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# School buyouts to save millions

Teacher buyouts, officially called employee severance plans, will result in four administrators and 116 of the district's 887 teachers leaving their jobs within the next two years, officials said.

### BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER



Wayne-Westland school officials will save an estimated \$2 million during the next two years by replacing longtime educators with

new, lower-paid employees. The savings will come as 120 educa-

tors accept early buyouts that, in most cases, top \$59,000.

"We're losing some excellent, excellent people," Mathew McCusker, school board vice president, said Monday. "We've got a hard task to replace these folks with comparable talent."

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Patricia Brand, assistant superinten

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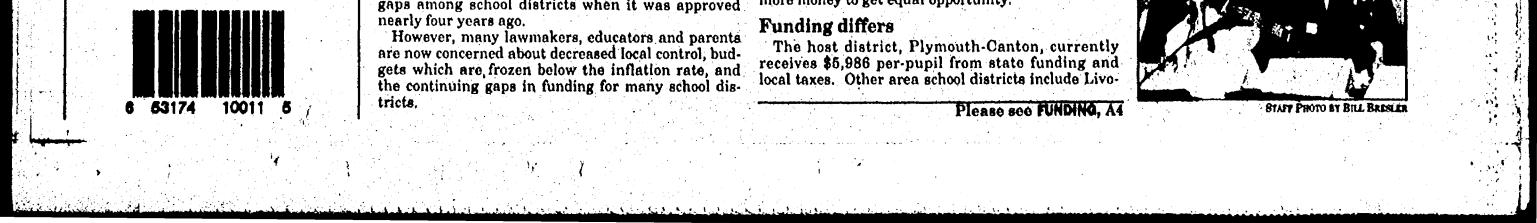
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# Mom of year is there for kids

This is the second in a four-part series on the Salute to Excellence winners. BY BETH SUNDELA JACHMAN STAFF WEITER

### Her days start by 5:30 a.m.

SALUTE TO By 7 a.m., she is driving her 15-year-old daugh-EXCELLENCE ter to school, picking up a couple of her friends who need a ride along the way.

Then it's back to the house to get her youngest daughter off to school by 8 a.m.

That completed, she may take an elderly neighbor to the drugstore, do her grocery shopping, or bake cookies or all three.

Later in the day, she'll pick up her daughters, chaperone a middle school dance, serve dinner and then go to church for her daughter's confirmation ceremony.

A full, but typical day for Westland's Patricia Garrett, who was recently chosen as the city's 1998 Mother of the Year as part of Mayor Robert Thomas' 1998 Salute to Excellence Awards.

Garrett, who was chosen from among 365 nominees, will be honored along with the city's top father, teacher and high school senior during the mayor's State of the

City address at 7 p.m. April 8 at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road.

Nominated by her daughters, Garrett says she was surprised to find that she had won the award. "I go everywhere and I do everything – I'm everywhere, but nobody knows who I am," she said.

The mother of three daughters, Alicia Fenstermacher, 21, Corrine, 15, and Mallory, 12, Patricia Garrett does seem to be everywhere. From her church volunteer work, to helping friends and neighbors, to her daughters' school field trips, to family outings, Garrett finds time to help out those around her in big and small ways. "This is what I do," she says of her busy life.

That active life prompted her nomination as her eldest daughter couldn't wait to nominate her for the award. Alicia said she started calling the city last fall to find out about nomination forms.

"She's such a wonderful woman," Alicia said.

"We've always been kind of a close-knit family." She remembers warmly the "family days" while she was growing up. "It was pretty exciting growing up. There

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# Charges still pending in fatal car accident

### BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Criminal charges are still pending in the wake of a Feb. 7 head-on collision that killed a Westland man and injured four other people.

The two-car accident occurred at 9:48 p.m. when a motorist crossed into a lane of oncoming traffic while driving south on Newburgh between Palmer and Norene, Westland police officer Steve Frazer said.

Alcohol is suspected of contributing to the accident, he said.

Hassan Clark, a 29-year-old Westland man believed to have been driving the car, survived head and chest injuries, two broken hips, a fractured pelvis and a broken leg. He still was recovering Monday at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Frazer said.

"He's lucky to be alive," the officer said. said.

Killed in the accident was a 31-yearold Westland man, Jessie Dwayne Ridner, a front-seat passenger in the 1988 Ford Escort that crossed into the wrong lane, Frazer said.

"He had massive head injuries, and his legs were pinned in the floorboard area," the officer said. "He was trapped in the car."

Ridner was dead at the scene, Frazer

Hassan Clark's 32-year-old brother,

James Clark, was thrown from the back seat of the car through a side window, but he has since been treated and released from a hospital, Frazer said.

Neither the Clarks nor Ridner wore seat belts, he said.

The driver of the other car, 21-yearold Rachel Burleson of Westland, has been released from St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti following a lengthy stay for chest, facial and knee injuries, Frazer

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# School funding gap rapped

### BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Proposal A took a beating from most of the nearly 600 people who attended Monday night's Michigan Summit on School Funding Equity, hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools at the Summit in Canton.

The school funding reform, designed to narrow the gap in spending among school districts while at the same time lowering property taxes and capping future property tax increases, was the main focus of discussion. Residents from all over the tri-county area were joined by nearly a dozen state lawmakers and three gubernatorial candidates.

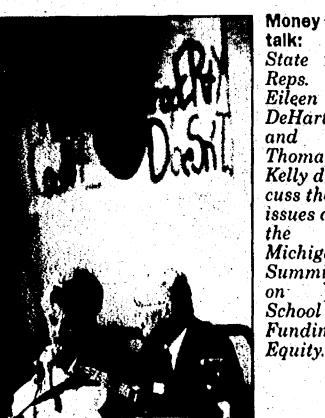
Most all agreed Proposal A helped stop escalating property taxes, and narrowed some of the spending gaps among school districts when it was approved

"I want the legislature to keep its promise to get rid of the gap, and they haven't done it," said Mark Slavens, who organized the event. "If they aren't going to keep that promise, then they have to give back the right of local control and allow us to have enhancement millages."

And that appeared to be the theme of the night from those who attended.

"I have a passion for public education," said Paula Bowman of Plymouth Township. "I'd like to see Proposal A rescinded. A lot of people voted for it with their wallets."

"I don't think it's fair that some districts get more money than others, but they don't have to be equal," said Tyler Walker of Plymouth, a sophomore at Plymouth Salem High School. "Some districts need more money to get equal opportunity."



State Reps. Eileen **DeHart** and Thomas Kelly discuss the issues at the Michigan Summit on School Funding Equity.

dent for business, estimated that the plan will trim expenses by \$2 million during the next two years, although annual savings will gradually shrink as new employees move up the salary. ladder.

Top-paid educators accepting the early buyouts have been on the job for as long as 39 years. The district hired most of the employees in the 1960s and 1970s.

Employees began signing up for the program after the school board approved it in December.

"We're doing this primarily for economic reasons," Dan Slee, assistant superintendent of employee services, said.

Officials had predicted 100 educators would accept the employee severance plans.

"We did better than we thought," Slee said.

Only educators who have worked in Wayne-Westland for at least 10 years are eligible.

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### Buyouts from page A1

The buyouts usher in a threetiered plan that works like this: Seventy-six teachers who leave by this June will receive – over an eight-year period – a \$55,000 buyout plus \$30 for every sick day they have accumulated. Teachers now average 142 sick days, Slee said, meaning their buyout would be \$59,260.

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Forty teachers who delay leaving their jobs until June 1999 will receive \$50,000, rather than \$55,000, during an eightyear period. They also will receive \$30 per sick day.

Four administrators who leave this June will receive \$55,000 over eight years but, unlike teachers, they will receive \$30 per sick day in one lump sum.

The new plan is similar to early buyouts offered in 1995, when 160 teachers and 20 administrators received \$64,000 each to leave their jobs.

The new plan may have at least one drawback. Slee said the district may face a difficult time filling some teaching positions in subjects such as industrial arts, computer-aided drafting, special education and music.

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"It'll be interesting," he told the board Monday night. "It'll be a big challenge."

Slee said officials will visit campuses such as the University of Michigan-Flint and Wayne State University, among others, to try to recruit quality teachers.

Only four administrators will have to be replaced: Charles Heard and Barbara Skone, executive directors of instruction and planning; Leo Schuster, Wayne Memorial High School principal; and Lynn Gregg, John Glenn High School assistant principal.

On Monday, Superintendent Greg Baracy commended the 120 exiting educators for their service to Wayne-Westland.

He praised them for "all the children and lives they've touched over the years."



was always something to do," she said.

"I know that my mom has more time to dedicate to us. I'm kind of glad, she made that choice," she said.

Meanwhile, Garrett describes motherhood as "just something I've always wanted to do."

"That's what my grandma did and that's what my mom did," she said.

A native of Detroit, she and her husband, Jack Garrett, have lived in Westland for 16 years, where Patricia Garrett takes on her many activities.

She volunteers to do the gardening on the grounds of St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland.

She is also secretary of the Westland All-Stars Youth Drama Troupe, in which her two youngest daughters perform.

"I like to do that stuff," she says of a recent project in which she helped her friend fix up a house that had been torn up by a renter.

Garrett has held jobs in retail, but "always because of family I would quit," she said.

"Everything has to be around the kids' schedules," she said.

The kids are taken to and picked up at school every day, along with "three or four or five other kids – as many as need a ride, especially in cold weather," she said.

The elementary school is a block away from her Westland home, but she still drove herchildren and picked them up every day, because she said she always needed to know they got there and back safely.

Her daughters' school activities continue to have a prominent place in her life. On a recent afternoon she chaperoned a St. Patrick's Day dance at Marshall Middle School. Chaper-



oning at a dance involves just doing "my own thing," she said. Collecting money, talking to students, consoling crying girls who didn't get asked to dance and separating kids who are dancing too

who are dancing too close are some of her tasks there. Garrett makes it her business

to be involved in her children's lives. "I tell them no matter what you do I'll always know," she says with a laugh.

But Garrett takes motherhood seriously. "It's really hard now with all the things going on in the world to keep good moral standards," Garrett said.

She remembers a time when she was a child when "everyone seemed so much closer," she said. "I think my parents raised

SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE there.

her life with her family. "I take lots of pictures," she says as she shows pictures of family dinners at restaurants, school field trips, Girl Scout outings, vacation Bible school, Westland All-Stars performances, family events and family vacations.

"I go everywhere with the kids," she said.

Daughter Alicia agrees. "She has always been there for everything." at Marshall Middle School's St. Patrick's Day dance recently.

A time to

enjoy: Westland Mother

of the Year

Patricia

Garrett

enjoys the

music with

the students

STATT PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

And Alicia sees herself following in her mother's footsteps. "As I've matured I've kind of become a lot like my mom."

"Hopefully when I have kids I can be as active as she is with her kids," she said.

As for the Mother of the Year award, Alicia thinks it gave her mother a chance to reflect on her accomplishments. "She goes out of her way for other people so much. I don't think she thinks about what she does for everybody."

As for Garrett, being a mother is what it is all about.

