealthChoice each chip in one-third of the cost of coverage.

Currently, more than 460 businesses with 5,000 employees

and their dependents participate in the HealthChoice program. Under HealthChoice, employee premiums can be as little as \$39 a month. Doctor appointments cost \$5 per visit.

The new networks bring in dozens of additional doctors and health care locations where enrollees can obtain service.

"This new partnership means business owners can offer their employees a much wider selec-

tion of health care providers," said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive. "As I see it, expanding HealthChoice with these two providers on our team puts us in the big leagues."

Affordable health care motivates employees to stay in the area and on the job, McNamara explains. "And we want to keep people working in Wayne County."

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Officers elected

Fowlkes to lead Wayne-Westland school board for 1997-98 year

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Debra Fowlkes, who made history Monday by becoming the first African-American woman ever named Wayne-Westland school board president, promised strong leadership in her new role.

"I'd like to pledge myself to do a very good job," Fowlkes, 40, said Monday night after her peers chose her to lead the seven-member board.

Fowlkes, a provider relations specialist for Mercy Health Plans, ascended to the presidency as she enters her fourth year on the board. A mother of two, she is serving her first four-year term.

Veteran trustee Mathew McCusker, a 13-year board member who was elected June 9 to another four-year term, has been chosen as board vice president. McCusker, 61, is a Ford Motor Co. employee.

Other officers elected Monday include secretary Martha Pitsenbarger, a social worker, and treasurer David James, a Realtor.

Fowlkes implored her colleagues to shun personal differences and to strive for the betterment of Wayne-Westland schools.

"I think this is the best board that's going to come out of Wayne-Westland in recent years," she said Monday.

Board officers will serve along with trustees David Cox and Robin Moore and newly elected trustee Ed Turner.

During an interview Tuesday with the Observer, Fowlkes said her No. 1 priority will be to work with her colleagues to hire a new superintendent to replace Duane Moore, who leaves Aug. 30 for a university teaching position.

Board members have chosen Greg Baracy, assistant superintendent for general administration, for an interim appointment, but no decision has been made on Moore's long-term successor. Other priorities cited by Fowlkes include:

- Planning to seek voter approval of a bond issue for classroom technology and school building renovations. Specific details of a ballot proposal are pending.

- Addressing budget problems that have been eased

somewhat by a state appropriation of \$6 million over three years, or \$2 million a year. Officials had earlier projected a deficit, but Fowlkes said "now we'll just break even."

- Ensuring that educational programs and services such as student transportation remain intact. Fowlkes also opposes a return to pay-to-play fees for sports and other extracurricular activities. "Parents already spend enough for their children to play sports," she said.

- Seeking a "cohesive" board. Fowlkes said she wants a board with a united vision for improving the district. She hopes to avoid the divisive politics of past years that split board members and damaged the board's image.



Deborah Fowlkes, new board president



Mathew McCusker, vice president



Martha Pitsenbarger, secretary



David James, treasurer

Contractor criticized for not helping victims

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland City Council members are questioning a \$65,565 bill from a construction company that has refused to help pay for repairs to 402 homes damaged during a Feb. 20-21 sewer backup.

Some council members also indicated that they will be hesitant to consider Roseville-based Lanzo Construction Co. for future work.

Unlike other contractors involved in a \$10 million, federally mandated sewer-separation project in Westland, Lanzo refused to contribute to a \$6 million fund established to settle homeowner claims.

Lanzo, denying any responsibility for construction flaws that sent raw sewage into 402 north-end basements, refused to join the city, Basile & Sons Construction Inc. and Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment Engineering Consultants in establishing the \$6 million fund, city officials have said.

Lanzo is targeted along with the city and the other companies in two flood-related lawsuits pending in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Lanzo's actions miffed council members who voted Monday night to postpone paying the \$65,565 bill. The Observer tried to reach Lanzo's project manager for comment, but he didn't return phone calls.

In a memo to council members, city Purchasing Agent Jill Runkle noted that Lanzo sought the money for changes made in sewer work.

Specifically:

- Lanzo had originally planned to have a storm sewer outlet empty into a river behind Wayne Memorial High School, but city officials in Westland and Wayne raised

concerns. Lanzo followed plans for an alternate outlet.

- Lanzo installed a new main to replace an older main that served several homes on Glenwood. The old water main was "conflicting" with the storm sewer, Runkle noted.

Councilwoman Justine Barns said Monday that she believes the city owes the bill submitted by Lanzo.

"We have to pay the bill," she said.

But other council members voiced concerns that delayed the payment.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc noted that Lanzo was "unwilling" to admit any possible responsibility for the sewer backup. Insurance adjusters are now settling claims with many homeowners, although some residents plan to remain involved in pending lawsuits.

Even though the latest \$65,565 bill from Lanzo isn't directly related to the sewer backup, LeBlanc said the fact that the bill comes from Lanzo "makes it related."

Councilman Charles Pickering raised questions about which city officials approved the work - and when.

"I don't feel comfortable with that, especially with the parties involved," he said of paying the \$65,565 tab.

Council president Sandra Cicirelli said Lanzo's bill "raised red flags" because of the company and because of the amount. Moreover, she said she would have to look "long and hard" before she could ever approve Lanzo for more city work.

Council members plan to seek more information about the bill before reconsidering it during a July 21 meeting.

Baracy from page A1

least have credibility."

By urging a search, he said, "We meant no aspersions on anybody."

As a money-saving measure, the WWEA has urged the board not to hire an outside firm to lead the search or choose finalists. Rather, union leaders have suggested that trustees review all applications themselves.

Kowalczyk noted that trustees

could seek external candidates by posting the job at university placement bureaus and in education publications.

Board members could always hire a consultant later if they encounter difficulties narrowing the field, Kowalczyk said.

Some trustees have told the Observer that they favor hiring an internal administrator who knows the district's history and

who can assume the superintendency without being schooled.

Baracy has been a district employee since 1988, serving as vice principal and principal of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center before being promoted to his central office post in 1992.

He also has successfully led the implementation of such major issues as redrawing atten-

dance boundaries, closing four elementary schools and shifting to a middle school structure.

Some board members also have mentioned Jane Kuckel, assistant superintendent for instruction, as a viable internal candidate. She has led efforts to upgrade the district's curriculum, and her efforts have been lauded as helping to improve student scores on state achievement tests in recent years.

On Monday, Baracy drew support for his interim appointment. "I'm sure the transition will be smooth," trustee Martha Pitsenbarger said.

Fowlkes, elected by her peers Monday as new board president, appeared eager for a close working relationship with Baracy.

"We're going to make a real good team," she said.

It took little time Monday for Baracy to assume his new role as interim superintendent. Moore excused himself from the meeting shortly after Baracy's appointment, saying he and his wife had to leave town because of a family illness.

Baracy moved into Moore's seat for the remainder of the meeting.

Moore is expected to preside

over one more meeting, on Aug. 18. He said Monday that he hopes he made a difference during his two years in Wayne-Westland.

"I hope I've made a contribution, and I hope I've made a difference in the district," he said.

Board members commended Moore's performance Monday, and Kowalczyk echoed their sentiments Tuesday.

"We certainly will miss Dr. Moore," Kowalczyk said. "We think he was a positive force for the district."

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Lawmakers give state universities 4 percent boost

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

State universities will average about 4 percent more in state aid under a budget bill that finally cleared the Legislature July 3.

"Biggest winners were Oakland University, up 5 percent; Central Michigan University, up 5.6 percent, and Grand Valley State University, up 8 percent.

Also faring above average were University of Michigan-Flint at 4.8 percent and Saginaw Valley at 4.4.

The "big three"—University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Michigan State and Wayne State—were boosted 4.2 percent. Most other universities got a flat 4 percent, including U-M Dearborn.

Sen. John J.H. Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, had sought across-the-board hikes of 4.5 percent for all universities and better treatment for U-M Dearborn in his version of the bill. But amid competing interests during House-Senate conference committees, his plan was scaled down.

There was a big promise for the future: "It is the legislative goal to achieve a \$4,500 per student funding floor for master level universities and a \$6,000 funding floor for doctoral level universities."

That should have given warm feelings to Eastern Michigan University, which last year was funded at \$4,195; Oakland University, at \$4,086; and University of Michigan-Dearborn, at \$4,135.

In the closing hours of their session, lawmakers quickly adopted a \$1.55 billion budget bill. The Senate vote was 36-0 with two absent, and the House vote was 99-1 with 10 absent.

All area members voted yes.

The lone protest came from Rep. David Jaye, R-Macomb County, who complained of "taxpayer paid programs for minority students only, including rich minorities and foreigners." He cited the Martin Luther King Select Student program at \$1.9 million and the "minority only advance technologies...engineering tuition" line item at \$4 million.

There was evidence House Democrats were bearing down on the U-M Ann Arbor for admitting so many non-Michigan residents. One section said: "The U-M Ann Arbor recognizes its responsibility to Michigan resident students. It is the intent of the university to recruit and admit qualified Michigan students, and to establish financial aid programs and scholarships to achieve a resident level of undergraduate enrollment of 70 percent."

Here are gross appropriations for some area universities:

- Oakland U. \$42.2 million.
- U-M Dearborn \$23.1 million.
- Eastern Michigan, \$76.1 million.
- Wayne State, \$223 million.
- U-M Ann Arbor, \$315 million.
- Michigan State, \$279 million.

Most of the \$1.55 billion will go directly to the 15 public universities. Several items are for more general programs: \$56 million for agricultural extension and cooperative extension programs; \$2.7 million for the King and selected student support programs; and \$118 million for various scholarship, tuition grants, work-study and federally aided scholarship programs.

K-12 districts big winners in budget

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Public schools will see their special education funds tripled and their per-pupil allotments raised 2.9 percent under the Legislature's new school aid act.

Lawmakers last week approved a \$9.24 billion budget that was \$50 million more than requested by Gov. John Engler and an overall 7 percent boost.

The big change came in the wake of a state Supreme Court decision that state government for 17 years has short-changed 84 suburban school districts on special education.

The budget bill hiked special ed from the current \$273.6 million to \$752 million. There was no immediate breakdown on which districts will get how much. The high court is still

receiving legal briefs on how monetary awards should be made.

House Democrats once again gave up on their effort to raise adult education funding back to \$185 million. They settled for the \$80 million advocated by Engler.

Lawmakers boosted math-science center funding to a total of \$8.2 million, including a math education project at Oakland University.

The state's fiscal year begins Oct. 1, but the school districts' year started July 1, with the bulk of expenditures kicking in with the start of classes around Labor Day. So lawmakers authorized \$95 million in "advance" checks to be paid in August and September.

The Senate version pumped \$1

million into job training grants for public school academies, the so-called "charter schools." But the House-Senate conference committee stripped out that line.

Here is a breakdown by school district of school aid figures for fiscal 1997-8:

Wayne County

Most Wayne County districts will get \$154 more per pupil. The new totals, rounded to the nearest dollar (with percentage increases in parentheses), are:

- Detroit \$6,046 (2.6).
- Garden City \$6,145 (2.6).
- Livonia \$7,067 (2.2).
- Plymouth-Canton \$5,986 (2.6).
- Redford Union \$5,677 (2.8).
- South Redford \$6,588 (2.4).
- Wayne-Westland \$5,883 (2.7).

Northville \$7,012 (2.2).

Oakland County

All Oakland districts will get \$154 more per pupil. The new totals, rounded to the nearest dollar (with percentage increase in parentheses), are:

- Birmingham \$10,839 (1.4).
- Southfield \$9,921 (1.6).
- Bloomfield Hills \$10,916 (1.4).
- Clarenceville \$7,037 (2.2).
- Novi \$7,553 (2.1).
- Troy \$7,996 (2).
- West Bloomfield \$7,648 (2).
- Farmington \$9,029 (1.7).
- Huron Valley \$5,767 (2.7).
- Lake Orion \$6,721 (2.3).
- South Lyon \$5,718 (2.8).
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Using imagination

Support community play project

Dreams can sometimes come true. And in Westland they're dreaming big - 30,000 square feet, to be exact. That's the size of the new playscape project for kids which now has a new moniker: The Imagination Play Station.

Thought up by 7-year-old Ben Maple and voted upon by visitors to the Westland Summer Festival, the new name will help cement the project in the collective mind of the community - a community which will soon begin the fun, but hard, work of building the adventure playground.

Imagine that. From Sept. 9-14, a scene taking on the look of worker bees will occur in Central City Park, between the tennis courts and gazebo, where volunteers will construct a monument to fun for kids.

We have already talked with many residents who plan to make the event a family affair involving everyone in their own way. Scout leaders from the Huron Valley Council are organizing their troops - literally - to bring their own corps of worker bees to help.

In this day where family members often go their own way (and a family can rarely get together for a meal) what a wonderful way for everyone to come together and experience

some fun.

And it's being done all in the name of community.

Volunteers will be building more than a playground: They will be building a strong sense of community pride and a facility that will serve this city and its residents for years to come. It will serve as a meeting place for kids and families who can not only share in the construction, but in the ultimate fun.

As Kevin Kreis, one of the organizers of the project, said this week: "When the kids come back to play on it, they can say 'Hey, my dad built that' or 'Mom did that over there.'"

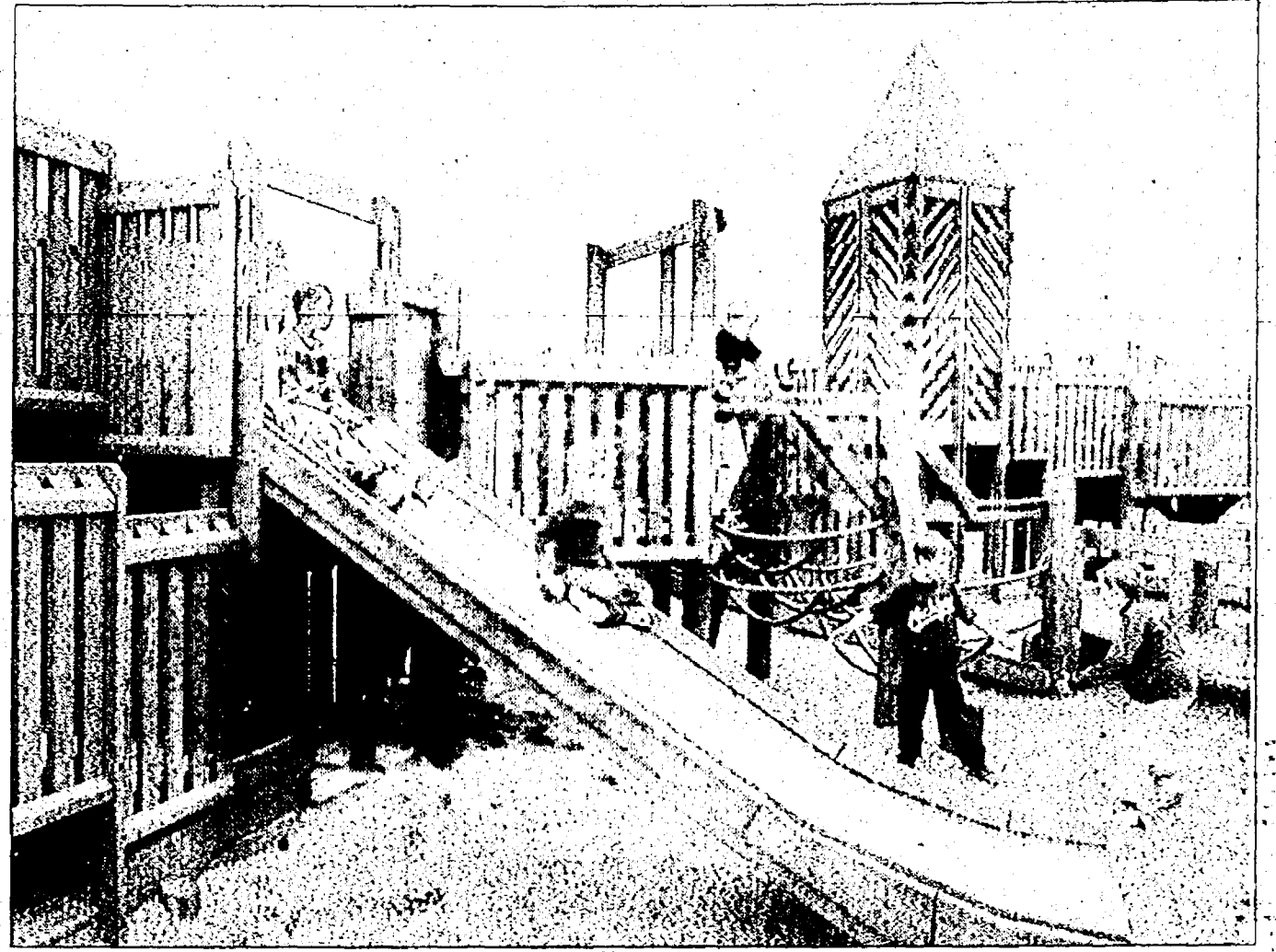
Organizers say they will need thousands of volunteers to do everything from pounding nails and hauling lumber to "running" water to workers, serving food and taking care of children in the day care center.

They also plan to have a committee which will follow up on maintenance of the play structure.

Regardless of what you do, any help will be welcome whether it's for a few hours or several days.

We encourage you to call. Get involved. Help to build a piece of this dream for Westland.

Create the dream



STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Drawing near: The Westland community will come together starting on Sept. 9 to build a wooden play structure in Central City Park, similar to the one above which was built in a nearby community. To volunteer, call (313) 467-3198.

Don't hide public's business

We must address a concern stemming from Monday's Wayne-Westland school board meeting before the search for a new school superintendent begins in earnest.

We were disturbed that there was little discussion by trustees - and approval of an apparent pre-written board resolution - prior to the appointment of Greg Baracy as interim superintendent.

It is apparent to the Observer that trustees held discussions out of the public arena in order to make this decision. We don't know where these discussions took place, because they were not done in public.

This is not casting judgment on Baracy's qualifications for the interim post - only the process used by the board.

The board's action flies in the face of the state's Open Meetings Act which requires that

public officials make decisions in public. Although they may not have violated the letter of the law, it appears they may have violated the spirit of it.

Last week, we called for an open process in the superintendent search. We again remind the school board that they are charged with representing the public in these matters, and that the public is entitled to hear trustee comments when deliberating on public business.

The Open Meetings Act calls for any public body, which includes the school board and its subcommittees, to deliberate and make decisions in public.

We encourage the district to keep the spirit of the law in mind as they conduct this important business.

Keep the doors open when doing this search.

Summer events offer hot fun

If you seek a pleasant diversion, look about you.

With apologies to creators of the Michigan motto, nowhere is this slightly altered version more applicable than in western Wayne County, particularly in the summertime.

From community festivals to weekly, outdoor concerts to sidewalk art fairs, local communities present a pleasing array of opportunities. In fact, so great is the wealth of recreation, cultural activities and just plain family-style fun offered in western Wayne communities, you could conceivably fill every evening and weekend between Memorial Day and Labor Day with a different event.

Summer festivals, with their mix of old-time carnival atmosphere and local traditions, are a great way to sample the flavor of a community - either yours or a neighboring one.

Art and music are also prominently featured on the calendar in most communities. True, the fare often leans more toward the bland and away from the stimulating end of the spectrum. But the goal here isn't providing an outlet for high-end culture - there are already plenty of opportunities for that. Instead, these events offer young families free or low-cost exposure to paintings, sculpture and live music.

Civic leaders deserve credit for recognizing the importance of these events and the role they play in boosting the quality of life for residents. Some events, like the Livonia Spree and Redford Summer Festival, are run jointly by local government and a committee of dedicated volunteers. Most of the outdoor concert series are put together by parks and recreation departments, with local businesses and civic organizations often serving as sponsors.

Here are just a few of the festivals and events for July and August:

- Traditional African music with percussionist Kevin Collins, part of the Garden City outdoor entertainment series, 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 30 on the Commons at Ford and Middlebelt;

- Plymouth Farmer's Market, Saturdays in July and August at The Gathering in downtown Plymouth;

- Redford Concert in the Park series, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 22 (Counter Play) and Tuesday, July 29 (The Next Generation);

- Children's Concert Series at the Westland Library Performance Pavilion, noon Saturday, July 19 (magician Ben Spitzer) and Saturday, July 26 (Dr. Zap science show). Sponsored by the Westland Community Foundation.

LETTERS

Thanks for storm help

I would like to thank our mayor of Westland, Mayor (Robert) Thomas. He had all the right tools to handle our recent bad weather.

I would like to thank our police department's Chief (Emery) Price who had his men out to direct the traffic. These men and women police officers were subjected to high winds, hail and lots of rain to keep the traffic flowing safely and I must say they were all polite and courteous.

People don't realize the danger these officers are in when a situation like this occurs. The fire department wasn't idle either.

Good job on everyone's part.

Wilson "Woody" Combs
 Westland

Furthermore, about three weeks ago an editorial about Mr. Patterson expressed the idea of moving four cents of the current 6 cents a gallon tax to roads instead of all of it to the general fund, which the news concurred on.

We are still asking the question, where are our tax dollars going?

I haven't seen a road patch crew since spring. Where are they? Is there a conspiracy to force us to accept higher fuel taxes? Probably.

Another point of interest: My license plate fee increased from \$82 in 1996 to \$108 in 1997. Where is all that money going?

It sure isn't for secretary of state staff, I went in the location on Joy Road at Beech Daily at 6:30 Wednesday, June 25, the place was filled, the "waiting on sign" indicated number three, the next ticket was 48.

Needless to say, I left in disgust, but I did take a picture of the full house of inefficiency to send to Candice.

Big shooters, read out lips letters: No more tax increases for roads. A tax shift is okay, a tax shaft is not.

Wallace Serylo
 Detroit

My head is spinning

First the Republicans in Washington give away the store by blowing the spending caps put in by Democrats in 1993. Then they passed a rule that limits any further tax cuts to entitlement spending cuts, thus ruling out either spending or tax cuts.

Then the Republicans in Lansing with no Constitutional authority raise the state minimum wage and placed First Amendment restrictions on the right of speech (billboard ban on tobacco advertising).

Stop the Republican Party. I want and did get off. I canceled my membership in both Lansing and Washington. I am now looking for a new party to replace the Republican and Democratic parties.

Jerry Hengy
 Canton

No road taxes

Save me, but why are only (Oakland County Executive Brooks) Patterson and Gov. Engler discussing roads and taxes? Nowhere is the lowly taxpayer mentioned.

We, the little people, have very shallow pockets and all the recommendations for tax increases seem to come from the big shooters, like road builders, all of whom have deep pockets filled with money and the price of a gallon gas doesn't faze them.

Support cleaner air

President Bill Clinton's proposal to make the air cleaner is another step toward making the world a better and healthier place to live. Over the years, citizens have accepted the challenge to bring about beneficial social changes. Public officials often lacked the vision and wisdom to see things as they could or should be done. It was safer to do nothing lest they jeopardize the status quo. Cost, real or imagined, will become their rallying cry to block the proposed cleaner air legislation.

Old timers well remember the so-called good old days. The air was fouled with all sorts of contaminants, some toxic. Susceptibility of children and the elderly to breathing-related ailments was an accepted fact of life. So was their death. We now know that most cases were easily preventable.

Please let your representative in Congress know of your support for cleaner air. Be part of the solution. You will never regret participating.

Ralph E. Williams
 Livonia

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Why do you like scouting?

We asked this question in Central City Park during the annual Huron Valley Girl Scout Camp



"Because it's fun an you get to go places."

Jessica Maxwell
 Westland



"Because I like going places."

Rachel Lezotte
 Westland



"I like coming here because I like to do things like go on the waterslide."

Samantha Passalacqua
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"Because you help people and give to them and have fun."

Brandy Badami
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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Health care costs can be kept under control

Questions about cost and quality trade-offs in medical care have been primary topics in the news lately. It makes one wonder who is looking out for quality in the health care system.

No system of health care management inherently assures high quality. What this means for all of us is that the quality of our health care is potentially excellent or at risk regardless of the arrangement in which we receive care — fee-for-service, HMO, managed care plan — or the method of payment — cash, traditional insurance, capitated managed care. It is naive to think that one method of health care management inherently provides higher quality care than another.

It is hard for any of us, physician or lay person, to understand this increasingly complex environment with its conflicting incentives. That is

why there must always be a public mandate for active, independent, external oversight and improvement of the quality of health care. For Medicare beneficiaries, the Health Care Finance Administration has enforced this mandate.

External quality review for Medicare and for many Medicaid programs is carried out by independent, community-based quality evaluation and improvement entities called Quality Improvement Organizations. The Michigan Peer Review Organization, located in Plymouth Township, is Michigan's QIO.

The work of the QIOs depends on having data on how well large groups or populations of patients are treated for specific conditions or diseases. HCFA requires that such data be reported for Medicare patients. Using this information, the QIO can identify opportunities for quality improvement and design projects to encour-

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DR. RICHARD BURNEY

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age hospitals, physicians or health plans to modify the processes used to provide care in ways that lead to its improvement. Virtually every hospital

in the state has worked collaboratively with MPRO on one or more health care quality improvement projects in the past three years.

Let me offer one example. Many persons with chronic atrial fibrillation, an irregularity in the heartbeat, are at a much higher than average risk of stroke. The statewide data identified many areas in which identification and treatment of such patients might be improved. Without population-based data, the problem would not have been identifiable.

In the past two years, 18 hospitals in Michigan have collaborated voluntarily with MPRO on a cooperative improvement project to prevent stroke in patients with chronic atrial fibrillation by learning how to improve the ways to identify and treat such patients with anticoagulant medication. The things that were learned led to modifications in care processes which in turn led to a 50

percent improvement in the rate at which eligible patients with chronic atrial fibrillation were treated appropriately with anticoagulant medication. This work will be extended across the state.

The annual potential savings in hospital costs alone from the 300 possible strokes prevented is \$6 million. Heart attack, congestive heart failure and pneumonia are just a few of the other medical conditions being worked collaboratively with MPRO's encouragement and assistance.

The federal government has taken the lead, but I think this kind of assistance from QIOs should be available to all populations, regardless of insurer or plan. External quality review should be a part of every health care program.

Dr. Richard E. Burney, M.D., is professor of surgery at the University of Michigan and president of the American Health Quality Association.

Former state rep re-enters public school battle

On education, Michigan's two parties are no longer the Republican and Democratic. They are advocates and enemies of public schools.

We saw it on the State Board of Education when it voted 5-3 last month to scuttle the religious right mission statement. The vote didn't follow Republican-Democratic lines at all.

We may see the battle fought out next year in the 67th House District when Rep. Dan Gustafson, R-Williamston, is forced out by term limits. The district includes eastern Ingham County and western Livingston County, including Fowlerville and Howell.

"I'm planning to run in the 67th," said former Rep. William Keith, a public school fan (and Democrat) who dropped out in 1994 after 22 years in the Legislature from Garden City.

Keith, looking lanky and fit at 67,

was visiting the House from his retirement home in Haslett when I encountered him.

"Paul DeWeese is running," he said, referring to the Lansing area doctor who founded Teach Michigan. "DeWeese is the voucher guy. I'm for public education."

DeWeese is indeed the voucher guy. He makes no secret of the fact he would like to amend the Michigan Constitution to allow state funds to flow to private and parochial schools.

DeWeese doesn't play word games with charter schools. He comes right out and says he would like to scuttle the Michigan Constitution's Art. VIII Sec. 2 which voters approved in 1970. It forbids direct aid, tax breaks,

vouchers and anything that will send taxpayer money to non-public schools. Personally, I respect DeWeese's candor. Other pro-parochial people, like GOP chair Betsy DeVos and State Board member Sharon Wise, hide



TIM RICHARD

behind code words like "parental choice" and "freedom." They shun the word "parochial," but that is precisely what they want. DeVos has said publicly she will have nothing to do with PTA.

There is nothing "conservative" about their point of view because they advocate opening up the state budget. They epitomize the term "religious right."

Keith, in contrast, spent eight years on his local board of education. In his youth, he went to a trade school, hence his interest in vocational education and his study of the German system. No less a Republican than Gov. John Engler, in this year's state of the state message, picked up Keith's plan, though Engler didn't give Keith credit for it.

Keith is hardly a flaming liberal. He was a banker (Manufacturers, predecessor of Comerica). In 1985, he wrote the state's current law allowing statewide branch banking, bringing Michigan banking out of the 1930s.

"It's an interesting district," he said of the 67th — "a lot of little towns. I'll go around to all the little PTAs. I'm looking forward to it. I'll give 'em a real show."

"DeWeese has support from the DeVoses, the Barretts (state chamber)

and Bob Mylod (the ex-chief of Michigan National Bank) — Grand Rapids and Bloomfield Hills money."

Keith's race clearly will be uphill. Gustafson won by margins up to 2.5 to 1. But Gustafson was a Republican running against Democrats.

By my calculation, Keith served just one term under the 1992 term limits amendment to the constitution. That means he still is eligible to serve two terms.

In my estimation, there are lawmakers who need term limits, like the late Dominic Jacobetti and a couple of others who grew cocky and abusive as committee chairs, and there are lawmakers who don't. Keith is in the latter category.

It looks as if the two education parties will be on the ballot in the 67th House District next year.

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

Traffic, politics take road toll

Our family vacation last week took us through the Upper Peninsula, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and back through southern Michigan in 1-94.

They're right about Michigan's roads, especially in comparison with neighboring states. Mostly, they're terrible, except in the UP where there isn't much heavy traffic anyway. Coming into Michigan from Indiana, we found I-94 was in great shape ... for about 30 miles. After that it was just embarrassing.

I don't know if Gov. Engler, the (GOP-controlled) Senate and the (Democratic-controlled) House will finally cobble together a formula to raise the gas tax and fix the roads. And I certainly can't predict the details of the negotiations, except to be certain that an all-consuming interest in everybody's re-election will obliterate any serious attempt to get at the heart of the matter.

Look. Responding to spring potholes, the business community, the road-building lobby and the media, the public is rightly grumpy about bad roads. Polls suggest that a 4-cent a gallon tax increase is likely to be no big deal politically. And when our masters in Lansing huff and puff and finally enact a "courageous" tax increase, their overwhelming instinct will be to insist that as many hundreds of miles of roads be repaved before November 1998.

Consider whether treating symptoms like this really makes sense.

Best estimates are that as much as one-third of Michigan's sub-surface road beds are in poor condition. Now put a 1-inch deep Band-Aid of asphalt of these bad road beds. What's going to happen? In just a few years, these roads will be back in just as bad shape as they are today, but millions of taxpayer dollars will have been spent to little lasting purpose.

I doubt we'll hear it this time around, but some day it would be nice to hear a discussion by our political leaders that focuses on some fundamental road issues:

Jurisdiction. To his credit, Engler wants to move repair jurisdiction for some 23,000 miles of roads from the locals to the state. The existing crazy quilt pattern of road classification and fragmented jurisdiction is an invitation to cozy deals, back scratching and monopoly costs.

Trucks and other heavy vehicles. Although the trucking lobby will scream to high heaven, there remains a substantial body of evidence that heavily laden trucks cause a hugely disproportionate share of damages to our roads and that Michigan's weight limits are far in



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excess of neighboring states.

One part of last week's tentative deal between the governor and the legislature is an added \$43 million in truck fees allocated to road repair. Who knows? That may be enough and it may not. I'd sure like to see some solid evidence about the extent of damage those enormous trucks cause and some honest hearings about weight limits in various states in the Upper Midwest.

Concrete versus asphalt. The hostile feelings between dogs and cats are nothing — no thing — compared to the historic hostility between the lobbyists for these two road building materials. My guess is that the legislature, caught between two irreconcilable forces, has decided to split the difference.

Certainly, I don't know which material is best for which application. But it might be valuable to have some informed public discussion of the matter.

New design and technology. Some years ago, we were told that the state was experimenting with new road bed specifications and improved formulae for asphalt and concrete. Certainly, the evidence is that expressways in northern Europe, where the weather is just as bad as it is here in Michigan, last much longer than ours, although they cost more to build.

OK, how are the experiments going? What have we learned?

One of the sad things about what's going on in Lansing about roads is that these and other fundamental issues are not at the center of debate. They probably won't have much to do with who gets blamed for roads and taxes, but they are at the heart of the policy discussion about how best to get and keep good roads in Michigan.

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JACK GLADDEN

Kitchen capers: tasty cable mix

The computer guru and I were sitting around on break the other day talking about male stuff. Fishing trips. How our gardens were doing. Web pages and security flaws in certain browsers.

Then the talk turned to cable television. I was grumbling that with 78 channels available the most interesting thing on at 2 o'clock in the morning was reruns of the Canton Planning Commission meetings. He nodded in agreement.

After checking to make sure no one else was listening, I made a confession.

"There is one channel I like to watch," I said. "It's my favorite. The Food Network."

His eyes lit up and he broke into a grin.

"Really?" he said, checking for eavesdroppers.

"Mine, too. That Emeril Lagasse cracks me up. BAM!"

"Nah, I don't like Emeril that much," I said. "I like 'Grillin' and Chillin'."

"Oh, I can't stand them," he said. "I like 'Molto Mario.'"

"Yeah, he's cool. And I like to watch 'Ready, Set, Cook.'"

"I hate that show."

"Well, whatever," I said. "But the other neat thing is the Food TV Web site. If you want copies of any of the recipes from the shows, you can just go to the Web site and download them."

"I know," he said. "I do it all the time. I got this great recipe for ..."

Then we had to go back to work. And I decided to give Emeril another chance.

A couple of nights later after the paper was put to bed and I wasn't, I started channel surfing. It was 1 a.m. The planning commission meeting was one I had already seen. Then I hit The Food Network. "Too Hot Tamales" were in the process of making salsas and margaritas. Mary Sue Milliken was complaining that Susan Feniger wasn't making enough margaritas to share. Those two crack me up.

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Book recounts survivor's violent past

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Gail Majcher is a woman with a strong grip on the good life. She has a good marriage, two grown children and a successful career as a clinical psychologist and public speaker.

But there was a time when her life was not such a pretty picture, when she was a single parent, raising two children and rebuilding a life devastated by abuse.

Majcher talks matter-of-factly about her life in person and in a book she wrote in response to the emotions she felt during the O.J. Simpson murder trial.

The heart of her self-published "Worthy Woman: My Memories as a Survivor of Domestic Violence" is a journal she kept from shortly before to several months after she and her two young children left her abusive first husband.

Wrapped around it is her psychological knowledge - the factors in her childhood that led her into a violent marriage - what it's like to leave and raise children and how to have a successful life and survive the trauma.

"We all have hard things in our lives, but it's how you chose to go on," said Majcher. "While this book is sad, it's also about encouraging people. I want people to know that

there can be a happy ending, that you can go on. It's not easy, but easier than the alternative."

Majcher was 20 years old when she married the father of her unborn child. She had met him during Easter break in Fort Lauderdale. He was "like a dream come true" until their honeymoon when he flew into a rage over buying a gift for her parents.

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Shaken by the experience, she vowed to be the perfect wife and in doing so, things would be OK. But the abuse continued, increasing in intensity and frequency.

It was one particularly violent episode, when her son was not quite 1 year old and her daughter was age 3, when she feared she would be killed, that she realized she had to leave.

"My self-esteem was so damaged that I couldn't get out of there for myself, but I had to for my children," she said. "But their emotional well-being meant I had to leave."

A friend indeed

Majcher's obstetrician became her friend and directed her to a therapist "who was a wonderful mother figure." With her help, she was able to leave, get an education and make good choices for herself and her children.

Her first choice was to get an education even though it meant going on welfare. Her goal was that when her children were old enough to know what was going on, they would not be living in poverty.

She did 20 hours a semester to get her bachelor's degree and got hooked on psychology. She became close friends with one of her psychology instructors who encouraged her to go on, which she did, earning a master's degree in marriage and family counseling, a specialist degree in school psychology and a doctoral degree in education and clinical psychology.

In doing so, she opened doors to a private practice and an adoption agency she opened with the late Noel Keane. And with each degree she acquired, she found she could provide more of the good life for her children.

"They're now 21 and 24 and healthy, productive adults," Majcher said of her children. "Aggression and anger are not a part of them, but through the years they saw their father's violence. It was much less than what they would have seen had we stayed together."

Majcher finally remarried three years ago. While she says she waited until her children were grown before remarrying, she also thinks the wait was because she needed time to heal.

"Since my children only had me, there wasn't enough to give to someone else," she said. "I told my son that when he graduated from high school, it would be time for me to marry and I did."

Her children also are now trying to have a relationship with their father, who at one time cross-addicted to cocaine and alcohol, has been clean and sober for a year.

Healing process

During that healing process, Majcher has discovered why she ended up in an abusive marriage and what made her the "ultimate co-dependent."

"I was a people pleaser," she said. "It's a very common factor for women in abusive situations. They're passive about their own needs because they're too busy caring for everybody else."

"Their own emotions get so repressed because they're busy making everyone else happy."

The people she was trying to please were her father, a depressed alcoholic who rejected her, and her mother, who resented having her because of the conflict it caused.

"My mother is 81 and after reading the book, she called and asked why she didn't know, even though I would go to her house bruised and battered," Majcher said. "It's a typical reaction. It's an issue people don't want to deal with."

She also found that nobody in her ex-husband's family would talk about his abuse, although two weeks before their wedding, his sister asked if she knew about his "temper." The issue, she said, was like "a white ele-



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Worthy effort: While her self-published book has completed her healing process, it has also given Gail Majcher a goal, getting "Worthy Woman" into the hands of the perpetrators of domestic violence.

Gladden from page B1

sample the results.

So what's going on here? Why do sophisticated New Yorkers go on the town late at night to watch somebody boil shrimp? Why do studio audiences get as excited watching "Peppers" compete against "Tomatoes" as they do watching Vanna White turn letters or Monty Hall opening doors? And how can an entire

cable network survive with nothing but food and cooking shows?

It's a phenomenon that deserves further study, but I don't have time right now. It's almost time for "Baker's Dozen," and today they're doing brownies and cheesecakes.

Jack Gladden is a copy editor at the Observer Newspapers. He lives in Canton Township.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

GARDEN CITY AFROTC

Crafters are needed for the Garden City High School AFROTC

craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 11 at the high school, 6500 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. For space information, call Jerry at (313) 427-2540.

ABUNDANT LIFE

The Abundant Life Church of God is accepting applications for table rental for its annual Angelic Boutique from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. For more information, call Elaine Cham-

bers at (513) 595-0011 or (313) 595-8062, or Theresa Weaver at (313) 467-9046

WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY

Crafters are needed for Wildwood Elementary School's annual arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25 at the school, 500 N. Wildwood, Westland. Admission will be \$1. There also will be a bake sale, raffles and lunch. For table information, call (313)

721-3454.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University in Livonia is accepting applications from crafters for its 13th annual holiday arts and craft showcase to be held 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 1-2, in the Activities Center. Booth space measuring 9 feet by 6 feet with two chairs and one 6-by-8-foot table is available for \$50 either

day or \$90 for both days. Booths with electricity are limited and are an additional \$5. For an application, call (313) 432-5603.

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.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Schoolcraft College is seeking unique crafters for its fall craft show Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 8-9. Crafters in all handmade media are invited to apply for spaces in the juried show. Applications accompanied by photographs are required. For an application, call (313) 462-4417. The college is at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.



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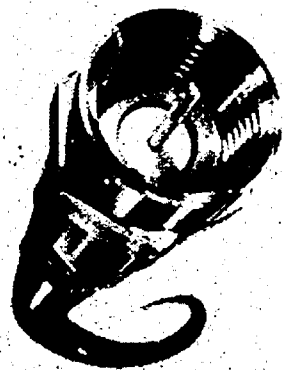
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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Slezak-Zurawski

Joseph and Margaret Slezak of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Dianne Marie, to Edward Alan Zurawski Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zurawski Sr. of Brighton and Judith Zurawski of Detroit.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed as a computer programmer/analyst at Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and Central Michigan University. He is employed by Compuware as a computer consultant.

A September wedding is



planned at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire.

Swan-Smith

Jeffrey Paul Swan and Kimberly Kay Smith were married June 21 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Livonia by the bride's maternal grandfather, the Rev. Dr. Fred D. Hubbs and the Rev. Paul Clough.

Attendants of the wedding party included Carole Graham, Kimberly Hildebrand, Karen Roberts, and Linda Carne. Groomsmen included Milton Clinkscales, James Woolverton, Chris Washburn, and John Mehlberg.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jerry J. Smith of Livonia. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Swan of Brighton, formerly of Livonia.

A 1987 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and the creative and performing arts program, the bride earned a bachelor's degree in 1991 from the University of Michigan, and a master's degree in 1993 from the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, both with a major in vocal performance. She performs in the metro



Detroit area and teaches voice at Ward Presbyterian's School of Sacred Arts.

The groom is a 1986 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School who earned his bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University in 1990. He is employed by Compuware in Southfield.

Following their honeymoon in northern Michigan, the couple is making their home in Westland.

Johnson-Hoehn

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

The couple are Western Michi-

gan University graduates. The bride-to-be is a fifth-grade teacher for the South Redford School district. Her fiancé is a sales-engineer employed by Daniel L. Bowers Company.

An August wedding is planned at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Rousseau-Hanigan

Ronald Andrew Rousseau and Angela Lynn Hanigan were married April 23 in their hometown of Coffeyville, Kansas.

Gary and Laurie Hanigan served as attendants.

A graduate of Coffeyville High School, the bride is employed as a beautician. She is the daughter of Linda Hanigan of Coffeyville and the late Gary Hanigan.

Her husband, a 1986 Redford Thurston High School graduate, owns a Little Caesar's store in Coffeyville. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rousseau of Redford.

Following a one-week cruise to Puerto Rico and St. Marten, the couple makes their home in Coffeyville.

DeShong-D'Amico

Dale Allen DeShong and Jennifer D'Amico were married Feb. 22 at Covenant Community Church in Redford by the Rev. Dalton Myers.

The bride is the daughter of Rhonda and Scott Morrison of Canton. The groom is the son of Gerry and Patty DeShong of Garden City.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Garden City High School. She is employed as a bartender at Innis Free Pub in Garden City.

Her husband also is a 1990 graduate of Garden City High School. He is employed as a sorter for UPS in Livonia.

The bride asked Emily Miotke to serve as maid of honor with Beckie Christensen, Wendie Christensen and Cora O'Brien as bridesmaids. Alexis O'Brien served as flower girl.

The groom asked Phillip DeShong to serve as best man



with groomsmen Brett Slotka, Kevin Gates and Art Scrimenti.

The couple received guests at Burton Manor in Livonia. They are making their home in Canton.

Shay-Day

Augustus and Janice Shay of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Erica Constance, to Jeffrey Michael Day of Freeland, the son of Donald Day and Anne L. Day.

A 1989 Stevenson High School graduate, the bride-to-be graduated from Wayne State University in 1993, and the university's law school in 1996. She is employed as an attorney with the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Her fiancé, a 1989 Freeland High School graduate, earned degrees in 1993 from Bowling Green State University, and in 1996 from Wayne State University's law school. He is employed as an assistant prosecuting attorney, Bay County.

A September wedding is



planned at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia.

Rohde-Gray

Mike and Teri Rohde of Ann Arbor announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Gina Christine, to Michael Alan Gray, the son of Steve and Janice Gray of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ladywood High School and the University of Michigan. She is employed by Datatec Systems as a project manager in Charlotte, N.C.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and Michigan State University, is employed as a customer service manager at Ford Motor Company's Marketing and Sales Division in Charlotte, N.C.



A July wedding is planned at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Ann Arbor.

Ashdown-Magic

Jacqueline Adler of Canton announces the forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Paula Susan Adler Ashdown of Westland, to Gary David Magid of Westland, the son of Marcia Magid of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Martin Magid and Susan Beale of Bloomfield Hills.

A 1980 Wayne Memorial High School graduate, the bride-to-be earned a degree from Schoolcraft College in 1986. She is the co-owner of Ashdown-Clark Therapy Services, Inc., of Plymouth.

Her fiancé, a 1979 Southfield-Lathrup High School graduate, is pursuing a degree in electronics at Schoolcraft College. He is employed by Alcoa-Fujikura, Ltd., of Allen Park.

An August wedding is planned



at The Church of the Latter-day Saints in Bloomfield Hills.

Kilby-Casper

Douglas and Carole Kilby of Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lisa Anne, to Richard D. Casper II, the son of Richard and Carolyn Casper of Owasso, Okla.

A 1989 Livonia Stevenson High School graduate, the bride-to-be attended Central Michigan University and Seminole Community College. She is employed as an office manager for SS-20 Roof Systems, Inc., in Bradenton, Fla.

Her fiancé, 1987 graduate of Lawton Bronson High School in Iowa, earned a degree at ITT Tech in Tampa, Fla. He is employed as a project manager for Mike Carter Construction in Bradenton, Fla.



A July wedding is planned at Hope Lutheran Church in Bradenton.

Sumpter-Doney

Richard and Maryann Sumpter of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Roseann, to Jack Doney, the son of James and Joan Doney of Jenison.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and a 1992 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She works as an athletic trainer in the Grand Rapids area.

Her fiancé is a self-employed independent contractor in Grand Rapids.

A November wedding is planned.



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Howarth

Thomas L. and Beverly J. Howarth of Northville, formerly of Plymouth and Livonia, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on May 17 at a surprise party at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills.

The couple exchanged vows on May 22, 1947, at Central Methodist Church in Detroit. She is the former Beverly J. Denyes.

They have two daughters, Diane Spain and husband William, of Hartland, and Cheryl Crabtree and husband Jackie Ray of Leesburg, Va. The Howarths also have two grandchildren, Laura and Angela Spain.

He retired from the Ford Motor Co. in 1988 as a service



engineer and instructor.

She retired from Detroit Diesel Allison in 1984 and created her own secretarial service until their move to Punta Gorda, Fla., in 1989. They returned to Michigan in 1994.

Horvath

Joseph and Theresa Horvath, lifelong Redford residents, will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Redford.

The couple married Jan. 16, 1957, at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Redford.

They have two sons, Michael and his wife Ann Marie of Whitmore Lake and Brother Joseph Horvath, a member of the Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy who resides in Philadelphia.

A World War II veteran, he retired from Redford Dental Laboratory in Redford, a company he owned for 45 years.

A registered nurse, she is



organist and choir director at St. John Bosco. She is employed at Multifastener Corp. in Redford.

Knoll

Robert G. and Eva A. Knoll of Livonia are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at Ernesto's and a cruise to Alaska.

The couple married Aug. 16, 1947, in Erie, Penn. She is the former Eva A. Kerr.

They have four children - Bob of Burlington, Iowa, Bill of Livonia, Denise Quarles of Tecumseh, and Colleen of Englewood, Colo. The Knolls also have five grandchildren.

Retired from Colman Supply, Robert Knoll works at C.O.D. Products in Livonia and is the treasurer of the 56th Air Depot group 20th Air Force. The couple is active volunteers in the Pet-A-



Pet Program.

BMW test drives fuel cancer benefit

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

The key to recovering from any illness is to keep a positive frame of mind.

When Canton resident Janis Puskar attended support groups to help her through her bout with breast cancer, she found that "a lot of women are into self-pity." At that moment, she decided she was going to fight the disease.

"I turned around and took the bad and went stronger. I said, 'I'm going to fight this. No more woe is me. My hair is going to come out,'" said Puskar, 39. "A lot of these women, they go to pieces. I thought maybe I didn't care for my breasts all that much. Losing my life and not being there for my children was a bigger deal."

Because of her strong attitude, Puskar named herself one of the heroes of "The Drive for the Cure," a traveling event that gives the public the opportunity to test drive BMWs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday, July 18-20, at the Novi Hilton, 21111 Haggerty at Eight Mile.

For each mile driven, BMW will donate \$1 to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The goal is raise \$1 million.

As "The Drive for the Cure" caravans around the United States, individuals from each community will be recognized for their outstanding contributions in the area of breast cancer and/or awareness. Each local hero's photograph will be added to the lead car which will be on display at the Smithsonian Institution after the tour finishes.

Joanne Cole from Taylor was named Friday's hero, while Gloria Kwitkowski of Grosse Pointe Farms is Saturday's hero.

Students' essay wins scholarship contest

Victor Hakim of Livonia Stevenson High School teamed with Marni Katz and Michael Meir of Farmington Harrison High School to show how students of Jewish and Arabic descent can work together.

The result: They are third-place winners in the Duane Kell

Puskar, a 16-year aerobic instructor, will be honored on Sunday.

Just prior to giving birth to her daughter Jordan Lynn, now 6 1/2, Puskar noticed a lump in her breast. Her doctor told her it was a fibroid tumor and that she shouldn't be concerned.

A former physical education teacher, Puskar was concerned, however, when the lump remained in her breast for two more years. Puskar told her doctor that she wanted to have it removed just to ease her fears. The surgeon suggested she have a mammogram and when the results came back as suspicious, he ordered more tests. The tests showed she had breast cancer.

Puskar, who has been cancer-free for four years, not only vowed to help herself but others. Six months out of chemotherapy she took second place in the survivor category in Toledo's "Race for the Cure." She hopes to win this year's race held in September.

A year out of chemotherapy, she co-founded an organization called Women Celebrating Life, a support group for breast cancer survivors. The group meets Downriver where Puskar and her husband, John, lived prior to moving to Canton. They also have a son, Jonathan Richard, 8.

The organization helps women by introducing them to other breast cancer survivors, and by helping newly diagnosed women purchase wigs, prosthetics, makeovers and any else that might raise their self-esteem. A fashion show luncheon and other events are held to raise money for the organization.

Her goal for Women Celebrating Life is to produce a video where children tell their experiences with a loved one diagnosed with cancer.



Local hero: Janis Puskar made a decision to make a difference in the lives of cancer patients and their families as the result of her battle with breast cancer. It has led to her involvement with "The Drive for a Cure" and a self-designation of a local hero.

"They don't have a support group for children other than at the Karmanos center, which I recently found out about after my kids had already flipped out for two years," said Puskar, who is a breast educator for the institute. "A lot of people don't like to go to support groups."

"This will be helpful because they can see how other people are feeling and reacting to what's going on."

For "The Drive for the Cure," Puskar is serving as chairwoman

and representative for the Komen foundation. So far, she said, BMW is falling short of its \$1 million goal and panicking its organizers.

"I keep telling her (an organizer) that it's brand-new. It's the first year. We may not reach that \$1 million, but people will get to test drive a fleet of 16 BMWs from the cheapest BMW to the most expensive."

That, she said, will hopefully drive car buffs to participate in the event.

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"Along with improving their own economic status with a reward of \$500 for their efforts, these students contributed something far more valuable: a plan to promote understanding and closeness between their cultures," said Shukri David, who

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Breaking ground: Darrell Kleinke, chairman of the congregation, helps turn over a shovelful of dirt in the area which will become the 12,000-square-foot addition to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Livonia.

Ground broken for addition at St. Paul's Evangelical

Members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church gathered recently to break ground for a new addition to their building at 17810 Farmington Road in Livonia.

The new area will include administrative offices, fellowship areas and Christian instruction rooms.

This is the fifth major building project undertaken by St. Paul's Lutheran which celebrates its 125th anniversary this year and is Livonia's oldest Lutheran Church.

St. Paul's original location was at the corner of Farmington and Five Mile roads.

The church sold its property to the city of Livonia in 1969 and relocated to its present home on Farmington Road between Six and Seven Mile roads.

The growing congregation now numbers more than 900 members and supports a Lutheran elementary school with 150 children as part of its ministry. Two pastors, seven teachers and one

staff minister serve the congregation and school.

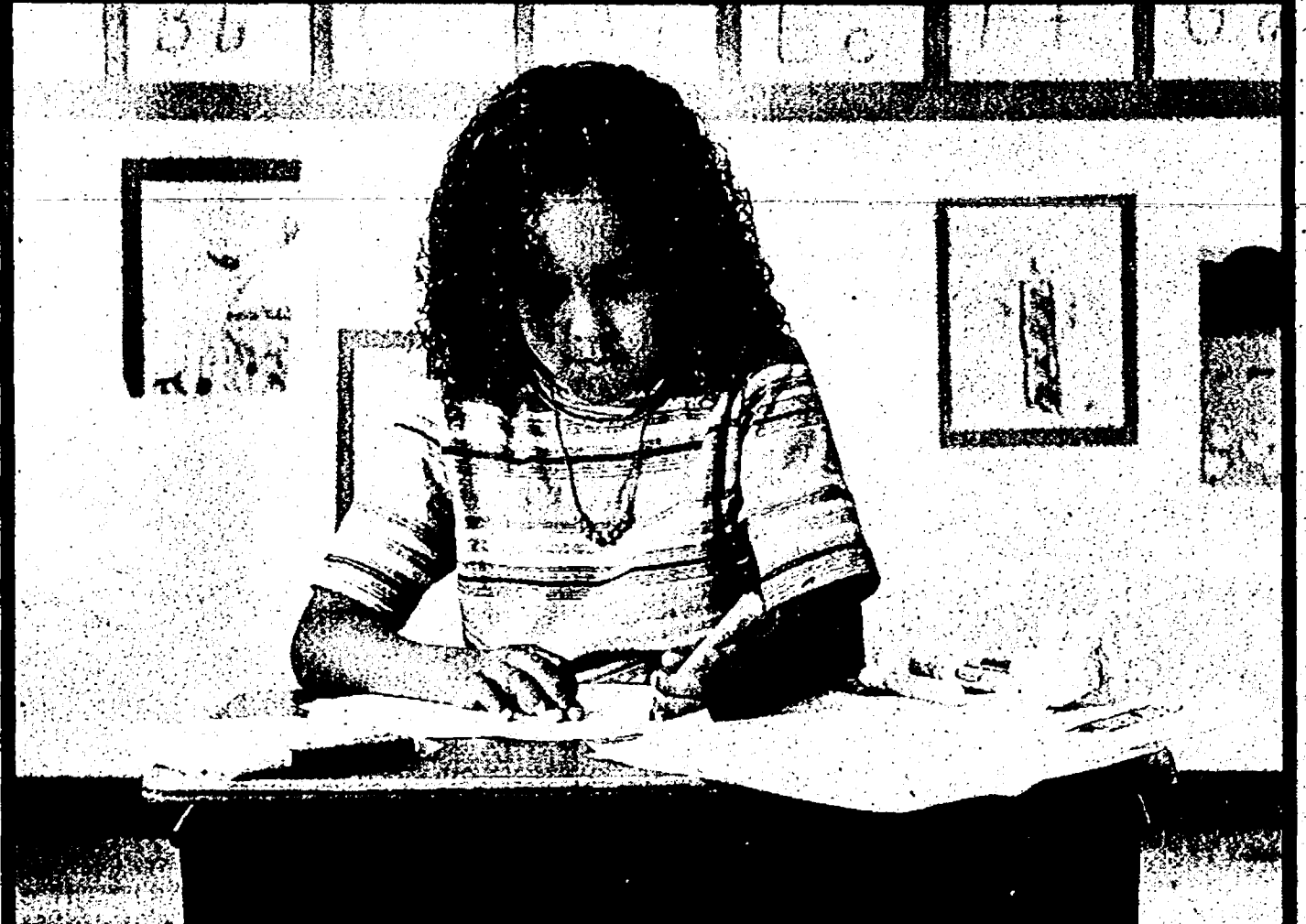
Since its founding in 1872, St. Paul's Lutheran has been a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod headquartered in Milwaukee, Wis.

The 12,000-square-foot addition will be added along the north side of the present building and cost \$1.2 million.

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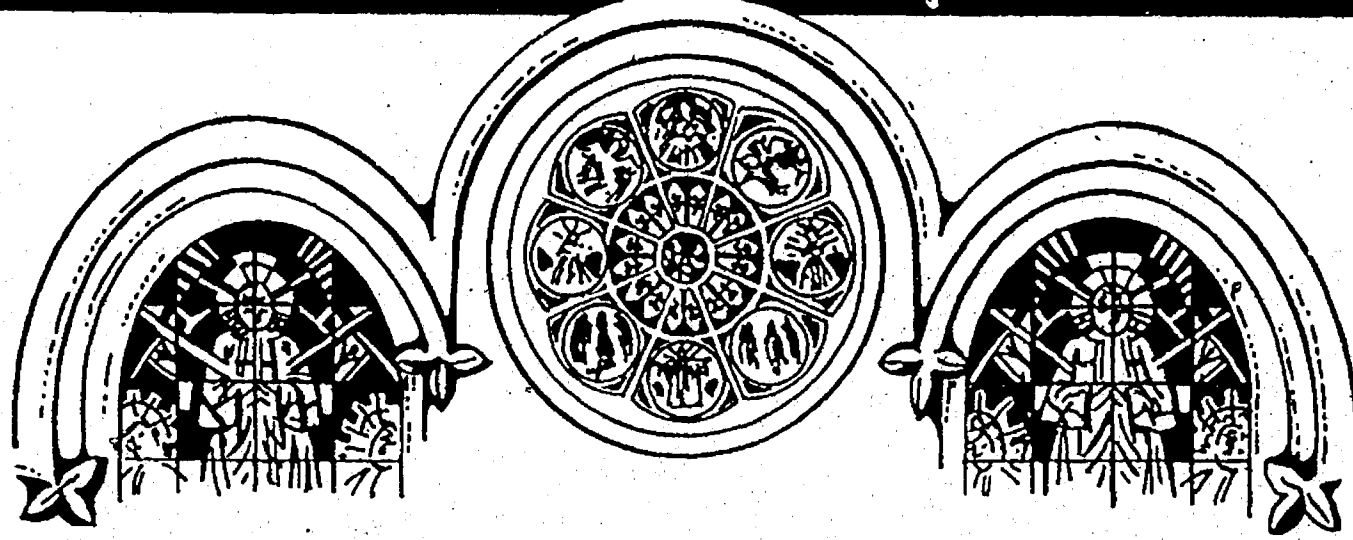
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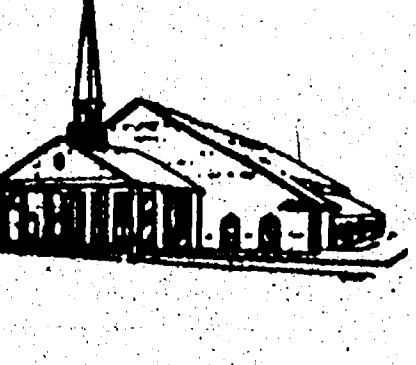
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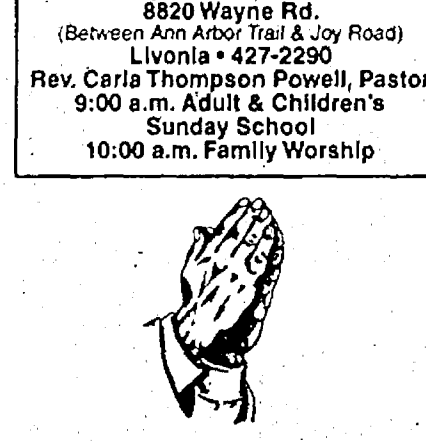
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Unity of Livonia Church is offering a host of activities this summer. A new class entitled "Truths Your Mother Never Told You," based on the collected works of Florence Scovel Shinn, an early truth student and teacher, will be offered throughout July and August. Topics of discussion include faith, love, forgiveness, karma, nonresistance, and intuition. The Rev. Gene Sorensen will teach classes based on Abraham Speaks's material from the New Beginning 1 book by Jerry and Esther Hicks at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in July and August. Unity of Livonia's Christmas in July celebration will be 9:30-11 a.m. Sunday, July 27, and will feature carols and "surprises." All the activities are held at the church, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 421-1760.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER
A charismatic prayer group meets at 6 p.m. Sundays in Patio Classroom 1 on the ground floor of the University Center at Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. For more information, call John at (313) 422-5611.

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The Hispanic Pentecostal Church conducts worship services at 2 p.m. Sundays at the Open Door Church, 33105 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. The Rev. G. Diaz officiates. For more information, call (810) 471-5282.

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Mount Vernon Baptist of Redford has begun an early morning worship service at 8:30 a.m. Sundays. This contemporary

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FROM THE HEART
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church offers From the Heart Cancer Support Group at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month in Rooms B2 and 4 at the church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. Family members, those with cancer and friends are invited to share, encourage and support one another in a loving, hopeful God-focused environment. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-1826.

GARAGE SALE
St. James Presbyterian Church is having a garage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 24-Friday, July 25, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 26, at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 534-7730.

CONTINENTALS CONCERT
The Continentals, a high-energy, contemporary musical act, will perform at 7 p.m. Friday, July 25, at St. Aidan Catholic

Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. The Continentals have performed in front of more than 17,000 people in 70 countries on six continents. A free-will offering will be accepted. For more information, call (248) 474-1396.

FILLING THE GAP
Calvary Baptist Church will host a musical drama called "Home Again" performed by Filling the Gap at 8 p.m. Friday, July 25, at the church, 43065 Joy Road (between Lilley and Sheldon roads), Canton. Filling the Gap is a non-profit, inter-denominational ministry designed to encourage spiritual growth. There is no admission charge but a love offering will be received. For more information, call (313) 455-0022.

SATURDAY SPECIAL
The First Baptist Church of Canton's Ladies Ministries will present Saturday Special, a day of fellowship, friends and fun 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 26, at the church 44500 Cherry Hill Road. There will be a morning coffee chat, group Bible study, craft, informative mini workshops and a speaker. Participants should bring a brown bag lunch. For more information, call the church at (313) 981-6460.

JEWELRY FOR JESUS
The Jews for Jesus Liberated Walling Wall will sing and tell their story at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 27, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. For more information, call (313) 455-0022.

SUMMER ORGAN SERIES
The First Presbyterian Church of Northville is presenting its summer organ series 7-8 p.m. Sundays at the church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Performing will be Jeffrey Fowler, music director of the First Presbyterian

Church of Wayne, Penn., on July 27, and Joanne Vollendorf, music director for Christ Episcopal Church of Detroit, on Aug. 10.

A reception will be held in Boll Fellowship Hall after the concerts. A free will offering also will be taken and child care will be available for \$2 per child. For more information, call the church at (248) 349-0911.

SUMMER DAY CAMP
The Unity of Livonia Church is hosting "Children Around the World," a summer day camp for children ages 4-10 from 9:30 a.m.-noon Monday-Friday, Aug. 4-8 and 11-15.

Children will learn about other children around the world through dance, crafts, music, lessons, tasting different foods and through a book from UNICEF, entitled "Children Just Like Me: A Unique Celebration of Children Around the World." The cost is \$5 per child per week. A snack will be provided. For more information, call the church at (313) 421-1760. Unity of Livonia is at 28660 Five Mile Road, east of Middlebelt Road.

NEW BEGINNINGS
The Rev. Kearney Kirkby will discuss "Personalizing the Process" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, as part of "New Beginnings," a grief support group held at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. There is no fee for the discussion. Free resources are available and related books may be purchased at cost. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-6038.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is holding its ice cream social at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, at the church, 26701 Joy Road

(between Beech Daly and Inkster roads), Dearborn. For more information, call (313) 274-3820

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other Sept. 12-14 at St. John's Family Life Center in Plymouth. For more information or to register call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524

SUPPORT GROUPS
New Directions Center for Christian Counseling will offer a Christian support and growth group for adults who have experienced abuse as children. The starting date of the group as well as the day and time will be determined by the participants. The center also is organizing Forever Free, a support and growth group for people who are suffering from the pain and desperation of the binge diet roller coaster. Participants also will determine the day and times of meetings.

For more information about the groups, call the center at (313) 464-8882. New Directions is at 37625 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 107, Livonia.

BETHANY PLYMOUTH/CANTON
Bethany Plymouth/Canton, a ministry providing support for single adults, meets for Mass at 11:30 a.m. Sundays at St. Aidan's Church, followed by coffee or lunch - call Bill at (313) 421-3011 - 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Listings for the Vacation Bible Schools calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST
Orchard United Methodist Church is having its vacation Bible school, Sunrise Balloon Adventure, for children ages 4 through the fifth grade from 9:15 a.m. to noon July 21-July 25 at the church, 30460 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The suggested donation is \$10 per

child with a maximum fee of \$20 per family. To register or for more information, call (248) 626-3620.

GRACE LUTHERAN
Grace Lutheran Church, 25630 Grand River at Beech Daly, Redford, will hold its annual vacation Bible school for children age 3 through sixth grade from 9-11:45 a.m. July 21-30. Classes will include lessons from the Bible, singing, and crafts. Two special events are planned - a balloon launch contest on July 22 and the "Parade for Jesus" on July 25. For more information, call (313) 532-2266

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN
St. Andrew's Presbyterian

Church will have its vacation Bible school from 9:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. July 21-25 at the church, 26701 Joy Road, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads. Children ages 3 through the sixth grade can enjoy games, crafts, music, snacks and "Stories Jesus Told." For more information, call the church at (313) 274-3820.

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN
Geneva Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school, "Sunrise Balloon Adventure," 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. July 21-25 at the church, 5835 Sheldon Road, Canton. Children age 4 through fifth grade will enjoy songs, skits, Bible stories, crafts,

games and snacks. A \$5 per child offering is requested and scholarships are available. For more information, call the church office at (313) 459-0013.

LIVONIA BAPTIST
Livonia Baptist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "On the Farm: Growing with God," for children ages 4 through sixth grade July 21-25 at the church, 32940 Schoolcraft, Livonia. During the classes the teachers at Livonia Baptist Church will dress as wranglers, with the duty of leading the children, who play the role of farm hands, in a variety of learning activities. Wranglers hope that the natural, growing setting of a

family farm will help the children learn about healthy growth with God. For more information, call (313) 422-3763.

RIVERSIDE PARK
Riverside Park Church of God will have its vacation Bible school 6:45-9 p.m. July 21-25 at the church, 11771 Newburgh Road, Livonia. The theme will be "Circle of Friends Ranch" and the school will be for children in preschool through the sixth grade. For more information, call the church at (313) 464-0990.

STARK ROAD GOSPEL
Stark Road Gospel Hall will have its vacation Bible school, "Lessons from the Cross," 10 a.m. to noon July 28-Aug. 1 at the

church, 9280 Stark Road, Livonia. The school is for 5-year-olds through teen-agers and features games, stories, singing and crafts. To register or for more information, call (313) 729-7284 or (810) 442-8858.

ALPHA BAPTIST
Alpha Baptist Church will have its vacation Bible school 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 4-8 at the church, 28051 West Chicago, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia. "Sunrise Balloon Adventure - A High Flying Adventure in Faith" will feature Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks, songs and skits. For more information, call the church at (313) 421-6300.

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Madonna hoop camps

Madonna University will host a pair of girls basketball camps beginning next week. Both will be conducted by Lady Crusaders' women's basketball coach Marylou Jansen.

The first is for ninth through 12th graders and will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 21-25. The second is for fifth through eighth graders from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 28-Aug. 1.

Fundamentals will be stressed in both. Participants are asked to bring their own lunches.

Cost is the same for both camps - \$100 per person. Participants may register at the door on the first day of camp.

For further information, call (313) 432-5606.

Vardar seeks contributions

Talent wise, the Vardar Under-19 men's soccer team had no problem winning state and regional championships and advancing to the SNICKERS U.S. Youth National Championship held July 30-Aug. 3 in Phoenix, Az.

It's their finances that could use a boost.

Most of the Vardar players are not on full athletic scholarships in college and a trip like this is a burden for them. About three-quarters of the Vardar players are from Observerland, according to player Brian Zawislak, a 1996 Livonia Churchill who also plays at Eastern Michigan University.

The Vardar Soccer Club is contributing to the trip but the players are required to come up with the rest of the money themselves.

Any businesses or individuals interested in contributing may call Zawislak at (313) 464-7420.

Higham runnerup

Livonia's David Higham finished second in the Ashworth Masters July 11 at Forest Akers West in East Lansing.

Higham posted scores of 76 and 68 for a 144 total that left him five shots behind winner Nathan Smith of Brookville, Pa.

Chris Kiehler of Livonia shot an 82-72-154 to finish in a tie for 12th in the Ashworth Midwest Collegiate Amateur Series event. Gary Kraus of Livonia was two strokes back on twin rounds of 78.

Michigan United wins

Michigan United's under-10 1/2 Select boys soccer team is the Great Lakes Open champion after posting an 11-1-2 record.

The team also finished second in the Findlay Invitational Tournament. It is coached by Gary Pitt and Jim Chesnut and managed by Shelly Enright.

Team members include Jim Carlson, Bryan Chesnut, Kyle Dahn, Alex Enright, B.J. Fitzsimmons, Joey Gauci, Kyle Gismond, Gary Klump, Eric Martin, Steve Mason, Erik McKee, Steve Mischung, Jeff Morency, Kirk Nakonezny, Adam Pitt and Scott Timmer.

Soccer tryout correction

An item in Sunday's Observer should have said that tryouts for the Livonia Youth Soccer Club Under-18 Wings will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 23 at Bicentennial Park Field No. 8.

The team is coached by Bob Wysocki.

For more information, call George Cashmore at (313) 464-4236.

GC Girls Hoops Camp

A basketball camp for Garden City girls entering fifth through ninth grades this fall will be held July 29-31 at Garden City Junior High.

The daily camps will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and total cost is \$40. Players will be grouped by age and ability and sessions feature group and individual instruction plus contests and games daily.

Each player gets a T-shirt and camp certificate. Deadline for registration is July 25. Forms can be obtained from the high school or girls basketball staff. Call 421-7402.

Biathlon news

Sondra Aron of Livonia finished the biathlon in 42 minutes, 1 second to take third place in the 30 to 39 women's age group at the 14th annual Swim/Run Biathlon sponsored by Stony Creek Metropark.

ARCA results

Ken Ahlgren of Garden City took second place in the 20 Lap ARCA Figure 8 Feature race last Saturday in the Eastern Oil/Kendall Oil Racing Series Newhouse Automotive Night at the Flat Rock Speedway. Bill Stapleton, also of Garden City, took eighth place.

Steve Cronenwett of Westland was seventh in the 30 Lap ARCA Late Model Feature. Westland's Jeff Carnacchi was second in the 15 Lap B Main, followed in sixth place by Redford's Tom Selmi and Livonia's Mike Jaynes.

Tompkins wins junior tournament

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Westland resident Chris Tompkins has given new meaning to the phrase Home Improvement.

Thanks to a couple thousand dollars his parents paid to install a putting green in their backyard this year, Tompkins has improved his handicap by nearly four strokes.

It may not add to the house's value, but it's been a wise golf investment for Tompkins, who won the 16 year-old division at the 27th annual Riverwood State Junior Tournament last Thursday and Friday in Mount Pleasant.

Tompkins had consecutive rounds of 78 to finish with a two-day total of 156, which would have won the 17 and 18 year old divisions as well.

Tompkins, a junior-to-be at John Glenn High School, has played this tournament the last four years, taking second twice and third twice in his

YOUTH GOLF

age divisions.

He joins a select group of past champions that includes current LPGA star Kelly Robbins on the girls side, and PGA players John Morris and Dan Pohl and two-time Michigan Amateur champion Steve Brady on the boys side.

Nate Fritz of South Haven took second place with 159 and Midland's Tony Iacco was third at 162.

"I was just happy with winning my age group, winning overall is just another step above," Tompkins said.

Tompkins said his short game has improved considerably since the addition of the putting green.

■ 'I was just happy winning my age group. Winning overall was just another step above.'

Chris Tompkins
- Junior golf standout

Their dog, Ginger, has learned to stay off the 12 by 15 foot green. As for making divots, let's just say Tompkins wishes every greens keeper was as understanding as his father, Tom Tompkins.

"He just says if it's in the backyard nobody sees it," Tompkins said. "He just cares about the front yard. The neighbors think it's kind of neat I have

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King of the hill: Ben King (left), 5, of Redford Township prepares for takeoff in the long jump.



Up and over: Andrew LaBerge, 8, of Livonia shows his winning form in the high jump.

STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Just for fun

Junior Olympians give true meaning to sports



STEVE KOWALSKI

for endorsement-rich Olympians.

That doesn't mean the 39th annual event was immune to cry-baby athletes.

Fortunately, any tears these athletes shed can be easily rectified.

Instead of million-dollar contracts, all the tiniest of the Junior

Olympians ask is that the starting gun be put away.

On your mark, get set, go is good enough for them.

"You can't use the gun because some of them get scared, cry and stop running," said Heather Miller, Assistant Director of Playgrounds for Redford Parks & Recreation. "A 2-year-old running is the sweetest thing. All they care about is getting a ribbon."

They all got ribbons, whether they finished first or last. Livonian Joshua Bessesen, 3, heard mumbling "Papa's cool," - more on that later - was almost rendered speechless amidst all the excitement.

"Guess how many I won?," he asked.

Instead of answering verbally,

Bessesen, who participated with two older brothers and five cousins, proudly held up two fingers and slapped five (well, two) with a visitor through the fence.

Here is all you need to know to understand how innocent this meet is: A kid could finish sixth in a six-lane race and be thrilled to death - if the color of the ribbon was to his or her liking.

"They care more about the color than what place they came in," laughed Vicki Noffsinger, one of 16 part-time Parks & Recreation employees assigned to this meet.

An All-Star staff

Miller and Bill Bushart, a summertime regular at Parks and Recreation who also publishes the

Redford Connection, were grateful for the staff's assistance.

Before I could finish telling Miller how nice it must be to have all these volunteers, I was interrupted.

"If it was to volunteer I wouldn't be here," said one of her minimum-wage workers.

So there really was someone with that "Show me the money" attitude here.

Bushart has been coming to the Junior and Senior Olympics for years, first as a participant. The Senior Olympics, for anyone 12 and over, are held at night to accommodate an after-work crowd.

"When I was a kid they were at Claude Allison Field (Beech Daly

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McManamon comes to Panthers' rescue

It's open season on Panthers in the Girls Incredible Fast Pitch Softball League.

The Your Better Market Panthers, that is.

The Panthers hold first place in the summer fast pitch league after taking a doubleheader from the visiting Livonia Lancers, winning the first game 11-1 and holding on to take the second, 9-8, in a five-inning contest.

The YBM Panthers improved to 11-2 with the two wins.

Her teammates rallied around substitute starter Carli McManamon

in the first game after nominal starter Emily Williams pulled a muscle warming up.

McManamon, normally a reliever, quickly warmed up and got a handle on things to record her first victory of the season.

McManamon struck out four, walked three and hit a batter but surrendered just one hit and a run while her teammates were pounding out 11.

Jody Berry and Kristina Boynton each had one hit and two RBI while Jamie Matesic, McManamon and

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In stride



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

Founders Festival race: Runners from all over participated in last weekend's Founders Festival Run in Farmington. Livonian Rob Block came in first place, C2.

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it. I told him I'll buy him a condo in Gaylord if I ever make it on tour."

"It's been a great investment so far," Tim said. "He's out there every day on it."

Tompkins' short game led to two remarkable birdies, one on each day.

After going into the woods with his second shot on a par 4 ninth hole the first day, he salvaged a birdie when his third shot from 100 yards landed in the cup.

"I was just hoping to get it close, get a good chance at par," Tompkins said. "I knew I was getting some good breaks."

He finished his second round in dramatic fashion as well, chipping in for a birdie on the par 4, 390-yard 18th hole.

Tompkins, who has now won about 10 tournaments, plans on playing in the Etonic Junior Tournament at Tree Tops in Gaylord on Monday and Tuesday.

Tompkins does most of his golfing at Woodlands in Van Buren Township. He credits a three-hour lesson from Rick Smith, a professional from Tree Tops who has given tips to Jack Nicklaus and Lee Janzen, among others, for much of his success.

Tompkins is generally considered the second best 16-year-old in Observerland behind Livonia

Stevenson's Stephen Polanski.

Stephen Polanski won the State of Michigan Independent Insurance Agent Junior Classic Golf Tournament held Monday, July 16 at the Cadillac Country Club in Cadillac, Mi.

Polanski, who will be a junior this fall at Livonia Stevenson, had rounds of 70 and 66 for a 136 total.

Tompkins considers Polanski one of the top five golfers in his age group in the nation. He is honored just to be compared to him.

"I keep trying to get closer to him, because the more I do the more and more I get ahead of other kids," Tompkins said. "I hope to go on to college and play golf, and have something to do with a golf career."

Polanski was en route to another tournament and unavailable for comment.

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between Six and Seven Mile roads) and I won the hop, skip and jump competition," he said. "Of course, I was the only guy in the event."