"I think being a mother is one of the most important things there is," Garrett said.

Next: Westland's Teacher of the Year.

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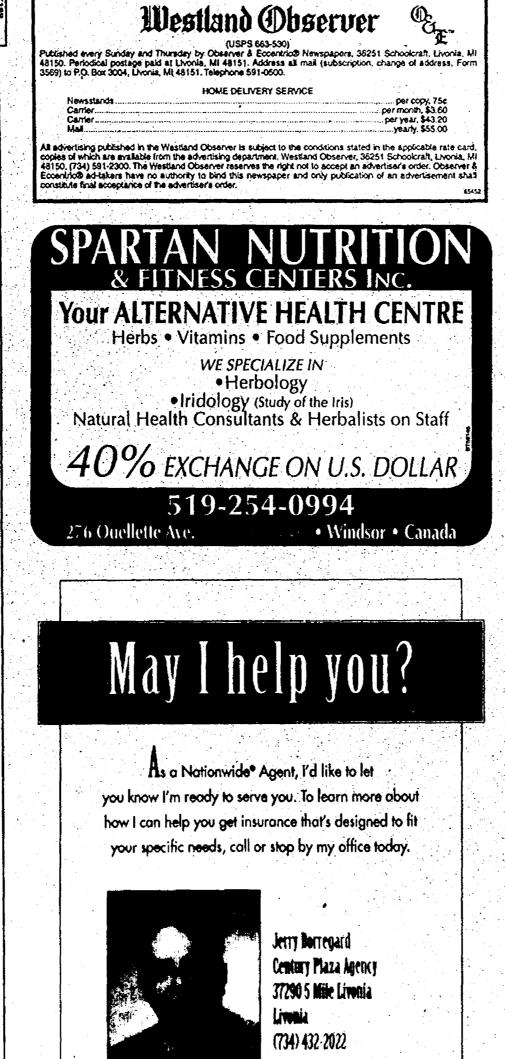
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Abraham Eanes, a 21-year-old passenger in the 1996 Eagle that Burleson was driving, was treated and released from Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne, Frazer said.

ed that one driver crossed into the other's lane.

"For no particular reason he swerved over and hit the other car head-on," Frazer said.

"Alcohol was involved," he ided later.

Burleson and Eanes were added later. wearing their seat belts.

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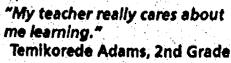
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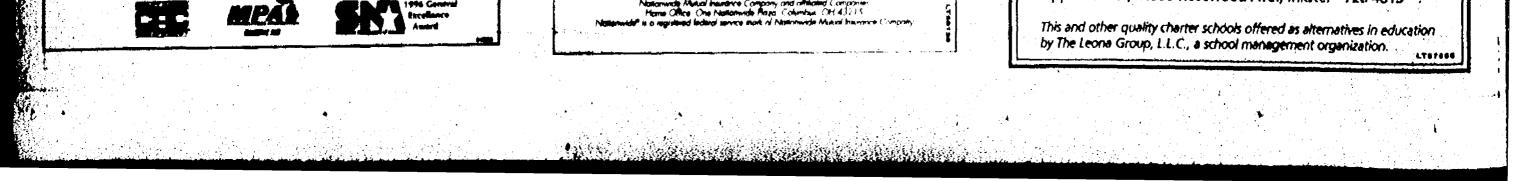
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# Museum displays vintage styles

### BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN STAFF WRITER

 It's hats off to vintage ladies' accessories at the Westland Historical Museum.

The display of hats, cigarette holders and lighters, compacts, purses, gloves and even a glove stretcher harks back to different eras of yesteryear, but some styles have made a resurgence so they have a surprisingly modern feel.

Westland residents have donated many of the items, which include little mesh purses dating from the 1890s, beaded and painted mesh bags from the 1920s and a tapestry purse from the late 1930s.

"At one time when they went to the theater and opera, women wore those little mesh purses," Marie Busch, of the Westland museum, said.

Chatelaine bags were romantic little purses, worn on rings or dangling from hooks at the belt. So popular, they were even offered by Sears in the early 1900s.

Opera glasses in a case dating from the 1920s, silver cigarette cases and lighters, and compacts with rouge and powder were designed with an elegance that has become very collectible today.

"Women used to have compacts with them that were quite fancy," Busch said.

Hat pins, which women used to keep their hats in place, may

seem like dangerous weapons today, but they also have appeal for their elegant designs. Hat pin holders, once an item on most women's vanity tables, today are collected and often used as pin cushions, museum worker Georgia McDaniel said.

The exhibit features a beaded bag that would have probably been worn in the summer in the early to mid-1940s.

One purse made of yarn and metal rings made a smart accent piece. "It was made as a fancy little purse to be worn with special outfits," Busch said.

women a sleek style with room for all their things at the same time.

Pillbox hats from the early 1960s, a felt velour hat with cording, a cloisonne compact and jeweled pins are also among the exhibit's items.

The exhibit shows how accessories have changed, but also shows how many things come back into fashion.

Fashion gloves are becoming more popular today, but are improved over those of yesterday – it's easier to find a pair that fits.

Once upon a time, women Long envelope-style bags gave \_\_wore gloves to fit the occasion - cotton gloves, kid gloves and crotcheted gloves, to name a few - based on a formula that included time of day, length of sleeve and formality of the occasion. They also had to use a glove stretcher to stretch out the fingers after washing their gloves, which is also featured in the exhibit.

The museum exhibit will run through April and spring hats will soon be added. The Westland Historical Museum, open from 1-4 p.m. Saturdays, is at -857 N. Wayne Road, near Marquette in Westland. Admission is free.

In the bags: Mesh and tapestry bags are among the items on display at the museum.

Topper: Marie Busch displays one of the vintage hats on exhibit at the Westland Historical Museum, located on Wayne Road near Marquette.





# Westland police officers join in chase through city

Westland police joined Michigan State Police and officers from other communities Sunday in a lengthy chase through several cities that ended on Michigan Avenue near the Dearborn **Police Department.** 

Westland police joined the pursuit about 4:50 p.m. at Middlebelt and Ann Arbor Trail and continued their involvement northbound onto I-96 and eastward to Livernois, where state police took the lead, a police report said.

The incident started after the fleeing driver stole the car in the Taylor area. The car did not belong to an off-duty Westland police officer, as some television news reports said, Westland police said.

The driver, identified as a Taylor woman, was arrested after ramming several state police cars and coming to rest in a muddy area alongside Michigan Avenue, police reports said.

### **Break-in reported**

A 54-year-old resident in the 1200 block of south Carlson reported a break-in that occurred late Saturday or early Sunday.

### **CRIME WATCH**

Items taken included a \$700 television, a \$400 VCR, a large jar with \$400 in pennies, a \$350 pair of earrings, a \$300 gold chain and a \$100 compact disc player, a police report said.

The woman arrived home at 1:13 a.m. and noticed that a side door had been knocked in, police said. The case remains under investigation.

### **Apartment break-in**

A 51-year-old man reported a break-in that occurred between 2:45 p.m. Sunday and 8:45 a.m. Monday at his Venoy Pines apartment near Venoy and Warren.

Someone gained access through a window and took four weapons (a five-shot revolver, an 8-shot semi-automatic gun, a 9mm 16-shot gun and a 20gauge shotgun) and five compact discs, a police report said. The incident remains under

investigation.

### Car chase

Westland police arrested an

Inkster man following a car chase that began at Middlebelt and Van Born roads and ended at I-94 near Belleville Road.

The incident began at 10:57 a.m. March 14 when a Westland police officer saw the driver of a 1985 Chevy pickup run a red light at the Middlebelt-Van Born intersection, a police report said.

The male driver ignored police attempts to stop him, and the truck at times forced other vehicles off the road, police said. The truck driver also nearly hit several other cars during the pursuit, police said.

Joined by Van Buren Township police on I-94, Westland police chased the car at speeds approaching 80 mph until the driver finally pulled onto the shoulder of the road near Belleville Road, where he was taken into custody for fleeing and eluding, resisting arrest and driving on a suspended license, a police report said.

Police had to use pepper spray to bring the man under control.

A female passenger in the truck was cited for failing to wear a seat belt. She told officers she tried to convince the driver to pull over.

### Suspect sought in hammer assault

#### BY LEANNE ROGERS STAFF WRITER

Information is being sought about the suspect in an assault with a hammer that left a Westland resident injured Saturday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 7 a.m. at Merriman and Ford. Garden City Police Detective Sgt. Paul Kiselica said the 17-year old victim told police he made an obscene gesture to the driver of another car.

"He was a passenger in the vehicle. The other driver opened the passenger door and punched the victim several times," said Kiselica.

As a second passenger got out of the car to assist the victim.

### **H** 'He popped the victim several times with the hammer.'

Sgt. Paul Kiselica -Garden City police detective

"He popped the victim several times with the hammer. The victim has a possible fractured jaw – his jaw area was swollen – and broken, chipped teeth," said Kiselica.

At this point, other vehicles began arriving at the intersection and the culprit drove away.

The driver, an 18-year old Garden City woman, and the passengers decided to head for Annapolis Hospital in Wayne so

"When they stopped for a light at Ford and Venoy, the suspect had followed them and broke the rear passenger window with a baseball bat," Kiselica said. "He followed them until they got to Annapolis and he turned off."

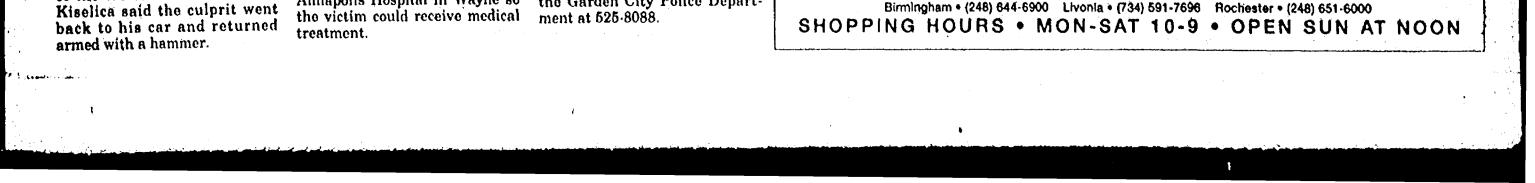
Once at the hospital, police were called. Witnesses to the altercation or anyone with information about the assailant are being sought, Kiselica said. The culprit was described as a black male with a mustache and a shaved head, 5 feet 11 inches tall, medium build, 24 years old, wearing a hooded sweat shirt. He was driving a gray or light green 1997 or 1998 model Ford Contour.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call the Garden City Police Depart-

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nia, \$7,067; South Redford, in favor of enhancement mil-\$6,588; Garden City, \$6,145; Wayne-Westland, \$5,883; and Redford Union, \$5,677.

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Plymouth-Canton school officials like to benchmark their district with Bloomfield Hills (\$10,916), Birmingham (\$10,839) and Ann Arbor (\$8,196).

While many voters may have looked at their wallets in 1994 when approving Proposal A, several in the crowd declared they now want quality put back into their schools. Many even spoke

lages to raise additional funds.