What makes the day special is the joy on the face of a child finishing a race parallels the smile that crosses the face of a senior citizen doing the same.

Miller said the Junior Olympics drew about 160 participants, which is a typical turnout.

Boys race against girls in many events, including the 440 yard relay where Livonians Linda and Lisa Montgomery and Redford residents Laura Dhaene and Whitney Rice gave the boys all they could handle.

Participants come from all over, this year as far away as Florida. In fact, many former Redford residents now living elsewhere make up a good percentage of participants. Miller said.

That Florida resident must be

on vacation. This is a great event, but not enough to drive 13 hours to attend.

A long day

Next to the organizers, no one was busier than 11-year-old Redford Township resident Dennis Tulpa, who took home eight ribbons, including seven for first place.

If that wasn't enough, Tulpa planned on playing a round of golf with friend Adam Corey later in the afternoon. Corey, also 11, probably had more energy left, securing one first-place and two second place finishes.

Michael Jordan, known to play a round of golf on game day, has nothing on these guys.

Steven Stahl, an 8-year old who lives down the street from Tulpa, left with five ribbons, including four for first place. Not bad for a guy who had limited preparation.

"I found out (about the Junior Olympics) this morning from

Dennis," said Stahl.

Of course, practice for these guys is chasing the ice cream truck down the street.

No autographs were signed but at least one group of Junior Olympians had their own water boy - their proud grandfather Bill Rothley of Livonia.

Eight of his grandchildren competed and earned ribbons and he showed his appreciation, helping pack two coolers full of fruits and juices.

The third generation of athletes included Andrew and Sarah Connelly, of South Lyon; Bethany, Jake and Judson Rothley of Livonia; and Joshua, Michael and Matthew Bessen of Livonia.

Running was a popular event for them, but if there was a stroller race, 11-month old Zackary Bessen would have been one of the favorites.

Bill Rothley, 63, a regular at senior olympic competitions, came back that night and won

his age group for the shot put despite a groin pull.

When not training for his tournaments, he's a personal trainer for his grandchildren.

"I throw the ball as far as I can with Grandpa," said Michael Bessen, who placed fourth in the softball throw.

And Rothley, who qualified for the Senior Olympic national tournament this year in Tucson, Az., knows who to thank for his success: his wife Cindy, daughter Theresa Bessen and daughter in law Julie Connelly.

"They're the brains of the family," said Rothley, dragging the wagon full of coolers to the car. "All the women."

Editor's note: Complete statistics will appear in Sunday's Observer.

Block party

Livonian wins Founders Festival race

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

A pair of first-time entries took home the top awards Saturday in the Fourth Annual Farmington Founders Festival Road Race.

Rob Block of Livonia and Jodi Buck of Northville were the men's and women's overall winners in the four-mile run that started and ended at City Park on Shiawassee.

The 17-year-old Block, who will be a senior at Livonia Stevenson High School, ran his best time (21:12) for that distance.

"It's hard to find races this close to your home. It's hard to pass those up," Block said. "I ended up running home, too. That was kinda like a cool down."

"It was a very well-put-on race. Most times you show up, you run, you're done. The awards ceremony and raffle were very nice."

Buck, 28, finished with a 24:37 time, which was more than a minute off her personal best of 23:23, but she managed to overcome the effects of dehydration to win.

"I wish I had a better day; I was struggling," Buck said. "It

wasn't one of those 'Oh, isn't running wonderful' days, so I didn't enjoy it as much as I could."

"My attitude going into a race is to have fun; I'm not competing against anybody. If I feel good, I go for it; if I don't, I slow down. It just happened that nobody was faster than me that day."

Block, who finished 15 seconds ahead of his closest competition, ran a steady race and was content to let some of the other runners push ahead early.

"I let them take it out the first mile," he said. "The first two miles I hit my splits of 5:20; I hit another 5:20 on the third, and nobody else could hang on."

"I ran an even better split of 5:12 the last mile. It's all downhill the last mile, and that kinda takes care of itself."

Block liked the course, especially the finish, which takes runners down Grand River in front of spectators waiting for the Founders Festival parade.

"Running down Grand River was really neat, with all the people there," he said, "and it was kinda cool running behind the lead vehicle. Finishing in the park was nice; you don't do that in a lot of races."

For Block, who is running nearly 60 miles a week this summer, the Founders Fest event offered him a chance to do some speed work and run at a faster pace than he would in a training run.

He hopes the heavy workload will lead to an outstanding senior year at Stevenson.

"I didn't have that great a junior year in cross country and track," said Block, who did qualify for state in both sports. "I didn't have a bad year, but it wasn't as good as I wanted."

After what he considered a bad regional meet, Block was 17th in the Class A individual cross country race. In track, he was 12th in the state for 3,200 meters.

"I wanted to be top-eight in the 3,200, but I didn't hit the time I wanted," he said.

"Hopefully, I can win the state in cross country. That's my main goal. I'd like to win the 3,200 in track, but that will be a little tougher."

Buck, who has been active in aerobics and mountain biking, is a relative newcomer to competitive racing. She started two years ago when she turned 26 and accepted a friend's challenge

to do a marathon.

"I went from being an occasional runner to running 60 miles a week," she said, adding she did things in reverse order from what most runners do.

"I'm working on getting a base, running shorter distances," said Buck, who has won three 10k-and-under races this year.

"Eventually, I'll go back to (longer distances), but first I want to exhaust my potential at shorter distances. I'll do the normal progression."

Buck said her early running experiences and resulting injuries taught her to listen to her body, which she did Saturday in Farmington.

"I'm still at the point I'm learning how to race," she said. "It's helpful for me to understand my limits and how I should run a race."

"It's easy to go out fast and die in the first mile. I'm learning how to pace myself, and this race helped me with that."

Buck said she also enjoyed running the course, adding there was nothing boring about it.

"Something was always changing," she said. "It was really pleasant. The race was really well organized."

COLLEGES

Madonna signs 3, including Ladywood grad

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't hard to figure what Madonna University's women's basketball team needed.

Or what they'd be after this recruiting season. One didn't

even have to stay for one of the Lady Crusaders' games during their 14-16 season to arrive at that conclusion.

Just watch the warm-ups and the opening tip - that's all it took.

"Our biggest girl last year was 5-10," said Madonna coach Marylou Jansen. "We made the most of our size."

For the record, that 5-foot-10 girl was Erin Wiley, and she won't be returning. Even though she was the tallest player on the Madonna bench, she didn't start; Jansen put her at about 10th on the team.

So even with her size, she doesn't figure to be a major loss.

And how big were the Crusaders' tallest starters? Two of them stood 5-8.

That's short for a high school team.

"What we needed was size," said Jansen, emphasizing the obvious. "That was our approach (to recruiting) all year. We have enough speed and outside shooting. We just need to shore up the middle."

The Crusaders lost two of their top six players in Meegan Zann and Michelle Parmentier. Both were starters by season's end.

But as Jansen said, "We weren't trying to replace those two." Madonna needed height, although the available scholar-

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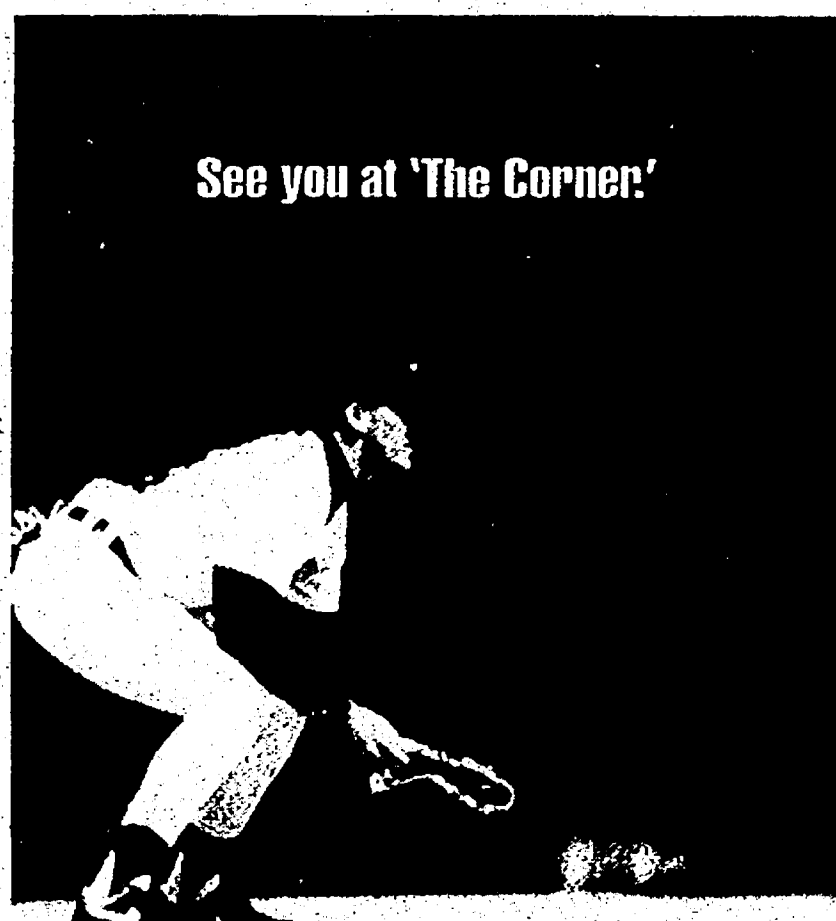
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Shannon McCuran each had one hit and an RBI.

Defensively, Rachel Hoffman made three good catches in right field.

Debbie Christiansen was the winning pitcher in the second game, thanks to a seven-run rally in the fourth that erased a 6-2 deficit. She struck out one, walked two and gave up seven hits.

Berni Merriman and Matesic each had three hits and an RBI while April Martelle had one hit and drove in two runs.

Matesic singled home Christiansen in the fourth to cap the seven-run rally and also played outstanding shortstop, teaming with Boynton at second to choke off the middle of the diamond.

McCuran stood out in center field and newcomer Jessica Hallett helped out in left over the final innings. Williams was able to play first base in both games.

MOLD 4-3, KNIGHTS 1-4: The Motor City Mold improved to 7-4 in the league (7-10 overall)

with their doubleheader with the Livonia Knights.

Jenny Fisher went six innings to win the first game. She walked one, gave up three hits, hit two batters and struck out six.

Becky Mize went 1-for-3, scored a run and drove in one. Carrie Kovachevich scored a run and had a hit and Amy Seale had a hit plus a walk. The host Mold had just three hits in the opener and won but lost despite pounding out 10 in the second.

Patty Snook took the loss in the second game. She struck out six, gave up four hits and walked five.

Liz Elsner went 4-for-4, including a double, and drove in all three Mold runs. Julie Price went 1-for-4 and scored twice, Melissa Brown had a 2-for-4 game scored a run while Christy Even and Marie Pochron each had doubles.

LASERS 12-2, LIGHTNING 1-1: Lori Jendrusik held the Plymouth Lightning to just one hit

in the two games.

Jendrusik fired a one-hitter in the five-inning (mercy) opener and a no-hitter in the second, although she weakened a little at the end, walking four of her six batters in a row in the last inning.

Second-game loser Shannon Coultas was nearly her equal in the second game, also pitching a no-hitter. She struck out four and walked six.

Jendrusik struck out 12 batters and walked two in the opener, then fanned 10 in the second to help the Lasers improve to 11-4 in the league. She also had two hits and drove in two runs in the first game.

Megan Houghton and Marie Lopiccolo each had two-run doubles in the first game while Becky Camilleri had two hits.

The Lasers scored both their runs through leadoff walks, the runners moving up on a combination of wild pitches and passed balls.

Rams keep up torrid pace despite injury to Doakes

Just as most suspected: An injury is the only thing that can slow down Michigan Lake Area Rams centerfielder Schuyler Doakes.

Doakes, the undisputed king of the basepaths in the Adray Metro Baseball Association, suffered a slightly pulled hamstring in Sunday's 9-5 victory over Downriver Adray at Ford Field.

Fortunately for the Rams the injury doesn't appear serious.

He sat out Monday's makeup game against Hines Park Lincoln Mercury but was planning on returning to the lineup Wednesday against Troy Jet Box.

Doakes' injury came as he was running in to catch a fly ball. He caught the ball of course.

Doakes is hitting .493 with an on-base percentage of .553 and 29 stolen bases. His style is easy to remember, hard to emulate.

"Schuyler gets on, steals second or third, or both," coach Rick Berryman said. "Teams know he's going to go, but besides his speed he's very good at reading pitchers."

Any chance Hines Park had of passing the Rams in the Collegiate Division standings may have ended with the Rams' 4-2 victory Monday.

The win was the Rams' seventh straight and leaves them in first place with a 14-7 record and 28 points, eight points ahead of second-place Hines Park (10-13, 20 points).

The regular-season champion gets a berth in the North American Baseball Federation Regional in Altoona, Pa. Win that and a berth in the All-American Amateur Baseball Association national championship in Johnstown, Pa. awaits.

The Rams only need to win two of their last seven games to clinch the Collegiate Division title, a fact they realized before Sunday's game.

"We pass out sheets with standings and statistics and what's unique about this group is they always ask for the standings first," Berryman said. "Right away they figured out what we needed. You can't fool college kids. They know their math."

Also missing from the lineup Monday was another sparkplug for the Rams: second baseman Rickey Miller, who had a previous commitment.

It was still Miller Time, however, as Todd Miller filled in quite nicely with three hits in four at-bats, an RBI, double and

stolen base.

Brian Issitt, the Rams leading hitter with a .508 average, was 3-4 with two RBI. Greg Rogers was 2-3.

Issitt is 6-3 and 200 pounds and also adds speed to the Rams' lineup. Issitt was an all-state football player at Royal Oak Kimball who played football and baseball at Holy Cross before transferring to Central Michigan.

On most teams he'd be the fastest player.

The other night he earned an infield single, beating out a throw to first on a routine ground ball to shortstop.

"The kid came up, took his time, and with Issitt that's a single," Berryman said. "You don't expect a kid his size to be that quick. If he's hitting .500 he's going to hit fourth. He doesn't hit a long ball, but hits it hard when he hits it."

Miller was the catalyst in each of the innings the Rams scored. In the first he doubled to left and scored on Issitt's single up the middle.

In the third, Rogers walked and went to third on Miller's single. Rogers came home on a wild pitch and Miller came in on Issitt's single.

Miller singled to drive in the Rams' fourth run in the sixth. Lance Siegwald walked, advanced on Rogers single, and scored on Miller's single.

The winning pitcher was Tom Willerer, who scattered five hits, struck out eight and walked four in a complete game. Willerer now has a 4-4 record.

Rams 9, Adray 5: in Sunday's over Downriver Adray, Jason Westfall and Johnny Rogers combined on a seven-hitter.

Westfall allowed four hits, walked three and struck out two in 4 2/3 innings. Rogers scattered three hits in 2 1/3 innings.

Issitt again led the Rams, going 3-4 with a run scored and two RBI. Rickey Miller, Todd Miller and Hamp had two hits each.

Rickey Miller scored two runs and had two RBI; Hamp scored a run and Todd Miller scored one run and drove in two runs.

Tom Biljan was 1-4, scored two runs and had two RBI and Eric Pierce was 1-3 with a run scored and an RBI.

The Rams broke open a close game with eight runs in the sixth inning.

Rams 4, Livonia DCI 2: Jason Hoorn won a pitcher's duel against his former high school teammate, Bob Mason.

Hoorn scattered six hits, struck out four and walked two opposed to Mason, who also struck out six and walked three.

Hoorn has a 6-1 record with a 1.89 earned run average. He also has two saves. Berryman believes he's not only one of the

best in this league, but in Michigan college ranks as well.

"He's probably one of the better pitchers in the state the way he's throwing," Berryman said. "He's smarter and has added pitches to his repertoire, drops to the side. He's not that prototype tall kid everyone talks about, but he's got a very strong, compact body. He throws in the mid to high 80s consistently and has phenomenal control."

Doakes and Seestadt had two hits each. Doakes scored a run and drove in a run and also had two stolen bases. Seestadt scored a run and drove in two, including the eventual game winner in the sixth.

Issitt singled and came home with the Rams' third run on Seestadt's double. Bob Hamp singled to score Seestadt and give the Rams some insurance.

DCI's runs came in the sixth. Ron Blackmore singled and came home on Mike Brusseau's double off the fence. Delano Voletti singled to bring Brusseau home with the second run.

Pitching help

The Rams' pitching expects to improve with Brian Berryman and Terry Bigham rejoining the lineup. Bigham has been battling shoulder problems.

Berryman, on the opening-day roster, developed a pulled muscle in his neck while pitching in a wooden bat league in Columbus, Ohio. He returned home to rehabilitate the injury and instead of heading back to Columbus, will stay with the Rams the rest of the season.

He entered Sunday's game as a first baseman for an inning and was the designated hitter Monday. He threw in the bullpen just in case Monday.

Roster players need to play in four games to be eligible for the post-season. He has played in three so far.

Berryman hasn't pitched significant innings since starting the Big Ten championship game against Ohio State, an 8-5 loss.

Siegwald was a late addition to the Rams' roster. He gives the Rams depth as he's able to play three infield positions, the outfield and pitcher.

Hines Park 1-, Livonia Adray 5: Livonia Adray started strong, scoring three first-inning runs, but Hines Park came roaring back to win a game Sunday at Ford Field.

Bill Kish had a two-run single and Derrick Wolfe an RBI triple in the first for Adray. In the sixth, two more runs came in on a throwing error after singles by Kish and Jason Schnob and a fielder's choice by Aaron Cagnon.

Justin Ishbia and Kish led Adray with three hits each. Wolfe was 2-4 with an RBI. Kish had two RBI and a run scored. Schnob was 2-4.

Todd Tobin was the losing pitcher, allowing 10 hits and nine runs in 5 1/3 innings. He walked three.

Styles had three RBI and was 1-4 for Hines Park. Dagunno hit a home run and was 3-5 with three RBI.

Knicht was 2-5, including a double. Rumberger was 2-4 and had three RBI.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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The Michigan Hawks Under 10 girls soccer team, coached by Tim Ernst and a member of the Livonia Youth Soccer Club, is looking for players. There are no residency requirements.

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KARMANOS OUTINGS

Five golf outings are scheduled for this summer, to benefit the Barbara Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The Tee Off for the Cure, to be at Scalawags Country Club in Chesterfield Township, will be July 28. Tickets are \$150 per golfer and include lunch, dinner, contests, prizes and refreshments on the course.

The Anusbigan Family Charity Golf Classic is set for Dearborn Hills on July 31. Tickets are \$125, which includes a meal provided by Outback Steakhouse, door prizes, refreshments and free gifts. Hole-in-one contests feature prizes such as \$25,000 and a new car.

The Foxy Lady Golf Classic is at Tanglewood Golf and Country Club in South Lyon Aug. 7. Tickets are \$98 per person, and include breakfast, lunch and golfing contests throughout the day. Golfers may register for the four-lady scramble with or without partners/foursomes.

The 10th annual Patrick J. Dolaney Memorial Golf Classic will be at Pine View Golf Course in Ypsilanti Aug. 9. Tickets are \$80

per golfer, which includes lunch, dinner, door prizes and refreshments.

The Partners Golf Classic and Partners Ball will be Sept. 2 and Sept. 6. The Classic will be at Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion Sept. 2; the Partners Ball will be Sept. 6 at the Troy Marriott.

Information for any of the above tournament may be obtained by calling one of the following persons at (800) 527-6266: Tee Off — Maureen Meldrum; Anusbigan — Marilyn Nielsen or Nicole Williams; Foxy Lady — Pat Sachs; Delaney — Gayle Ihlenfeldt at (313) 697-2526; Partners — Pat Lucier.

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SUMMER HOCKEY

Spartans end losing skid

The Spartans ended a four-game skid in the Metro Summer Hockey League by keeping the Bulldogs winless with a 13-8 victory Tuesday at Plymouth Ice Arena.

The Spartans (4-4 for the season) got five goals from Antoli Buliga (West Bloomfield) and three goals and three assists from Oleg Panasenko (West Bloomfield). They led 10-5 after two periods.

Other Spartan scorers were Chris Hassett with two goals; Brian Tarsin with a goal and three assists; Trevor Rosen with a goal and two assists; Bobby Davis with a goal; and Dave Hale (Walled Lake) with four assists.

The Bulldogs, now 0-8, were led by Baron Becker, who scored three goals. Mike Noel had a goal and two assists; Jeff Posuniak (Westland) had a goal and an assist; Chris Smith, Jason Holdinski and Jim Nesich each had goals; and Jon Miller, Dave Dziuban (Canton) and Mark Vellucci each contributed two assists.

Ryan Davis was in goal for the Spartans. Bob Harrison and Shawn Miller split time in goal for the 'Dogs.

Huskies 11, Wildcats 7: The Huskies built a 7-2 lead through two periods and coasted to the win over the Wildcats Tuesday at Plymouth.

A four-goal, one-assist performance from Kevin Swider (Livonia) sparked the Huskies. Corey Swider (Livonia) added two goals and four assists. Jeremy Klosowski (Livonia) scored two goals, and Ian Crockford (Bloomfield Hills), Wes Blevins (Westland) and Brent Bessey (Canton) each had a goal and two assists.

For the Wildcats, Krikor Arman (West Bloomfield) scored three times. Mark Portelli had a goal and an assist and Mike Lamb had a goal, with Chris Scaglione (Beverly Hills) and Jason Lawmaster each getting two assists.

Joe Sorrentino was in goal for the Huskies. Brian Gray and

Larry Jesue split time in the net for the Wildcats.

Broncos 7, Spartans 3: A four-goal second period — two by Paul Fassbender — enabled the Broncos to break a 2-2 tie and cruise to the MSHL victory Monday at Plymouth.

Fassbender also had an assist in leading the Bronco scorers. Ben Blackwood and Darren Sylvester each had a goal and two assists, James Wheaton (Plymouth) had a goal and an assist, both Jake Wiegand and Brian Calka (Livonia) had goals, and Kyle McNeilance (Livonia) had two assists.

For the Spartans, Bobby Davis had two goals and Trevor Rosen had a goal and an assist.

John Trainor (Canton) was in goal the whole way for the Broncos. Gary Rye was in the nets for the Spartans.

Wolverines 6, Lakers 4: Two goals by Jay Storm in the final 4:44 of the game provided the Wolverines with their winning margin Sunday at Plymouth.

Storm's late heroics ruined a superb comeback effort by the Lakers, who trailed 4-0 late in the second period. Tom Taylor started the Laker comeback, scoring with 4:34 left in the second period to make it 4-1 after two.

Two goals by Bill Tucker and another by Jason Larys tied it at 4-4 with 5:56 remaining in the game. Storm's first goal, the go-ahead score, came with 4:44 left; he added an insurance marker with 30 seconds to play.

Storm also had a second-period goal, part of the Wolves' four-goal spurt. Abran Smith (Redford), Pat Dakhi (Southfield) and Ron Pietila also had Wolverine goals.

Storm also had one assist and Smith got two. Michael Murphy, Keith Pietila and John Fontana (Livonia) also had two assists apiece for the Wolves.

Taylor and Tucker added one assist each for the Lakers, and Troy Taylor had two.

Jim Sexsmith was in goal all

the way for the Wolverines; Rick Marnon (Canton) was in the nets for the Lakers.

Falcons 11, Spartans 8: The Falcons built a 6-1 lead midway through the second period, thanks to three goals by Jack McCoy (Farmington Hills), and held on to beat the Spartans Sunday at Plymouth.

McCoy finished with three goals and an assist. Dan Hunt (Livonia) had three goals and two assists, Matt Henderson (Livonia) had two goals and two assists, Dan Imperati had a goal and three assists, Ryan Roemensky had a goal and two assists, Jesse Hubenschmidt (Redford) had four assists, Scott Lock had three assists, Pete Mazzoni got two assists and Kevin Huggard (Redford) scored a goal.

Brian Tarsin's three goals and one assist paced the Spartans. Steve Brudzewski added two goals and an assist, Ryan Gauthier (Canton) had three assists, and Ed Monks got two assists.

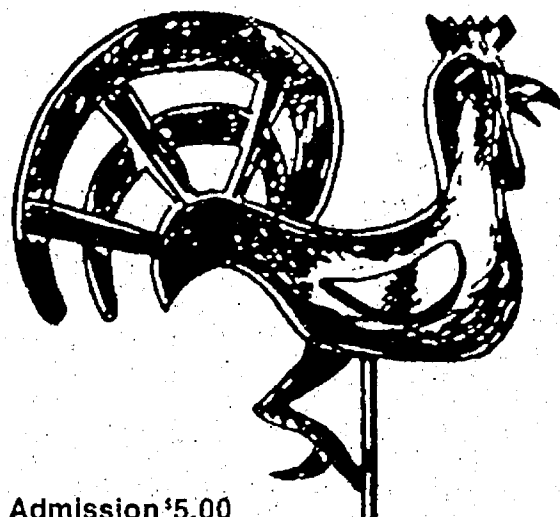
Jason Hubenschmidt (Redford) and Tom McNeil (Plymouth) divided time in goal for the Falcons; Ryan Davis was in goal for the Spartans.

Wildcats 8, Bulldogs 5: Three goals in a span of 5:54 of the second period helped carry the Wildcats past the Bulldogs in an MSHL game Sunday at Plymouth.

Mike Lamb scored three times for the 'Cats, one in each period, and added an assist. Jason Asadoorian (Canton) contributed two goals and an assist, Krikor Arman (West Bloomfield) had a goal and two assists, Varujan Arman (West Bloomfield) had a goal and an assist, Mark Portelli got a goal and Joey Giambra had two assists.

The Bulldogs' scoring was done by Jim Nesich, with three goals and an assist, and Mike Noel, with two goals and an assist. Baron Becker added three assists and Dave Dziuban (Canton) had two.

Larry Jesue was in goal for the 'Cats; Shawn Miller and Bob Harrison shared time in goal for



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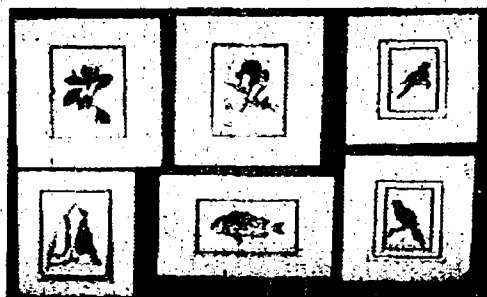
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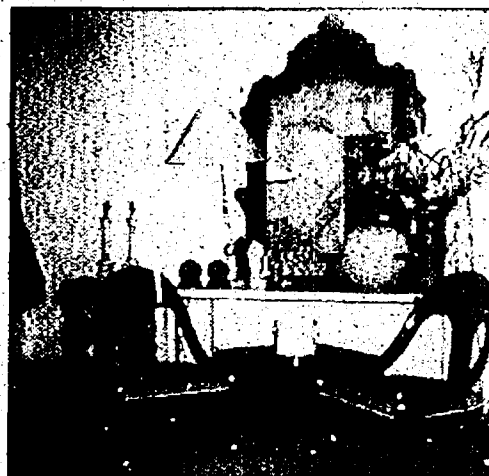
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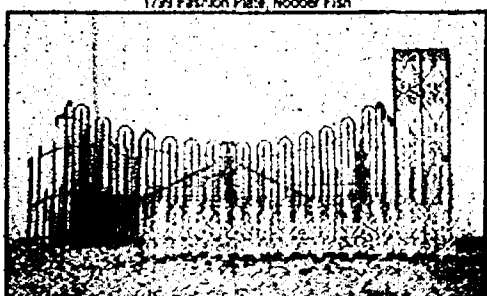
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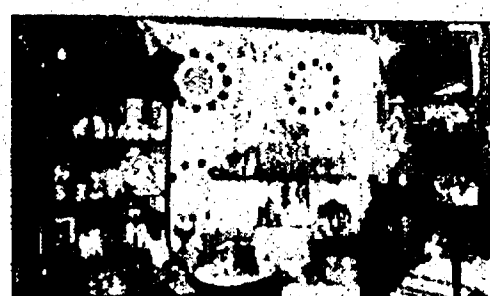
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ship funds were limited. So all things considered, Jansen figures they filled their needs.

The Crusaders "biggest" recruit is an imposing one: Lori Enfield, a 6-3 post player from Williamston.

"She's a big girl, a legitimate center for us," said Jansen. "Someone who can be in there in a post-up position."

What Enfield lacks is polish. Her Williamston team, a Class B school, struggled.

"She doesn't come from a great program," noted Jansen. "She's a lefthander, which we like. And she finishes well from inside four feet."

"She needs work on all of her skills. But we got a big girl we

can go to."

The second Madonna recruit with size is 5-10 forward Melissa Poma, from Livonia Ladywood. Again, she is not coming from a successful program — Ladywood was 5-16 last season, and in her four years there Poma played for three different coaches — but Jansen sees definite potential.

"She was one of the top players on a sub-par team," the Madonna coach said. "She has a great attitude, she works hard, she reacts well and she can run forever. She's the kind of player who fits in well, a support-type player."

"I think she's going to bloom in this environment."

What Poma doesn't have is enough bulk. "She needs to add

some weight," said Jansen, who believes Poma will develop into a small forward.

The third Madonna recruit is the kind of player every coach wants: Michelle Miela, a 5-7 guard from Anchor Bay.

What makes Miela an attractive recruit is her athletic ability. She played three sports in high school.

"This kid can jump out of the gym," Jansen said. "I see her as a good back-up player to start."

Miela's offensive skills are sound. "She's used to being the offensive creator," Jansen said. "She had to do it all."

"Both (Jansen and Enfield) come from programs where they were 'it'. If they weren't scoring, their team wasn't going any-

where."

It won't be the same at Madonna. Also, whereas Miela could check the opponent's toughest player on defense in high school and use her athletic ability to overwhelm them, Jansen predicted "she won't get away with that here."

Which means offense alone won't get any of them a lot of court time. But: "They're all going to play," according to Jansen.

"I think we did really well with what we had to spend. We're in that stage where we're going to need a great recruiting class next year."

This one doesn't seem too bad. It certainly filled their biggest needs.

Vellucci wins another Founders Festival

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

The team of the '90s? That's a softball question.

If we're talking about the Farmington Founders Festival softball tournament, it has to be Vellucci Inc.

The Vellucci family has made its name synonymous with the annual event, winning its third straight championship and fourth in five years Sunday.

The Vellucci brothers (Pat, Mike, Mark, Frank and Perry) and teammates Paul Woodard, Milo Karhu, Willie Hepworth, Chris Behan, Mark Hamilton, Mike Oink and Jeff Wojcik again spelled a winning combination.

"It has helped to have basically the same team," said Pat Vellucci, who replaced his father, Frank Sr., as the coach this year. "We've had only one or two changes, so it's helped to have the same people."

"Plus, everyone is out there to have fun, but everyone is real competitive, too. We cheer each other on, but there are times when someone does make an error; how-

ever, we don't get down on anyone. "We play as hard as we can and don't worry about what happens."

Frank Vellucci, Sr., had such confidence in his sons he and his wife, Judy, went to the final round of the Tournament Players Championship golf tournament instead.

"It is a petty well coordinated team," Frank Sr. said. "It didn't take a lot of coaching in past years. It really was Pat's team this year. Obviously, they didn't miss me."

Vellucci Inc. won four games to take the title, including the last two over perennial rival Cadillac Cafe, the runner-up in the last three tournaments.

The teams met in the winner's bracket final early Sunday, and the situation favored Vellucci Inc. after it rallied from a 10-2 deficit to win 12-11 in nine innings.

Vellucci Inc. scored six runs in the bottom of the sixth to make it 10-8 and forced extra innings with two in the seventh.

Both teams scored a run in the eighth, and tournament MVP Behan's RBI single drove in the winning run in the ninth.

That victory gave Vellucci Inc.

the emotional lift to go on and win the tournament, according to Pat Vellucci, "especially after the sixth inning when we came back. The adrenaline went from low to very high."

"We thought we had a chance to get 'em when we tied it. We felt we weren't going to lose; everybody was pumped."

On a hot day, with the temperature around 90 and the humidity high, the team that won that game had the advantage of being able to rest and not having to win three straight games in the double-elimination event.

Cadillac Cafe eliminated Library Pub in the loser's bracket final, 15-3, but dropped another close contest to Vellucci Inc. in the championship round, 7-6.

"It's like we have their number pretty well," Pat Vellucci said of his team's success in the championship series.

"Before the third game, we said 'This is probably going to be the championship here.' It would have been quite difficult for whoever lost to win two from the other team. That was the key; that was a big win."

In the 12-11 game, Pat's two-run triple and Hamilton's two-run single sparked the six-run rally in the sixth.

Vellucci Inc. got within a run, 10-9, on three straight singles by Perry Vellucci, Karhu and Behan. With two outs and an 0-2 count staring at him, Mark Vellucci ripped a single up the middle for the tying run.

Frank Vellucci's double and Hamilton's sacrifice fly knotted the score at 11 in the eighth. Mike Vellucci broke an 0-for-3 streak in the game with a single and scored the winning run on Behan's ninth-inning hit.

The championship game was deadlocked 5-5 after five innings. With two out in the sixth, Vellucci Inc. scored twice on four consecutive singles by Behan (3-for-4), Pat Vellucci, Mark Vellucci and Karhu.

"Both were one-run games, and that shows how evenly matched our teams are," Pat Vellucci said. "Most (of the games) have been one-run games decided in the last inning. And, of course, we want to be on the winning side."

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■ For kids: Magician and juggler Ben Spitzer will perform at noon Saturday at the Westland Library Performance Pavilion. The event is free and is sponsored by the Westland Community Foundation.

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Congresswoman Lynn Rivers will host a Town Hall Meeting Saturday, July 19, from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Annex Building of the Wayne County RESA, 33500 Van Born Road, Wayne. Discussed will be federal spending and tax proposals. Call Walter Ellerbe at (313) 722-1411 for information.

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SUNDAY CONCERTS

The Westland Cultural Society 1997 Concerts in the Park continue through July and August. Unless otherwise noted, all concerts are held at the Westland Library Performance Center, or at the Bailey Center in case of rain. The schedule includes:

■ July 20 — Starfire with vocalist Sheila Taylor plays modern music and blues at Stottlemeyer Park

■ July 27 — Cosmopolitan Band plays Big Band music

■ Aug. 3 — Pyramid plays Motown, light rock and rhythm and blues

■ Aug. 10 — Roy Cobb and the Coachmen play blue grass music

■ Aug. 17 — Phil Gram Combo plays jazz

■ Aug. 24 — the Waco Country Band entertains. Call 722-7620 or 522-3918 to confirm location in case of rain.

FINANCIAL EDUCATION

The YMCA, along with Primerica Financial Services, is offering a free financial fitness seminar next Wednesday, July 23, from 7-8 p.m. at the Wayne-Westland YMCA, 827 S. Wayne, south of Cherry Hill. Topics include: how to take control of your finances, how to permanently eliminate debt, and wealth-building principles.

A complimentary book on financial basics will be given to those attending. Call (810) 826-5962 or (810) 969-9280.

RECREATION

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.

POOL OPEN

The Bailey pool and water-slide are open seven days a week from noon to 3:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m. Teen night is held on Mondays and Thursdays from 8-10 p.m. when teens can enjoy dancing, swimming, volleyball. Senior night is on Wednesdays from 8-10 p.m. Birthday parties and other functions are available, and swim lessons continue throughout the summer. Call Debbie Lindquist at (313) 722-7620 for information.

RECREATION AND FUN

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.

PRECISION CLINIC

The Westland Figure Skating Club will host a Precision Clinic featuring coaches of the Crystallettes Shannon Peterson and Holly Brothers on Fridays through Aug. 1. Pick up forms at the Westland Sports Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood or call Mrs. Randolph at (313) 722-1091.

HISTORY ON VIEW

WESTLAND MUSEUM

The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays, at 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. (313) 326-1110.

FRIENDS MEET

Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November at 7 p.m. at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Information, president Jim Franklin (313) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

FOR SENIORS

GOLDEN AGERS MEETING

The Golden Agers, a new senior program in the Wayne-Westland community will host an open house on Wednesday, July 30, from 1-2 p.m. at the Salvation Army, Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy Road, Westland. Free refreshments and transportation provided to those in need. Call and reserve a seat by July 23 at 722-3660.

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 meets at 2 p.m. Players enjoy euchre, pinochle, bridge, Uno, rummy and poker. Light refreshments are served. Call (313) 722-7632 for information or just show up to play cards. The

Summer concerts



The bands play on: Summer concerts for all ages continue in Westland through August. The Westland Cultural Society 1997 Concerts in the Park continues this Sunday, July 20, when Starfire with vocalist Sheila Taylor entertains with modern music and blues at Stottlemeyer Park. The Sunday concert series continues through Aug. 24 with other concerts at the Westland Library outdoor pavilion. Call 722-7620 or 522-3918 to confirm locations in case of rain. A Saturday Children's Concert Series sponsored by the Westland Community Foundation also continues this weekend with magician and juggler Ben Spitzer at noon. The children's series, which runs Saturdays through Aug. 9, is also held at the Westland Library pavilion.

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.

MONTHLY MEAL

The Wayne Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford, for people 50 and older. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. The meal includes beer, beverages and dancing to Big Band music, and door prizes. (313) 728-5010.

DANCE FUN

Westland Shopping Center hosts a senior citizen dance on the first Monday of each month at 11 a.m. in the lower level auditorium, Wayne and Warren roads. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 12:30 p.m. The dance will end 2 p.m. The dance is held on the first Monday, with the exception of holidays.

SENIOR DANCE

Senior dances will be noon to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of every month at the Wayne Ford Civic Center, 1651 N. Wayne Road, Westland. There will be dinner, a live band, beer and pop. Members \$5, non-members \$7. (313) 728-5010.

WORK REFERRAL

Information Center Inc. refers workers to seniors who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yard work, house work, etc. Workers can specify the type of work

they are willing to do and the communities they want to serve. Chore Worker Program. (313) 422-1052.

LINE DANCING

Line dancing lessons are offered to senior citizens at 10:45 a.m. each Friday at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, at Marquette. Fee is \$2 per session. (313) 722-7632.

DYER CENTER

The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday-Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m.; bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.; a Hawaiian dance exercise class will be held at 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Hall A. Instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (313) 722-7632.

SCHOOLS

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottlemeyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an Early Intervention Program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a Pre-Primary Impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is ongoing from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (313) 595-2660 for information.

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.

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.

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 26279 Michigan Ave., Inkster. (313) 561-4110.

LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Preschool in Livonia is accepting registration for the 1997-98 school year. Classes meet Monday/Wednesday/Friday in the morning and afternoon and Tuesday/Thursday in the morning for 3-5 year olds. Information (313) 421-0749 or (810) 471-2077.

MCKINLEY CO-OP

McKinley Co-op Preschool is now enrolling for the 1997-98 school year. There are openings for 2-, 3- and 4-year mom and tot programs at 6500 Wayne Road. Call (313) 729-7222 for information.

VOLUNTEERS

FAMILIES SOUGHT

Organizers from the Youth for Understanding group in this area are seeking families from Westland and Wayne to serve as host families for some 50 foreign exchange students visiting this country. Program fees are paid by students and their parents raised through community projects or funded by scholarships. Students have their own medical insurance and bring their own spending money. Students are between the ages of 15 and 18 and usually live here for about 11 months, starting in mid-August. Some six-month hosting opportunities are also available. For more information or to host a student, call Jeffrey Meyer at (313) 467-9762.

DRIVERS NEEDED

Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Meetings are held from 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road just south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Call 459-0216 or 421-4208 for information. The support group serves residents of Westland, Plymouth and Livonia and surrounding communities.

FOSTER CARE

Youth Living Centers are looking for people to open their homes and hearts to children who need foster care. Training and supportive services provided. To learn more about becoming part of the Foster Care Team, call Gina Velez, (313) 728-3400.

FOOD DELIVERY

Volunteers are needed 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to deliver meals to homebound, disabled, elderly people in Westland one hour or more per day, one or more days per week. (313) 326-4444.

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The Notre Dame Knights of Columbus hold bingo games starting at 6:45 p.m. Thursdays in its hall on Van Born, east of Wayne Road. (313) 728-3020.

MONDAY BINGO

The Notre Dame Assembly Knights of Columbus holds bingos at 6:30 p.m. Mondays in its hall on Van Born east of Wayne Road. There are specials held on the last Monday of each month. (313) 728-3020.

WFCL BINGO

The Finesse Girls Travel Softball Boosters hold a bingo from 6:30-9:45 p.m. every Monday to raise money for the girls softball program. The bingo games are held at the Wayne Ford Civic League Hall, on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford.

DEMS BINGO

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy, east of Middlebelt. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army, School for the Blind. (313) 422-5025 or (313) 729-8681.

DEMS' BINGO

The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party will hold bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, in the Cherry Hill Hall, on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy. (313) 421-1517.

BINGO AND SNACKS

The auxiliary of VFW Post 3323, Westland, serves snacks and provides chari-

ty games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in the post hall, on Wayne Road at Avondale. (313) 326-3323.

SHAMROCK BINGO

There will be bingo at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road, Wayne. Doors open 9 a.m. Food available. Proceeds go to charity. (313) 728-3020.

SMOKELESS BINGO

"Smokeless" bingo meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, at Sts. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. Offered are three jackpots of \$400, \$300 and \$200.

NO SMOKE

"No smoking" bingo will be 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Residents from Westgate Towers, Taylor Towers, Greenwood Towers, Liberty Park, Presbyterian Village and Carolon Condos, etc., are eligible for transportation to bingo if they have a minimum of five players. (313) 722-7632.

JAYCEES

Westland Jaycees host bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Three jackpots paying \$250, \$300 and \$300, progressive. Call the Jaycee Information Hotline at (313) 480-4984.

AT THE LIBRARY

SUMMER READING

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is hosting a summer reading program for kids. For more information, call Meaghan Battle at (313) 326-6123.

CLUBS IN ACTION

WEEKENDERS

The Weekenders family campers meet the second Wednesday of the month in Franklin High School, on Joy east of Merriman. (313) 531-2993.

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.

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.

HOST 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 Wehr. (313) 326-1466.

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) 625-0962.

AMBASSADORS

Ambassadors Junior Civitan seeks those 13-18 for community service activities. Call (313) 729-5409 for information.

CALENDAR FORM

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 Schoeller, 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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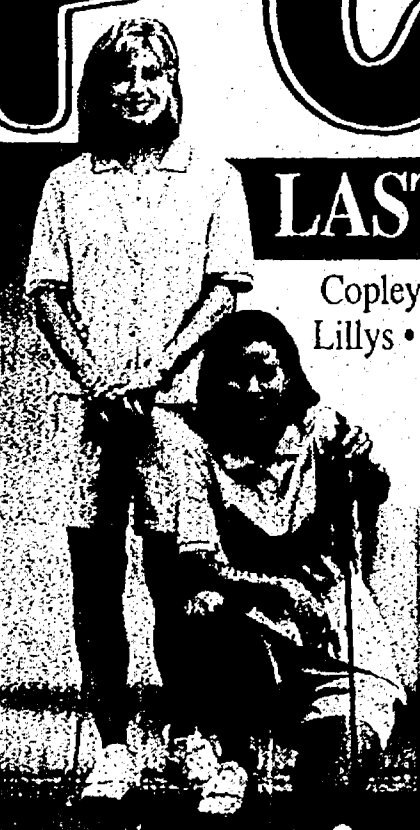
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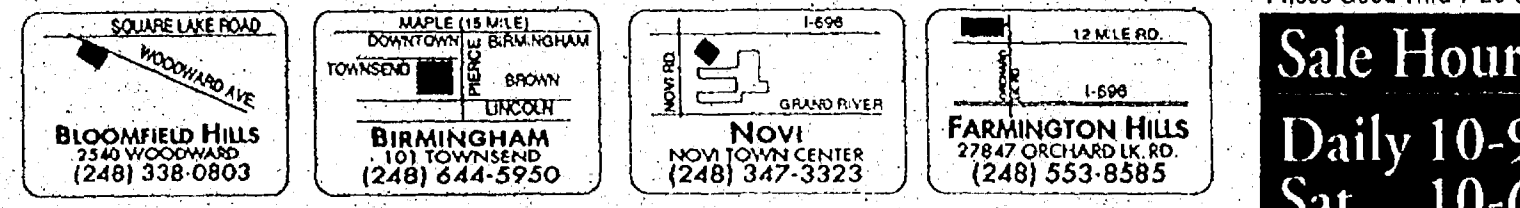
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Rigley wins Braves' pitching debut

The Michigan Braves finished with a 4-1 record at the College Prospect Tournament for Mickey Mantle age group teams in Toledo.

The Braves' only loss came to the Akron As, 5-4.

Losing pitcher Michael Macek (Redford Union) allowed eight hits, struck out four. Ken Sorenson led the offense with two hits and an RBI.

They beat teams from Adrian,

Fort Wayne, Detroit and Worthington, Ohio.

Macek earned the pitching victory against Adrian and went 2-for-3 with two RBI to help his cause. Adam Fozzio, Jon Porter and Sorenson were 2-3 with two RBI.

Matt Rigley (RU), making his pitching debut, threw a two-hitter with six strikeouts in the shutout against Fort Wayne. Tim Portelli and John Sterlini

had two hits each. Sterlini had two RBI.

Porter, in relief of Devin Cole (Garden City), was the winning pitcher vs. Detroit. Portelli was 4-4 with two RBI and two doubles and Macek was 3-3 with two RBI. Rigley was 2-4 with three RBI. Sorenson also had three

RBI.

In the win against Worthington, Miguel Lokuta was the winning pitcher.

Sterlini was 4-5, Fozzio 3-4 and Cole 3-3. Cole also scored three runs.

Dean Beatty was 3-4 with three RBI.

The Braves carried a 14-4 league record into the last three regular-season games.

Finesse win U-14 state

It may not carry the prestige it once did, but the Finesse Under 14 girls softball team won another state championship last weekend in Rochester.

Slow pitch softball teams have been dwindling over the years with a majority of high school aged girls electing instead to play fast pitch.

Finesse, one of only four slow pitch softball teams still registered in Under-14 ranks, beat three teams by a combined score of 64-14.

The win sends Finesse to the Eastern Worlds this weekend in Muncie, Ind. Eighteen teams east of the Mississippi River have qualified.

The ultimate destination is the World Series, held July 30-Aug. 3 at the Canton Softball Center.

The 16-under division is most hurt by the defections. There was no U-16 state tournament because Finesse was the only organization in the state with a registered team.

Finesse coach Bob Bako said slow pitch softball is still beneficial for high school girls.

Slow pitch is supposed to improve defense and baserunning - skills that sometimes aren't required in fast pitch where pitch-

ers dominate.

"A lot of the college coaches now want to look at players in the summer playing their game," Bako said. "We're firm believers in developing defensive, baserunning skills. For position players it's still the game to play. We have outfielders who see more fly balls in a tournament than they see in an entire season in fast pitch."

Members of the Finesse team include Abby Massey and Amy Paling of Westland; Andrea Spencer, formerly of Redford; Julie Stoll of Redford; Angela Bako, Mary Kovacs and Melanie Stack of Garden City; Crystal Little and Jodie Reed of Wayne; Heather Duff of Dearborn Heights; Jennifer Stone of Brighton; Karlene Kilburn and Danielle Dickinson of Sterling Heights; and Rachel Elbon and Andrea McMillan of Livonia.

Finesse has won six tournaments and has a 24-0 record.

"We have a nice blend of power and speed," Bako said. "We have a lot of weapons in the batting order. We play at 225 feet fences at the Eastern Worlds which will help us. We've been playing at fields with 300 foot fences and outfielders have been able to play our girls 240 feet deep."

Morris, Wampler lead Rams' charge

Evidently, the Michigan Lake Area Rams couldn't wait to get home.

The Rams, fresh off consecutive weekend trips to Kentucky for tournaments, beat up Ann Arbor Huron on Tuesday, 24-2, in Connie Mack Little Caesars Federation League action.

The winning pitcher was Rick Thorning, who scattered three hits and struck out seven.

Bill Morris (Redford Union) was 6-for-6 with seven RBI. Jerry Yatooma was 4-5 with four RBI.

Justin Bright was 3-5 with two runs scored and two RBI. Steve Earl was 2-5 with five runs scored. Dave Wampler was 2-3 with three runs

scored.

The game came on the heels of the Rams going 1-4 at the Dixie Tournament in Lexington, Ky.

"This was a game we really needed after coming up silent down there," coach Tom Nester said. "It's nice to see that explosion come about."

The Rams, who are 21-8 overall, fared better the week before at the Kentucky Colonels Tournament in Bowling Green, Ky. There, they finished 4-1 to take second place in their pool.

"The first tournament the kids played great up and down - pitching, hitting, fielding," Nester said. "We had good, timely hits, our pitching

really came through."

Their only loss was 4-3 to the Evansville, Ind. Black Sox, 4-3.

Morris continues his torrid hitting pace and Steve Crepeau has been hot of late, raising his average about .80. Morris and John Wilson make for a potent attack in the three-four spots in the order, Nester said.

"When one doesn't get a hit, the other does," Nester said.

Wampler (Livonia Franklin) leads the Rams with a 5-1 pitching record, 1.5 earned run average and 53 strikeouts in 42 innings.

"He's been marvelous," Nester said. "Every time on the hill he's been marvelous. You know he's going to give

you seven good innings."

In the second tournament, the Rams' only win came against Pleasant Ridge, 6-5, in the first game of the tourney.

Thorning was the winning pitcher and Yatooma went 2-3 with three RBI. Wilson was 2-4 with an RBI. Thorning struck out three and allowed four earned runs in 5 1/3 innings.

Wilson earned the save.

Nester said the Rams, 13-3 in league play, are looking forward to district action which begins next Thursday.



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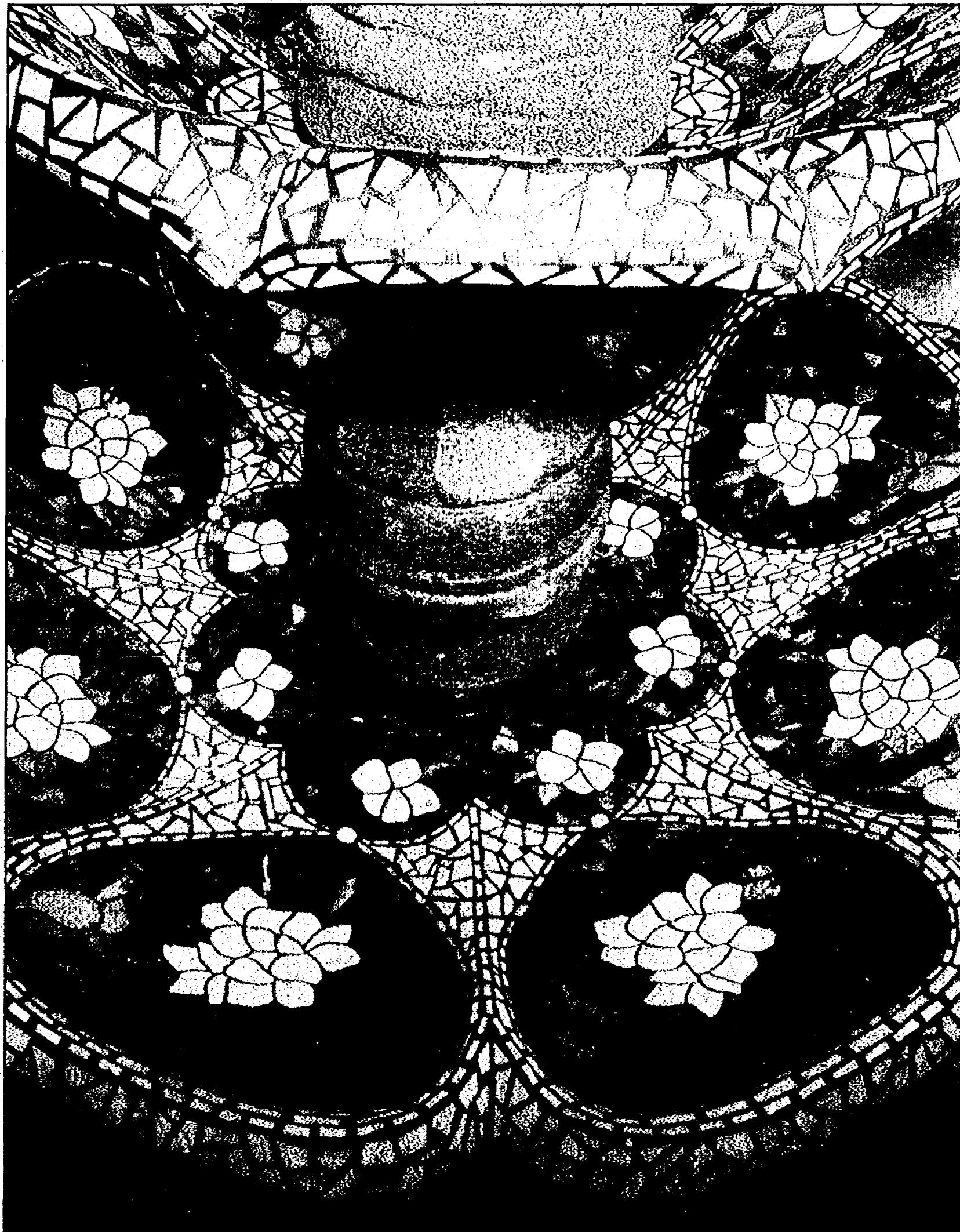
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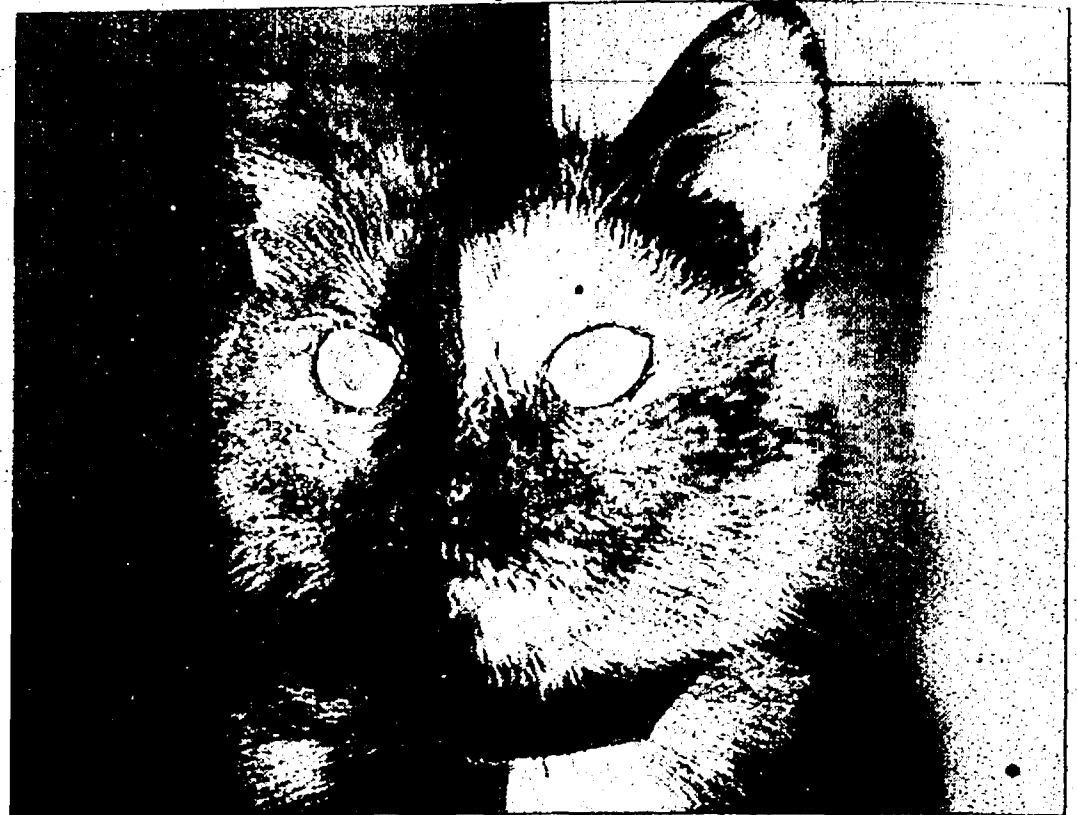
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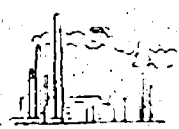
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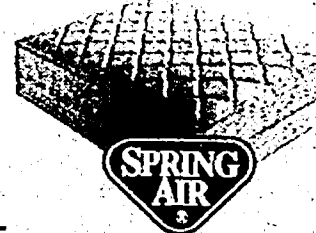


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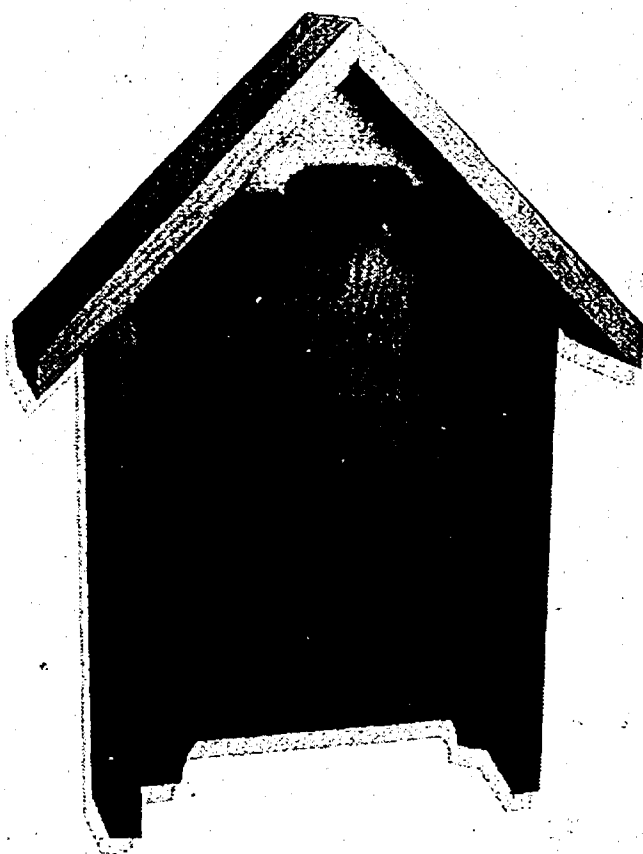


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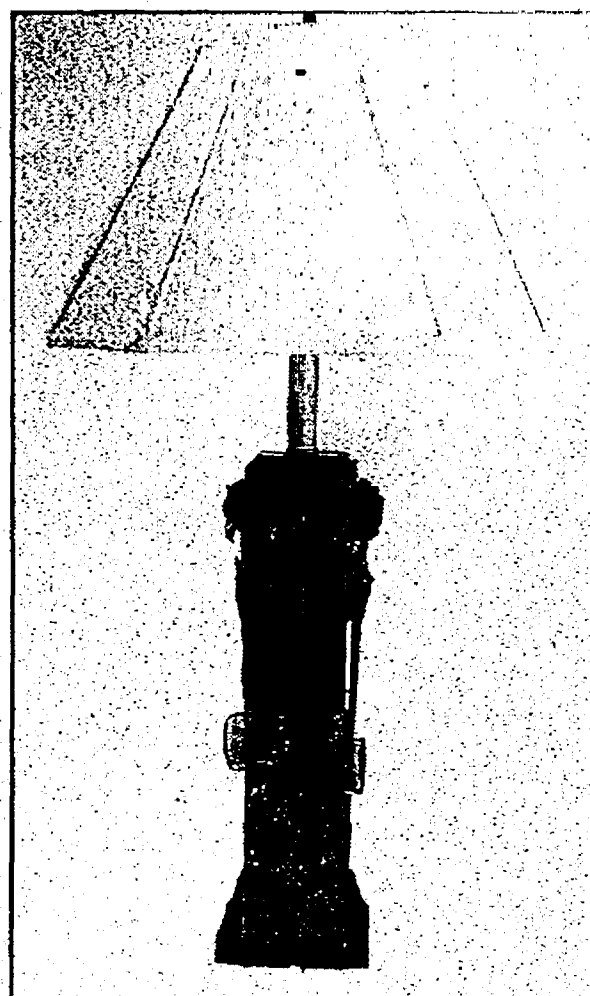


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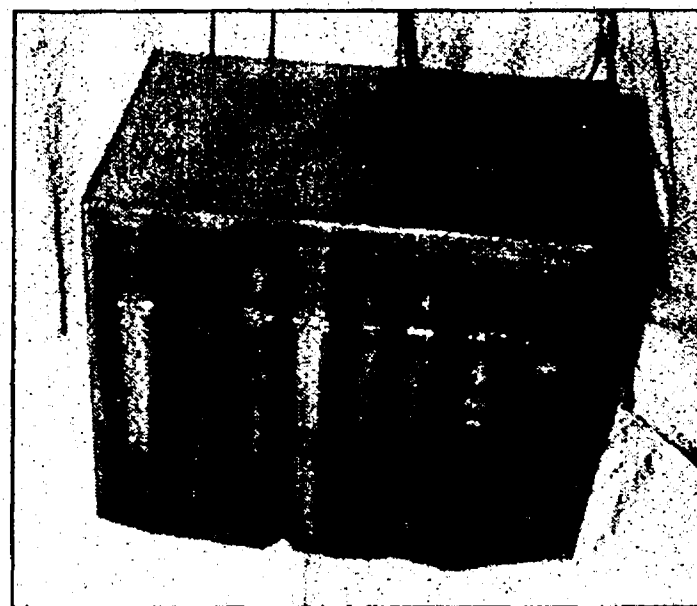
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Organic gardening yields beautiful display

BY MARY KLEMIC
At Home Editor

Linda Pond's garden makes you feel like singing. And "Doin' What Comes Naturally" could be one of the first tunes that come to mind.

Pond, a Redford resident, practices organic gardening, and the results in the back yard and front of her house are spectacular.

Visitors on Redford's eighth biennial Garden Walk Saturday will be able to find out, as Pond's garden is one of seven featured. This year's walk presents creativity with relatively small space gardens.

"Everything is natural," said Pond, a master gardener who volunteers at the herb garden at the University of Michigan.

"I like to work (here) in the evening. It's nice to hear the birds."

Pond's garden, which was featured on a healthy garden tour, offers a floral "who's who." The plants are lush and colorful, filling spaces with beauty, bounty and even benevolence.

Here are perennials, coreopsis, roses

(regular and miniature), thyme, ivy, sweet woodruff, sedum, hemerocallis, Siberian iris, bacopa and hostas, to name but a few. Some plants may land in recipes - chives, parsley, sage, fennel, peppers and lettuce, for example. Among the shady plants are astilbes and ferns.

Colors include the soft silver of Russian sage and the triumphant gold of stella d'oro. Close examination reveals a variety of delights, such as leaves with shadings and textures like tiny works of art.

A butterfly house attracts the winged wonders. Specific plants draw the swallowtail butterfly and hummingbirds.

With such plants as fragrant nicotiana, the garden is a feast for other senses besides sight.

"In the evening the smell is just wonderful."

Pond rearranges the garden, trying plants in different spots around the yard. (She changed her mind about moving an arch of roses when she dis-

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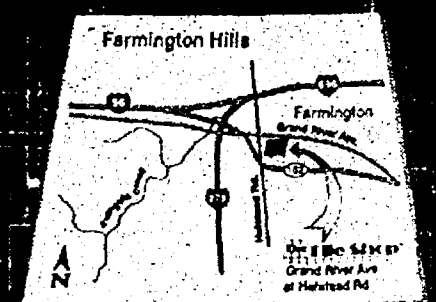
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JOE GAGNON

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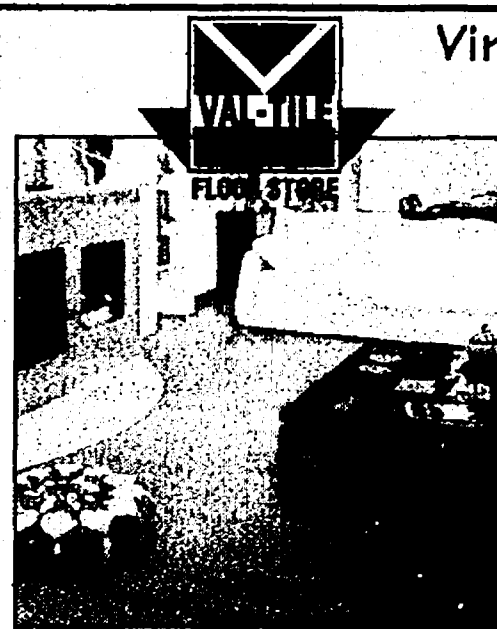
instead wanted to hear what this certain person was going to talk about on his afternoon show. He started the sentence by saying, "Don't put your dehumidifier through the car wash." He explained that you wouldn't wash the inside of your car doors at the car wash because all the inside wiring would get wet. I almost drove off the highway when I heard him say this, and I wondered if this guy even knows what a dehumidifier does. Somebody should tell this guy that a dehumidifier when operating is soaked with water and if it isn't, it's not working properly.

Yesterday, my son Andrew tells me there is a customer on the phone who has been in the heating and air conditioning business for 30 years and wants to tell me I'm wrong because I told a woman to take her A/C unit to the car wash. Before I grabbed the phone I looked at the calendar to see if we recently had a full moon. The person on the other end of the phone informed me that last week I had told a woman how

to put her A/C back into tip-top shape. How could I do that when, "You know darn well, Mr. Gagnon, that woman can't lift an air conditioner and carry it to the trunk of her car."

My dear reader - Let me tell you that it is a lot of fun to be a talk show host on radio and very enjoyable to write this

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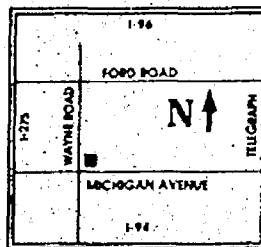
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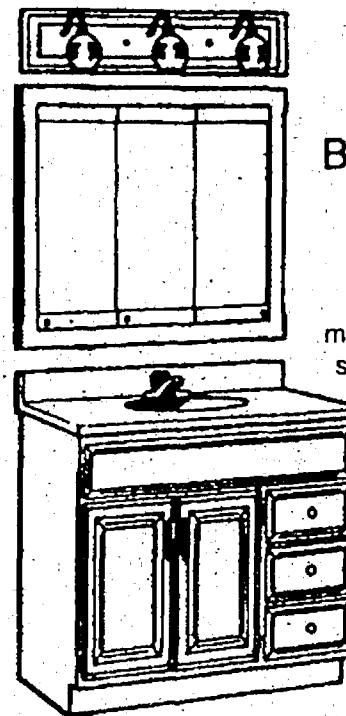
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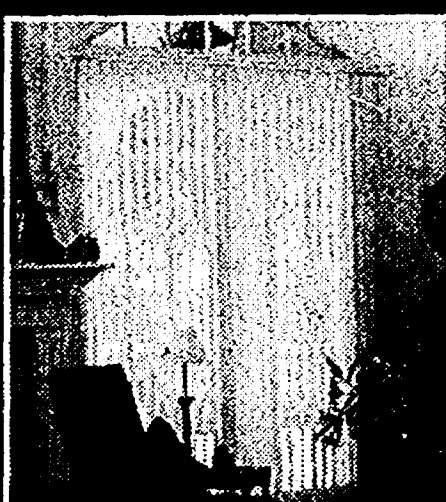


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garden spot

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MARTY FIGLEY

Lupines bloomed well this summer. Although the blooms are gone now, the foliage still will remain through the fall. They do like a slightly acidic soil.

These plants, annuals, perennials and so-called tree-lupines, are native

to North and South America and the Mediterranean region and have different habits of growth. They are usually ornamental, but some species are useful for cover crops.

Annual plants do best when seed is sown in enriched garden soil because,

like the wild and perennial lupines, they don't transplant well.

Alternately you can start the seeds of both the annuals and perennials in peat pots in a cold frame or cool greenhouse; soak seed overnight to hasten sprouting and prick the tough outer seed husk.

The peat pots can be set in the garden in May, if weather permits. Lupines don't like very hot summers, so choose a slightly shady location, although they need some sun.

Colors are breathtaking in shades of lavender, blue, pink, red, white, dark yellow, orange and bi-color blends.

The wild lupine, *L. perennis* (zones 4-9), is a desirable plant for dry, sandy,

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covered it contained a nest of cardinals.) "Nothing stays stagnant in this yard. Everything moves."

This includes garden accessories, such as small statues in a variety of forms and a miniature reflecting ball in a clay pot.

The natural nourishment for the garden comes from different sources. Compost for the garden is made in containers behind the garage. Hay bales are used as decoration in the fall, after which they are taken apart and the hay spread around under plants. Christmas trees are placed in the family's chipper-shredder after the holiday to become ingredients for mulch.

"A lot of (the garden) takes care of itself.

"I loosened everything up," Pond said of the soil. "That really, really makes a difference."

Garden walk hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets (\$5 each) and maps are available through Friday at Redford Township Hall, 15145 Beech Daly. For information, call (313) 531-3110 weekdays or (313) 533-2770 Saturday.

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Map showing location in Plymouth, MI.

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sunny, wildflower gardens, growing about two feet tall with spikes of pea-like flowers generally blue, but sometime pink.

The Washington Lupine, *L. polyphyllus* (zones 4-8), is hardy in this zone and is native to western North America. It blooms with long, showy spikes in colors mentioned before.

The shorter variety, *moerheimii*, has been refined into the plants most seen in gardens today. They are known as the Russell lupines, developed and named for George Russell of Yorkshire, England.

Perennials can also be propagated by division of the clumps in early spring, but do it carefully. They prefer well-drained soil and some sun.

"Perennial lupines reseed themselves," said Jerry DeBusschere of Troy. "They don't bloom the first year, but if they come up the second year they will do well. In fact, mine went crazy last year and reseeded themselves all over."

If you have questions, you can call DeBusschere at Trevarrow Hardware in

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There are several Russell lupine cultivars with pea-like blooms on tall stalks, in colors ranging from red, pink, blue, purple and white, as well as a mixture of these colors.

If the variety you grow blooms earlier in the season, after the first bloom is finished, cut them back to possibly have another showing of flowers.

The beautifully, deeply cut foliage has many lance-like rays radiating from the end of the leaf stalk that gives them importance to the garden scheme.

Make a note to include lupines in your garden next year if you can't find plants at the nursery now. Look around your garden and decide where these lovely plants would be most appropriate, a bed or border, either would suit.

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 (248) 644-1314.

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newspaper column. I get the biggest kick in life out of giving consumers advice that helps them in one way or another. I can stand the criticism as long as it is constructive and I learn from it. The above mentioned stories are true, they are also two of the rare cases with negative impulses. The many thousands of letters and calls are appreciated and I would wish they never stop.

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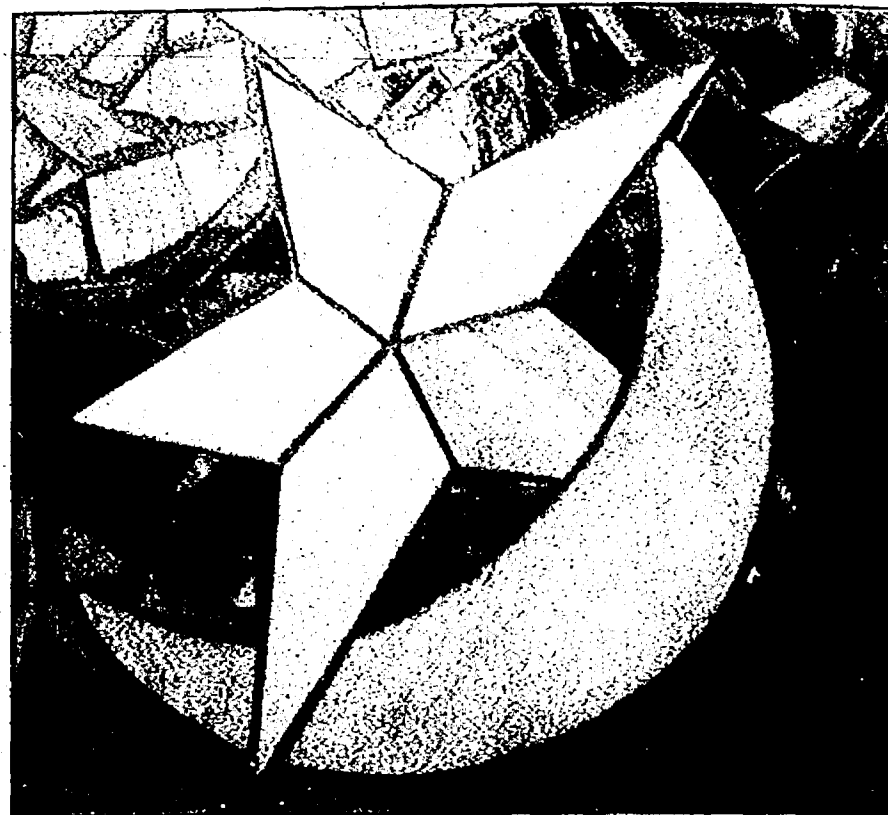
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Glittering art: Kristin Rowe and Michael Fill (above) of Artforms In Glass pose by some of their pieces, all of which - even the fountains and stepping stones - can be placed indoors as well as out. The elegant mosaic work, available at Neiman Marcus in the Somerset Collection in Troy, features a variety of images (right and below). Staff photos by Lawrence R. McKee.

Fountain treat: Artistry shines outside, inside

BY MARY KLEMIC
At Home Editor

Fountains by Kristin Rowe and Michael Fill are making quite a splash - in the home as well as out.

Rowe, formerly of Plymouth, and Fill of Canton are the designers and artists of Artforms In Glass, making unusual stained glass art in accessories for the home.

The durable pieces, bearing glittering mosaic patterns, include fountains, tables, birdbaths and stepping stones. They are featured at Neiman Marcus in the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy.

"It's functional ... art work. It can be used," said Rowe, now of Sylvania, Ohio, who is also owner of the business.

"People are using everything everywhere."

Customers are using the fountains as interior decor, placing them anywhere from the living room to the foyer.

"It has appealed to everyone."

The fountains are versatile in other ways as well. For example, by adding a Santa Claus figure and floating poinsettias in the basin, a fountain can become a Christmas decoration.

The stepping stones come in a variety of shapes, including square, hexagonal and oval. They can be used in different ways, inside as well as outside. Rowe and Fill make triangular stands that hold the works upright.

Designs and shapes of the items are numerous. The basins of fountains may be softly scalloped like a flower. Their surfaces may be filled with colorful arrangements

of flowers and butterflies or abstract patterns of shades that shift as the viewer approaches.

Images featured on the pieces are numerous. You could see a parrot with vibrant hues, or a delicate mermaid or angel; a rabbit or another woodland creature, or a sailboat; or a glistening fish with a line of round "bubbles" to name but a few.

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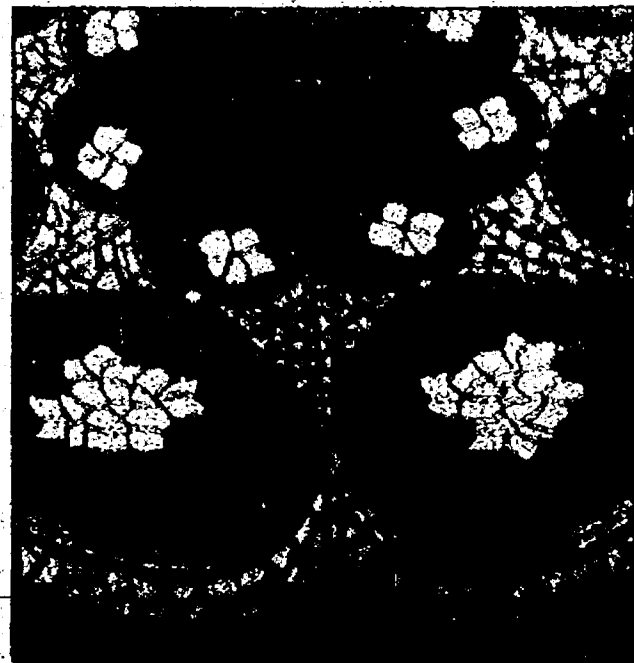
"We're very, very concerned with how things reflect in the sunlight."