"I've gone on record that if a bill comes in the Senate allowing a local enhancement millage of three mills I would vote yes on that bill," Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, told the mostly local gathering. "I do have some trouble with that decision ... because if every district avails itself to that opportunity, the gap (among districts) would widen. I am concerned about that." Bennett said a 3-mill enhance-

### WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG NO 6-3/16/98

**Presiding:** Council President Cicirelli

Present: Anderson, Barnes, Griffin, LeBlanc, Pickering, Scott 60: Approved; minutes of regular mtg held 3/2/98

-Adopted Ordinance 248-A-3, rezoning from office business to single family residential, NW corner of Cowan & Wildwood

Adopted Ordinance 29-W-25-3, amend the building permit fees Adopted Budget Amendment 98-11, CWW Youth assistance Grant & approval of contact amendment for Youth Assistance Program, amt \$8,342 -Request from John Glenn Instrumental Music Booster Organization conduct "Tag Days" on 5/1/98 in Edison Elementary area & on 5/9/98 in Marshall Middle School area

-Approved sale of used ambulance to Emergency Education, Inc exchange for \$10,000 in training credits for fire personnel

-Approved Project Scope Amendment for Hix Park - Phase 1

-Adopted resolution calling public hearing on 5/4/98 on amendments to Tax Increment Financing & Development Plan of Tax Increment Finance Authority

-Adopted resolution extending "Resolution of Designation" previously given to Westland Development Corp from 3/31/98-9/30/98

61: Confirmed reappointment of J Spitz to Local Officer's Compensation Commission for 7 yr term, expires 2/3/05

62: Confirmed appointment of E Candela to Tax Increment Rinance Authority Board for 4 yr term, expires 3/17/02

63: Confirmed reappointment of E Keast & N Stockmeyer to Local Development Authority for 4 yr term, expires 3/17/02

64: Confirmed reappointment of K Sharp & F Toarmina to Brownfield

Redevelopment Authority for 3 yr term, expires 2/19/98 65: Confirmed appointment of D McKnight to Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for 3 yr term, expires 2/19/01

66: Granted the request from RAM SETT transfer location of 1996 Class C license from 7020 N Wayne to 35750 W Warren

67: Granted the request from J & J Gilbert to split lot #30, Luttermoser Estates Sub

68: Granted site plan approval for proposed playground & picnic shelter, Supervisor's Nankin Plat #11, N of Warren, W of Merriman

69: Granted site plan approval for proposed Cherrybrook Condos, Supervisor's Nankin Plat #8, SE corner of Cherry Hill & Farmington

70: Granted revised site approval for Anthony's Pond 71: Approved Check List-\$878,537.81 & Prepaid-\$5,327,783.44

Mtg adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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ment would bring an additional ing, and there are concerns \$567 per student in the Plymouth-Canton district. That same 3 mills would generate \$778 in Ann Arbor. In Bloomfield Hills, 3 mills equates to \$1,299 more per student.

Much of the problem for many districts is directly related to state funding that is less than the cost of doing business.

In the Plymouth-Canton schools, Superintendent Chuck Little told the Observer his district received a 2.7 percent increase in state funding. He also pointed out the Consumer Price Index was over 3 percent. According to Little, it's the fifth consecutive year the district has operated with state funding increases less than the cost of doing business.

"What happened, especially with Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland, is that they were at their lowest level of mills as both had just lost a big millage renewal," said Democratic Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland. "When Proposal A kicked in, they were at their low point. They got deeper and deeper into a hole. They will never get whole again because they're being punished for that one time when voters voted no on the millage renewal."

#### Catch up

Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, who also serves Livonia, said Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland had a chance to have millage votes to catch up with other districts before Proposal A went into effect.

"Plymouth-Canton had a chance to be up with Livonia, but they chose not to go to voters with another millage," said. Bankes. "I'm not sure why they didn't, unless they didn't think they could pass another millage."

Bankes said it's up to constituents to elect legislators and board members who will support changes to Proposal A, and work toward that end.

Some of the legislators told those in attendance Proposal A not guarantee school lung-

about what will happen when the next recession hits the state. Wayne-Westland's assistant superintendent for instruction, Dr. Sam Barresi, says he's concerned for when the economy eventually takes a dip.

"We're not having funding meet expenses now," said Barresi, of Plymouth. "It's better we address the situation on a proactive basis when the economy is going well, than wait for things to go belly-up and find out the funding isn't there."

According to some legislators, the state is actually \$500-million short in funding Proposal A. And, if every district were to get the same amount of per-pupilfunding, the state would need to raise a billion dollars.

Bennett doesn't see that ever happening.

"Taxpayers couldn't afford it," said Bennett. "We would have to raise property taxes by 42 mills to gain equity. The current income tax of 4.4 percent would have to be increased to 9.7 percent. It just won't happen."

### Shell game?

"Why don't we look at real funding?" asked Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne. "Leave state aid at the amount it is now, and add all the lottery money to it. It's a big shell game. I think it's time for the legislature and governor to admit there were mistakes four years ago and it's time to correct it."

Wayne County Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, a Democrat who represents Westland and Garden City, says she never did like Proposal A.

"It lowered the property tax and income tax, the only things besides mortgage loans we can take off our federal taxes," said Beard. "I would have preferred the money stay here for education."

At the end of the night, Little felt good about getting the message out - that current funding isn't helping many districts stay above water.

"I think Proposal A works well

### **OBITUARIES**

WILSON H. GRIFFIN

Funeral arrangements for Wil-

son Griffin, 81, of Wayne were

Mr. Griffin died March 8 in

Surviving are: wife, Eileen;

Greenville, Mich., and Ronald

(Robin), of Westland; sisters,

Stella Grey and Nancy Hagen;

four grandchildren; and three

Mr. Griffin was preceded in

death by his sister, Kathryn.

Funeral services for Polly.

Skladd, 64, of Westland were

Home with burial at Cadillac

land. Officiating was the Rev.

Memorial Gardens West, West-

Peter Golinski, brother of Polly

Mrs. Skladd, who died March

18 in Westland, was born in Tur-

tle Ford, Saskatchewan. She was

Surviving are: son. William

Skladd of East Pointe; daughter,

Christina Pingle of Westland;

brothers, Peter Golinski of New

Jersey, Alex Golinski of British

Columbia, Canada, and Robert

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Memorial services for former

ga, 43, of Willis, Mich., were

March 25 in Muehlig Funeral

Mr. Talaga died at his home

ness. He was born in Wayne. He

Surviving are: father and step-

mother, John and Betty Talaga;

Barnes; brothers, John Talaga

and Paul Newsom; sisters, Mary

March 20 after a prolonged ill-

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his love for his nieces and

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nephews and his dogs.

Westland resident Timothy Tala-

American Lung Association,

field, Mich. 48075-2689.

Golinski of London, Canada; and

March 21 in Vermeulen Funeral

Wayne. He was employed at a

bump and paint shop.

sons, Gary (Colleen) of

great-grandchildren.

POLLY R. SKLADD

Skladd.

a homemaker.

two grandchildren.

TIMOTHY J. TALAGA

Chapel, Ann Arbor.

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uncles and cousins; and special friend, Erica Perry.

Mr. Talaga was preceded in death by his brother, Terry Talaga, paternal grandfather, Eugene Talaga, and maternal grandfather, Sam Barnes.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Michigan or the University of Michigan Dialysis Unit.

### HERMAN STEINBACK

Herman Steinback, 76, of Wayne died March 21 in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Wayne. Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

Mr. Steinback was a head custodian.

Surviving are: son, Daniel Steinback of Port Huron, Mich.; daughter, Margaret Wood of Nevada; and four grandchildren, Shawn, Michael, Nichole and Tracy, all of Westland.

Mr. Steinback was preceded in death by brothers, Everett and Robert; and sisters, Elizabeth, Ruth Side, Jean O'Brien and Clair Smith.

### **MARGARET G. NABB**

Funeral services for Margaret Nabb, 88, of Westland were March 23 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Edward Jones.

Mrs. Nabb died March 20 in Town and Country Nursing Home. She was a caterer. Surviving are: son, Delmar Nabb and Douglas Nabb; daughters, Mary Collins, Betty Nabb and Ellen Peden; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

### JANETTE S. PERT

Funeral services for Janette Pert, 72, of Westland were March 23 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. Cremation rites were accorded. Officiating was the Rev. Fred Zimmerman from South Redford Church of Christ.

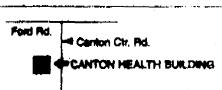
Mrs. Pert, who died March 20 in Detroit, was born in Scotland. She was a homemaker.

for most of Michigan, however it needs some tweaking to fix some of the built-in problems," said Little. "People think public education is important. It's a quality issue, and that's refreshing."

Talaga, Diane Sheffrey, Donna Newsom-Barenfanger and Dolores Ochoa: paternal grandmother, Lottie Talaga; maternal grandmother, Alice Barnes; several nieces, nephews, aunts,

Surviving are: sons, Ian and David; daughters, June and Barbara Meloche; one sister; five grandchildren; and one greatgrandchild.





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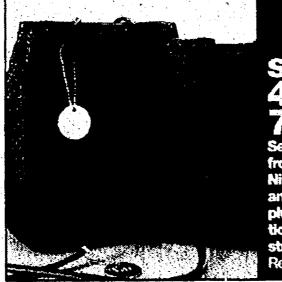


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### **STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES**

### **Road grants**

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The State Transportation Commission has announced 42 Economic Development Fund road grants. The EDF grants will provide \$24.7 million, a bit more than half, of projects totaling \$47 million.

Among area communities, the projects and state shares are:

Canton Township, Wayne County - widen Haggerty Road from two lanes to five to reduce congestion and allow truck and employee access to Yazaki North America Inc., adding 295 jobs -\$972,800 state grant toward \$1.52 million total project.

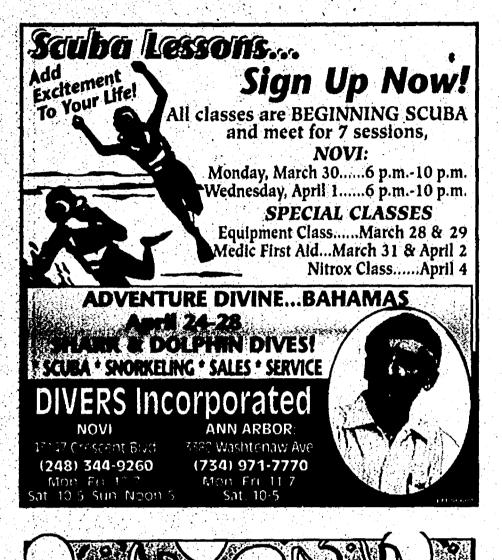
🔳 Novi, Oakland County widen and resurface the Nine Mile-Novi Road intersection, for trucks accessing local firms, including Ingersoll-Rand Co., which is adding 75 jobs -

\$500,500 state grant toward \$1.32 million project.

Westland, Wayne County widen Newburgh Road from two lanes to five to improve traffic flow to developments supporting 426 new jobs at various firms -\$570,825 state grant to support \$1.14 million project.