Rowe turned a hobby into the business when she wanted to stay at home with her child. She teamed up with Fill, a longtime friend. They exhibited their designs at exhibits at Cobo Hall and in Novi, and their artistry's reputation grew.

"We took the bull by the horns."

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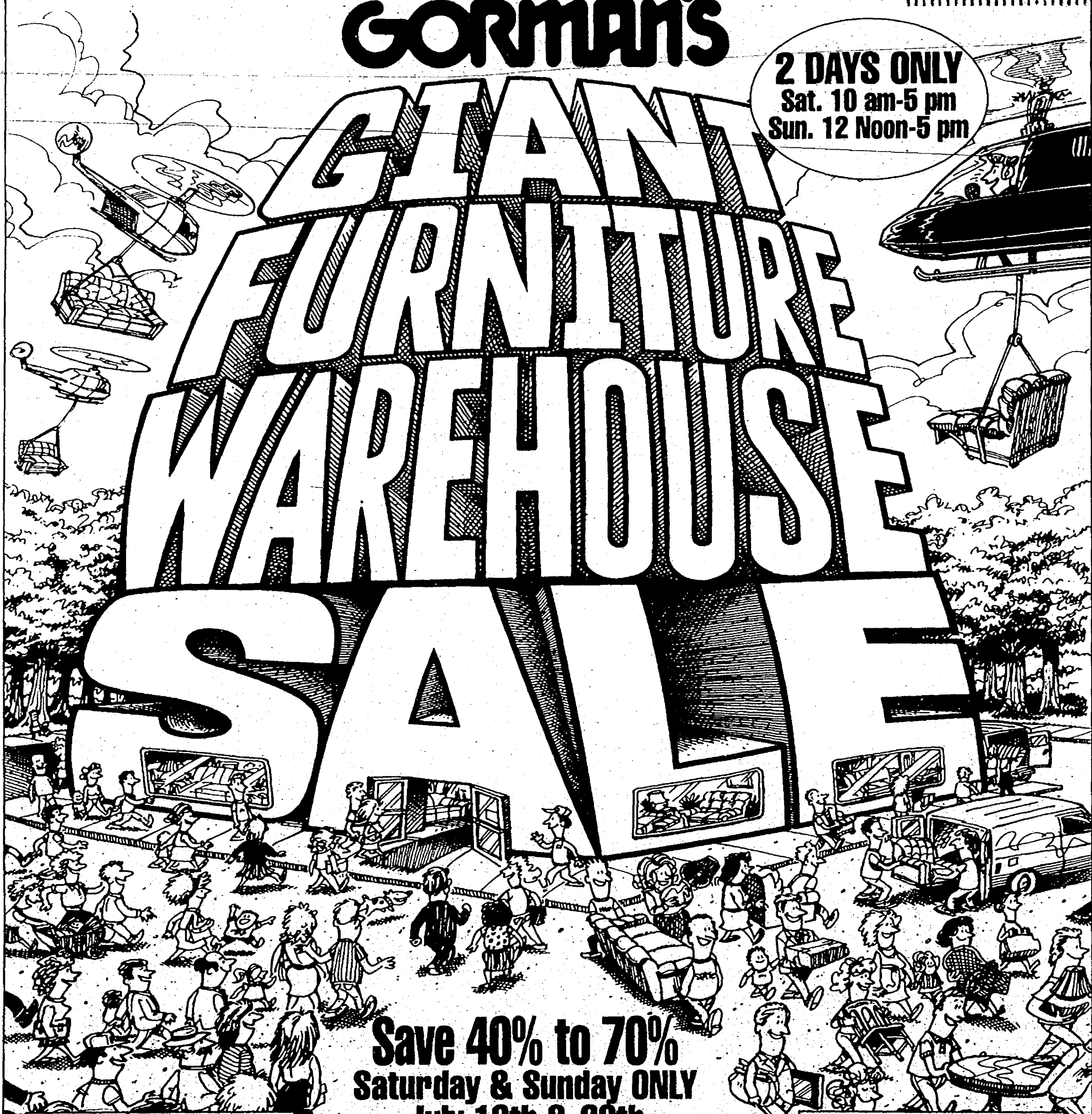
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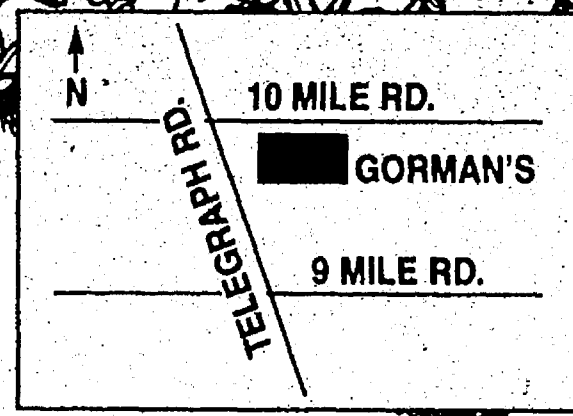
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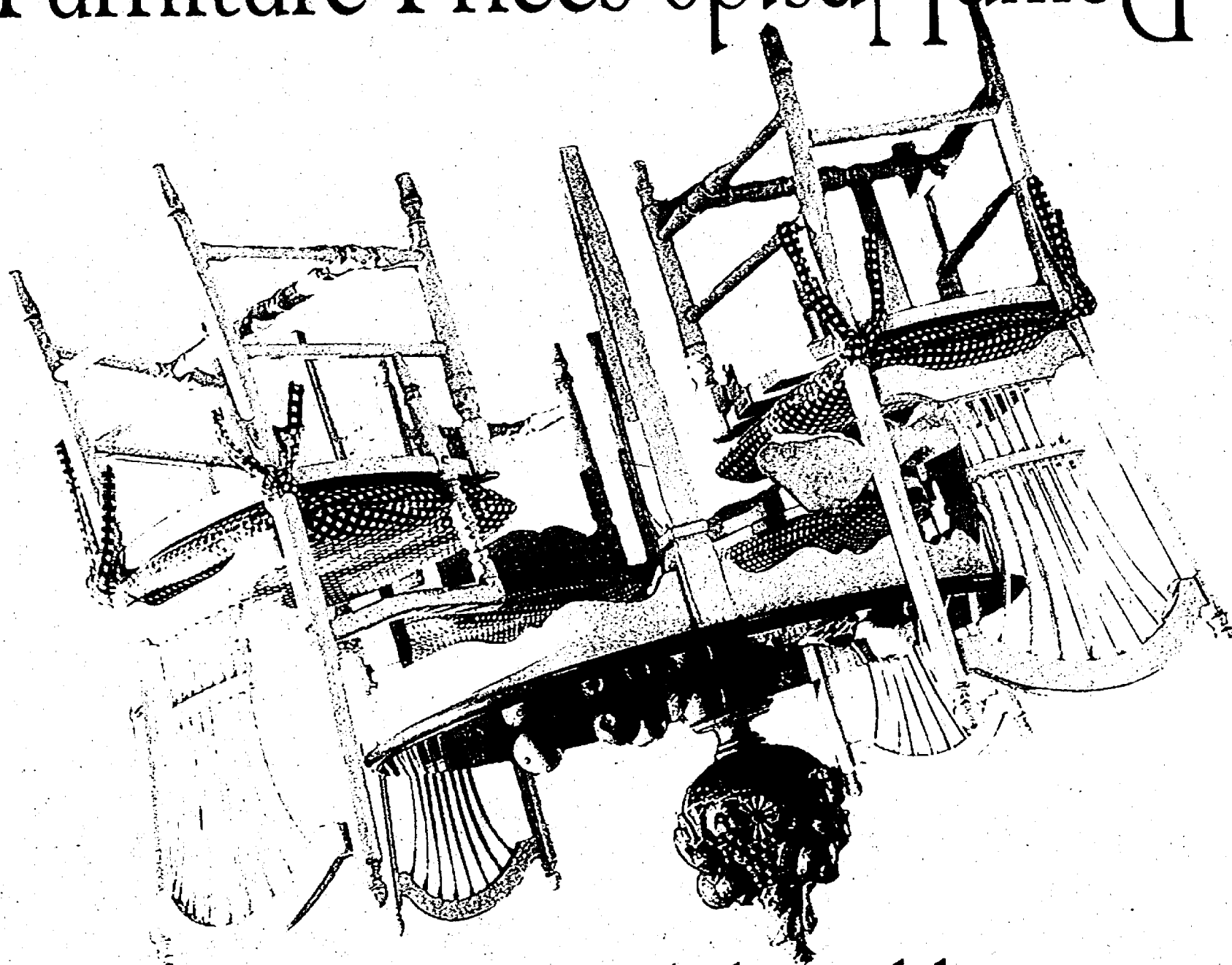
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Q: Many of our friends found that they spent far more on a remodeling project than they had anticipated. What should we avoid in order to stay within the budget we have set?

A: There are two main reasons for

busted budgets: changes and "whileyas" (that handy little phrase that often spills out of a homeowner's mouth, "while you're here, could you just..."). Here is how to handle both:

■ Determine how changes will be

handled before the project starts and include the procedure in the contract. This will help keep change orders to a minimum.

■ Realize that any work not specified in the original contract will have an additional cost attached to it. Contractors find that "whileyas" can represent up to 10 percent of their total annual volume. If you do find additional work you would like your contractor to do, by all means discuss it with him or her. However, you should approach the "whileya" job as a new project and ask the contractor to draft another project plan and contract for that particular job. This will prevent you from making an uninformed decision, and also give you time to carefully consider the new project.

■ Remodeling often has a domino effect that causes "whileyas" to happen: You see one room being transformed and decide that the room next to it doesn't match anymore. Next thing you know, the hallway looks dingy and



needs some fixing of its own. And so it goes throughout the house. This phenomenon can turn into an enormous budget buster if not kept under control.

■ Once you determine how much you can afford to spend on a remodeling project, decrease that amount by 10-20 percent. This money should be put in a reserve account to cover any change

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inviting ideas

Play with your food - it's summer



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Summertime makes me think of sidewalk chalk, sprinklers for the kids to run under and artistically creative desserts - especially those where we can use delicious fruits and vegetables in season. Perhaps it's a throwback from my

old camp days and being the director of Camp Petosega's art program, or owning a preschool when my own child was of preschool age - perhaps it's just my own creativity.

I love the tuxedo dressed strawberries, the ones we see at wonderful places like the Ritz Carlton, or beautifully designed cocoa dusted dessert plates and creative and artistic desserts at other trendy restaurants.

Let your creativity go full tilt this

summer and artistically approach dessert at home. It's those special little touches that make family and friends ooh and aah, or simply feel important and magical.

Marzipan is an edible play-dough for adults, made of ground almonds, sugar and egg whites. Pre-made marzipan is available in the baking section of some markets and specialty shops. Color the "dough" with food coloring pastes (color pastes are available at Kitchen Glamor shops or other backing supply stores) they work much better than the food coloring and are easier to control - with the pastes, the color goes a long way. Marzipan can be made into any shapes: fruit, vegetables or even picture frames to surround actual fruit for dessert.

FANCY TUXEDO STRAWBERRIES

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ier to work with. Coating chocolate (usually found in coin-sized disks) can be purchased at the Kitchen Glamor shops or any backing supply store.

Yield 12-16 strawberries (depending

on size of the berries)

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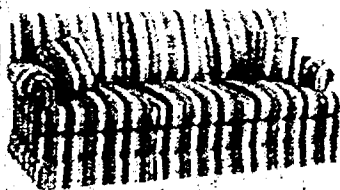
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Special equipment:
Wax paper or kitchen parchment
Pastry bag fitted with a small writing tip (No. 3 or 4)

Ingredients:
7 ounces white coating chocolate (or any other pastel color you may desire)
12 ounces dark coating chocolate
12-16 strawberries, not hulled, but washed and thoroughly dried

Directions:
Line a large cookie sheet with wax paper or kitchen parchment
Melt the coating disks in separate containers - small glass bowls can be used for microwave melting, or melt separately over double boilers.

The chocolate should be melted, but not overly hot - once it starts to melt stir lightly - don't let hands come in contact with chocolate - the oil on skin can only change the composition of the chocolate.

Hold on to the leaves of the berry and carefully dip the front of the strawberry into the melted white (or pastel colored) chocolate - this is the shirt.

Place the dipped berry on the lined cookie sheet to dry - chocolate side up!

Once cooled and dry, again hold the berry, leaves up and carefully dip each side of the berry into the dark chocolate (dip on an angle) - you should now have a V-shape design which is the tuxedo coat.

Place decorated berries back on the covered cookie sheet to dry.

Place a small tip on your pastry bag - rest in a glass or small jar to hold steady - fold part of the bag over the glass or the jar, then pour in the melted dark chocolate (no more than 1/2 cup) - pull up the sides of the bag and twist to enclose the chocolate.

Pipe an "x-shape" at the top of the white shirt (or pastel shirt) - then fill in slightly to form a bow tie. Carefully pipe out three small dots vertically - centered on the white chocolate for the tuxedo shirt buttons. Return to the covered cookie sheet to dry completely. Place in a cool area until time of serving - it's best not to refrigerate - so they don't "sweat."

Serve by themselves, add to a fruit plate or serve atop a big scoop of ice cream.

MARZIPAN PICTURE FRAMES WITH FRUIT PAINTINGS

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Pull off a piece of marzipan from roll - color with a toothpick amount of coloring paste (size and color of your choosing). Roll with hands forming pencil-like rolls (4 of them), and then forming rectangular pieces if desired - to make a frame (either square or rectangle). Your frame doesn't have to have a back piece unless desired, place the rectangular or square shape on a dessert plate. Arrange pieces of small whole fruit inside the frame - creating your own painting of fruit.

ICE CREAM CHARACTERS

Remember those wonderful ice cream

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orders or incidental charges accrued along the way, which will prevent a frantic scramble for additional funds at the end of a project.

■ Finally, stick to your original plan. If you decide that your budget is "x" and your reserve fund is "y," tell your contractor to work within those figures. It is easy to say, "A little more on this faucet won't matter. It's a small amount of money." Unfortunately, this is a close cousin of "whileya" and another easy way to overextend your budget.

Source: The Master Plan for Profes-

sional Home Remodeling - National Association of the Remodeling Industry.

clowns you used to have as a child? Prepare them for your favorite kiddies, or be creative and use the same concept for your favorite adults. In making the clowns - a scoop of ice cream for the head placed in a bowl, the hat an old fashioned sugar cone. Use dried fruits - things like: dried pieces of dates or figs, or dried cranberries, blueberries, cherries, raisins, currants, dried banana slices, dried mango (a large mango slice works great for a mouth). Maraschino cherries still make a perfect nose, and don't forget the whipped cream collar!

Ruth Mossok Johnston is a Franklin author and food columnist.

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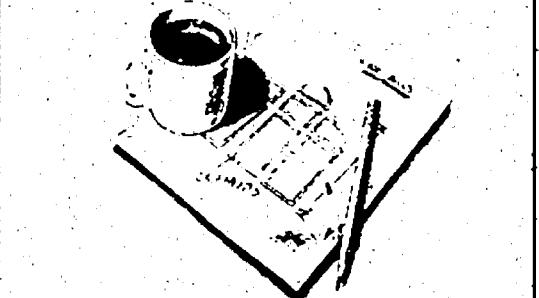
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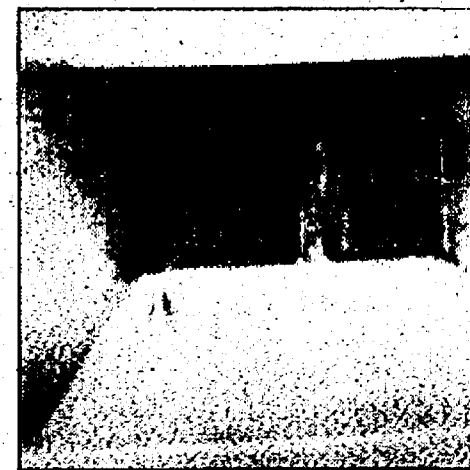


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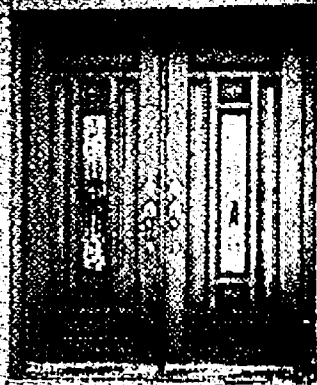
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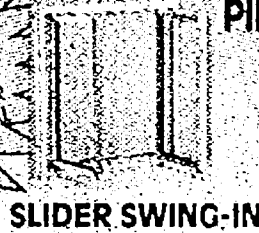
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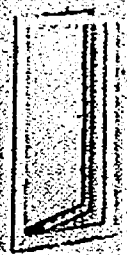
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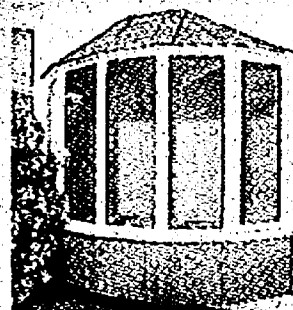
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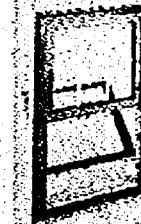
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FRIDAY



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SATURDAY

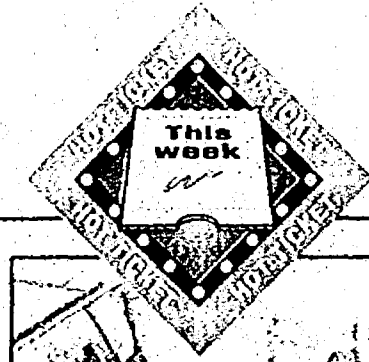


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SUNDAY



Princess Jasmine (Jaclyn Evola) and Aladdin (Nick Nerio) in Stagecrafters Youth Theatre production of "Aladdin and His Wonderful Magical Lamp," 1 p.m., Baldwin Theatre, downtown Royal Oak, (248) 541-6430.



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JAZZ PLANET

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Sometime around dusk next Thursday, the transformation will begin. Alexander Zonjic, one of the most popular local jazz performers, will flaunt his silky magic flute in Birmingham's Shain Park, and the change will commence.

A pristine suburban downtown, known for its exclusive retail district and exquisite restaurants, will undergo a chemical reaction as dizzyingly bouncy as the driest champagne. Injected with bebop, soul, fusion and traditional melodies with an improv twist, the town known as Birmingham will become Planet Jazz. (And to think NASA had to send a rover to Mars for pictures of another world.)

If anyone wonders about that cool breeze expected to blow through metro Detroit next weekend, rest assured. It'll emanate from the fifth annual Birmingham Jazzfest.

Ready for launch

After three years of modest success, Jazzfest made a marked improvement in its fiscal direction and lineup last year. The result is that this year's Jazzfest features the type of promising vibe for a full-scale launch likely to attract thousands to the downtown streets; the type of music event that shows up as a "can't miss" on the summer calendar of events.

While big-time acts perform on the outdoor main stage in Shain Park, other jazz artists will play in restaurants and clubs throughout downtown Birmingham. Promoters promise the feel of a community gathering and an intimate jazz club atmosphere — a spirited revival as diverse as jazz itself.

"There's a great synergy because we've gotten the whole town involved — restaurants, retailers, civic organizations, the city," said Lynn Liddle, co-chair of the steering committee, which produces the event for The Community House.

A cornerstone of Birmingham, The Community House initiated the Jazzfest in 1993 based on the hope that it would attract a younger crowd to community-sponsored events. For years, The Community House has sought to change its image as only offering educational, social and cultural programs aimed at older citizens or school-age kids.

"You'll see more diverse people in Birmingham than at any other event of the year," said Gale Colwell, executive director of The Community House. "It's important for our city to reach out."

Yet prospects for Jazzfest weren't always so promising.

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STAFF PHOTO BY DAN DEAN

Spirited revival: David McMurray brings his soulful, funky sound to the fifth annual Birmingham JazzFest. McMurray, standing next to "Freedom of the Human Spirit" sculpture, will be one of the headliners to perform in downtown Shain Park.

BIRMINGHAM JAZZFEST

When: Thursday July 24 to Saturday, July 26 Where: Downtown Birmingham
Admission: Free (Call (248) 433-FEST for information)
Schedule below:

Shain Park • Concerts presented by the Community House

- Thursday, July 24
 - 7:30-9 p.m. — Alexander Zonjic and Friends
- Friday, July 25
 - 7-8 p.m. — The David McMurray Show
 - 8:15-9:30 p.m. — Kenny Garrett Quartet
- Saturday, July 26
 - Noon to 12:45 p.m. — Paul Vorn Hagen Quartet
 - 1:15-1:45 p.m. — Bugs Beddow
 - 2:25-2:45 p.m. — Roger Tucker & Three Quarter Step
 - 3:35-3:45 p.m. — Kid Brother
 - 4:45-4:55 p.m. — Chris Collins Quartet
 - 5:45-5:55 p.m. — Charlie Gabriel & Friends
 - 6:45-6:55 p.m. — Patti Richards Quartet
 - 7-8 p.m. — Willie and Lobo
 - 8:15-9:30 p.m. — Kevin Mahogany Quintet

Birmingham Restaurants

Performance dates Thursday, Friday & Saturday, July 24-26, unless specified otherwise

- Alban's, 190 N. Hunter (at Maple), (248) 258-5788
 - 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. — Rachel Kapp
- Bates Street Cafe, (at the Community House), 380 S. Bates Street, (248) 644-5832
 - 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday, July 24; 9 p.m. to midnight Friday & Saturday, July 25-26 — David Myles & Mylestones
- Dick O' Dow's, 160 W. Maple (248) 642-1135
 - 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, July 24 — Odd Enough
 - 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, July 25 — Stone Circle
 - 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, July 26 — Cat Kin
- Edison's, 220 Merrill (downstairs of 220 restaurant), (248) 645-2150
 - 8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday, July 24 — Phil Lasley Trio
 - 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 25 — Kathy Kosins Trio
 - 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 26 — Robert Phipo Trio
- Forte, 201 S. Woodward, (248) 594-7300
 - No entertainment Thursday, July 24
 - 9 p.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday, July 25-26 — Charlie Gabriel Trio
- Max & Erma's, 210 S. Woodward (enter from Merrill St.), (248) 258-1188
 - 9:30 p.m. to midnight — Bugs Beddow
- Midtown Cafe, 139 S. Woodward (S. of Maple), (248) 642-1133
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Mentors take sax-man Garrett to jazz stardom

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

In December Downbeat Magazine's annual reader poll named Kenny Garrett alto sax player of the year. Garrett, 36, who will perform Friday, July 25, at Shain Park in downtown Birmingham, unseated jazz veteran Phil Woods who had held the spot since 1975.

It was the culmination of years of playing with and learning from the best for the Detroit native, who has emerged as a respected player, band leader and composer in his own right.

"My father played saxophone and I heard jazz, rhythm & blues and Motown in the house all the time," Garrett said in a telephone interview from London, England. "In the beginning I was into the pop players like Grover Washington and Cannonball Adderly, when he was playing more pop style. I liked them because that's what I could understand."

Garrett then began to hear the music of more complex players like Charlie Parker, Sonny Rollins and John Coltrane.

"Not that I didn't play r&b. As a musician you play what ever you can play. I just liked playing sax," Garrett said.

Garrett began to develop his talents under the tutelage of great Detroit trumpet player Marcus Belgrave.

"Coming up, Marcus was there for a lot of people, not just me, but Terri Allen, Bob Hurst, James Carter," said Garrett.

The Mackenzie High School graduate said he took workshops with Belgrave and began playing in Belgrave's big band while still a teenager.

"I got a chance to hear him play a lot and getting to New York I learned how great he was," Garrett said. "He sort of took me under his wing."

Garrett credits what he learned with Belgrave for landing him his first important position, at 18, with the Duke Ellington Orchestra under the direction of Mercer Ellington.

Garrett said he found another mentor in Ellington's lead alto player, Harold Minerve, who "showed me how to get a good sound."

"I was honored and blessed to have that experience, and it wouldn't have happened except for Marcus. I wouldn't have had the opportunity. Playing in his big band taught me how to play," Garrett said.

Garrett stayed with Ellington's band for 3 1/2 years before going on his own

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Homecoming: Native Detroitter Kenny Garrett, named alto sax player of the year in Downbeat Magazine's annual reader poll, will be performing July 25 at Jazzfest in downtown Birmingham.

STREET SCENE



Swingin' into Pine Knob: Royal Crown Revue, whose "Hey Pachucol" was one of the highlights of Jim Carrey's "The Mask," plays the Warped Tour on Wednesday, July 23, at Pine Knob.

Royal Crown puts swing into 'Warped Tour'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Talk about breaks. The seven-piece swing band Royal Crown Revue jazzed up Jim Carrey's "Hey Pachucol" in the movie "The Mask." The Californians provided the music for and met its future manager at former Stray Cat's singer/guitarist Brian Setzer's wedding. It has opened for Kiss.

But earlier this year, Royal Crown Revue's sharp-dressed men and self-described blend of "jump, rhythm and blues, jazz, bebop, punk-rock energy, and the dark side of swing" earned itself a spot on this summer's Warped Tour. Traditionally a punk/hard alternative rock concert, the Warped Tour includes Royal Crown on every date of the monthlong tour which comes to Pine Knob Music Theatre at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 23.

It may seem like an odd pairing, but Royal Crown fits

right into the Warped Tour mold, according to trumpeter Scott Steen, because the swing scene provides an alternative to the arid alternative scene.

"Anybody who's alternative or punk who is always doing something different, they see this and it's like, 'Wow. This is cool.' It's a different style of dress and you can get stuff that nobody else has," Steen said during a spring interview at the Kingsley Inn and Suites in Bloomfield Hills.

"I think everybody's sick of what's on the radio. It's happened with music throughout history. In classical, Mozart changed the face of it. Louis Armstrong changed the face of jazz, and the Beatles changed the face of the way rock 'n' roll is played. We've heard this. We've heard the Beach Boys a million times over. Then somebody

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THE 1997 VANS WARPED TOUR

Who: Social Distortion, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Descendents, Pennywise, Sick of It All, Royal Crown Revue, Blink 182, The Suicide Machines, Less Than Jake, Heptac, Bouncing Souls, Reef Big Fish, Limp Bizkit, Lagwagon, A.I.D., Suburban Delinquents, Millencolin, Sugar Ray, Fat, H2O, To Preshers, and Sun Child on four stages.

When: 1:11 p.m. Wednesday, July 23
Where: Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township.

How: \$21.75 pavilion and \$12.50 lawn. Includes a 25-cent donation to Camp Pacific Heartland, a summer camp for children who are HIV positive or living with AIDS. For more information, call (248) 377-0100, (248) 645-6868, or log onto <http://www.ticketmaster.com> or <http://www.warpedtour.com>.

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For the first three years, the Jazzfest was in the red. While few disputed the merit of the event, it hadn't quite reached beyond the status of a three-day community concert in the park.

Then, two years ago a committee representing Birmingham's business, civic and cultural interests took another look at the annual event. "We got some business people involved, formed a steering committee, did some projections and made it fiscally responsible," said Bill Roberts, president of Roberts Restaurants, including 220 and Edison's in Birmingham.

To offset the deficit, additional sponsors were sought. And to boost sponsors' confidence, a more vigorous promotional campaign was undertaken.

In addition to backing from the Big Three - Chrysler, Ford and General Motors - sponsors include Meredith Magazines, Smooth Jazz 98.7 FM, Birmingham Principal Shopping District, Birmingham Restaurant Collection, AAA and the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers.

"We think (Jazzfest) could be bigger, but we're measuring that ambition with the town's interest," said Roberts. "While we're

all committed to making this a quality event, we know it all starts with quality musicians."

Step-lively lineup

Last year, given a modest \$15,000 budget, Al Skoropa was put in charge of arranging the talent lineup. He's proved to have a keen sense for up-and-coming jazz musicians. Last year's fest, which Skoropa billed, "Made in Michigan" because of the range of local talent, featured headliner Geri Allen, who'll appear at this year's Montreux-Detroit Jazz Festival.

For next weekend's fest, Skoropa smartly used a \$25,000 budget to bring together a diverse, stylistic lineup, including Charlie Gabriel, the pulsating sassy songstress Patti Richards, and the rhythm and blues of local favorite Bugs Beddow.

"The wide spectrum of artists speaks to the diversity of jazz, and the diversity of people who will come to Birmingham," said Dennis Tiny of Farmington Hills, co-director of Wayne State's jazz studies program.

Headliners include Kenny Garrett, voted alto saxophonist of the year by *Downbeat* in 1996; soulful saxophonist David

McMurray, whose funky jazz sound can be heard on recordings by the Rolling Stones, B.B. King, Bob Dylan, Iggy Pop and Was (Not Was); Kevin Mahogany, who boasts a velvet-and-smoke baritone; and Willie and Lobo, a spicy stylistic violin and acoustic guitar duo recognized for their dramatic flair.

Along with these big-name international acts, the jazz fest features up-and-coming regional talent and an impressive offering of local musicians, including saxophonist Chris Collins, who'll perform cuts from his recently released CD, "A Time to Mourn/A Time To Dance." Collins recently returned from performances at the Glasgow Jazz Fest and Montreux-Switzerland.

Attendance estimates run as high as 7,000 per day. The optimism has already spawned discussions about bigger venues. "There aren't a lot of venues for jazz musicians around here," said Skoropa. "If we can offer a forum for these artists, then who knows what the Jazzfest could become."

Good for business

Dennis Brinker, president of the Restaurant Collection, a

group of 14 establishments in Birmingham, claims the Jazz Fest has a definite transformative influence.

"The streets are bustling with people, you can hear music everywhere you go and there's this cosmopolitan feel, like you're in San Francisco or New Orleans," he said. "This could not only be a regional jazz fest but maybe a major event in the Midwest."

For that to occur, however, the jazz fest would have to expand uptown and to other parts of Birmingham, said Brinker. Considering that this year's Birmingham Art Fair extended to two sites, the growing popularity of shopping evenings and the Dream Cruise in August, Brinker's forecast may not be too far off.

But for now, space travelers should set their destination for one-week hence for the latest incarnation of Birmingham. Helmets on. Step lightly.

Next landing: Planet Jazz.

While English will remain the spoken language, the newfound stride and attitude will be "step-lively cool." As in Jelly Roll, Bird, the Duke, Coltrane, Monk and Miles.

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new comes around. Then there's Guns 'N' Roses. When people were looking for the next Guns 'N' Roses, they found Nirvana."

The concert also features Social Distortion, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Descendents, Pennywise, Sick of It All, Blink 182, The Suicide Machines, Less Than Jake, Hepcat, Bouncing Souls, Reel Big Fish, Limp Bizkit, Lagwagon, Millencolin, Sugar Ray, Fat, H2O, Lo Presher, Sun Child, Detroiters The Suicide Machines, and a group of "extreme" athletes on three stages.

Local bands MOG, Twistin' Tarantulas, A.L.D., and Suburban Delinquents will perform on a stage sponsored by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), and guitar manufacturer Ernie Ball. Epitaph recording artists Pennywise is holding a food drive for the National Food Bank by offering \$1 off its merchandise. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring a can of food to the band table and receive a specially stamped Pennywise sticker.

Getting its start

Royal Crown Revue was playing swing long before anyone thought about the genre's resurgence. Fledgling L.A. musicians vocalist Eddie Nichols, tenor saxman Mando Dorame, and guitarist James Achor founded the band in 1989.

"It started out as a rockabilly thing. Then Eddie got turned on to the swing deal and Mando came in and played sax. Boom, instantly that changed the sound," Steen said.

Soon after drummer/percussionist Daniel Glass, baritone saxist Bill Ungerman, bassist Veikko Lepisto and Steen came aboard the band was playing about 200 gigs a year. Rent parties in San Francisco, snowboard keggers in Lake Tahoe, Chinatown punk clubs, and a heavy metal festival in Phoenix sounded just fine to Royal Crown.

"We just started playing rock clubs," Steen said of the early days of his band. "There were no swing bands at this time - not anywhere in the country. We were playing CBGB's, a heavy

metal festival in Phoenix, and basically started building this thing."

Royal Crown Revue started working on its debut "Mugzy's Move" soon after signing to Warner Bros. in the spring of 1995 with producer/A&R man, Ted Templeman (Van Halen, Eric Clapton, Doobie Brothers). Prior to meeting Templeman, A&R people from other labels were eager to sign the band but weren't sure how to market the band and frankly were afraid of being fired if swing didn't catch on.

"Ted came to town and if anyone had the power to be able to make the leap and sign us, it was him. He really believed in the band. He got Lee Herschberg who worked on Count Basie and Frank Sinatra (albums) to engineer it. It was a great team," Steen said.

"Mugzy's Move," which features the Royal Crown-written "Hey Pachuco," as well as the Bobby Darin classic "Beyond the Sea," and Willie Dixon's "I Love The Life I Live," lends life - and some fun - to the music scene and offers some help for those who are a little shy about approaching potential dates at clubs.

"OK, it's high energy, it's upbeat and it's fun. But as far as the (swing) dancing goes, you can meet someone and hang out. Instantly you break the ice because you're touching each other. With other music, you're dancing, doing your own space thing. But here you're instantly interacting and doing something together."

By playing the Warped Tour, Royal Crown Revue gets the chance to share that passion with thousands of people a night.

"We're young and the crowds we want to play for are young. It's great to see they're enjoying an older style of American music that virtually has been forgotten about," Steen said.

"Swing has always been around. Count Basie's band is still around. Jimmy Dorsey's band is still around. But they're playing to older folks or jazz aficionados. Here we found a way to bridge the gap and play to kids who are listening to Green Day or Social Distortion."

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and playing sideman for the Mel Lewis Orchestra, Dannie Richmond, Freddie Hubbard, Woody Shaw and Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers before landing a spot on Miles Davis' last band.

"Coming from Art Blakey to Miles was a change," Garrett said. "With Blakey he only allowed you to take two choruses and it taught me to play, make a statement, in a short time. Miles, he allowed me more time. Both were valuable, one was 'get to the point' and the other was 'write a novel.' Both allowed me to make a statement in different ways."

Davis also taught Garrett about being a band leader.

"Miles was like a cook, he took all the different ingredients and

put them together," Garrett said. Davis combined rhythm & blues players, pop players and jazz players to get the particular sound he wanted.

"He knew how to get what he wanted out of you, and that's what I try to do with my group," Garrett said.

Garrett's group features Kenny Kirkland on piano, Nat Reeves on bass and Jeff "Tain" Watts on drums.

Garrett has led several groups over the years and first recorded "Introducing Kenny Garrett" on Criss Cross in 1984. Last year's Warner Bros. album was a tribute to another sax player

"Pursuance: The Music of John Coltrane." He has built a reputa-

tion as a strong, propulsive, blues oriented and accessible player with a talent for improvising.

The group's new release "Songbook" (Warner Bros.) is the first to feature all Garrett compositions.

"Most are inspired by life experiences. I might hear a theme or a melody. Songs are developed so many different ways," Garrett said. "Like 'Before It's Time to Say Goodbye.' I wanted to write something for Miles and I came up with the title before I wrote the music. As you go along, you have different experiences."

Garrett said even as the band was preparing to perform in London, he was busy sketching new compositions in a sketch

book he always keeps with him.

As the band plays, the compositions change and develop.

"If you allow musicians to be themselves, there'll be changes. It's improvising music. If you're listening to the music, it's always shifting," he said.

Garrett calls his band "a good unit and I want to hold on to them as long as possible. I believe you have to cherish it while you can."

Garrett is looking forward to his Birmingham gig.

"Hey, it's hometown, so we come to show off when we get there," Garrett said with a laugh. "We come to share what we're doing. Basically, though, we're coming to have some fun."

Women fess-up in 'Coffeehouse Confessions'

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
STAFF WRITER

"Coffeehouse Confessions" an original, one-act play written by Sue Skibicki of Livonia, takes place in a coffeehouse where 11 women of varying ages, types, and sanity levels "confess" their innermost thoughts to the audience.

"Coffeehouse Confessions" is a fund-raising event for Ridgedale Players, a non-profit theater group founded in 1933. The play will be presented 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 18-19. Tickets are \$10 a person and include coffee, refreshments, and a chance to meet the playwright and actresses after the show. The Ridgedale Players playhouse is at 205 West Long Lake Road, Troy. Call (248) 988-7049 for tickets.

"I started writing this play about a year ago," said Skibicki.

"I've kept a journal since I was in college, and the characters are little bits and pieces of me and my best friends."

"This is a show everyone can see," Skibicki said. "There's no objectionable language, and it doesn't have any male-bashing. The characters in it are all kind of interesting."

Annette See of Troy portrays a harried housewife who volunteers for everything. She also spends a lot of time in the car driving her three children to their numerous activities.

"I was a harried mom and I only raised one child," said See, whose husband, Dan and grown daughter, Tiffany, also are Ridgedale Players members. "This is a play I wanted to be a part of. I've been in several of Sue's productions before and I've worked with her before. I was very touched by the heartfelt women's items she's bringing out

that a lot of us have been touched with." See's character wears pajamas, a housecoat and two different shoes, not her normal work attire. She's a kindergarten and first grade teacher of gifted children at The Roeper School in Bloomfield Hills.

Skibicki's characters in "Coffeehouse Confessions," also are humorous, witty, dramatic and tragic.

Also in the play are Troy residents Kathryn Jensen, Lori Jacobs, Madonna Holden and Becky MacIntyre; Suzanne Barcewicz of West Bloomfield, and Maureen Cook of Birmingham.

They portray such characters as the belligerent, mystical bag lady; the middle-aged woman who has tried every diet, the woman who lives with 37 cats, an avid actress and others.

Dawn Hooper of Royal Oak is the producer.

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STREET SCENE

Days of the New defy comparisons with anyone



CHRISTINA FUOCO

There's one thing that Days of the New frontman Travis Meeks hates — being compared to Alice in Chains.

"During one interview I said, 'don't call us Alice. Don't put Alice in the front of it (the name).' Then it said that I didn't like Alice in Chains," a frustrated 18-year-old Meeks said.

Meeks is one of the hot names in music these days. His band's self-titled debut effort on Outpost Recordings is filled with dark lyrics over beautiful acoustic melodies played with the ferocity of electric guitars.

In "Touch, Feel, and Stand" Meeks sings "Yes, I've finally found a reason/Don't need an excuse/I've got this time on my hands/You are the one to abuse." "Face of the Earth" includes the lyrics "I'm the one receiving the pain from you/You would make these lies/I would take them true/You're self existing."