### Appointments

Marcella Colling, Northville resident and director of environmental health and safety at Kettering University, to the Michigan Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Commission. The group ensures state planning and response for hazardous materials planning. Her term ends April 11, 2000.



# Millage showdown Local officials want county to cut jail costs, increase prisoner space

#### BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Conference of Western Wayne officials will oppose the county jail millage - expected on a ballot this year - unless Wayne County increases prisoner space and cuts the cost of prisoner housing.

Meanwhile, Deputy County **Executive Mike Duggan expects** to go full steam ahead with the millage campaign - with or without CWW support.

Two police chiefs have represented the CWW, a legislative consortium of 18 communities, in ongoing discussions with Wayne County.

The CWW passed a resolution last year opposing this year's 1-mill renewal of the countywide jail millage.

Garden City Police Chief Dave Kocsis, Westland Police Chief Emery Price and Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack sit on a CWW subcommittee studying the millage.

The chiefs want Wayne **County Sheriff Robert Ficano** and the county sheriffs to act as a "central depository" for ordinance violators and misdemeanants.

. "The sheriffs could contract out for that," Price said. "The sheriffs are supportive of this."

### What they want

The chiefs have pushed for more than a year to obtain increased jail housing for their communities with ordinance violators and misdemeanants and a lower charge to communities for prisoners before they would support the 1-mill levy slated to be on the ballot.

A letter was mailed to County

County would receive a "significant economies of scale" in representing the largest county in Michigan.

"With a standardized, lower daily fee for bed space, the Conference could realize a reduction in the additional funding its communities currently spend on securing out-county bed space," stated a letter to McNamara.

In 1996, CWW communities alone spent approximately \$2 million to house prisoners in out-county facilities - above and beyond the millage collected by Wayne County.

"If Wayne County would assume the responsibility of arranging for alternative prisoner space in out-county facilities, the CWW would have no need for additional bed space in the Dickerson facility nor would it be necessary to eliminate the per diem charge with an administrative charge," the letter states.

The CWW wants communities reimbursed revenue equal to 2/10ths of a mill levied on residents.

"While retaining 2/10ths (of a) mill would not totally alleviate the ever-increasing costs borne by local units, it would provide communities with the flexibility to employ best management and fiscal practices," the CWW letter states.

### 6,000 inmates housed

Duggan reiterated that Wayne County's Dickerson Facility in Hamtramck housed 6,000 felons and misdemeanants from the suburbs.

"They would rather advocate that these people be released to the streets," Duggan said. "If tion "irrational." "Crime is down 12 percent in Wayne County since 1991, when the (Dickerson) jail first opened," Duggan said. "We had 20,000 fewer crimes committed than in 1991.

"We've done everything that we've promised."

Duggan said having Wayne County act as a central depository was an issue that could be discussed with the communities.

The charge per prisoner to communities and revenue for communities appear to be less negotiable items.

Both the CWW and the Wayne County Department of Community Justice agree that the county has inadequate jail space.

The millage issue is a complicated issue, Price said.

"They're saying they can't release the felons early," Price said. "We're not saying that they do that at all."

Price said out-county jail use to house criminals has worked for municipalities.

"If we're using these facilities as municipalities and are making these deals, why can't they?" Price asked.

The county also was spending on the jail \$16 million of county general fund money with the \$26 million generated by the millage, Duggan said. "McNamara has made it his No. 1 issue," Duggan said.

Duggan said communities receive funds through their district courts in their fines of misdemeanants and that county charges for those inmates have stood up in court.

"The law says if you get the fines, you must pay for their



Executive Edward McNamara in February from the CWW, stating the following points of issue:

■ The CWW believes that the Wayne County Jail should be the central depository for all

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ry" for ordinance violators and misdemeanants. In this capacity, the CWW believes the county could negotiate with outcounty facilities for additional bed space.

The chiefs want county sher-

iffs to act as a "central deposito-

The CWW believes Wayne

you look at our report, you will see that 500 people from Westland, 200 from Livonia and 200 from Plymouth, Canton and Northville were held in our jail."

incarcerations," Duggan said.

County commissioners have not yet approved the millage proposal to be placed on any 1998 ballot. The millage expired in December.

Duggan called the CWW posi-

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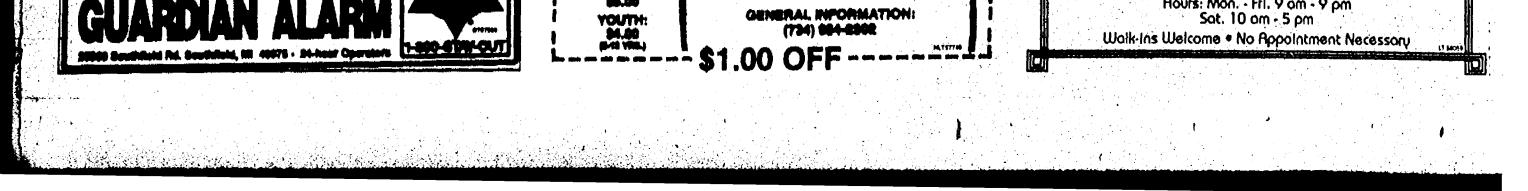
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Fax registration for all students is available and will be accepted until April 20, prior to the start of classes.

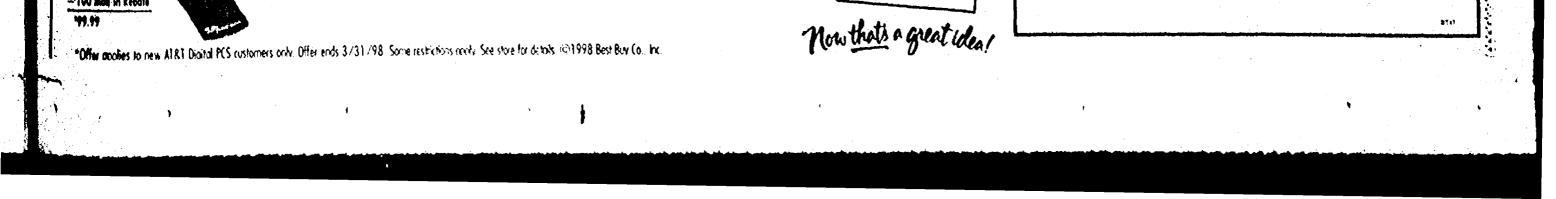
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# Patterson seeks review of weapons permit board

County Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, wants to hold a number of public hearings on Wayne County's Concealed Weapons Permit process.

Patterson, who introduced a resolution last month calling for a plenary investigation of the permit process, expected the resolution to be discussed Wednesday (vesterday) at a scheduled meeting of the Committee on Public Safety and Judiciary.

Patterson's resolution asks the committee to proceed in collecting data, assembling witnesses, holding public hearings and obtaining research materials as they relate to concealed weapons. permitting in other states and counties. The resolution also calls for the Public Safety and Judiciary Committee to make recommendations.

The county commissioner said yesterday's meeting was the first

in many public hearings he Permitting process and laws can expected to be conducted regarding this issue! Patterson has 0944. received numerous phone calls and letters from constituents interested in supplying information and giving testimony.

Patterson said anyone interested in contributing information on the Concealed Weapons

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contact his office at (313) 224-

### **Counsel** questioned

Patterson also has requested an investigation into the process used in court-appointed attorneys for defendants who are unable to afford representation.

The county commissioner's request follows a recent newspaper story that indicated the major contributors and family. members of judges have received a disproportionate amount of ases and fees. Patterson wants the Public

Safety and Judiciary Committee conduct an investigation into

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this issue by a simpling date, calling witnesses and hold public hearings. The committee should make recommendations follow. ing this process, Patterson said.

"The courts and the judges. must be above reproach," Patterson said. "We cannot permit even the appearance of impropriety. I take this matter very seriously."

### Schoolcraft to host speaker on Hong Kong

Schoolcraft College's Export Resource Center presents an international dinner seminar "Doing Business in Hong Kong: The Gateway to China" 5-8:30 p.m., Thursday, April 16.

Featured speaker Jacqueline M. Stavros will talk about opportunities for profit in China and Hong Kong.

U.S. exports to Hong Kong are up 41 percent between 1993 and 1996. Hong Kong presents a potential lucrative market for. U.S. businesses and serves as the gateway to China.

Stavros is a professor of international studies at Madonna University. She serves on the board of governors of the National Association of Small Business International Trade Educators and is a member of the Michigan .District Export Council and the 'American Marketing Association.

Following the speech, participants can talk about their personal business concerns in roundtable discussions with representatives from the Detroit Regional Chamber, the U.S. Export Assistance Center in Detroit, the Pontiac Export Assistance Center, the Michigan Jobs Commission and successful regional exporters. A dinner featuring cuisine Grom Hong Kong prepared by Schoolcraft's Culinary Arts Department will be served. Tickets are \$60 and are available through the Export Resource Center (734) 462-4438. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of 1-275.

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The school, held in cooperation with the Schoolcraft College Beekeepers Club and the Cran-Sbrook Beekeepers Club, is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, in the Waterman Center on Schoolcraft's campus.

Featured speakers are Gard Otis, professor of entomology at the University of Guelph in Ontario, a honeybee researcher, and Roger Hoopingarner, an agricultural specialist recently retired from Michigan State University.

Breakout sessions include a series of beginner workshops dealing with different aspects of beekeeping aimed at helping the new beekeeper get started. Additional sessions will examine honey bee diseases, hive management, queen rearing, bee sting allergy, wax working and urban beekeeping. Other attractions include a display of beekeeping equipment and crafts, a wax-weight guessing contest, a honey show, a silent auction and a package bee hive raffle.

Nonmembers must pay a registration fee at the door, and attendees should bring a dish to pass and table service for the noon potluck lunch. For information, call Roger Sutherland at (734) 668-8568 or Jim Goodrich at (248) 628-0321.



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Schoolcraft College is on Haggerty Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads.



Close-up: Alexa Zion, 5, a kindergartner at Schoolcraft College's Children's Center, gets a close look at the screech owl that Joe Rogers is holding.

# SC students get close-up look at some colorful birds of prey

hildren and students at Schoolcraft College enjoyed birds from screech owls to redtail hawks at a "Birds of Prey" presentation at Schoolcraft College's Waterman Center earlier this month.

Joe Rogers, a Mt. Pleasant resident. demonstrated and discussed the birds of prey with the students, who had a chance to closely examine birds. The event was sponsored by Schoolcraft's Student Activities Board and the fraternity of Phi Theta Kappa.

Todd Stowell, the college's assistant director of student activities, said the educational program was to "tune people into the environment."

Awesome: Schoolcraft college students Mike Ioanou, a freshman from Livonia and Fabiola Albert, a freshman from Brazil now living in Farmington, examine a great horned owl held by Joe Rogers.