It was Meeks's heart-felt lyrics and obsession with music that attracted producer Scott Litt to



Days of the New: Jesse Vest, Todd Whitener, Travis Meeks, and Matt Taul.

the band.

"Not only did I hear something special in the songs. I felt something special from the first time I sat down with the guys and their families," said Litt who has worked with R.E.M. among others. "It's the first time in a long time I could really believe music and passion were the entire reason they were doing what they were doing. This isn't one of those run-of-the-mill music busi-

ness stories."

Meeks's first reaction was, "Who."

"I'd never heard of Scott Litt. I hadn't heard of any producers at all except maybe Bob Rock who worked with Metallica. I was 17. I was very ignorant when it came to the music business," Meeks said via telephone from his Louisville, Ky., home.

"Now I know everybody. It was really cool though. The coolest

thing about it was he is one of the most genuine persons I ever met. He was a very big influence on me."

Litt, Meeks said, put him in touch with "vibes."

"He just really pushed me into my feelings. He told me to let it flow and stay with the vibe. He made me understand and realize that the vibe was important. I've always had relationships with

vibes and that, but I wasn't in touch with them."

Because of his young age, Meeks has been compared to the Jackson 5 wannabes Hanson, blues guitar slinger Jonny Lang, and torch singer Fiona Apple. Meeks said those comparisons won't be around for long because Days of the New is on a "totally different level" than those acts.

"It really hasn't bothered me yet," Meeks said of the comments. "I was walking out of an in-store performance and these two rednecks said, 'Oh, there's another Hanson.' It ain't no big deal. That's their way of putting us somewhere."

"They could put us in some country messed-up stuff. It they're going to it that's fine. It's not going to be like that for long."

Days of the New and Sugartooth perform Wednesday, July 23, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$7 in advance. Call (313) 961-MELT for more information.

■ If the Chicago-based pop band The Krinkles makes it big, the foursome already knows who

to thank.

"We were all dishwashers at the Bill Knapp's in Livonia at Six Mile and Newburgh. We have Bill Knapp's to thank for The Krinkles," said drummer/vocalist Matt Favazza.

Graduates of Livonia Churchill and Stevenson, the former Livonia residents — guitarist/vocalist Henry Klotkowski, bassist/vocalist Jerry Overmyer, and guitarist/vocalist Dan Edwards — moved to Chicago after college to form The Krinkles.

"It seemed like a good place to go because it has a good music scene. You have to find your niche and that's what we're doing," Favazza said.

This week, the band is making a rare Detroit-area appearance to celebrate the release of its debut album "Three Ringos." The show will perform Friday, July 18, at the Mosquito Club in Westland.

"The concept of The Krinkles is to write good songs but entertain people first. We're trying to be entertaining. Just because we've known each other for such a long time, there's a certain chemistry on stage. We just try to let our personalities come out on stage."

Lilith Fair celebrates women and their music

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

For years, summer festivals have brought with them the "token chick band." Lush, the Breeders, and Babes in Toyland have all been in that position.

In the words of Wild Colonial's singer Angela McCluskey, "We've got a token women tour now."

This year, Canadian songstress Sarah McLachlan and her management company bring the Lilith Fair to Pine Knob Music Theatre Friday, July 18-Saturday, July 19. In addition to McLachlan and the Wild Colonial's, it features a wide spectrum of acts including The Cardigans, Paula Cole, Victoria Williams, Tracy Bonham, Fiona Apple, Kinnie Starr and others on three stages.

"It doesn't exclude men. It simply celebrates women," McLachlan explained. "Three years ago promoters were really scared to put two women on the same bill. Now, the climate has changed dramatically. We've proved it can be done."

"This tour is a huge step in the right direction for women's rights, but it isn't a soapbox for extremist feminism. It isn't dissing men. It's about quality in every aspect of life between men and women — so that's part feminist, part humanist. I just think

Lilith Fair

When: The parking lot opens at 12:30 p.m. with the gates opening at 1:30 p.m. Showtime is 3 p.m. for both days, Friday, July 18, and Saturday, July 19.

Where: Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township.

Tickets: \$36 pavilion and \$18.50 lawn. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666.

Performers, all times subject to change: Tracy Bonham (5:50-6:30 p.m.), Paula Cole (7:15-7:50 p.m.), Fiona Apple (8:05-8:40 p.m.), The Cardigans (9:10-9:50 p.m.), and Sarah McLachlan (10:10-11 p.m.) on the main stage.

Autour de Lucie (4:30-4:50 p.m.), Wild Colonial's (5:10-5:30 p.m. Friday only), and Victoria Williams (6:40-7:05 p.m.) on the Borders stage.

Acoustic set featuring special guest stars (3:35-3:55 p.m.), Kinnie Starr (4:05-4:25 p.m. Friday only), Allsha's Attic (4:05-4:25 p.m. Saturday only), Kim Fox (5:30-5:50 p.m. Friday only), and Lori Carson (5:30-5:50 p.m. Saturday only) in the Village Square.

Other information: Picnic baskets with food (no beverages), coolers, beach and sand chairs with short legs and back, blankets, sleeping bags, tarps, umbrellas, binoculars, and empty plastic liquid containers will be allowed into Pine Knob. Patrons without shoes or shirts will not be allowed into Pine Knob. The following items may not be brought into Pine Knob: long-legged lawn chairs, bottles, cans or any containers with liquid, and glass containers of any kind. Due to Independence Township ordinances, alcoholic beverages cannot be consumed in the Pine Knob parking lot or picnic area. Picnicking is allowed before, but not after, the festival.

everybody is equal."

Last year, Detroit was one of four cities in which Lilith Fair was tested. Thanks to capacity crowds at each of the dates, McLachlan and her management company were convinced that it would strive this summer.

"It's been a long time since I was this excited about something," McLachlan said. "We wouldn't have been able to do this five years ago. It's a very cool feeling."

The bands will perform on three stages throughout Pine

Knob. A second stage on the lawn will feature performances by special guest artists, and will give emerging artists the chance to play for audiences bigger than they would have likely drawn touring independently.

Recently, Ann Arbor-based Borders Inc. was named the Learning Sponsor of Lilith Fair because, according to a statement issued to the press, they have the same vision — to entertain, benefit, and contribute to local communities. The store will sell music at the concerts with a portion of the CD sales going to benefit Lifebeat, a not-for-profit AIDS resource and awareness organization, and The Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) founded by pianist/singer Tori Amos. The network operates America's only national toll-free hotline for survivors of sexual assault. The number, (800) 656-HOPE, provides free counseling and support.

As a way of thanking Borders, McLachlan will sign copies of her new CD "Surfacing" at Borders Books and Music at 30995 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills on Saturday, July 19. Lilith artist Tara McLean, who isn't performing at

the Detroit Lilith dates, will sign copies of her CD and play at set at 10:30 a.m. McLachlan will sign afterward until 1 p.m. For more information, call (248) 737-0110.

The shoe store Nine West is the Wellness sponsor. The store, which has supported the Strang Cornell Breast Center since 1993, will further its support of breast cancer awareness, detection and prevention by participating in the event.

The Wild Colonial's McCluskey, a former film publicist for Miramax, is "extremely excited" about playing songs of her Scot-influenced band's latest album "This Can't Be Life" (DGC) at Lilith Fair.

"I'm really happy about it. I think she's (McLachlan) amazing. It's encouraging for me to know that she's doing something so great. It's amazing for all of us singers, instead of the usual, when they only add two women on the bill, or add three women singers to the play lists at radio stations. It's ridiculous."

Kinnie Starr, a singer/songwriter from Vancouver, got accepted to play Lilith Fair from more than 700 applicants.

"I got accepted for the final 60 and I really didn't make it past that. I was really happy that I made it to the final 60. When

they said I got to play, I said 'Yippee.'"

Starr, whose album "Tidy" was recently released on Mercury Records, also applied to the H.O.R.D.E. festival but didn't get accepted.

"You know how many women did get in? None. It's so stupid. There's no other word for it. Some people put it down as sexism. I chalk it up to simple stupidity."

Fighting for equal rights of women is something that Starr is used to. A former feminist artist, she felt herself going into "explain mode" when people questioned her work.

"Men get really offended if you point out the fact that women receive a lot more objectification in media than men do. That's not our fault. They tend to react really defensively instead of just listening."

"There's always been good female players in music but we haven't been visible enough because there's not enough of us out there. We're sitting in our room practicing... It's pretty sad that Sarah McLachlan had to go to the point of actually creating an all-women festival. All the other festivals are all-men festivals and no one ever comments on that."

Detroit artist presents complex allegories at Bunting

"Breakthrough" is more than applicable to the new work of Detroit artist Nelson Smith, whose recent paintings and drawings are currently on exhibit at the Bunting Gallery in Royal Oak. The exhibit, "Sweet Alchemy," is the first solo show in a commercial gallery for Smith.

Smith is well-known for his many avant-garde theater and performance pieces which

employed his talent as a set designer, painter and sculpture. A recent performance/installation of his work, "Human Radiation," was staged at the Performance Network in Ann Arbor.

"Sweet Alchemy" demonstrates Smith's many talents into a new mix in a group of maturely balanced and inventive mediations on his personal iconography.

In a representative painting of

his style entitled, "Neutral Tension," a coffee percolator — a cardinal image in Smith's symbolic world — stands alongside a half-filled aquarium. The effect is that the painting, which

extends beyond the frame, composes a stage where the viewer participates in an apparent experiment. Meanwhile, a veil of text floats over the painting, posing a riddle.

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THEATER

ALLEY THEATRE

"Sylvia" comedy by A.R. Gurney, through Sunday, July 27, Trappers Alley third level, 508 Monroe St., Detroit. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 4 p.m. Sundays. \$12-\$20. (313) 963-9339/(248) 645-6666

MACOMB CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Comedy, "Butterflies are Free" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 18-19; 25-26. Tickets \$10 adults, \$8 students and senior citizens. at Macomb Community College, (at Hall (M-59) and Garfield roads, Clinton Township (248) 286-2222.

PURPLE ROSE

"Off the Map," by Joan Ackerman through Sunday, Aug. 10, at the Purple Rose Theatre Company's Garage Theatre, 137 Park St., Chelsea. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, matinees 3 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$15-\$20. (313) 475-7902

THE STAGE PRESENCE, LTD

Presents "Smoke on the Mountain" a musical comedy, which features a gospel/bluegrass singing family holding a revival at a Southern Baptist Church, 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 17-19; 24-26; Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. Tickets \$10 adults, \$8 students, \$6 children/senior citizens. Proceeds help benefit Hope Clinic of Ypsilanti, (313) 995-1797.

COMMUNITY THEATRE

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE

"The Taming of the Shrew" through Saturday, July 26, Civic Center Playhouse, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, matinee 2 p.m. Saturday. \$16 general admission, \$15 senior citizens and students. (313) 971-0605.

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"Lovers, Liars and Loonies: Romance on Broadway." 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, July 18-July 27, Madison (near intersection of Monroe and Outer Dr.) Dearborn. Performances Tickets \$10, (313) 561-TKTS.

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS

"Coffeehouse Confessions," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 18-19, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy, \$10, includes coffee and desserts. (248) 988-7049.

YOUTH

STAGECRAFTERS YOUTH THEATRE

"Aladdin and His Wonderful Magical Lamp," 7 p.m. Thursday, July 17-Friday, July 18, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 19, and 1 p.m. Sunday, July 20, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak. \$5. (248) 541-6430

SPECIAL EVENTS

"CORVETTE FEVER '97"

All Corvette show and swap meet, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, July 20, Century Bowl, 7345 Highland Road (M-59, east of Williams Lake Road), Waterford. \$2. All ages. (313) 266-4289/(248) 650-0114

CZECH AND SLOVAK AMERICAN FESTIVAL

Czech and Slovak food, pastries, imported beers, photographic display, 2:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, July 19, and 11:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Sunday, July 20, Yack Arena, 3131 Third (at Eureka, four miles east of I-75), Wyandotte. \$5 adults, free for children 14 and younger accompanied by adult.

MICHIGAN '50S FESTIVAL

Wednesday, July 23-Sunday, July 27, throughout Novi. Featuring "Science Alive" petting zoo at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., noon-6 p.m. Thursday, July 24-Sunday, July 27; Wine tasting at Vic's Alcove in Vic's World Class Market, 42875 Grand River, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, July 24. \$15, all proceeds benefit the Novi Lion's Club; Ice cream social, noon-3 p.m. Friday, July 25, at Novi City Hall, 45175 10 Mile Road; Local band performances, 7 p.m.-midnight Friday, July 25-Saturday, July 26, and 4-6 p.m. Sunday, July 27, at the big tent at Vic's market; Classic car show at 10 a.m. with \$10,000 in cash prizes, and "The Grand River Cruise" at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, July 27. (248) 349-1950 for general information/(248) 305-7333, ext. 189, for wine tasting tickets.

SOUTHFIELD GOLD CUP POLO COMPETITION

On the grounds of World of Faith

International Christian Center, Nine Mile at Evergreen, 2 p.m. Saturday, July 19. Grandstand seating \$5 in advance, \$6 at the gate, \$1 for children 12 and under. Park in the Southfield Civic north parking lot and take shuttle to field beginning 12:30 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, July 20. Call (248) 354-4854 for ticket information.

AUDITIONS

LIVONIA/REDFORD THEATRE GUILD

Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap," 2 p.m. Sunday, July 20, and 7 p.m. Monday, July 21, 15138 Beech Daly Road, Redford. (313) 531-0554. Show opens Sept. 19

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite," directed by Sandy Rosenberger, 5-8 p.m. Sunday, July 27; 7-10 p.m. Monday, July 28, Water Tower Theatre, campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, Northville (1 mile w. of I-275). Roles for seven men, five women in their 20s to late 50s. Show opens Sept. 19, (248) 349-7110.

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS

Neil Simon's "Rumors," 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 28, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. Show opens Sept. 19. Directors Gene Ewald and Sue Masters, call Gene (248) 879-7402 for information and scripts prior to casting.

STAGECRAFTERS

"Gigi," Monday, July 21-Tuesday, July 22, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Registration for chorus 6:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday with auditions beginning at 7 p.m. Registration for leading roles 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, with auditions beginning at 8 p.m. Although chorus will not sing during ensemble numbers, all auditionees will participate in full dance audition. This could include the waltz, can-can, ballet and jazz. Appropriate attire required. Bring a non-returnable photograph of yourself. Infants and toddlers are not permitted at auditions. (248) 541-4832.

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Arts conference 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 26 features British theologian and philosopher John Peck to explore issues of integration of faith and art with the Christian community. Works by local artists will be shown. Cost of the conference is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, northwest corner of I-275 and Six Mile Road, Livonia, (313) 464-6302.

POPS/SWING

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA

9 p.m. Friday, July 25, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (swing) (313) 485-5050

WARREN COMMISSION BIG BAND SWING

9 p.m. Friday, July 18-Saturday, July 19, D.L. Harrington's Chop House, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (swing) (248) 852-0550

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, on the pavilion on the front lawn of Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. Free. All ages. (248) 360-3186

JAZZ

DWIGHT ADAMS TRIO

8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, July 18, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

FRANKIE BEVERLY

With Maze, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 19, Chene Park Riverside Entertainment Center, 2600 E. Atwater, Detroit. \$15-\$42.50. All ages. (313) 393-0292

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, July 19, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

GEORGE DUKE

With Rachelle Ferrell and Gerald Albright, 8 p.m. Friday, July 18, Chene Park Riverside Entertainment Center, 2600 E. Atwater, Detroit. \$15-\$42.50. All ages. (313) 393-0292

KIMMIE HORNE

9 p.m. Friday, July 18-Saturday, July 19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (jazz/R&B) (248) 644-4800

KATHY KOSINS TRIO

8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, July 25, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older.



All that Jazz: Look for saxophonist Larry Nozero 7:45-8:45 p.m. Sunday at the Michigan Jazz Festival at Botsford Inn. Nozero will also be performing at Midtown Cafe Thursday, July 24 during the Birmingham Jazzfest.

Michigan Jazz Festival

The third annual Michigan Jazz Festival noon to 10:30 p.m. Sunday, July 20 at Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills offers continuous entertainment on four stages, three indoors, by 150 musicians, 33 more than last year, including five big bands. Admission is free, call (248) 474-2720 or (248) 437-9468 for more information.

Here's the schedule:

Moro/Cohen Stage (Coach House)

Noon to 1:30 p.m. - Hamid Dana & the Detroit Jazz Winds
2:15-3:45 p.m. - Emil Moro Orchestra
4:30-6 p.m. - Brookside Jazz
6:45-8:15 p.m. - Eddie Nuccilli Big Band
9-10:30 p.m. - Johnny Trudell Big Band

Inmart Group Limited Stage (Founders Room)

12:15-1:15 p.m. - Buddy Budson/Ursula Walker Sextet
1:45-2:45 p.m. - Bess Bonnier Quartet
3:15-4:15 p.m. - Janet Tenaj Quintet
4:45-5:45 p.m. - Louis Smith Quartet
6:15-7:15 p.m. - Jack Brokensha Quartet
7:45-8:45 p.m. - Larry Nozero Quartet
9:15-10:15 p.m. - Dennis April Tini Quartet

Jack Daniels Stage (Ballroom)

12:30-1:30 p.m. - Paul Vornhagen Quintet
2-3 p.m. - Judge Myron Wahls Trio
3:30-4:30 p.m. - Pistol Allen

Quintet
5-6 p.m. - Alma Smith Quintet
6:30-7:30 p.m. - Keller/Kocher Quartet
8-9 p.m. - Chris Collins Quintet

UPN 50 Stage (Patio)

Noon to 1 p.m. - SCool Jazz (vocal jazz)
1:30-2:30 p.m. - Karen Tomalis Quintet
3-4 p.m. - Walter White Quintet
4:30-5:30 p.m. - Teddy Harris, Jr. Sextet
6-7 p.m. - Tom Saunders & the Detroit All-Stars
7:30-8:30 p.m. - Jim Wyse & Marge's Bar Band
9-10 p.m. - Russ & Jeanine Miller Quintet

(248) 645-2150

SHEILA LANDIS

With Rick Matle, 8-11:30 p.m. Friday, July 18, and Friday, July 25, Coffee Beanery, 152 N. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages; With Matle, 8-11 p.m. Saturday, July 19, Coffee Beanery, 307 Main St. (near Third), Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 646-6022/(248) 650-3344

PHIL LASLEY TRIO

8 p.m.-midnight Thursday, July 24, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

CARL MICHEL GROUP

7 p.m. Thursday, July 17, as part of "Concerts in the Park" at Hines Park's Warrendale Area on Hines Drive east of Telegraph Road, Dearborn Heights. Free. All ages. (313) 261-1990

RANDY NAPOLEON QUARTET

8 p.m. Monday, July 21, Leonardo's in the lower level of The Pierpont Commons of the University of Michigan, 2101 Bonsteel Boulevard, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (313) 764-7544

LARRY NOZERO TRIO

8 p.m.-midnight Thursday, July 17, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older.

(248) 645-2150

THE SESSIONS

With Hansolo and Acufuncture, 9 p.m. Sunday, July 20, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (acid jazz) (313) 996-2747

"S'WONDERFUL MUSIC PART I - JAZZ"

With pianist Jodie Christian, and trumpeter Lou Smith, featuring the music of George Gershwin, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 19, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$8 students; \$10 general admission; \$15 rows 3-5; and \$25 rows 1-2. (313) 769-2999

CHARLES AND GWEN SCALES

5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 17, Crowne Plaza Hotel Pontchartrain, 2 Washington Boulevard, Detroit. \$10. (313) 965-0200

PAUL VORNHAGEN QUARTET

9:30 p.m. Friday, July 18-Saturday, July 19, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 662-8310

WARREN JAZZ FEST

With Lunar Octet (12:30 p.m.), Richard Kowalewski and Kld Brother (1:30 p.m.), John Wojciechowski Quartet (4:30 p.m.), Buddy Budson, Ursula Walker, George Benson and Marcus

Belgrave (6:30 p.m.), and

Alexander Zonjic and Friends (8:30 p.m.) Sunday, July 20, Halmich Park on 13 Mile Road just west of Ryan Road, Warren. Free. All ages. (810) 465-0497

SUNNY WILKINSON

9 p.m. Friday, July 25-Saturday, July 26, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 662-8310

ALEXANDER ZONJIC AND FRIENDS

7:30 p.m. Friday, July 18, as part of the "Bud Light River Sight and Sound" festival at the gazebo on the Clinton River in downtown Mount Clemens. Free. All ages; 10 p.m. Saturday, July 19, Scallops, 1002 N. Main St., Rochester. \$10. 21 and older; 8 p.m. Sunday, July 20, as part of the Warren Jazz Fest at Halmich Park on 13 Mile Road between Ryan and Dequindre roads, Warren. Free. All ages. (810) 468-1402/(248) 656-2525/(810) 465-0497

WORLD MUSIC

LES SAVY FAV

With We Regazz!, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover

charge. 19 and older. (313) 996-8555

DADDY LONGLEGS

9 p.m. Saturday, July 19, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (reggae) (313) 485-5050

CANTOR STEPHEN DUBOV

With Neil Alexander and the Klezmer Fusion Band, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 20, Rothstein Park behind the Jimmy Prentis Morris Jewish Community Center, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Free. All ages. In case of rain, the concerts will be held in the center. (traditional klezmer, Israel and hasidic music/pops with jazz, Caribbean and rock influences) (248) 967-1112

FIRST LIGHT

9 p.m. Friday, July 18, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (reggae) (313) 996-2747

IMMIGRANT SUNS

With Los Toallitas, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 19, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (Eastern European) (313) 833-POOL

IMMUNITY

10 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, July 18, and Friday, July 25, Woody's Diner, 208 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 543-6911

JAH KINGS

10 p.m. Saturday, July 19, The Deck atop Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (reggae) (313) 965-9500

JO NAB

10 p.m. Friday, July 25, The Deck atop Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (reggae) (313) 965-9500

PINO MARELLI

7 p.m. Thursday, July 17, Wednesday, July 23, and Thursday, July 24, Luciano's, 39031 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. Cover charge. 21 and older; 8 p.m. Friday, July 11, Bravo Italian Restaurant, 29027 Utica Road, Roseville. Cover charge. 21 and older; Saturday, July 19-Sunday, July 20, as part of the Italian festival at Canterbury Village, Lake Orion. Admission charge. All ages. (English, Italian, and Spanish pop songs and standards) (810) 263-6540/(810) 775-4500/(248) 391-5700

UNIVERSAL XPRESSION

10 p.m. Friday, July 18, The Deck atop Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (reggae) (313) 965-9500

FOLK

BALDUCK MOUNTAIN RAMBLERS

7:30-9 p.m. Monday, July 21, Berkley High School courtyard, 2325 Catalpa (east of Coolidge Highway), Berkley. Free. All ages; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, July 25, as part of the "Friday Night Live" sidewalk sale on Kercheval Avenue, east of Cadeux Road. Free. All ages. (248) 546-2450/(313) 881-9726

RON CODEN

9 p.m. Friday, July 18-Saturday, July 19, and Friday, July 25-Saturday, July 26, O'Mara's Restaurant, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older; 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, Troy Civic Center, 500 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Free. All ages. (248) 399-6750/(248) 524-3484

JAN KRIST

9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 544-1141

CHRISTINE LAVIN

8 p.m. Friday, July 25, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (313) 761-1451

ROGER MCQUINN

Founding member of The Byrds, 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (313) 761-1451

JO SERRAPERRE

With John Devine, 10 p.m. Thursday, July 17, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older; 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 18, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 332-HOWL/(248) 642-9400

BILL STAINES

8 p.m. Thursday, July 17, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students and seniors. All ages. (313) 761-1451

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"COMEDY IN THE PARK II"

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With T.P. Hearn, Teddy Carpenter, and Black Kaspia, 8 p.m. Friday, July 25, Chene Park Riverside Entertainment Center, 2600 E. Atwater, Detroit. \$15-\$30. All ages. (313) 393-0292

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Elliott Branch and Joey Bielaska, 9 p.m. Thursday, July 17-Friday, July 18, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 19; Trip Wingfield and Joey Bielaska, 9 p.m. Thursday, July 24-Friday, July 25, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 26, 36071 Plymouth Road, above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road. Livonia. No cover Thursdays. \$8 Fridays and Saturdays. (313) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Norm Stulz, 9 p.m. Friday, July 18-Saturday, July 19; Mark Anthony, 9 p.m. Friday, July 25-Saturday, July 26, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. \$6. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Bill Thomas, 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday July 17-18, (\$5-\$10), 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 19. (\$10), Totally Unrehearsed Theatre 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 23 and 30 (\$4), 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (313) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Dan Grueter and Ben Konstantin, Thursday, July 17-Sunday, July 20: Totally Unrehearsed Theatre hosts open mic night 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays; Jim McLean and Spike Rizzo, Wednesday, July 23-Sunday, July 27, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Showtimes 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Special engagements excluded. (248) 542-9900

THE SECOND CITY-DETROIT

"Send in the Clones," at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Free improvisational comedy set by the cast is after every performance on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and after the late shows on Fridays and Saturdays. \$8 Wednesdays through August, \$14 on Thursdays, \$15 on Fridays, \$19.50 on Saturdays and \$12 on Sundays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS

HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREENFIELD VILLAGE

"A Taste of History," a sampling of foods from historic recipes. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, July 17-Sunday, July 20, Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. \$12.50 adults; \$11.50 seniors 62 and older; \$6.25 children ages 5-12; Free for children younger than 5. Admission to the village and museum is separate. Combination tickets (unlimited access to both sites for two consecutive days) \$22 adults, \$11 children ages 5-12. (313) 271-1620

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

"Africa: One Continent. Many Worlds" exhibit runs through Sunday, Sept. 7, at the museum, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. Museum hours 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays. \$3 adults; \$2 children younger than 12. (313) 494-5853

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

"Special Effects," an IMAX film about special effects and how movies like "Star Wars" and "Independence Day" were done, hourly 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; hourly 11 a.m.-3 p.m., and 5 p.m. Saturdays; 1 p.m. 2, p.m. 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sundays; "Titanica," an IMAX film about the Canadian-American-Russian expedition team set out to explore the Titanic, 4 p.m. Saturdays; "Destiny In Space," another IMAX film, 10 a.m. Saturdays, and 4 p.m. Sundays, Detroit Science Center in the University Cultural Center, 5020 John R St., Detroit. Museum admission \$6.75 adults; \$4.75 for students and senior citizens. (313) 577-8400

POPULAR MUSIC

ADVICE FOR ADDICTS

9 p.m. Thursday, July 24, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 832-2355

AKO MAMA

With Blindshot and Suburban Delinquents, 7 p.m. Thursday, July

24, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5. All ages. (ska/punk) (313) 961-MELT

ARCANTA

With Phanatos, 9 p.m. Friday, July 25, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 832-2355

THE ARTIST FORMERLY KNOWN AS PRINCE

8 p.m. Monday, July 21, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$85 pavilion. \$40 lawn. Pavilion tickets available only at The Palace Of Auburn Hills and Pine Knob Music Theatre box offices, and Hudsons locations at Northland, Eastland, Fairlane, Westland, Summit Place, and Oakland Malls, or via telephone by calling Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. All pavilion will be sold on a voucher system. Vouchers will be issued at the time of purchase. These vouchers (or confirmation number via phone orders) must be presented with photo I.D. at the Pine Knob Music Theatre from 5:30-8 p.m. Monday, July 21, to receive tickets. There is a four-ticket limit for pavilion seats. This procedure is being done to curtail ticket scalping for the Artist concert. Lawn tickets will be available at all Ticketmaster outlets and via telephone, as well as The Palace and Pine Knob box offices. (248) 377-0100

AWARE RECORDS CD RELEASE PARTY

With Fat Amy, Nineteen Wheels, and Scott Fab, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 19, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (variety) (313) 961-MELT

GEORGE BEDARD AND THE KING-PINS

9 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (248) 644-4800

BELMONT PLAYBOYS

With Big Barn Combo, 9 p.m. Friday, July 25, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL

BIG LIZARDS

9 p.m. Thursday, July 17, The Groove Room, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. \$2 before 10 p.m., \$4 afterward. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 589-3344

BIS

With Kenickie, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 24, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 833-POOL

BLACKSTREET

With Mint Condition and Changing Faces, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 19, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Canceled. (R&B) (248) 377-0100

BLUE CAT

9 p.m. Friday, July 18, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 360-7450

BOTFLY

With Knee Deep Shag, 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 18, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 19 and older. (rock/funk) (313) 996-8555

BUDDY POPPS

9 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (acoustic) (313) 996-2747

BUGS BEDDOW BAND

10 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday, July 18-Saturday, July 19, Roger's Roost, 33626 Schoenherr Road, Sterling Heights. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m.-midnight Thursday, July 24-Saturday, July 26, as part of the Birmingham Jazz Festival, Max and Erma's, 250 Merrill, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 979-7550/(248) 258-1188

LESTER BUTLER

8 p.m. Thursday, July 24, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$8. 18 and older. (blues) (248) 335-8100

BUTTERFLY

With Guster, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 17, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 19 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, July 18, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (trippy psychedelic rock) (313) 996-8555/(313) 485-5050

CARTER THE UNSTOPPABLE SEX MACHINE

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 23,

7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$8 in advance. All ages. (techno) (248) 335-8100

THE CIVILIANS

10 p.m. Friday, July 25, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 332-HOWL

COSMO'S FACTORY

Featuring original members of Creedence Clearwater Revival, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 24, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$18.50 pavilion; \$12.50 lawn. (rock) (248) 377-0100

THE COYOTES

9 p.m. Saturday, July 19, Mount Chalet, 4715 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 549-2929

SAL D'AGNILLO

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, July 18, Fat Willy's, 19170 Farmington Road (north of Seven Mile Road), Livonia. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 615-1330

DAYS OF THE NEW

With Sugartooth, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 in advance. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT

DEAD OR ALIVE

9 p.m. Friday, July 18, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$25. 18 and older. ('80s pop) (313) 961-5451

THE DETERANTS

9 p.m. Thursday, July 17, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (313) 485-5050

DOGSTAR

Featuring Keanu Reeves, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 19, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12.50 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

9 p.m. Thursday, July 24, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (313) 996-2747

DOROTHY

9 p.m. Friday, July 25, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-2747

DUNGBETLES

10 p.m. Thursday, July 24, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 332-HOWL

EARTH CRISIS

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT

WILLY EDWARDS BAND

9 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS

8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 19, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 642-9100

GAP BAND

9 p.m. Friday, July 25, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$5. 21 and older. (funk) (313) 961-5451

GETAWAY CRUISER

With Shallow, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 19 and older. (alternapop) (313) 996-8555

GLIDER

With Nova, Vena Sarin and Joe Brown, 9 p.m. Thursday, July 17, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 832-2355

SAMMY HAGAR

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-5451

HARMS WAY

With Grievance and Chaik, 9 p.m. Thursday, July 24, The Palladium, 17580 Frazho, Roseville. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404

THE HATCHETMEN

9 p.m. Friday, July 18, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 852-6433

MICHAEL HEDGES

8 p.m. Friday, July 25, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$17 in advance. 18 and older. (rock) (248) 544-3030

HOUSE OF KRAZEES

7 p.m. Sunday, July 20, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT

INCH

With Cleon's Down and All Hall Me, 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 21, The Shelter below St. Andrew's

Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT

JERRY AND THE REMAINDERS

9 p.m. Thursday, July 17, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (variety) (313) 996-2747

MIKE KING

10 p.m. Saturday, July 19, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues/rock) (248) 332-HOWL

ALISON KRAUSS AND UNION STATION

8 p.m. Thursday, July 24, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$22.50 pavilion; \$12.50 lawn. (country) (248) 377-0100

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND

9 p.m. Thursday, July 17, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 23-Thursday, July 24, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300/(248) 644-4800

JOHN D. LAMB

9 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, Frigates, 1103 E. Lake Dr., Novi. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 24, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (singer/songwriter) (248) 624-9607/(248) 349-9110

LARVAL

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guest Medusa Cyclone, 9 p.m. Friday, July 18, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 833-POOL

LEGENDS OF MOTOWN CONCERT

With The Temptations, The Spinners, and Martha Reeves and the Vandellas, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 20, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$25 and \$22.50 pavilion; \$12.50 lawn. (Motown) (248) 377-0100

LILITH FAIR

Featuring a performer to be announced, Paula Cole, Fiona Apple, The Cardigans and Sarah McLachlan on the main stage

Friday, July 18. Saturday the TBA is filled with Traci Bonham; a surprise act, Kinnie Star and Kim Fox on the Borders stage on Friday, and a surprise act, Alisha's Attic, and Lori Carson on Saturday; Autour de Lucie, Wild Colonial and Victoria Williams on the second stage on Friday, and Autour de Lucie, Victoria Williams and an act to be announced on Saturday. Showtime 3:35 p.m. Friday, July 18-Saturday, July 19, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$36 pavilion; \$18.50 lawn. (pop) (248) 377-0100

LOOSE STOOLS

Celebrate release of CD with party and performance, with special guest Honky Dory, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 19, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

LYNYRD SKYNYRD

With Paul Rodgers and Corey Stevens, 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$24.50 pavilion; \$12.50 lawn. (rock/blues) (248) 377-0100

MANBREAK

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT

MAXWELL

With Zhane, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$28.50 in advance, \$32.50 at the door. All ages. (soul) (313) 961-5451

JIM MCCARTY AND MYSTERY TRAIN

9 p.m. Friday, July 18-Saturday, July 19, and all-star jam session, 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

MILLERPALOOZA

Featuring a host of local bands, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 24, Chene Park Riverside Entertainment Center, 2600 E. Atwater, Detroit. \$5. All ages. (313) 393-0292

MOONPIE FONTANA

9 p.m. Sunday, July 20, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

MIKE MORGAN AND THE CRAWL

9 p.m. Thursday, July 24, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St.,

Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

MOTION CONTROL

With Fletcher Pratt and Moisture, 9 p.m. Friday, July 18, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 832-2355

"MOTOR CITY REUNION"

Featuring John Sinclair and Wayne Kramer, 8 p.m. Friday, July 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7. 18 and older. (rock) (248) 544-3030

MOTOR JAM

9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 17, and Thursday, July 24, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, July 18, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, July 25-Saturday, July 26, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 544-1141/(248) 349-9110/(248) 644-4800

MUDPUDDY

9 p.m. Friday, July 18-Saturday, July 19, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. \$5. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 278-5340

STEVE NARDELLA

9 p.m. Thursday, July 17, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

KARI NEWHOUSE

With Eden Seed, 10:30 p.m. Friday, July 25, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (singer/songwriter) (248) 334-9292

ROBERT NOLL'S THE MISSION

9 p.m. Friday, July 18-Saturday, July 19, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, July 25-Saturday, July 26, New Detroit, 655 Beaubien St. (at Fort Street), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300/(313) 963-3355

THE ORB

Featuring DJ Alex Patterson, 8 p.m. Sunday, July 2

MOVIES

Alternative movies provide cure for summer withdrawal



JOHN MONAGHAN

If you're like me, summer can mean three long months of smart movie withdrawal, a high-calorie diet of big-budget action and explosions.

This year it's different. Not only has the Detroit Film Theatre scheduled a summer "Centennial of Arab Cinema," but the Main Art Theatre and the new Star Southfield have begun vying for alternative film exclusives. Farther afield, the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor and the Windsor Film Theatre continue to book challenging titles.

Though the box office returns are modest compared to "Men in Black" or "The Lost World," a trio of films have dominated the

must-see lists of people who really care about movies. Each offers superior performances in heart-felt, sometimes sentimental stories about the nature of what makes us tick.

Most of the buzz about "Ulee's Gold" revolves around the lead performance of Peter Fonda. He plays a Florida beekeeper and Vietnam vet who gets caught up in intrigue when his son calls from prison. The son's wife is strung out in Orlando and it's up to Ulee to retrieve her.

Ulee doesn't want to go. He's disgusted by his irresponsible son and daughter-in-law, who have saddled him with two daughters to raise. He has a bad back and a major order of high-grade honey to fill. Nor is he looking forward to dealing with the pair of thugs who have been "taking care" of the woman.

"Ulee's Gold" is directed by Victor Nunez, who helmed the 1993 art house hit "Ruby in

Paradise." This is far better, a finely textured study of a man who takes his responsibilities seriously, a different animal from his Captain America in 1969s "Easy Rider," which many consider his last good role.

Fonda's low-key performance makes this the kind of film where you read a character not so much by what he says as by what others say about him. It's a powerful bit of understatement, recalling father Henry Fonda and marking the biggest comeback of a movie icon since John Travolta read "Pulp Fiction."

Play to screen

"Love! Valour! Compassion!" brings Terrence McNally's play to the screen and, by all accounts, with great success. Its chronicle of eight gay men over three summer weekends is highlighted by its stunning locale, the idyllic summer home owned by Gregory (Stephen Bogardus),

an aging dancer.

The characters begin as gay stereotypes - the bickering married couple, the single friend obsessed with Broadway show-tunes, etc. Then they start to take on lives of their own, thanks to McNally's clever writing (he penned the screenplay) and the performances, most from actors who originated these roles on stage.