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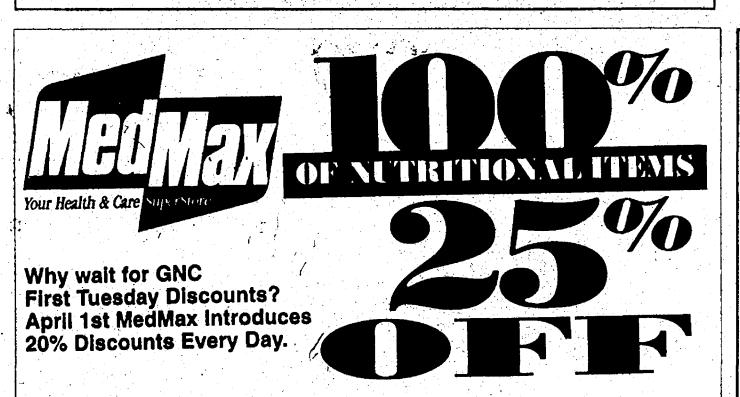
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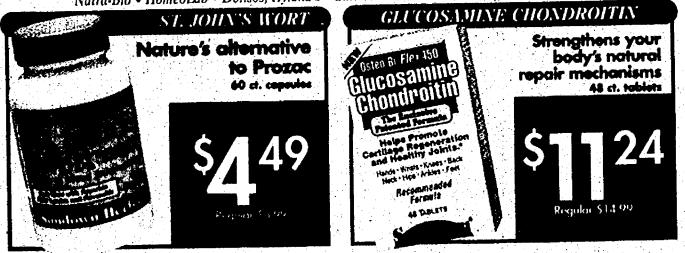


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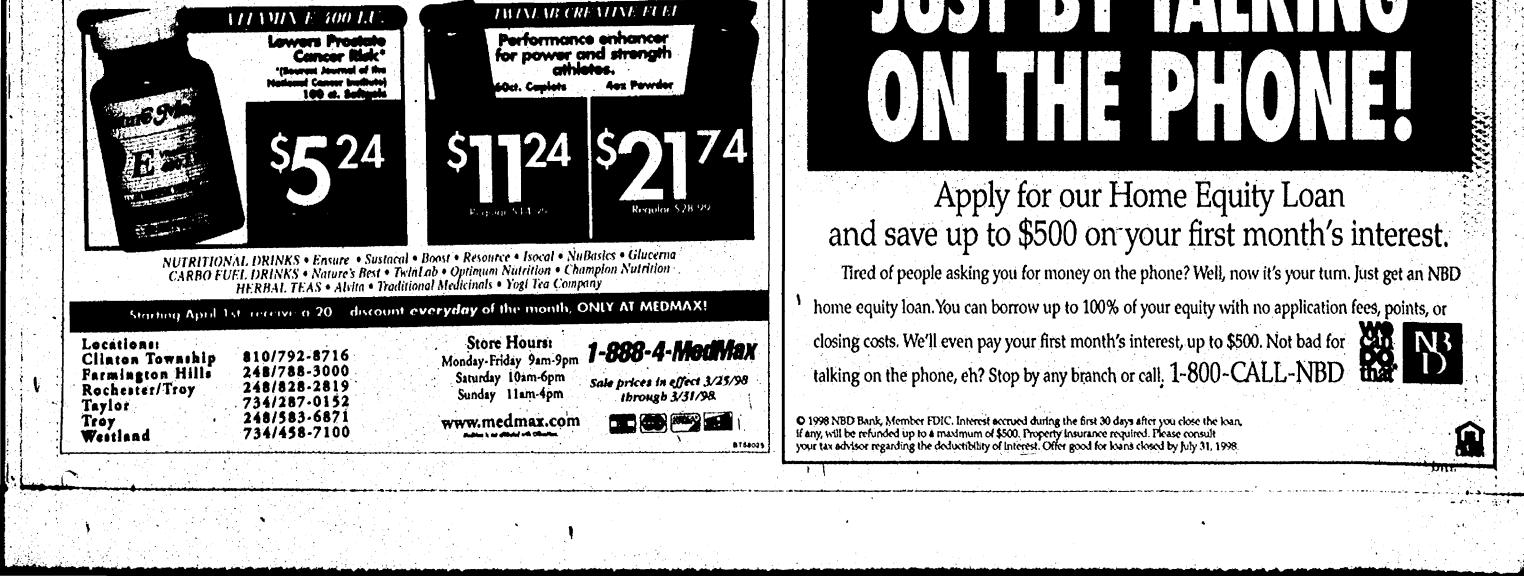
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# Anonymous campaign flier takes swipe at candidate

#### BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

This year's primary and general elections are months away, but the season of scurrilous campaign literature kicked off last week when someone took a swipe at a state Senate candidate for accepting a legal campaign contribution.

An anonymous person mailed a campaign flier taking to task candidate Thaddeus McCotter for accepting a \$10,000 campaign contribution. but an official at state Bureau of Elections said Tuesday that such a contribution is legal if it is made through a Political Action Committee registered with the state. In fact, the literature itself may be in violation of state law if it originated from another candidate or a campaign worker. the state official said.

Mailed on or about March 17, the literature claims that \$10,000 was "laundered" into McCotter's campaign for state Senate. The author also calls it a "campaign finance scheme."

McCotter wasn't surprised by the literature.

"I expect this in this race, and I will ignore it and focus on a positive campaign. People can expect this kind of literature --without the disclaimers ---throughout the spring."

A check with the state found that the donation was proper. and that no one has filed a complaint with the state about that donation.

Two contributions - \$9,900 and \$100 — were made in September 1997 by Detroitbased Wulfmeier and Ottenwess PAC, according to McCotter's campaign finance reports filed with the Wayne County clerk on Feb. 2, 1998. The contributions were reported as PAC receipts.

Anne Corgan, director of the Michigan Department of State's compliance and rules division, said the contribution is legal for PACs. "An independent committee can contribute \$10,000 to a candidate," Corgan said. The



**Thaddeus McCotter** 

contributions are used for candidates' campaigns and spent on campaign signs, literature and political ads.

PACs must register as a committee with the state at least six months before the election, which the Wulfmeier and Ottenwess PAC has done.

In fact, McCotter, a county commissioner representing the cities of Livonia. Plymouth and Northville and the townships of Plymouth and Northville, released his annual campaign finance report to the Observer in early February. "I released it to the papers because I'm responsible, open and accountable to the public," McCotter said.

McCotter is running for the 9th District Senate seat. The district contains the cities of Livonia, Northville and Plymouth, and the townships of Northville and Plymouth and a portion of Canton. It is currently held by Republican Bob Geake.

The accusatory literature did not list a committee name from any candidate. If it was mailed by a campaign worker or a candidate, its publication and distribution without attribution to an election committee may constitute a violation of state campaign laws.



role in the literature.

R-Canton, said she received a copy of the flier on Monday from a newspaper. Whyman denied that she had anything to do with

**Debble Whyman** 

"No, I have the courage to put my name on my literature," Whyman said. And if any literaers, "they would sign it." Why-

piece. It's a stupid flier."

Whyman has not officially

filed for the race, but expects to by the deadline of May 12. Jim Ryan, a former state representative from Redford, also has announced that he is running for the state Senate seat.

Ryan said he was not responsible for the piece, nor were any of his campaign supporters. Ryan said he was just made aware of the literature.

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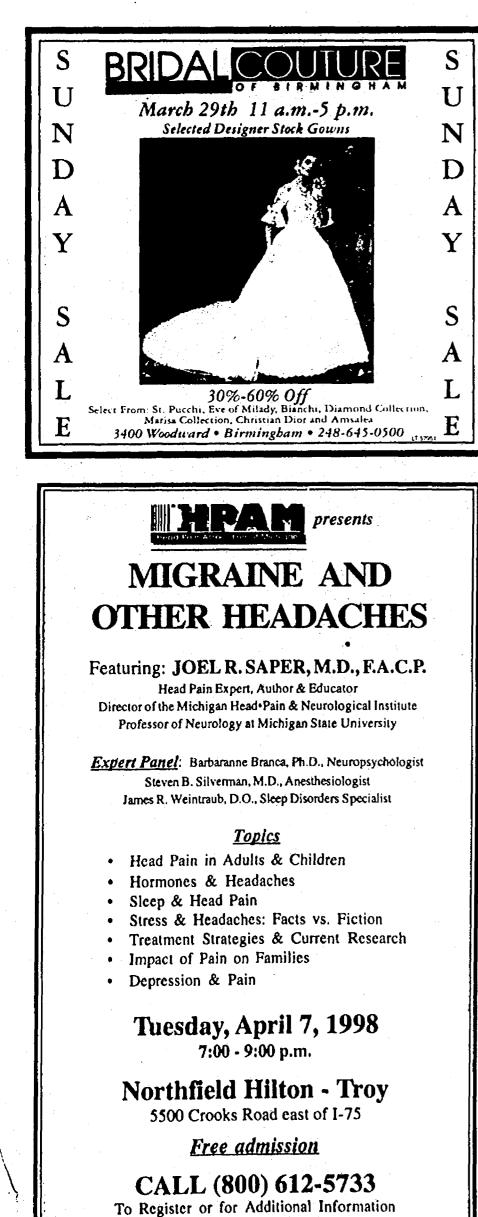
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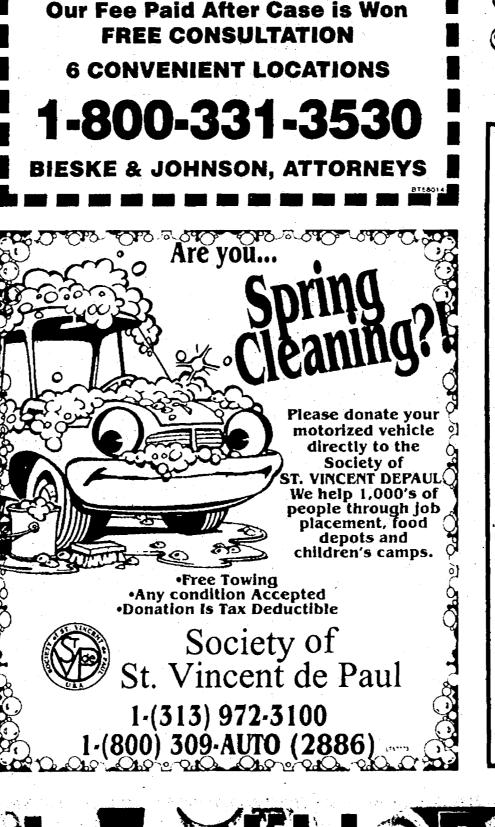
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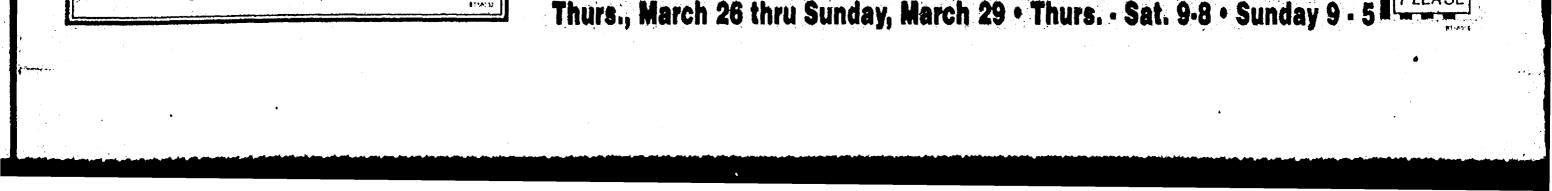
McCotter would not comment on where the literature may have originated, but speculated the literature was anonymous so the author could not be sued for libel.

In his report of Feb. 2, 1998, McCotter collected \$68,465 in contributions and spent \$12,110.









# 'Spring Sky' presented at Nankin Mills

Guest astronomy lecturer Mike Best, the principal planetarium demonstrator of the Vollbrecht Planetarium in Southfield, will present "Spring Sky" at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 3, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center.

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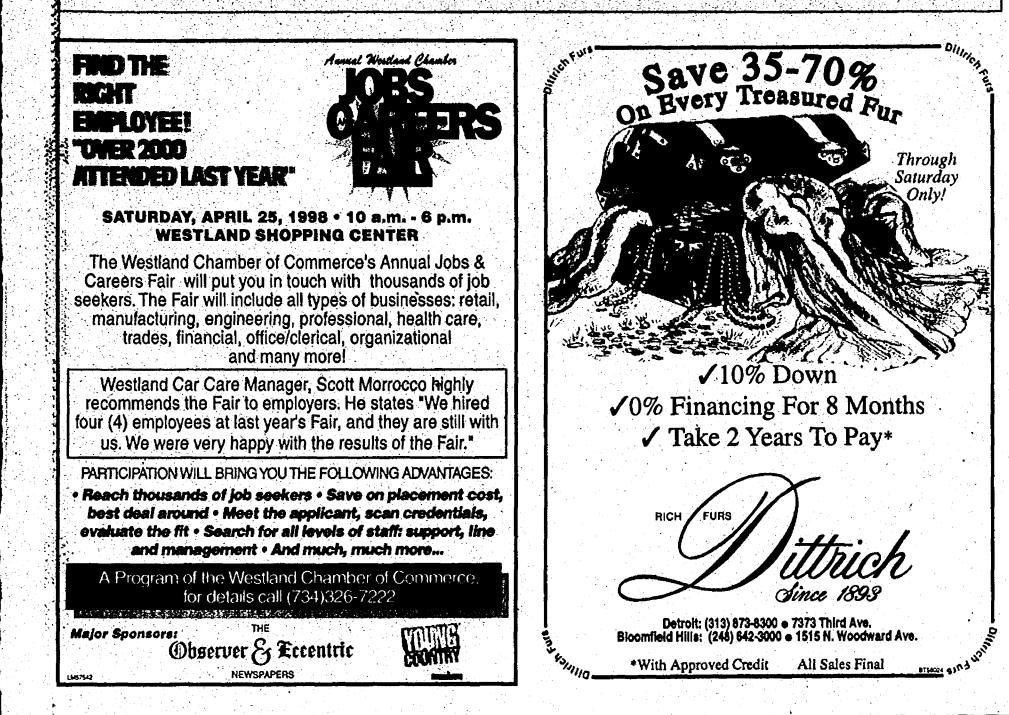
Best has been an astronomy enthusiast for 50 years and has lectured throughout Michigan on many topics. County officials expect Best to share his enthusiasm, knowledge and humor as he teaches about the celestial skies of spring.

The entire family is invited to this star-gazing program, beginning with an indoor slide presentation and discussion followed by outdoor star viewing, weather permitting. Preregistration is limited. Program fee is \$1 per person.

Hot cocoa will be available after the event. Please bring appropriate outdoor clothing, binoculars and a blanket or outdoor chairs.

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Proposal may ask voters whether county millage hikes need more support

### BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Wayne County voters may decide this year whether it should be more difficult to raise taxes.

A county ballot proposal calling for a two-thirds support on the commission — 10 out of 15 votes — and 60 percent from voters before Wayne County could increase a millage is being considered.

County commissioners may discuss the proposal re-introduced by Commissioner Ed Boike, D-Taylor, next week. A similar proposal was introduced last year by Commissioners Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Bruce Patterson, R-Canton. In its present form, the resolution asks voters to amend the county charter requiring a 2/3rds vote of commissioners serving to place on the ballot any proposal for a tax increase. and a vote of more than 60 percent of qualified Wayne County voters to adopt such an increase.

"We've often attempted to return the county's surplus to everybody in Wayne County, but we're told we can't do that because we need the surplus," Boike said.

"I don't think we should make it easy to raise taxes. If a millage is to be passed by the voters, it should be a sounding majority, and I think we should make (the supermajority proposal) up to the voters."

The proposal didn't make it past the commission's committee on general government because commissioners were deadlocked 2-2, with one commissioner absent. Boike is confident it will be approved by the committee at its next meeting to be placed on the full commission's agenda for action next Thursday.

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, supports placing the proposal on the ballot, but doesn't like the idea.

"I told my mayors, I would vote to put it on the ballot," Beard said. "I have great faith in the wisdom of the voters. But I am opposed to it philosophically. It is supposed to be the majority that rules.

"I have a problem to have onethird of an electorate to carry that particular issue."

McCotter and Patterson support the supermajority concept, but as the two lone Republicans, they probably would have difficulty getting 12 Democrats to support the idea, so Boike has reintroduced the proposal.

McCotter, Patterson and Commissioners William O'Neil, D-Allen Park, had submitted to the commission in February 1997 a proposal to require a 12vote backing of county commissioners to place a countywide tax issue on the ballot, and a 60 percent support from voters before the tax is considered approved.

The Conference of Western Wayne passed resolutions last spring supporting the 10-vote minimum and 60 percent voter support. At the time, Westland Mayor Bob Thomas, who chairs the CWW, backed the two resolutions because he believed they had a better chance at passage with the commissioners.

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The American Bar Association has approved the new Nurse Paralegal Program at Madonna University in Livonia. "The nurse paralegal program is designed for nurses who hold a bachelor of science degree in nursing and who wish to utilize their nursing knowledge while pursuing a different career path," said Jennifer Cote', chair of the Legal Assistant Department at Madonna and a Brighton attorney.

It is the first of its kind in the metropolitan Detroit area. Designed for the nurse who holds a bachelor of science in nursing degree, the 30-semester hour certificate of achievement will be offered as an evening program and students will take only paralegal courses.

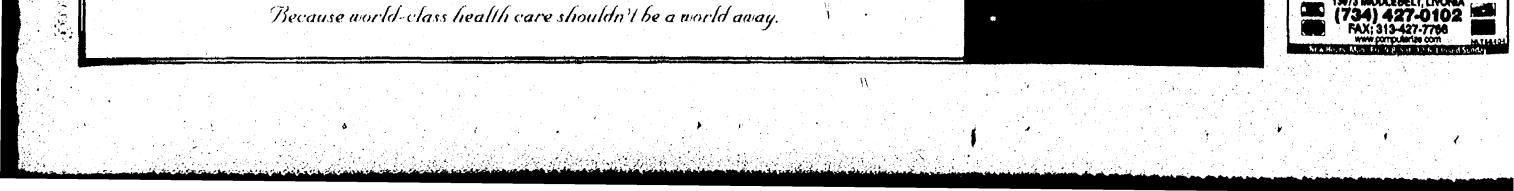
"The nurse paralegal certificate is an important addition to our current legal assistant program, which offers associate and bachelor of science degrees as well as post-baccalaureate certificate in the field," said



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### Zebra mussels plague inland lakes

#### BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

It's up to boaters to halt the spread of zebra mussels into inland lakes.

Last year seven inland lakes in Oakland County and one in Livingston were infested with zebra mussels, according to Michigan Sea Grant.

The area lakes are among 19 new names on the 1997 list of lakes found to be contaminated by the mussels, which have spread through the Great Lakes.

New to the list are Lakeville, Maceday, Pine, Union, Upper Straits and White lakes in Oakland County and Strawberry in Livingston County.

Large inland lakes with a high level of transient boats are likely carriers. Boats, trailers and fishing equipment pick up clinging veligers (larvae) from infested waters, said Sea Grant manager Mike Klepinger.

"It was originally a European freshwater resident," Klepinger said. "It crossed the Atlantic in the ballast of ocean-going ships. It was found in Lake St. Clair in 1986, and by 1988 it was exploding."

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The shellfish's most immediate damage was to encrust the city water intake pipes in Monroe, which had to shut down the system. Klepinger outlined how the zebra mussel upsets the ecosystem:

By filtering one liter a day, each mussel clarifies the water of plankton, the lowest creature in the food chain. Thus, the mussel competes for food with native fish and disrupts the food chain.

The clear water admits more sunlight, stimulating the growth of lake weeds. The weeds die, decay and smell.

Mussel shells encrust water intakes, plers and boats. In the Great Lakes, they encrust shipwrecks and are a physical danger to scuba divers.

Most at risk, said Klepinger, are large ones with a high level of transient activity.

By identifying infested lakes, Sea Grant hopes lake managers and citizen groups will erect signs at boat launches and develop volunteer programs for boat inspections and cleanings.

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Klepinger advised boaters to "be a good neighbor. Keep your boat and trailer clean. Scrub them off, remove the weeds, and dry them off,"

On many inland lakes, riparian owners use lake water on their lawns. When the intake pipes become clogged, they'll find it necessary to scrape off mussel shells.

Michigan Sea Grant is a cooperative program of Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. Volunteers have done much of the sampling work. The project has produced an award-winning instructional video with illustrated handbook.

Sea Grant recruited volunteer monitors beginning in the spring of 1993. The 19 new lakes on their infested list bring the total of confirmed infestations to 65.

Volunteers are given kits with which they take samples in more than 18 feet of water. The procedure takes on hour and is repeated twice during the summer. Plankton samples are sent to a laboratory, where biologists determine whether the water contains microscopic mussel spawn.

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Cote'. Madonna's Legal Assistant program has been approved by the American Bar Association for over 10 years.

While the nurse paralegal program will officially begin in the fall 1998 term, two of the required courses, Legal Assistant Orientation, and Medical Legal Concepts and Medical Records, will be offered during

the spring/summer which May 4.

Mary Urisko, assistant director of Madonna University's Legal Assistant Program, will teach the orientation class.

Medical Legal Concepts and Medical Records will be taught by Detroit attorney Richard Dimanin.

Both classes will be held from 6:30-10 p.m Monday, beginning

the spring/summer which starts May 4 through July 20.

Other legal assistant classes and workshops offered during the spring/summer term include M.C.L.A. on CD-ROM, Environmental Law: Clean Air Act, Case Preparation and Trial, Probate Estates and Will and Trust Drafting.