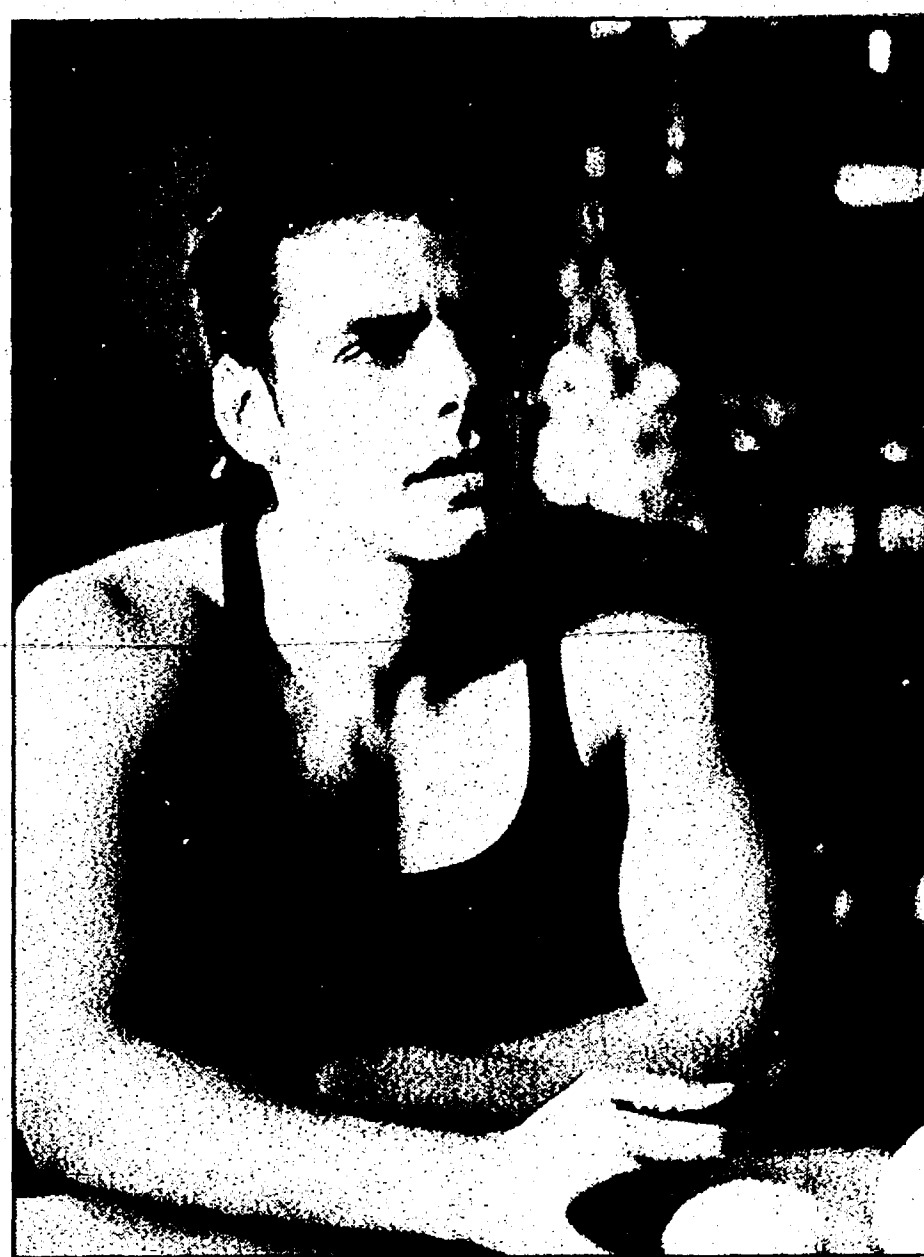
There is plenty of room for conflict. Some have known each other since childhood. Others have a romantic past. Gregory's blind lover Bobby (Justin Kirk) finds himself attracted to hot Latino dancer Ramon (Randy Becker) and the two fall carelessly into an affair.

"Love! Valour! Compassion!" marks the best screen role for Jason Alexander since he became forever linked with George on TV's "Seinfeld." The most flamboyant of the eight, his Buzz threatens to throttle anyone who even mentions AIDS over the summer, a touchy subject since everyone knows he has been diagnosed HIV positive.

The showiest (but not necessarily best) performance comes from John Glover, who plays twin brothers John and James. One is kind and thoughtful (and dying of AIDS), the other is mean and cynical. Despite the obvious gimmick, it's an amazing performance that earned Glover a Tony and may reward him again at Oscar-time.

Like the Jamaican bobsledding team in "Cool Runnings," the brass band in "Brassed Off" defines irony. Yorkshire coal miners aren't the most likely candidates for wind instruments, but members of the Grimley Colliery Band have gathered evenings and weekends since 1881 to practice for local and nationwide competitions. Now, with victory in sight, the Grimley mine looks like it may close. Money is tight and tensions run high, especially when it's revealed that their talented and attractive new band member, Gloria (Tara Fitzgerald), works for the front office.

Holding the group together is Danny (Pete Postlethwaite), whose mind is not so much on



Comedy-drama: *Ramon Fornos* (Randy Becker) in "Love! Valour! Compassion!"

the economic implications of the shutdown as what it will mean to the band. When he ends up in the hospital with respiratory problems, it looks like the music might die with him.

Heavy on sentiment, "Brassed Off" is an old-fashioned, inspirational story that also packs a political punch. The movie demonizes former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's disregard for the lower classes, and while I'm sure ill feelings still run high, its '80s-era politics make it look almost like a nostalgia piece.

The cast is a charmer, from the faces of little-known character actors that populate the band to the rekindled romance between Gloria and a scruffy young miner (Ewan McGregor, from "Trainspotting") she had a brief fling with back in high school.

Miramax has sent "Brassed Off" into wide release, further generating Oscar talk for Postlethwaite, who links with the other two films' actors not just by intensity, but through one physical detail: He, Fonda and Glover all possess the hardest-working sunken cheekbones in the movies.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

<p>General Cinemas Bargain matinee daily plus \$3.25 (Tue-Thu) show daily</p> <p>Canton 6 Ford Rd., 1 Mi. west of I-275 981-1900 Advanced same-day tickets available *Denotes V.P. restrictions Friday thru Thursday WILD AMERICA (PG) OUT TO SEA (PG-13) FACE OFF (R) MY BEST FRIEND'S WEDDING (PG-13) HERCULES (G) ENGLISH PATIENT (R)</p> <p>Novi Town Center 8 Novi Rd. South of I-96 344-0077 Advance same-day tickets available FRIDAY THRU THURSDAY *DENOTES V.P. RESTRICTIONS CONTACT (PG) MEN IN BLACK (PG-13) BATMAN AND ROBIN (PG-13) CON AIR (R) THE LOST WORLD: JURASSIC PARK (PG-13) SIMPLE WISH (PG) HERCULES (G) WILD AMERICA (PG)</p> <p>Kesego Twin Cinema Orchard Lake Rd. at Cass Lake Rd. 682-1900 All Seats \$1.50 before 6 pm Family Matinee FRI-SAT-SUN AUSTIN POWERS (PG-13) SLING BLADE (R) LIAR, LIAR (PG-13)</p> <p>National Amusements Showcase Cinemas</p> <p>Showcase Auburn Hills 1-14 2150 N. Opdyke Rd. Between University & Walton Blvd 810-373-2660 Bargain Matinees Daily All Shows until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat.</p> <p>OUT TO SEA (PG-13) WILD AMERICA (PG) MEN IN BLACK (PG-13) HERCULES (G) FACE OFF (R) BATMAN (PG-13) MY BEST FRIEND'S WEDDING (PG-13) SPEED (PG-13) CON AIR (R) LOST WORLD (PG-13)</p> <p>Showcase Dearborn 1-8 Michigan & Telegraph 313-561-3449 Bargain Matinees Daily All Shows until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Fri. & Sat. & Sun.</p> <p>A SIMPLE WISH (PG) CONTACT (PG) WILD AMERICA (PG) MEN IN BLACK (PG-13) HERCULES (G)</p>	<p>BATMAN (PG-13) CON AIR (R) CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES</p> <p>Showcase Pontiac 1-5 Telegraph Sq. Lake Rd. W. Side of Telegraph 810-333-0241 Bargain Matinee Daily All Shows until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily</p> <p>A SIMPLE WISH (PG) MEN IN BLACK (PG-13) BATMAN (PG-13) CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES</p> <p>Showcase Pontiac 6-12 2405 Telegraph Rd. East side of Telegraph 810-334-6777 Bargain Matinee Daily All Shows until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Fri. & Sat.</p> <p>CONTACT (PG) OUT TO SEA (PG-13) FACE OFF (R) HERCULES (G) MY BEST FRIEND'S WEDDING (PG-13) WILD AMERICA (PG) CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES</p> <p>Quo Vadis Warren & Wayne Rds 313-425-7700 Bargain Matinee Daily All Shows until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Wed, Thurs, Fri. & Sat.</p> <p>A SPECIAL WISH (PG) OUT TO SEA (PG-13) FACE OFF (R) BATMAN (PG-13) CON AIR (R) WILD AMERICA (PG) CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES</p> <p>Showcase Westland 1-8 6800 Wayne Rd., One blk. 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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, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors)

A Centennial of Arab Cinema. A series of films celebrating the many cultures of the Arab world, in anticipation of the museum's exhibit, "Splendors of Ancient Egypt." Films begin nightly 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted:

July 17: "Playing with the Big Guys" (Egypt-1991) July 18: "The Band and the Bracelet" (Egypt-1986) July 19: "Life or Death" (Egypt-1954) July 20 (at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.), "The Land" (Egypt - 1970)

Main Art Theatre 118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (248) 542-0180 for information and showtimes. (\$6.50; \$4 students, seniors and matinee; \$3 twilight)

"Love! Valour! Compassion!" (USA - 1997). Jason Alexander (George on TV's "Seinfeld") is one of eight gay men who meet over three summer holiday weekends at a beach house. Based on a play by Terrence McNally.

"Ulee's Gold" (USA - 1997). Peter Fonda provides an understated performance as a Florida beekeeper who reluctantly agrees to retrieve a family mem-

ber from thugs. From Victor Nunez, the writer/director of the surprise independent hit "Ruby in Paradise."

"All Over Me" (USA - 1997). A drama about three teenagers who come of age, and come out sexually, in New York City's Hell's Kitchen. (Starts Friday)

"Shall We Dance" (Japan - 1997). A Japanese businessman breaks free of the monotony of life when he spontaneously decides to take a ballroom dancing class.

Magic Bag Theatre 22920 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)

"Clerks" (USA - 1994). 9:30 p.m. July 17. Kevin Smith's debut feature, shot in no-budget black and white, about a typical day at a New Jersey convenience store.

"Strange Brew" (USA-1983). 9:30 p.m. July 23. Bob and Doug McKenzie, the beer-drinking Canadian brothers from "Second City TV," in their only feature, a surprisingly funny spoof of everything from moviemaking to "Hamlet."

Southfield Public Library 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. Call (248) 948-0460 for information. (\$1)

"Double Indemnity" (USA - 1944). 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 22. Some call this the definitive "film noir," the story of a murder-minded woman who finds a willing accomplice in a smooth-talking insurance salesman. Billy Wilder directed, James Cain wrote, and Barbara Stanwyck and Fred MacMurray star.

Shown on big-screen video.

State Theater 2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 961-5450 for information. (\$2)

"Romeo and Juliet" (USA - 1997). 9 p.m. Monday, July 21. Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes play the star-crossed lovers in this modern-looking (but old English-sounding) adaptation of Shakespeare's great romantic tragedy.

Windsor Film Theatre 2135 Wyandotte Street West, Windsor, Canada. Call (519) 254-FILM for information. (\$5.25; \$4 U.S.)

"Gabbah" (Iran - 1996). 7 p.m. Thursday, July 17 through Sunday, July 20. A part-fiction, part documentary account of the nomadic tribes in rural Iran who weave "gabbah" carpets.

"Drunke" (USA - 1997). 9:15 p.m. Thursday, July 17 through Sunday, July 20. A journey into the lives of recovering alcoholics who gather in a Times Square church basement for their weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. Dianne Wiest, Faye Dunaway, Howard Rollins, and Parker Posey star.

"Woman in the Dunes" (Japan - 1964) 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, July 21-22. The second feature from surrealist painter Hiroshi Teshigahara is a frightening and beautiful story of an entomologist who discovers a young widow at the bottom of a sand pit. After climbing down to spend the night with her, he discovers that his attempts to get out only bring more sand into the hole.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, July 18

"NOTHING TO LOSE"
An action comedy about a desolate corporate executive who kidnaps a would-be carjacker. Stars Martin Lawrence, Tim Robbins.

"OPERATION CONDOR"
Action adventure thriller about a search for hidden gold deep in the African forest. Stars Jackie Chan, Carol Cheng.

"SHALL WE DANCE?"
Exclusively at the Main Art Theatre. An ordinary 42-year-old businessman and a former competitive dancer find each other and together discover the joy of dance.

THE SWAN PRINCESS - ESCAPE FROM CASTLE MOUNTAIN

Animated adventure featuring Jean-Bob, Puffin, Speed and the characters from "The Swan Princess."

Scheduled to open Friday, July 25

"AIR FORCE ONE"
Harrison Ford, Gary Oldman and Glenn Close star in this action thriller about the First Family being hijacked on Air Force One.

"GOOD BURGER"
Kel Mitchell, Kenan Thompson and Sinbad star in this teen comedy based on the character "Ed" from the popular sketch on Nickelodeon's "All That."

"MRS. BROWN"
Romantic drama that follows one of history's most unusual love stories, the relationship between her Majesty Queen Victoria and

John Brown. Stars Judi Dench and Bill Connelly.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, July 30

"187"
Urban drama about an inner city teacher who returns to work following an attack by a student. The incident makes him a defiant and unusual educator. Stars Samuel L. Jackson.

Scheduled to open Friday Aug. 1

COP LAND
Sylvester Stallone and Robert DeNiro star in this drama about a partially deaf sheriff who discovers a band of racist cops which challenges him to do the right thing.

STREET SCENE

Veruca Salt nods to Beatles

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

There's probably plenty of young, testosterone-raged men who would love to be in this situation. Veruca Salt guitarist/vocalist/heartthrob Nina Gordon is calling from her bed in her Chicago home.

"This is one of my favorite ways to start the day - doing interviews and laying in bed. If only I had a box of bon bons," said Gordon, who called in the early afternoon.

Gordon is resting to prepare for her band's tour which comes to Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac on Friday, July 18, in support of "Eight Arms to Hold You" (Outpost Recordings), an album of which Gordon is particularly fond.

"I really felt like we were making a better record this time around. We had more time. We had a real producer, somebody who had a lot of great ideas," Gordon said of knob-turner Bob Rock, who has worked with Metallica and Motley Crue.

"We felt very confident. We weren't nervous about it. I'm sort of surprised, though, how many people have this tendency to judge the record on who produced it. They assume it's a

heavy metal record. That seems very shallow to me that people would make that assumption."

"Eight Arms to Hold You" is a rocker that was introduced to radio by the first single "Volcano Girls." But there are less-than-confident moments, lyrically, on "Eight Arms," "One Last Time" by guitarist/vocalist Louise Post, and "Loneliness is Worse" by Gordon, both of which cover the end of a relationship. For the record, the women are involved in happy relationships at this time - Post with Foo Fighters' Dave Grohl, and Gordon with Fig Dish's Blake Smith.

Gordon explained that the band recorded in the best of circumstances.

"We were lucky because Bob lives in Maui, Hawaii, and he insisted that we come to him. He didn't want to leave his family. He was doing the Metallica record for two years. So we bit the bullet and when to Maui for three months."

Rock pushed the band "a lot further than than we would have gone if we would have done this on our own."

Gordon and Post, she said, tended to play the same power chords as each other (see its first album "American Thighs"). Rock changed all that.

"It sounded great but we wanted to make a deeper, richer record, playing counter melodies along with certain parts."

The duo - along with new drummer Stacy Jones, formerly of Letters to Cleo, and bassist Steve Lack - always tended to play it safe. On "Eight Arms to Hold You" they took some chances.

"On our first record, our voices sound homogeneous. There's not a lot of character or personality," Gordon said.

She added that she kept the vocals sweet and soft so she didn't "sound like Pat Benatar or Heart."

"I think I did that out of fear for doing something different. We have strong voices. We don't have sweet little soft voices. On this record, we wanted to push our vocals."

Just as "American Thighs" was a nod toward the AC/DC, "Eight Arms to Hold You" is a tribute to the Beatles. The title comes from the working title for the Fab Four's second film "Help." "Volcano Girls" boasts a line that wryly acknowledges the Beatles "Glass Onion" in which John Lennon sings "Here's another clue for you all/The walrus was Paul." In Veruca Salt's song, it goes "I told you about the



Veruca Salt: Clockwise from bottom, Steve Lack, Nina Gordon, Stacy Jones, and Louise Post.

seether before... Here's another clue if you please/ the seether's Louise," referring to the band's first hit "Seether."

"We have learned so much from the Beatles. All musicians, all songwriters will consider the Beatles as their first teachers. We're all just apprentices of the Beatles, and I thought it was so cool the way they referred to themselves in this arrogant way,"

Gordon said.

"Now it's funny. These kids come to our show and totally don't get it. They come up to me and say, 'I always wondered what the 'seether' was.'"

After touring arenas with Bush for three months, Veruca Salt is ready to get back on the road with their new-found confidence. Opening for the band will be bass and drummers Local H,

and Gordon's boyfriend's band Figdish.

"It's going to be a really rocking bill with three, full-on rock bands. I hope people won't be too exhausted."

Doors for the all-ages Veruca Salt show at Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac, open at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance. For more information, call (248) 333-2362.

Encore! summer brings music to your ears and ours

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

Tonight's episode of *Backstage Pass* kicks off our summer season, as well as our new time slot at 9:30 p.m. on Detroit Public Television.

We're like any other television fans - we hate it when our favorite shows go into reruns during the summer. But we're also like any other television production - the season only lasts so long. So we thought like fans instead of producers (always a good idea) and decided to run almost all unaired material.

In the coming weeks, you'll see encores of some of the musicians who appeared on earlier episodes of *Backstage Pass*. We knew in advance that we wanted to do this - that's how we knew to ask for "extra" numbers from all our musical guests. But when we looked over as yet unaired mate-

rial we've accrued in our first 20 shows, it blew us away! We had a huge variety of artists. And it killed us to sit on this amazing material. So now, instead of lulling into a production break, we're pumped about airing summer shows with a heavy musical slant.

On top of the music, though, you'll also get another chance to meet some of our favorite people and timeless area scenes profiled in the course of the season. And don't worry about your weekend plans. We'll keep updating you on our picks of openings and ongoing events happening throughout Metro Detroit.

Looking over our vast array of material gave us another luxury - rather than slapping acts together willy-nilly, we realized we can package shows together around a theme. Tonight, we'll start off with performers well known for their soulful vocals.

We start off with singer-songwriter Freedy Johnston, who has made the Motor City his second home due to tremendous local popularity. We were lucky

enough to get Freedy on the show because our musical segment producer, Ron Pangborn (you know him as the drummer for the killer Detroit band, the Chisel Brothers) has toured with him all over the world, including Europe and Japan. Freedy has crafted an insightful, soulful body of work over three albums. Rolling Stone named Freedy songwriter of the year, and he's finally enjoying popular success.

Our multifaceted pop culture correspondent (and an old buddy of mine) Lex Kuhne hosted Freedy in the Channel 56 studio. Lex gave me his impressions of this talented performer. "Freedy was sort of a shy interview, but it was worth it because we got some really wonderful performances out of him. And even then, he's such an intense, driven artist that he wasn't satisfied with them. But they really are great." That they are, and you have to see them to believe this guy's intensity.

And how often does a city get to celebrate the opening of a major new cultural institution?

Detroit did just this past spring with the opening of the Museum of African American History's new location on Warren in the city's cultural center. We thought an event of this magnitude was worth revisiting.

The new museum is in its fifth month of presenting the largest African-American core exhibition in the world. And who could give directions to that beautiful facility without including the huge African mask that hangs above the museum's main entrance? (They've become to downtown what "meet me at the hippo" has always been to the Detroit Zoo.) We'll look at our earlier visit to Richard Bennett's studio, the artist who constructed and installed what is quickly becoming one of Detroit's most recognizable landmarks.

Plus, Rolling Stone says the Holmes Brothers "bring renewed urgency and energy to classic blues and R&B." From what we saw, energy isn't the half of it! On the day we taped with these blues veterans, they had flown in from a European tour the previ-

ous day from London to Kennedy Airport in New York, loaded up their van, drove until they couldn't keep their eyes open, slept for a few hours somewhere in the middle of Ohio, got up and drove the rest of the way to the Detroit Public Television studio.

Within 15 minutes of their arrival, we were rolling tape on their performance.

And they were awesome! Then

they loaded up their van again and headed to their performance in Ann Arbor! Tonight, we'll air the title track from their current CD, "Promised Land."

I hope this gives you a sense of why we're so excited about our summer shows. Join us tonight on Channel 56 at 9:30 p.m., with a rebroadcast at 1:30 a.m. Then get out there!

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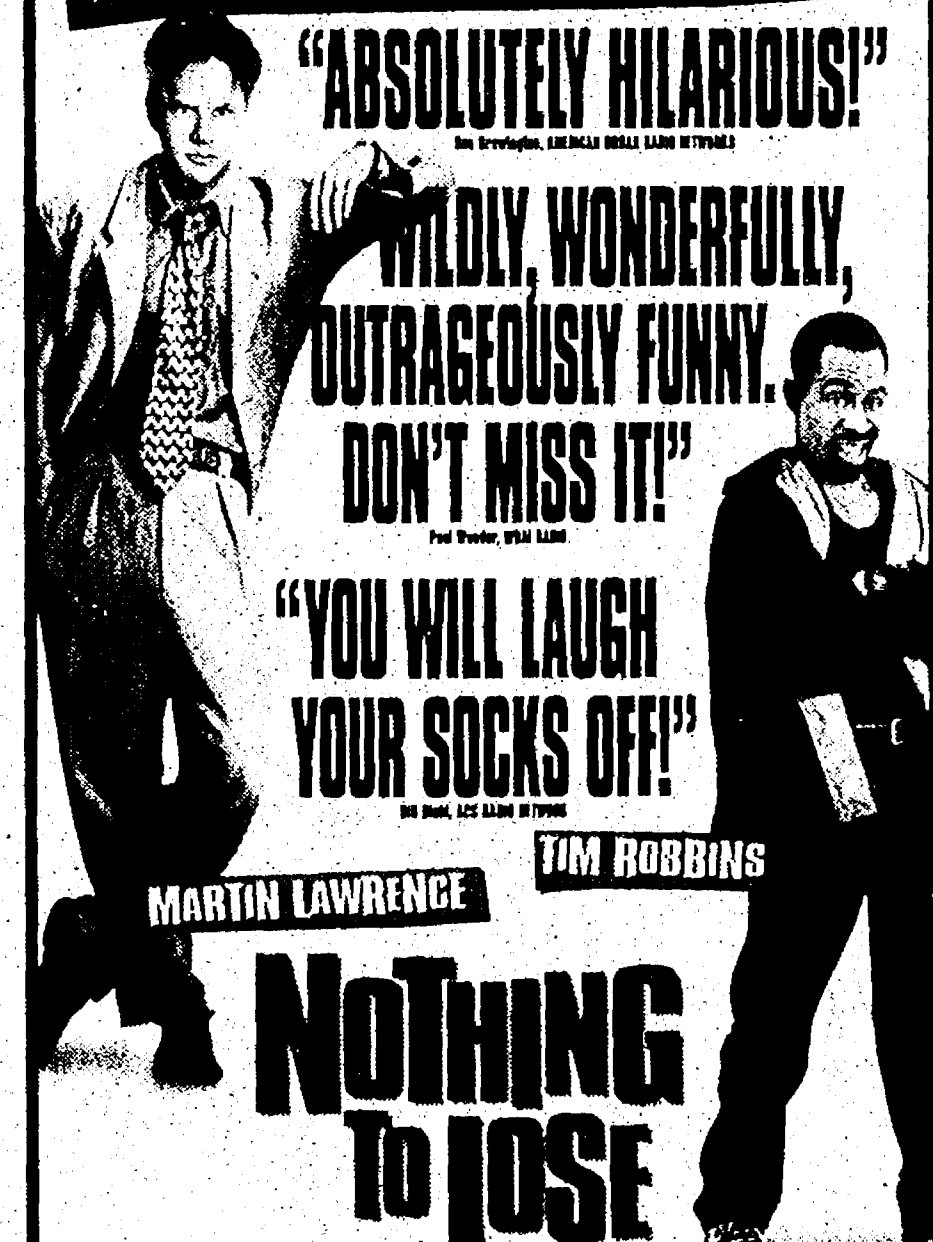
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DINING

Birmingham offers lots of options for diners during Jazzfest

BY KEELY WYONIK
STAFF WRITER

Don't be disappointed, make reservations now for popular restaurants participating in this year's Birmingham Jazzfest.

As of Monday those restaurants that accept reservations still had openings.

Here's the list so you can make plans:

■ **Alban's**, 190 N. Hunter (at Maple), (248) 258-5788 - **Accepting reservations**, and will be offering their regular menu, which includes sandwiches, salads, seafood, and steak.

■ **Bates Street Cafe**, 380 S. Bates Street (at the Community House), (248) 644-5832 - **is not accepting reservations**. They will be open for lunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday, July 24-25.

Grilled items including hamburgers, hot dogs, T-Bird sandwiches, nachos, and Buffalo Wings, will be offered 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 24-26. Cocktails and non-alcoholic drinks will be served 9-11 p.m.

■ **Dick O'Dow's Irish Pub**, 160 W. Maple, (248) 642-1135 - **Not accepting reservations**. They will be offering their standard menu, which includes soups, salads, sandwiches, roasted chicken, steak, and Irish specialties such as corned beef and cabbage.

■ **Edison's**, 220 Merrill Street, (downstairs from 222) (248) 645-2150 - **Not accepting reservations**. Open 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday-Friday; 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday. Menu features variety of appetizers from shrimp to cheese and fruits, assorted paninia sandwiches. Dessert specialty is chocolate fondue.

■ **Forte**, 201 S. Woodward, (248) 594-7300 - **Accepting reservations**. Regular Mediterranean-style menu, which includes fresh fish, pizza cooked in a brick oven, paella, pasta and vegetarian dishes. Extensive appetizer menu.

■ **Max & Erma's** 210 S. Woodward (enter from Merrill St.), (248) 258-1188 - **Not accepting reservations**. Regular menu, soups, salads, sandwiches, ribs, pasta and other popular dishes. Summer menu through Labor Day features three crab cake selections - Erma's Crab Cake Catch, Sautéed Crab Cakes and a Boardwalk Combo, which is a combination of a crab cake and a four-ounce petite tenderloin medallion.

■ **Midtown Cafe**, 139 W. Woodward (south of Maple), (248) 642-1133 - **Not accepting reservations**. Trendy American, variety of dishes including vegetarian.

■ **Ocean Grille**, 280 N. Woodward, (248) 646-7001 -

Accepting reservations. Specialize in fresh fish and seafood, also offer steaks, chicken, rack of lamb, and pasta dishes.

■ **Old Woodward Grill**, 555 S. Woodward, (248) 642-9400 - **Accepting reservations**. Upscale grill. Specialty dishes include whitefish, barbecued salmon, grilled swordfish, Cajun Chicken Pasta, sandwiches, great ribs.

■ **Peabody's**, 154 S. Hunter (at Maple), (248) 644-5222 - **Accepting reservations for parties of 8 or more**. Known for ribs, prime rib, fresh fish.

■ **Phoenicia**, 588 S. Woodward (south of Maple), (248) 644-3122 - **Accepting reservations**. Fine Lebanese cuisine.

■ **Townsend Hotel**, (Rugby Grille) 100 Townsend (between Pierce & Henrietta), (248) 642-7900 - **Accepting reservations**, regular menu, New American cuisine, featuring fresh fish and seafood, prime cuts of meat, tableside salads and desserts, and sandwiches. Ask about the daily specials.

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And the Oakland County Food Bank will be hosting a Tent Party and Fund-Raiser 2-10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, 1704 W. Maple (corner of Decker Road) in Walled Lake, (248) 624-9659. Features Bugs Beddow Band. Donation \$1. Canned good donations appreciated, and will be

given to food bank. Menu includes hot dogs; Italian sausage, Buffalo Burgers, cooked outside on the grill.

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Offered by Unique Restaurant Corp. Restaurants - Morels (248) 642-1094 on Aug. 27; Relish (248) 489-8852 on Aug. 28; Trattoria Bruschetta (248) 305-5210, Aug. 29 and Sebastian's Grill (248) 649-6625, Aug. 30. Call for reservations and information.

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CLOSED

MISTY DUCK BISTRO

The restaurant at 45250 Ford Road, Canton, which opened last August, closed on June 29. The fine dining restaurant offered wild game along with steaks, seafood, pastas and salads. Owner Dave Khoury of Farmington Hills, who also operates Damon's The Other Place

For Ribs restaurants in Canton and Wyandotte, said he's "going to pull back, take my time, step back and analyze what the Canton community is interested in," before he reopens in the building he built and owns.

MENU SPECIALS

EXCALIBUR

Excalibur Restaurant, 28875 Franklin Road, Southfield is offering a dinner special for two all month long. Canadian Baby Back Ribs will be only \$19.97 Monday through Thursday the entire month of July. Call (248) 358-3355 for details.

Serious fun planned for Cranbrook fund-raiser

Cranbrook Art Museum will hold a fund raiser in the spirit of swank and swing.

"Serious Moonlight," to be held this Saturday, is co-chaired and organized by Diane VanderBeke Mager and Amir Daiza with the assistance of 19 committee members. It's anticipated that the fund raiser will have 800 Detroiters dressed in garden-party attire, enjoying fine food, libations, and dancing to the big band sounds of the Imperial Swing Orchestra.

"This past year has been one of the most ambitious at the museum with major exhibitions of painting, jewelry and video installations," said Gregory Wittkopp, art museum director. "Our attendance has doubled. And next year will only be bigger and better."

Proceeds from the "Serious Moonlight" events will support exhibits and the extensive schedule of accompanying educational programs.

Major sponsors include Henri Bendel at the Somerset Collection, the David Klein Gallery in Birmingham, Stoney Creek Brewing Company and the Merchant of Vino.

Tickets for "Serious Moonlight" are \$75 per person for general admission, \$125 at the patron level. Tickets available through Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666 and the Cranbrook Art Museum, (248) 645-3323. Fifty dollars of each general ticket is a tax-deductible donation.

For more information, call the "Serious Moonlight" Hotline at (248) 645-3366, or (248) 645-3323.

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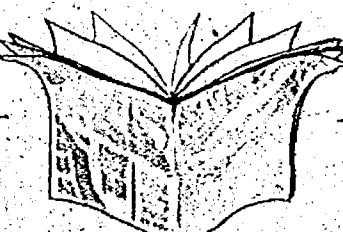
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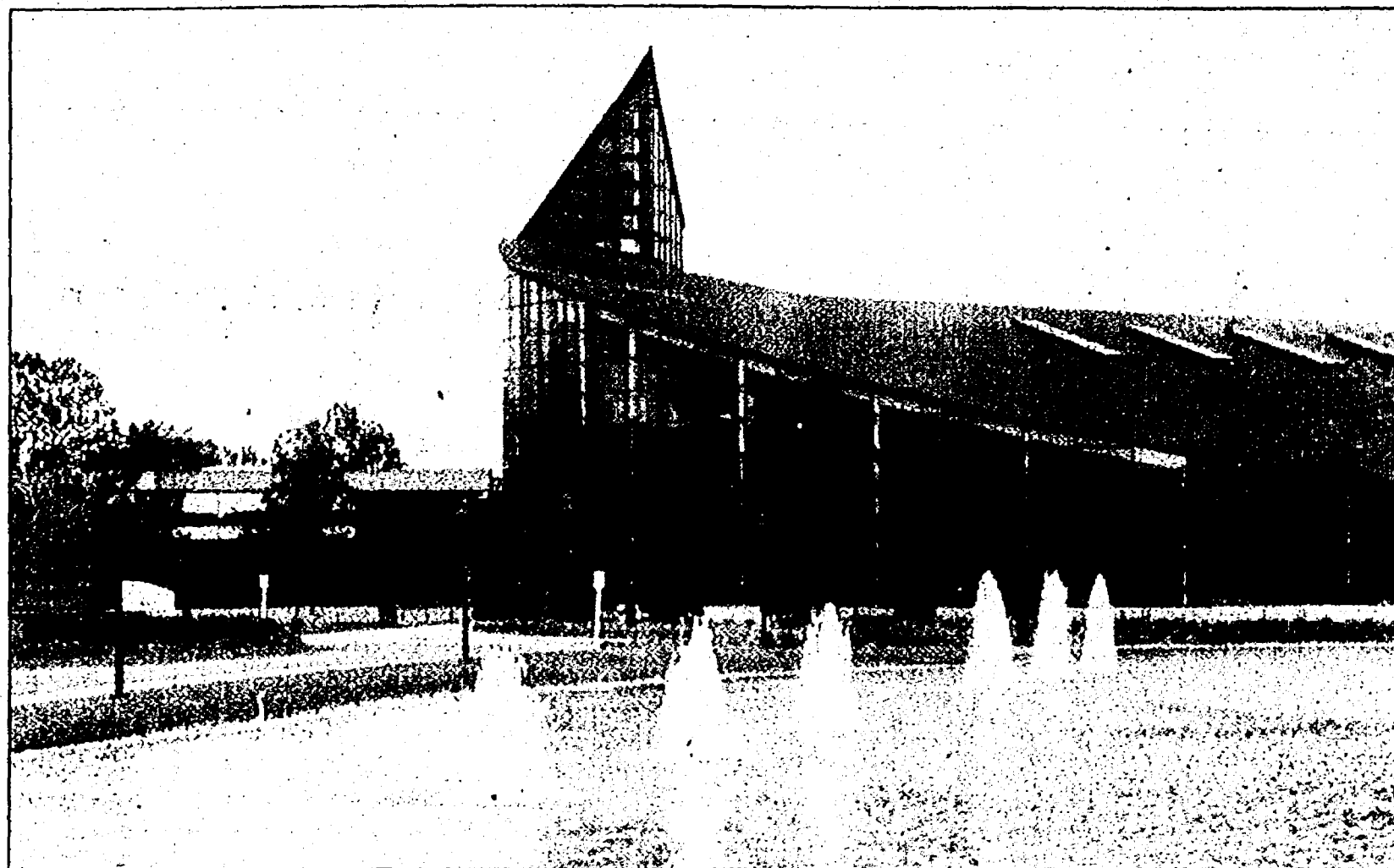


ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. I read your column recently on the flood plain issue and am concerned about water that is developing the back of my unit, abutting what I now find out to be a wetland area. When I bought from the developer, I was told it was a wildlife preserve. Maps that I received in the owners manual that were given to me after the purchase shows it as a wetland. I am now told that I cannot do anything about it. I am thinking about selling and am wondering whether I will be able to do so. Do I have to disclose this information before selling regarding the "lake" that appears in the back of my unit with its stench?

A. To the extent that the area is enclosed within the common elements and is a potential problem, you would still have to disclose it in a disclosure statement if you knew about the condition, assuming you wish to sell. You may wish to consider, however, contacting the developer and advising it that it was not forthright in its disclosure to you concerning the conditions behind the unit. I would also demand, either on your own or through the association, that it has the responsibility of maintenance, repair and replacement of the area in question, i.e., a common element, that action be taken against the developer and/or such other persons or entities, including the municipality or state agency to deal with the potential health problem that you think you may be experiencing.

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Summit complex: Neumann/Smith & Associates was the project architect and the Christman Co. the general contractor for this 85,000-square-foot recreation center in Canton.

ESD honors the best

Real estate includes buildings as well as land.

Twelve structures including a recreation center, art gallery and the world headquarters of an automotive manufacturer won accolades in the annual construction and design awards competition sponsored by ESD-the Engineering Society of Detroit.

An Ohio panel evaluated nominations on quality of overall design, innovative construction techniques, land use/ environmental considerations and appropriateness of materials.

Also considered were unique engineering systems, energy consciousness and social, economic impact.

At least one member of the award-winning construction team - architect, general contractor or owner - must have had a Michigan connection and the buildings, themselves, must have been completed after Jan. 1, 1993.

Following is a description of winning entries as provided by ESD.

■ **Summit on the Park, Canton.** Architect: Neumann/Smith & Associates. Recreation architect: Barker, Rinker, Seacat & Partners. General contractor: the Christman Co. Owner: Canton Township.

The 85,000-square-foot facility containing a swimming pool, gym, multipurpose rooms, running track and cable studio is one of the largest municipally-owned community centers in Michigan.

Parking areas have been placed in wooded areas and broken into several smaller lots. Berms provide sledding in winter.

■ **Haig Galleries, Rochester.** Architect: John Dziurman Architects Ltd. Builder: Paul Haig, Builder. Craftsmen: Les Reeve, Christopher Jones, Christopher Anthony, Leonard Kaczor, Bill Poland and Marty McClure. Owners: Diane and Paul Haig.

A jeweler and art dealer who bought the building two years ago reconstructed the original facade and selected Armistice Day, 1918, as the historic time reference for the building's renovation.

The success of the renovation lies in its simplicity, providing appropriate background to display art and jewelry.

■ **Chrysler Corp. World Headquarters, Auburn Hills.** Architect/engineer: SHG Inc. Construction manager: Walbridge Aldinger. Landscape architect: JJR Inc. Owner: Chrysler.

The 950,000-square-foot headquarters brings under one roof a 4.4 million-square-foot technology center with the resources to design, test, build, evaluate and market the automaker's product.

The goal of the project's design is to inspire and stimulate visionary thinking and encourage teamwork.

■ **Dept. of Veteran Affairs Medical Center, Detroit.** Architect/engineer: SHG Inc. General Contractor: Bateson/Dailey (joint venture). Landscape architect: JJR Inc. Owner: Dept. of Veteran Affairs.

The 504-bed, 1.4 million-square-foot hospital consists of a medical surgical nursing tower, a psychiatric nursing tower and a diagnostic/treatment block linked by a skylit, landscaped atrium.

Aim of the project was to displace the negative stereotype of veterans hospitals, replace it with a bright, new perception of optimism and add to the revitalization of the urban environment.

■ **Bio-Pharmaceutical facility, Rochester.** Architect/designer: Ellis/Naeyaert/Genheimer Associates. General contractor: Frank Revold & Son. Owner: IMMUNO-U.S.

A recent expansion and renovation has taken the company from a single, small building to a campus with four buildings enabling better development, production and distribution of biological therapies.

The site is 24 hilly acres dotted with large trees.

■ **General Motors Truck Product Center, Pontiac.** Architect: Harley Ellington Design. Construction manager: Barton Malow. Developer: Etkin Equities. Owner: GM.

This project, a functional, flexible headquarters of 1.1 million square feet, exemplifies a successful adaptive reuse of a closed, assembly facility.

Recycling included 25,000 tons of steel, aluminum, brass and copper, 32,000 tons of concrete and 60,000 tons of earth.