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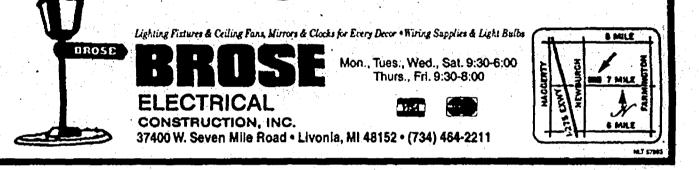
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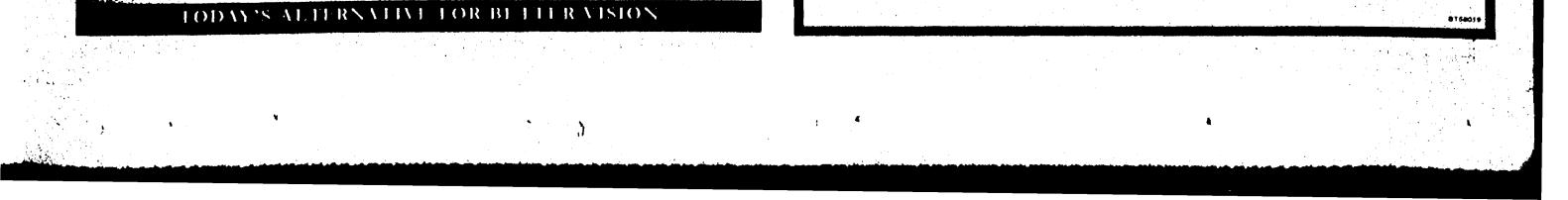
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### THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1998

# **Good foundation** Group's work has local impact

he Westland Community Foundation is working to make a difference in our community, and residents have a chance this week to help too.

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The foundation is sponsoring its second annual Spring Ball this Friday. While many groups are vying for our attention and money for various causes, the community foundation is one which helps local people,

The Westland Community Foundation uses money from its spring ball and other activities to help with numerous community programs.

It raises money for student scholarships, summer camps, cultural events and other programs.

And several new programs are being planned this year, according to Glenn Shaw, foundation president.

Here are some examples of the work of the foundation in 1997:

Donated \$15,000 to the Westland-based Salvation Army to send more than 200 youths and family members to summer camp.

Created a scholarship program with \$10,000 in funding to help Wayne-Westland and Livonia school district students further their education.

Sponsored a dinner dance with pianist David Syme that drew more than 240 business leaders and community residents.

Sponsored two mini-seminars for the business community with a reception and tours of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center and the William P. Faust Public

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Library of Westland.

Sponsored performances of magicians, theater troupes and others during a summer children's series at the library.

Sponsored a June concert by the 70th Division U.S. Army Band at the library, drawing more than 250 residents.

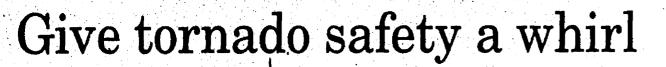
Sponsored a December holiday classical event for community residents and received thousands of dollars in holiday toys for children.

Provided financial assistance to two local families in dire financial need.

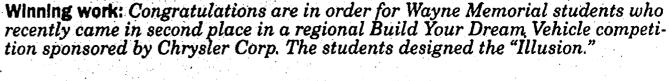
Tickets to Friday's ball are \$75 per person and include cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. and music and dancing at 9 p.m. Tony Russo's big band will perform during the event, which will be held at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road in Westland.

Dress is casually elegant, black tie optional. For spring ball tickets or to get more information, call (734) 595-7727.

This is an opportunity to help out the Westland Community Foundation and have fun at the same time. But for those who can't attend, keep the foundation in mind as one that helps local people.



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### LETTERS

### **Thanks to Library Pub**

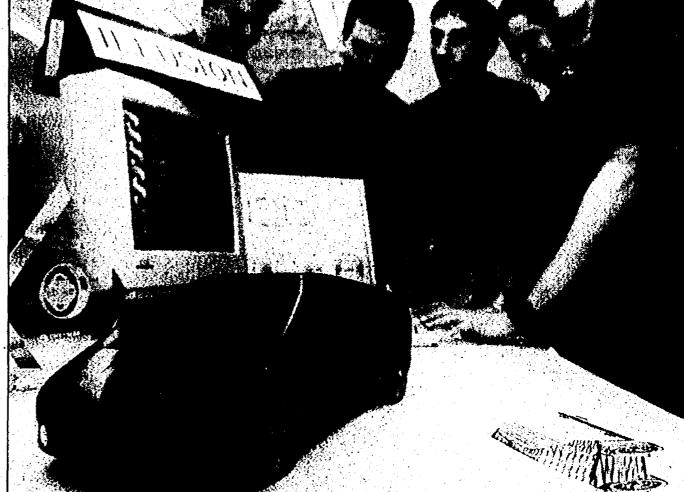
would like to thank the new Library Pub & Grill for underwriting an alternative adult special event, "A St. Patrick's Day Celebration," held at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland on Tuesday, March 17.

Non-alcoholic Irish coffees were served with

### A different opinion

My wife and I receive the Observer and enjoy the interesting sections on health, real estate, and community issues. In the Sunday issue March 8, I happened to scan the Job & Careers section where George Hayes has a front-page column about jobs, interviewing, resumes and the like. I have a very different opinion about this subject, and Mr. Hayes' views as a consultant, boss and columnist. The last question in his column referenced the feelings or behavior that one should have about his/her supervisor/manager/boss and their conduct.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL.



16 The first day of spring doesn't mean a whole lot to Mother Nature."

That observation came from Jeff Boyne, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service, in an Associated Press story about the winter storm (Oops! Make that spring storm) that

dumped from 2 to 4 inches of snow and sleet on southeast Michigan last Friday and Saturday - the first official days of spring.

The storm shouldn't have come as any surprise to Michiganians. Snow storms are not unusual in March and April. As Boyne pointed out, on the first day of spring in 1983 the area received 6 to 8 inches of snow. And 1983, coincidentally or not, was another year when El Niño was around.

The phenomenon known as El Niño — a complicated process that involves weakening trade winds, the eastward drift of warm Pacific water from Australia to South America, the jet stream and chain reactions in weather patterns — has received so much press in recent months that it has become almost fashionable to blame El Niño for whatever weather comes along.

If El Niño brought us snow on the first day of spring, it also brought the springlike weather that resulted in a snowless February. If El Niño was responsible for the remarkably mild winter that just (officially) ended, it may also be to blame if we are served up a cold and wet spring.

Meteorologists seem to refer to El Niño on just about every TV weather show we watch and even the editors of the Old Farmer's Almanac admit that yes, they considered the effects of El Niño when writing the forecasts for the 1998 edition of that classic work.



Frankly, we don't know what to make of it all. We don't dispute the prognostications of the professional meteorologists, but we also know that it's spring and it's Michigan and the weather is going to be unpre-. dictable. Which brings us to our point.

Gov. John Engler has declared the week of March 29 through April 4 as "Severe Weather Awareness Week in Michigan," citing statistics that last year Michigan experienced 19 tornadoes, 72 episodes of flooding and many thunderstorms, resulting in seven deaths, 108 injuries and property damage of more than \$150 million. Western Wayne County seemed to get more than its share of this weather, with damage from tornadoes and flooding. The 35th District Courthouse in Plymouth burned to the ground after a lightning strike during one of those storms.

The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness is conducting a campaign to alert residents about the importance of being prepared for severe weather and to educate people as to how to react should dangerous weather conditions develop. All schools in the state are being asked to conduct tornado drills on March 31 so students can practice safety procedures.

We urge all of you to do the same. Develop a plan of action both at work and at home as to what to do should severe thunderstorms, flooding or tornadoes strike your area. Discuss the plan with your family and maybe conduct a drill or two in your own home.

You may not be able to predict the weather, but you can prepare for it when it turns bad. And if you aren't prepared, you can't blame that on El Niño.

scones as the 48 attendees listened to interpretive readings of Irish prose and poetry by Jim Tait of the Felicity Strings. The trio then played unique and traditional Irish music on the Celtic harp, hammered dulcimer and bass fiddle.

Bravo to Norm, Bob and Al. They are an appreciated addition to Westland's business community.

> **Cathie Wallace** Westland

### **Exit strategy**

s it time to throw in the towel on the Wayne-Westland schools? For me it is,

The school district is about to embark on an absurdly expensive and totally unnecessary building program that will put district taxpayers in hock for at least a generation.

This, at a time when the only thing falling faster than student enrollments is student test scores.

Wayne-Westland has always been a district more obsessed with money than with the nitty gritty of education. High taxes and low test scores have been the hallmark of Wayne-Westland as long as I can remember.

Perhaps it's time for me (and some others) to just retire up north and keep bees. Or, at least move to northern Westland where the Livonia schools routinely produce MEAP scores nearly twice as high as Wayne-Westland.

You've got to know when to hold 'em, and know when to fold 'em. Personally, at this point, a Wayne-Westland "exit strategy" is starting to make a lot of sense. How about you?

> Walter Warren Westland

The response was, in my opinion, unacceptable.

"Since we are all flawed, nobody has the right to criticize or demand that leaders act with honor." Geez, Mr. Hayes, straighten up and set high standards for others to follow, not question.

We should all be concerned for the "boss" when his/her actions may not be in the best interests of the company. If the "boss" does not care about his conduct, should other employees be concerned about theirs?

You speak as if integrity is unimportant in running a business. I suggest that when the "boss" stops caring about the integrity of the company, he will have certainly stopped caring about his, or their, future.

That is, unless you just don't care about anyone other than yourself.

> M.J. Parkinson Livonia

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### QUESTION:

What's your all-time favorite movie?

We asked this question of Franklin Middle School drama students on Monday, prior



Leah Watch

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'Titanic.'

Jennie Balley

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\* 'Titanic,' I've seen it three times. Leonardo DiCaprio is fine."

### Elizabeth Harvey



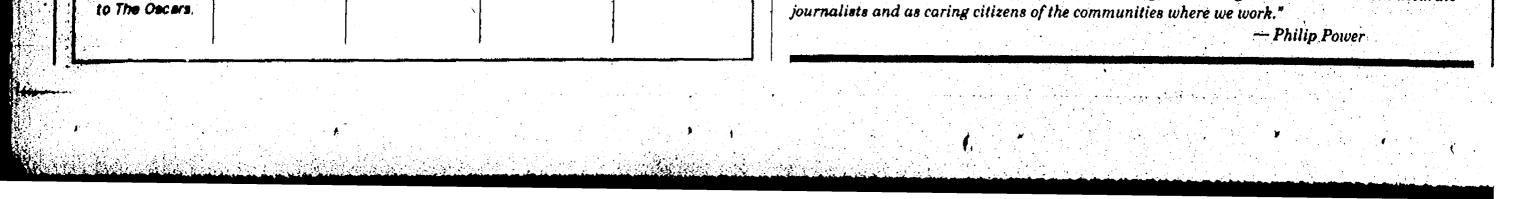
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### **POINTS OF VIEW**

# Mothers of special kids often become dream keepers

ne of the most vivid memories I have from my mentally retarded daughter's youth has less to do with her mind than with my own. She was 5 at the time – and though I had parented her daily for the entirety of those five years, I still had not come to terms with her disabilities in that length of time.

During those first five years, despite her obvious limitations, a little gremlin lived within me, pushing me into the hope that "normal" existed just beyond the next doctor's visit, or the next operation, or the next year's worth of intensive schooling. How I dreamed, as every mother does, of the day that she would get a job, have her own apartment, drive her own car - indeed, cook her own meals or even brush her own teeth.