■ **St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Shelby Township.** Architect: Constantine George Pappas, AIA. Structural Engineer: Ehlert/Bryan Inc.

General Contractor: Wing Construction. Laminant Fabricator: Unit Structures. Artistic/liturgical consultant: Margaret Bouchez Cavanaugh. Owner: Archdiocese of Detroit.

In response to a rapidly growing parish, new buildings were designed and constructed around an existing church sanctuary, which was transformed to a multi-purpose hall.

■ **Raw wastewater pumping station, Detroit.** Engineer: Metcalf & Eddy. General Contractor: Walbridge Aldinger. Owner: Detroit Water & Sewerage Dept.

This project required deep excavations on a tight site having unstable soils. It's part of a program begun in the early 1980s to reduce the quantity of raw sewage discharged into area rivers during wet weather.

Several other buildings were honored.

Albert Kahn Associates was the lead architect at a new BMW manufacturing plant in Spartanburg, S.C. (national category) and the architect of the Maccabees Building in Detroit (historical category). The Christman Co. was general contractor for Maccabees.

Hobbs+Black was the designer of agriculture and livestock education pavilion at Michigan State University. A house in New Buffalo overlooking Lake Michigan, no local connections, also won an award.



Chrysler workplace: SHG was the project architect/engineer, Walbridge Aldinger the construction manager for the Chrysler Corp. World Headquarters in Auburn Hills.

The downward blip

Home prices can go down as well as up. The following areas showed the greatest decreases in median sales prices of existing housing between the first quarter of 1997 and the first quarter of 1996.

	Median Price	1-year Change
Bradenton, FL	\$ 86,500	-13.9%
Cary, IN	88,100	-7.9%
Honolulu	313,800	-5.4%
Riverside, CA	111,200	-5.0%
Ocala, FL	58,700	-5.0%
South Bend, IN	71,100	-4.6%
Albany, NY	102,000	-4.0%
Buffalo/Niagara Falls	80,900	-3.6%
Springfield, IL	78,700	-3.6%
Beaumont, TX	69,300	-3.2%
New Haven, CN	126,300	-2.8%
Toledo, OH	82,900	-2.6%
Champaign/Urbana, IL	76,500	-2.2%
Dayton, OH	90,600	-2.2%
Boston	183,300	-2.1%
Nashville	109,500	-2.0%

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

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New options for private mortgage insurance

MORTGAGE SHOPPING



DAVID C. MULLY

In some of my previous articles, including the last one on low-down-payment mortgages, I've mentioned mortgage insurance or private mortgage insurance (PMI). To summarize, mortgage insurance is a type of guarantee that helps protect lenders against the costs of foreclosures and is often required by lenders when the loan they are

making may put them at somewhat of a risk. Now let's look at the specifics of mortgage insurance in more detail.

Home buyers typically have many questions about mortgage insurance because, basically, they see it as just an additional expense to their mortgage payment. And, because the need for mortgage insurance is so common in the home-buying market, many new types of mortgage insurance become available all the time.

Even when a home buyer has an excellent credit record and the capability to meet mortgage payments, most lenders require private mortgage insurance as a matter of policy for any loan with a small down payment. Mortgage insurance allows lenders to grant loans that they otherwise would not consider. Private mortgage insurance makes it possible to obtain a mortgage with a down payment as low as 5 percent rather than the 20 percent to 30 percent down payment that would be required without insurance.

How PMI differs from other insurance programs

Although the insurance protection concepts of PMI and insurance programs offered by the FHA or VA are similar, there are advantages to using PMI. For one, private mortgage insurers have much higher loan limits than the FHA or VA. Second, private mortgage insurance is cheaper. In addition, borrowers can expect faster loan approval, less paperwork and more variety in insurance coverage and premium plans when they do business with private mortgage insurers. Finally, PMI is cancelable, meaning you will probably pay less for the advantage of a low-down-payment loan insured by PMI. Mortgage insurance from the FHA or VA can only be canceled by refinancing the mortgage it is associated with.

Can you finance premiums?

In most cases, yes. Many home buyers finance their mortgage insurance premiums in order to reduce their closing costs. For example, one company, PMI Mortgage Insurance company, offers a "Super Single" program that, when financed, can provide you with a number of sensible, low-cost financing options. Super Single:

- reduces closing costs (when premium is financed)
- lowers monthly housing payments
- eliminates mortgage insurance payments to escrow accounts
- enhances tax write-offs (a larger loan enables greater interest deduction).

Mortgage insurance can be paid two

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REAL ESTATE INVESTORS

Real Estate Investors Association hosts its annual open forum 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline one block east of I-75.
 Cost for non-members is \$10. Beginning landlords interested in a free introductory package should leave a message for Wayne Koehler on the landlord hotline at (313) 277-4168.

BBSOAR GOLF OUTING

The Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors plans its annual golf outing Thursday, Sept. 11, at Links of Pinewood in Walled Lake.
 Cost for the morning round beginning at 8 a.m. which includes golf, cart, continental breakfast, buffet lunch, dinner and open bar

is \$110.
 The afternoon round beginning at 1 p.m. which includes the same package is \$125. Dinner only at 7 p.m. is \$50.
 For reservations, contact Elaine Gatlin at (248) 879-5730.
 Proceeds from this year's outing will be divided among Lighthouse of Oakland County, Rochester Neighborhood House and the South Oakland Shelter.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The Construction Information Forum is now accepting nominations for its annual NOVA Award honoring innovations around the world in the construction industry.
 Nominations are due Sept. 15. There is no entry fee and anyone may nominate.
 The CIF, an international, non-profit organization based in Ann Arbor, was formed in 1987 to recognize new ways of doing things that improve the quality, productivity and cost effectiveness of construction. To date, 27 NOVAs have been awarded.

For specifics on nominations, contact Amy Laidlaw, CIF executive director, at (313) 995-1855 or by fax at (313) 995-5002.

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ways: 1) an initial premium collected at closing and a smaller renewal premium collected each month or 2) as a single premium with a lump sum paid at closing that covers the insurance costs for a prescribed number of years. These plans are best used when the mortgage insurance premiums are to be financed.

Another mortgage lender, Norwest Mortgage, offers two excellent mortgage insurance programs that reduced the cost of mortgage insurance to the home buyer.

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- higher closing costs
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mortgage insurance Choices, which includes Traditional mortgage insurance, No mortgage insurance and Discount mortgage insurance. The No mortgage insurance program is designed to maximize tax advantages, so the mortgage company pays the insurance. This is ideal if you have limited savings, have a good income and want to maximize tax benefits or expect to refinance or relocate within seven years.

Discount mortgage insurance is an attractive option if you intend to live in your home for more than seven years, prefer to pay for mortgage insurance yourself yet want to save on monthly premiums, or want the ability to cancel mortgage insurance in the future.

With Traditional mortgage insur-

ance, the home buyers pays the mortgage insurance in the traditional way. On the purchase of a \$100,000 home, the monthly payments will all three options are within \$8.50 of each other. For more information, call Melissa Beyer at Norwest (248)374-0654.

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August: best time to move youngster

Planning to move soon? The worst time to move both children and teenagers is right after the school year ends.

August is the best time to move elementary-aged children. If moving a child to a new area when summer begins, it could result in a summer of solitude.

The best time to move a teenager? April, so he or she has a few months to make friendships that will strengthen over the summer. If moving during the school year,

consider these tactics:

- Talk to your child's elementary teacher - or your teenager's best friends about a good-bye party.
- Visit the new school with your child before moving.
- Talk about all the new and exciting things that a different school and social climate offers. Of course children aren't the only ones affected by a relocation; adults have many adjustments, too. Farmers Insurance provides the following relocation tips for adults to consider:

- Make sure the telephone and electricity will be operational and in your name before you arrive.
- Walk through the home before taking possession; make sure the condition hasn't changed.
- Talk with your insurance agent to make sure the home is insured from the day you take possession. Household items in transit and items in storage lots are not always covered by insurance. Check with your agent first.
- Ask for referrals in your new home town - doctors, dentists, insurance agents, etc.

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Moving company passes along tips for smoother move

Allied Van Lines, the world's largest van line, offers these tips for planning a smooth move.

1. Develop a master "To Do" list. Your mover can provide a generic list that can be customized for your particular situation. Set up a calendar with dates when tasks on the list need to be accomplished.
2. Sort through belongings and eliminate items that are no longer needed or wanted. To help you decide what to keep, ask these questions: When was the last time I used this? How does it make me feel? What is the worst possible thing that would happen if I didn't have this? If you have a great degree of hesitancy, keep it.
3. Recycle belongings that are staying behind. A garage sale can be a lucrative and fun way to reduce the number of items to move. Or consider donating old linens, toys and games to local homeless shelters, children's hospitals or schools. Oftentimes it's easier to "let go" of items when you know it will help others less fortunate.
4. Use up supplies that are not transportable. About 4-6 weeks before the move, use up cleaning supplies and food items in the freezer.
5. Pack "like" items together. Games, pet supplies, photos, sewing supplies and toys are all items that should be packed together in appropriately sized and labeled containers or boxes.
6. Organize vital moving documents in a small portable file box and take it with you on moving day. It's a good idea to have on file the registration number, the names and telephone numbers for the origin and destination agents, the driver's name and vehicle number. Other items that may come in handy include your address book and a telephone book from your old hometown in case you need to reach someone.
7. Place colored stickers on moving boxes, once you've finished packing. Use a different color for each room in your new house. To help everyone remember which color goes where upon arrival, place a matching colored balloon on the door of the appropriate room.
8. Put together a "survival box" full of items that will be needed immediately upon arrival. Necessities such as light bulbs, linens, paper products, garbage bags, soap and tools are all smart items to include. Take the box with you instead of loading it on the van so that you won't be caught unprepared if you arrive before the moving van does.
9. Make appointments to have your hair cut, the car serviced and current prescriptions filled shortly before the move. By taking advantage of these services before the move, you won't be pressured to find new suppliers immediately after arriving in your new home.
10. Send change-of-address cards out to creditors, insurance companies, friends, magazine subscriptions and utility companies. You can access change-of-address forms through Allied Van Lines' Internet site, <http://www.alliedvan.com>. Or, stop by your local post office and pick up a change-of-address kit filled with cards and a helpful checklist to help you remember who to send cards to. Leave a forwarding address with the post office once you know where your new home will be.

HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer-area residential real-estate closings recorded May 7 - 13 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.

Dearborn	32202 Barton St \$131,000	915 Mill St \$111,000
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	941 Garden St \$77,000	Redford
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	121 Redriff St \$96,000	18802 Dalby \$64,000
		25775 Deborah \$92,000
		13570 Dixie \$108,000
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		13489 Farley \$90,000
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		25420 Joy Rd \$95,000
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		11301 Tecumseh \$82,000
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		145 N Sybold St \$115,000

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15 yr FIX	7.25	0290	5%	60 days	7.38	
1 yr ARM	5.375	0290	5%	60 days	7.41	
5/1 yr ARM	5.125	0290	5%	60 days	7.25	
(A) 39111 W. 6 Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48151						
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1 yr ARM	5.875	0250	10%	45 days	8.33	
30 yr Jumbo	6.625	0250	20%	45 days	8.03	
(B) 5820 N. Canton Center, Canton, MI 48187						
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1 yr ARM	5.375	2295	10%	45 days	7.9	
5/25 Balloon	6.75	2295	10%	45 days	7.31	
(A) 32100 Telegraph Rd., Ste 205, Bingham Farms, MI 48025						
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15 yr FIX	6.625	2/300	5%	45 days	7.09	
7/23 Balloon	6.5	2/300	20%	50 days	7.17	
5/25 Balloon	6.625	2.25/300	20%	50 days	7.19	
(B) 32985 Hamilton Ct., Ste 103, Farmington Hills, MI 48334						
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This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Carolyn Hrejsa joins Robertsons Brothers as marketing assistant. She's a Clarkston resident and a graduate of North Central College in Naperville, Ill.



Hrejsa

Krystal Campbell joins the real estate office of R E / M A X Showcase Homes in Birmingham as a sales associate.



Campbell

She's a member of the Women's Council of Realtors and is active in Optimists International Club.

Roger Roley, executive director of Associated Builders & Contractors of SE Michigan, has earned the designation of Certified Association Executive from the American Society of Association Executives. He lives in Plymouth Township.

Melinda M. Hale has been promoted to controller and **Michelle P. Fobar** has been appointed accounting manager at Malan Realty, a real estate investment trust in Birmingham. Hale, a Certified Public Accountant, holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Central Michigan.

She lives in Plymouth and is a member of the Detroit Chapter of the National Network of Career Real Estate Women.

Fobar previously served as an asset and information systems manager at another real estate company. She's a student at Walsh College and lives in Troy.

Wendy Beach joins Robertsons Brothers Group, a Bloomfield Hills-based residential builder, as construction superintendent for the Glens at Carlson Park in Troy.



Beach

Beach has a bachelor of science degree in building construction management from Michigan State University. She lives in Royal Oak.

Nicole Burchard joins Robertsons Brothers as staff accountant. She has a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Central Michigan University.



Burchard

Patrick Wall of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Livonia was among the top 10 of all Coldwell Banker sales associates in Michigan for gross commission income for the first quarter. He lives in Westland.

Mortgage rates lowest in 7 months

WASHINGTON (AP) - Average interest rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages fell this week to the lowest level in seven months.

The average declined to 7.47, down from 7.62 percent a week earlier, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. said Thursday. It was the lowest since the week ended Dec. 5, when the rate averaged 7.44 percent.

The average's peak, so far this year, was 8.18 percent during the week ended April 3, after the Federal Reserve tightened monetary policy. It has declined during 10 of the 14 weeks since.

Mortgage rates have tracked the decline in bond rates, which have moved lower as traders became confident there is little prospect for an immediate increase in inflation.

Mortgage savings
Timing is everything when refinancing

Everyone loves the thought of lower monthly mortgage payments. But before you refinance your mortgage, the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants suggests that you take a careful look at how refinancing fits into your family's overall financial picture. What works for your neighbor might not be the best financial strategy for you.

Homeowners who decide to refinance should be aware of the costs involved. When you refinance, you pay off an existing mortgage and take out a new one. Since, in effect, you are applying for a new mortgage, you're often required to pay many of the same expenses associated with a new mortgage, including fees for application processing, a credit check, appraisal, title search and title insurance, attorney fees and other related closing costs. In most cases, you'll also pay points.

To determine whether it makes sense for you to refinance, you'll need to do a few calculations. Start by adding up the costs of refinancing. Next, deter-

mine the amount of your new monthly payment by asking your lender or by using one of the many online mortgage calculators available on the Internet. Then, divide your total refinancing costs by your monthly savings. The result tells you how many months it will take for you to reach your break-even point. If you plan to stay in your home for at least the break-even period, it may make financial sense for you to refinance.

Before you start shopping around, it's a good idea to check with your current lender. Your lender might be willing to waive certain closing costs or agree to "modify" your current loan without a complete refinancing. But watch out for trade-offs: a mortgage with low up-front costs usually comes with a higher interest rate. The right alternative for you depends on your financial situation. If you are in it for the long term, you're probably better off going with the lower-rate option. On an after-tax basis, refinancing may not be as good a deal as it appears on paper. Interest on a home mortgage is

one of the few significant tax deductions left. When you refinance your mortgage, the lower interest rate translates into a smaller mortgage interest deduction. That means some of the money saved in lower monthly mortgage payments will be offset by the additional tax you pay on income that is no longer sheltered. Generally speaking, the higher your tax bracket, the more you have to gain from making larger interest payments and the less you have to gain from reducing those payments. In addition, if you refinance your current mortgage for more than the existing balance, the deductibility of the interest on the excess amount depends on how you use the money and the amount of the refinancing.

When interest rates drop, refinancing can allow you to switch from a 30-year to a 15-year mortgage without a major increase in your monthly payment. Doing so is an excellent strategy for homeowners who want to pay off their mortgage before retirement or before the children's college tuition bills start rolling in. With

a 15-year mortgage, you can save interest and pay off your mortgage faster. Fifteen-year mortgages are good for people who have already paid off a lot of balance and don't want to be saddled with a 30-year loan.

If your primary reason for refinancing is not to take advantage of lower interest rate, but rather to "cash out" some of the equity in your home, you need to decide whether refinancing or taking out a home equity loan is the better alternative for you.

A home equity product is usually a much cheaper and simpler alternative. It's also more flexible in that you can borrow only what you need, when you need it, and pay interest only on the amount you actually take out.

On the other hand, refinancing generally results in a lower interest rate and a fixed-rate mortgage offers less interest-rate risk than a home equity product, which typically has a variable interest rate.

Written by the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants., macpa@michcpa.org

NBD offers storm break

NBD Bank will allow consumers and small business owners to defer payments on new loans to help them recover from last week's storm.

"Our primary concern is helping residents and businesses face the difficult task of recovering from this devastating storm," said NBD President Thomas H. Jeffs II.

The loans will allow qualified borrowers to defer payments for both principal and interest for 90 days from the date of the loan opening.

Small business loans of up to \$250,000 will be made at prime rate.

Consumer loans, including home equity, personal, home improvement and personal lines of credit, will be at prevailing rates.

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BRICK RANCH
DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Nice 3 bedroom brick ranch with updated kitchen, newer windows, central air, some hardwood floors, partially finished basement with additional bath, 2 car garage, kitchen appliances and washer/dryer included. \$119,999 (OE-N-23CHA) 248-347-3050 ☎ 11953

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GREAT APPEAL!
REDFORD - Inside and out, this home is a pleasure to see. Neutral decor, newer roof and cement drive, new glass block windows, new front storm door, central air, new kitchen linoleum, partially finished basement. You won't be disappointed! \$99,900 (OE-N-56ELM) 248-347-3050 ☎ 12113

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DETROIT. 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick colonial on quiet street. Features large front porch, 2 car garage, basement and large attic. \$42,900. (L47Bu)

LIVONIA. 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath brick ranch in Burton Hollow subdivision. Updates include central air, newer windows, stain master carpeting, kitchen floor, hot water heater, roof shingles and garage door. \$162,900. (L54Su)

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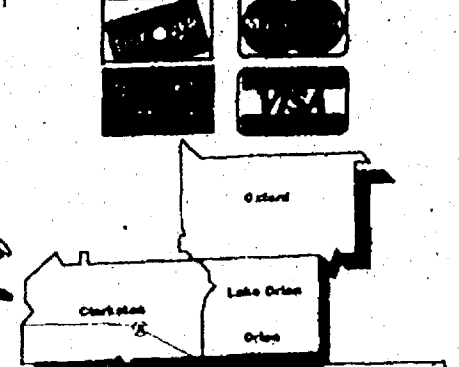
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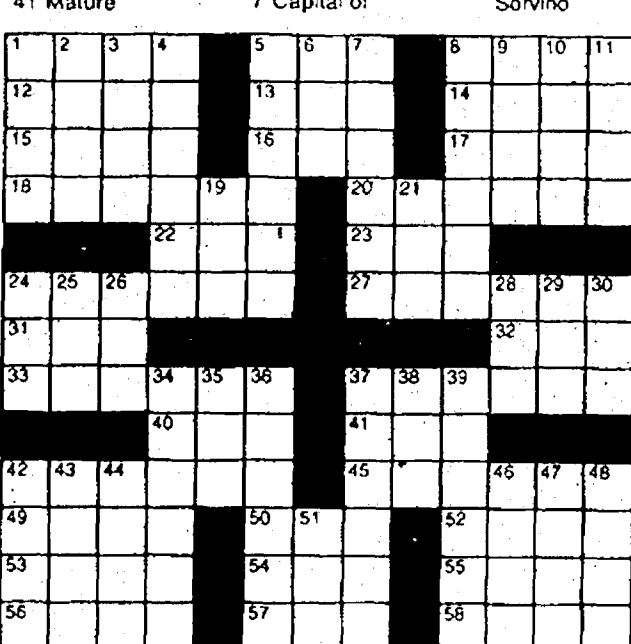
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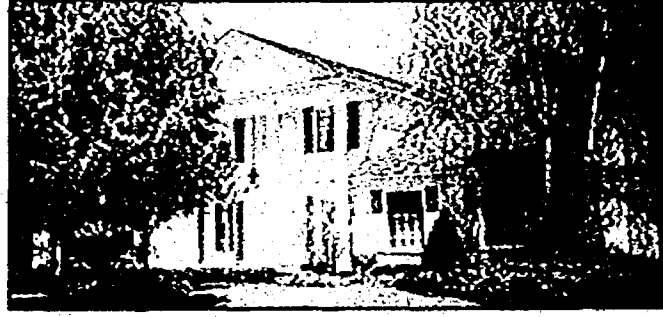
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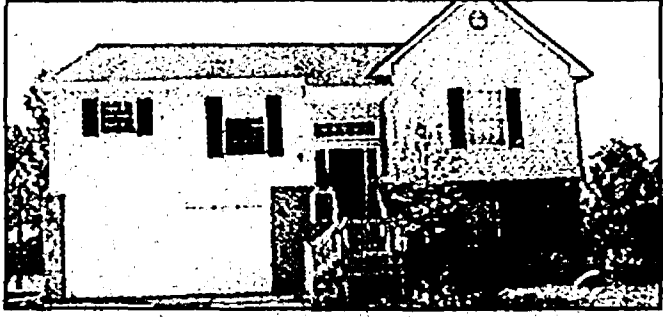
WESTLAND

BETTER THAN NEW describes this beautiful home, neutral decor, built in 1995, great room plus library, nice decking and landscaping. A MUST SEE!!!
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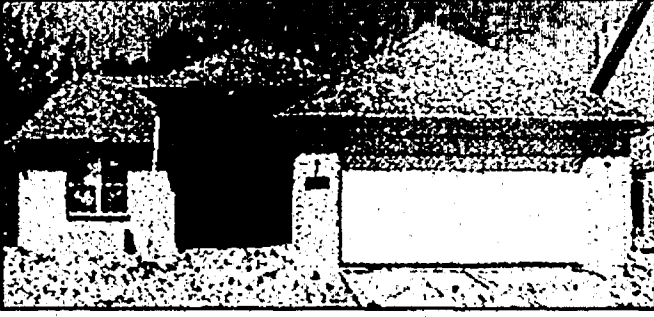
CANTON

THREE BEDROOM, 2 1/2 bath colonial. Formal living room and dining room w/bays. Kitchen w/pickled oak cabinets, upper loft, 1st floor laundry, central air and deck.
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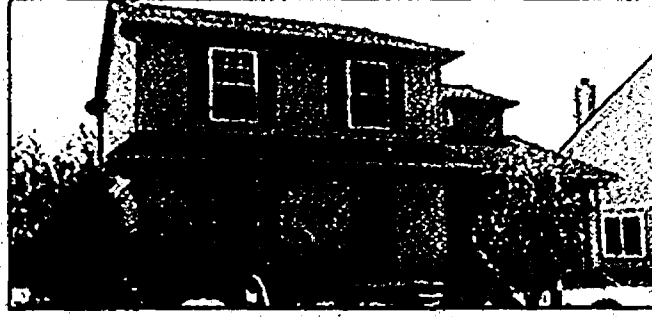
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BUILT BY GALAXY BUILDERS, this quality Elm model with many upgrades could be your new home if you hurry! 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, all neutral decor. Finished walkout.
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CHOOSE YOUR COLORS! New construction 3 bedroom ranch. 2 full baths, living room w/ceramic surrounding fireplace. Needs your final touches. Hurry!!
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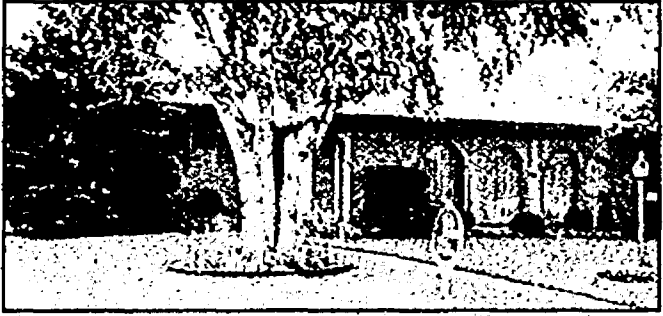
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GREAT WESTLAND COLONIAL! Galaxy Builders, 3 bedroom home w/hardwood floor entry, ceramic surrounds fireplace w/gas logs. Fully landscaped yard includes sprinkler system.
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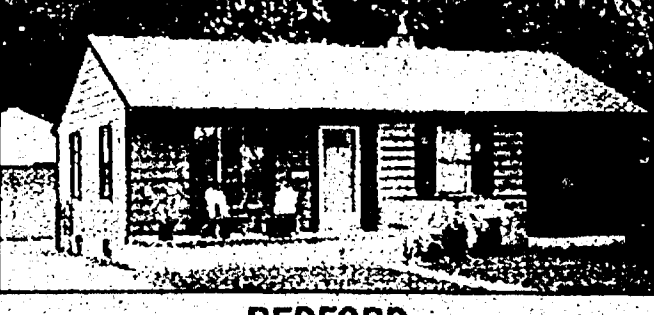
REDFORD

CHARMING RANCH. 2 full baths, finished basement, newer roof, windows, furnace, attic fan & ceiling fans. South Redford schools, + a Home Warranty.
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CANTON

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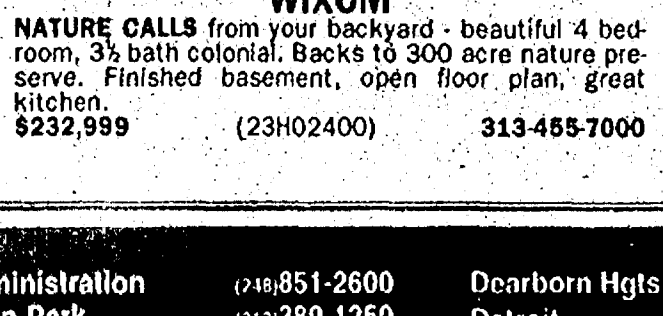
REDFORD

PLEASANT SURPRISE - SPOTLESS. Move-in condition. 1100 sq. ft. bungalow with two baths, full basement, new electrical & plumbing, fenced yard and 2 1/2 car garage.
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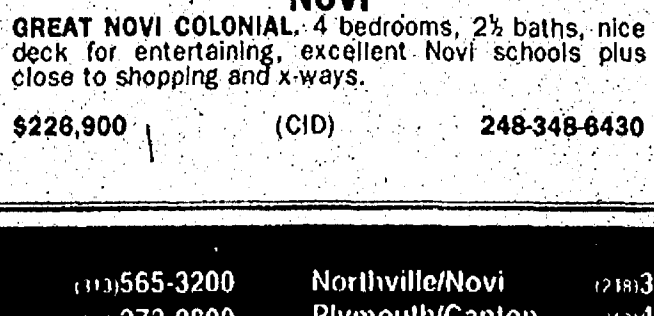
DETROIT

THIS IS IT! 3 bedroom Cape Cod with library. Updates include vinyl windows, steel doors, heated Florida room, multi-level deck, garden pond, 1 car garage.
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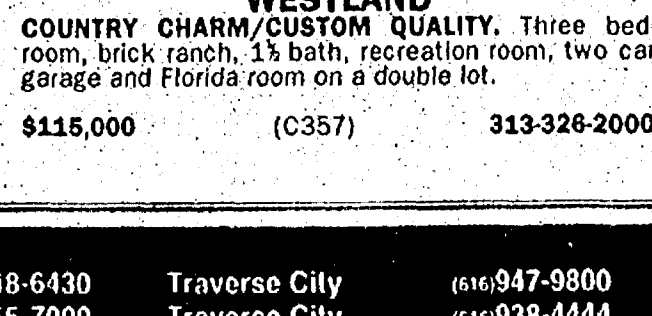
WIXOM

NATURE CALLS from your backyard - beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath colonial. Backs to 300 acre nature preserve. Finished basement, open floor plan, great kitchen.
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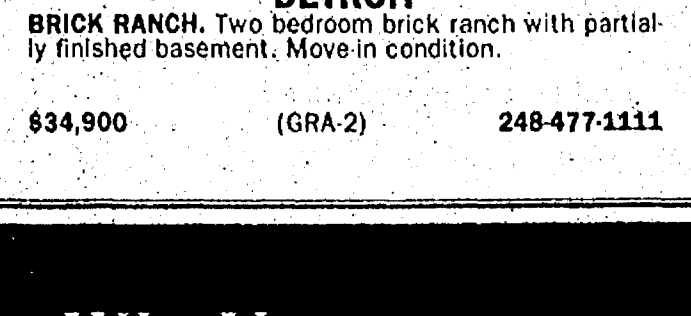
NOVI

GREAT NOVI COLONIAL. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, nice deck for entertaining, excellent Novi schools plus close to shopping and x-ways.
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WESTLAND

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500 Help Wanted General DRIVER Livonia based grocery retail distributor and warehousing company needs dependable local drivers with CDL Class A with HazMat and 2 years experience. Apply in person at: Commerce Distribution, 31750 Enterprise Drive, Livonia, MI 48150. (248) 349-6598

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500 Help Wanted General FITTER & BURNER Fitter - Must have experience on machine bases & fixtures. Overtime & full benefits. Apply in person: National Steel & Aluminum Fabric 12725 Fairlane, Livonia, MI 48150

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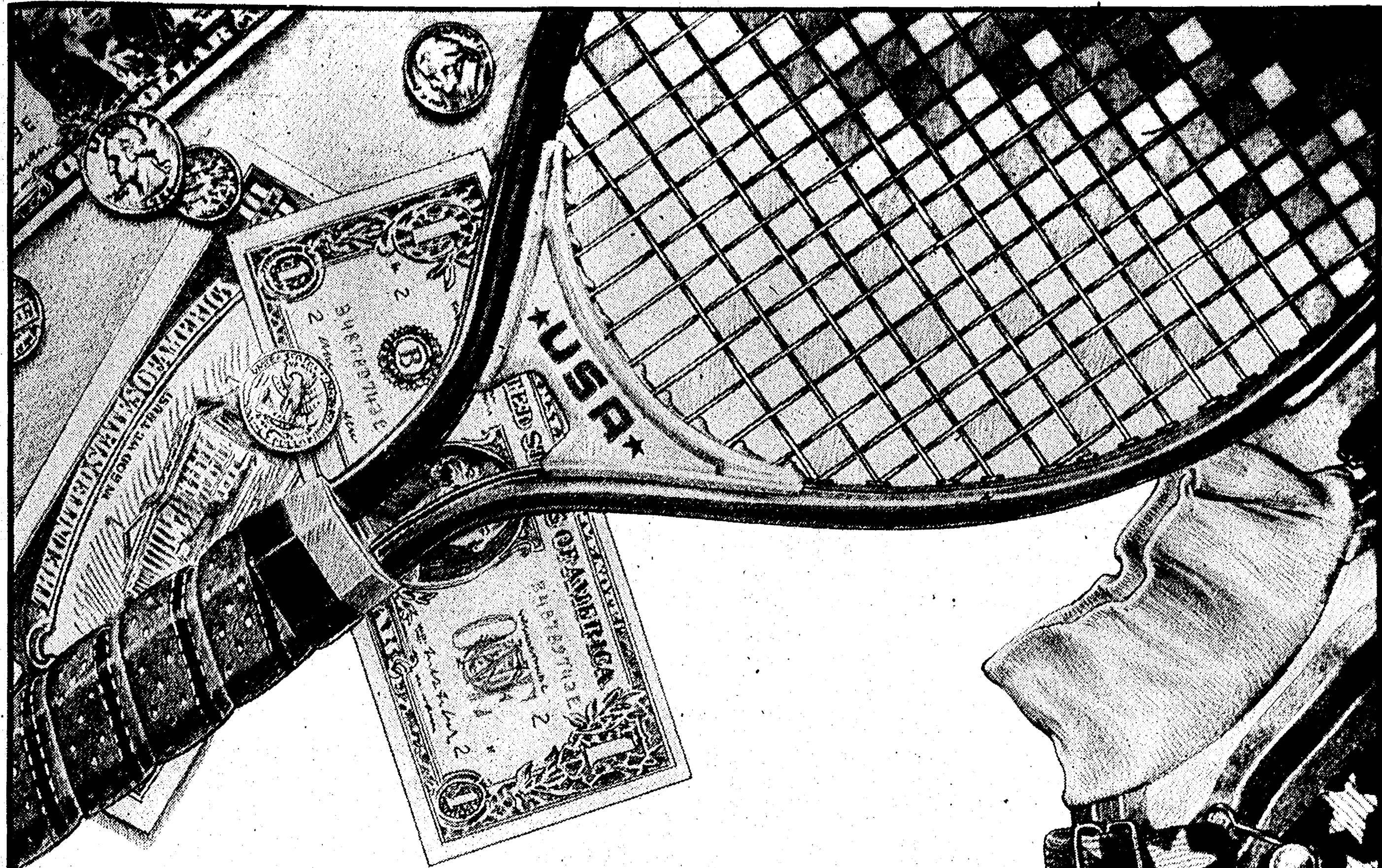
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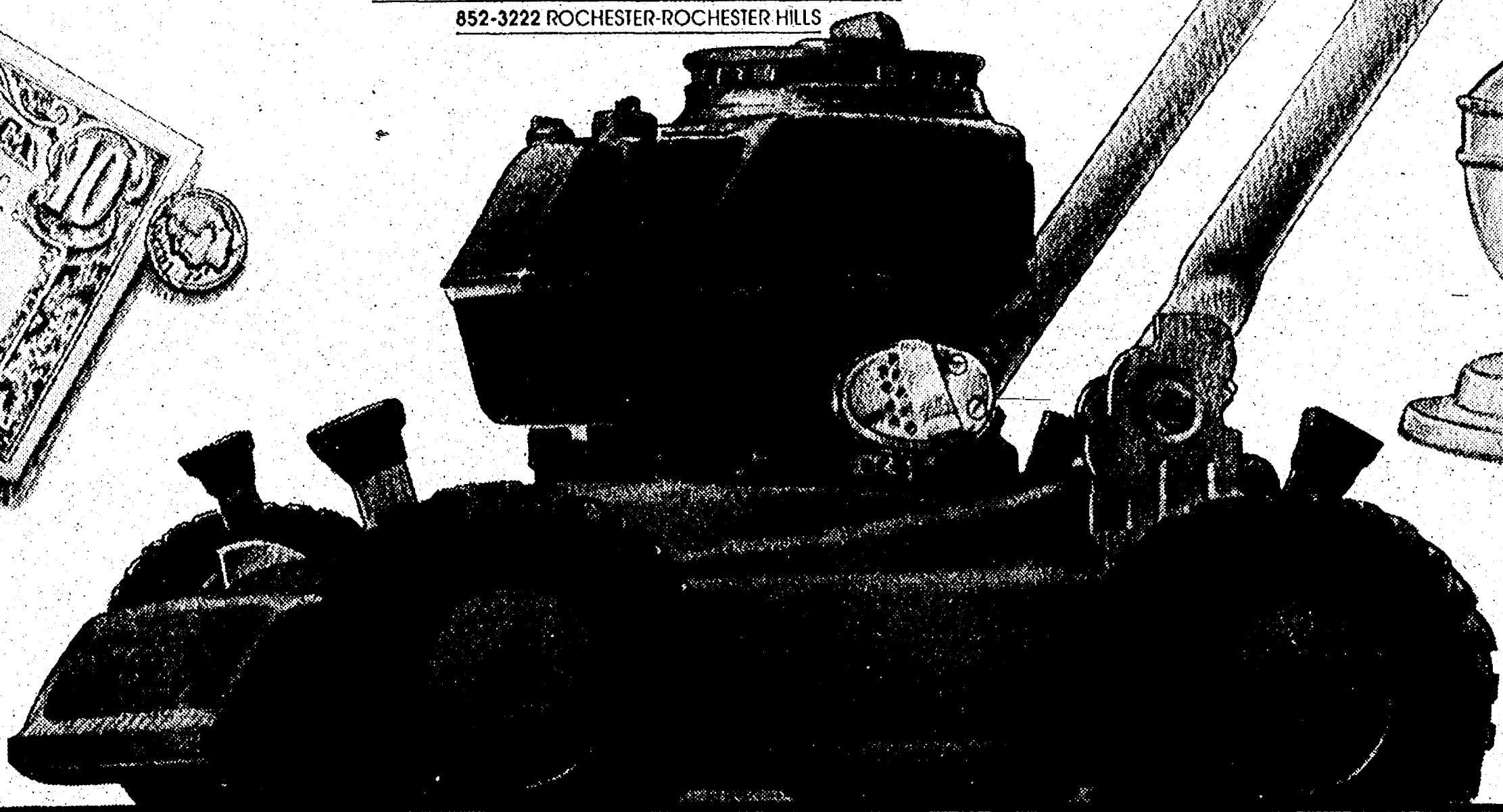
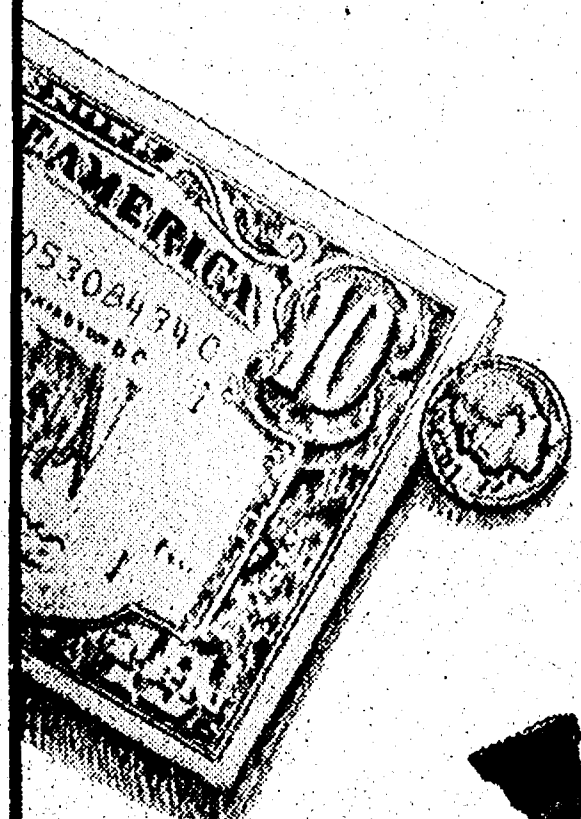
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