My thinking was understandable, I guess, for the things that were "amiss" with her – and there were many – unraveled themselves over time, much like the layered skins of an onion.

I would just get a handle on the fact that she had kidney problems when I would learn she had vision problems. Then I would come to terms with those only to find out that she was en route to losing her ability to walk, and so on through a long list of body functions.

Along with my husband and other family members, I dealt as best I could with each crisis as it presented itself and fell ever more in love with her as she conquered the obstacles and challenges that one-by-one befell her. Frequently, she inspired me with her courage.

But, I digress.

On the occasion of my vivid memory, she was but a little girl, nestled in a car seat beside me, the size of a 2year-old toddler, unable to speak more than a few words and on her way to a hearing test.

As it happened, a special education bus, taking adult residents from a



CAROLYN WALKER

neighboring group home to their jobs, pulled in front of our vehicle that day. As we drove along, my daughter gazed out the window at the beautiful spring weather that surrounded us. And I, looking at the misshapen adult heads that bobbed aimlessly in the bus' window, gazed off into our future. And then I wept for what I realized

she could never be. For what I could not know. For what I was powerless to do.

And time passed.

Before I knew it, she was a young woman with a young woman's body and even some of a young woman's yearnings. This year, come June, she will graduate -- albeit late -- from high school and the security that our school system has provided all these years.

Come July, she will turn 21.

Recently, acting on the advice of doctors, I took her for her most recent in a lifetime of medical tests. A sleep study to determine whether she stops breathing in the night.

I walked her, arm-in-arm as we usually walk these days because of her leg problems, into the familiar setting of a hospital and she carried with her, under her arm as she almost always has, her beloved Cabbage Patch doll.

She learned a long time ago that a doll helps keep her fears at bay. And no amount of growing up is ever going to change that.

I sat on the bed that doubled as a

technician's lab and watched while yet another stranger hooked her up to a series of machines that would monitor her breathing, her brain waves, her heart beats, her pulse rhythms.

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And I sat with the technician into the wee hours of morning, watching with him as her observed her on a television screen – evaluating the signals that came from her body – cuddling her doll innocently in her sleep.

He told me, after observing her all night, that my daughter is a restless sleeper who awakens frequently; and that she spends very little time in the rapid eye movement stage of sleep. That means she spends very little time dreaming.

It is not surprising.

Somewhere along the line – and I , couldn't tell you when that was – I took over the task of dreaming for her. That task has kept me up nights, too.

Carolyn Walker is a staff writer for the Clarkston Eccentric.

# Authors link many social problems to low intelligence

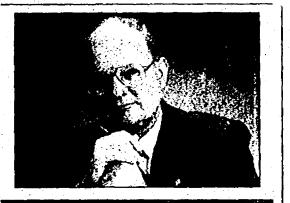
eftist politicians hate tests, particularly when their constituents do badly. Many tests, such as those in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program, have their critics, but that is not the same as opposing all tests.

The political left is systematically attacking all measures of ability, from MEAP to IQ. Their line: The tests are affected by socioeconomic status, family dysfunction, poor housing, oppression – the litany. They blame low scores not on the test-taker but the Power Structure.

Hogwash. But those who denounce the hogwash find themselves the targets of invective. "People have shied Murray in 1994 wrote a scholarly book called "The Bell Curve: Intelligence and Class Structure in American Life." It deals in numbers, not nasty names. The left abhors it.

The political left views socioeconomic status, etc., as the cause of poor tests scores. "The Bell Curve" shows that low IQ is the *cause* of social ills. Poverty, divorce, illegitimacy, work injuries, child abuse and poor school performance are results. It's politically dangerous to utter such a truth, however, because "Intelligence has been such a taboo explanation for social behavior ..." (p. 123)

The authors use hundreds of statistical sources. The titles alone cover 57



### TIM RICHARD

bad things happen most often to men and women in the bottom two quintiles of intelligence.

"Intelligence itself, not just its correlation with socioeconomic status, is responsible for these group differences," they say (p. 117). It's 180 degrees the opposite of what left-wing politicians say. "The reality (is) that the less intelligent women have the most out-ofwedlock babies." (p. 118)

"But low intelligence is a stronger precursor of poverty than low socioeconomic background. Whites with IQs in the bottom 5 percent of the distribution of cognitive ability are 15 times more likely to be poor than those with IQs in the top 5 percent." (p. 127)

Turning to social problems, they show: "Poverty cannot be a simple, direct cause of such problems as crime, illegitimacy and drug abuse ... In sum: Low intelligence means a comparatively high risk of poverty." (p. 128)

"Of the men who described themselves as being too disabled to work, more than nine out of 10 were in the bottom quarter of the IQ distribution." (p. 155) "Illegitimacy ... is strongly related to intelligence. White women in the bottom 5 percent (of IQ) are six times as likely to have an illegitimate first child as those in the top 5 percent." (p. 167)

"(S)mart parents tend to be better parents." (p. 232)

"(C)riminal offenders have average IQs of about 92, eight points below the mean. More serious or chronic offenders generally have lower scores than more casual offenders." (p.235)

In short, poverty isn't a factor in low test scores. Low IQ is a cause of both low test scores and poverty. That is a statistical fact. Don't let rigid leftwing dogmatists tell you that tests measure only money.

from the topic for many reasons," said authors Richard Herrnstein and Charles Murray in an accurate prediction.

Herrnstein (now deceased) and

pages. They divide the samples into five quintiles – the top 20 percent of IQs in the first quintile, the bottom 20 percent in the fifth. They find that Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

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# Congresswoman does her best to decipher government mysteries

'm proud to be an American." These are words that roll off most of our tongues with little hesitation. However, if we ask, "What have you done for your country lately?," most would be hard-pressed to come up with an answer. Even voting, the most profound yet simple task we're called upon to perform as citizens, is put into practice by less than 50 percent of our population. It's a credit to our democracy that it functions effectively with so little participation from the masses.

Being uninformed on the issues or candidates seems to be a primary excuse for not casting a ballot. Although we manage to find time to watch TV, videos, and surf the Internet, the nature of material may choose to infiltrate our minds is not necessarily of the higher learning variety. The appeal of the hourlong Jerry Springer and Jenny Jones talk shows is evidenced by the elevated ratings numbers. Yet we relegate the most important incoming information, current events, to 10-second sound bites delivered by celebrities. Outside of all-out war or economic collapse, the only political commupique that appears to garner nationwide attention involves an elected official's sexual scandal. The enormity of our national government **bverwhelms its citizens**. We feel so insignificant and incapable of making a difference. If we could only reach out and touch the power on occasion, if it came down to our level, maybe then we might get involved.

Well, my dear readers, I discovered that this opportunity already exists. While going through a pile of junk mail a while back, I came upon a newsletter of Congresswoman Lynn Rivers, our voice in Washington, D.C. I'm ashamed to saw I had no idea who she was, although she's been in office since 1994. To best serve the electorate, she has taken to presenting informational sessions in the form of "coffee klatches," forums and town hall meetings at convenient locations around the area. "Just what I've been looking for," I thought. Having some federal issues that I wanted addressed, I set out for coffee and conversation with Rivers at a local restaurant.

I was impressed! Close to 70 people showed up, some quite knowledgeable, most senior citizens. The information given on Social Security, the deficit, the Asian economic crisis, national disaster relief, health care, campaign financing and my personal pet peeve, public transportation, was immeasurable. The audience got the inside scoop on how and why bills are passed. Quite the politician, Rivers was able to make each person feel he or she truly had a voice in

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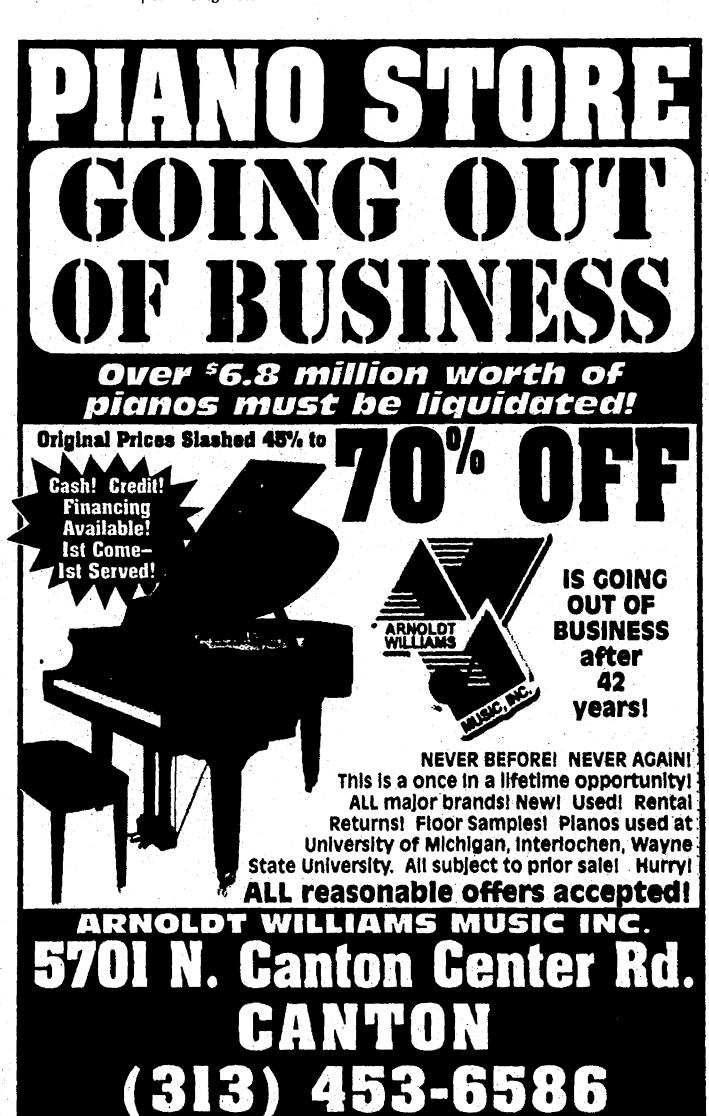
JANE MCCARTHY

the government. And that wasn't always easy. Outbursts occurred, the result of two overzealous right-to-lifers. Arriving separately, they came prepared to offer up a long-winded diatribe on the morality of abortion. Unmindful of the wishes of the group, each pressed to continue the sermons over Rivers' attempts to talk. Obviously experienced in this routine, Rivers skillfully managed to cut them short, state her views on the subject and move ahead with the discussion. The dynamics of the group were educational.

The hierarchy of government proved a puzzle to some. Water bills, child care, divorce and especially job-related questions were directed to Rivers. After explaining that these issues were dealt with on a state or local level, she still offered up names of officials that the questioner might contact for assistance. "Call my office" was the assignment doled out more than once for someone in need of more personal attention.

You've got to give this woman credit. Rivers sidestepped nothing and was open and candid with her constituents. Her courageous revelation of a lifelong battle with manic-depressive illness, controlled with medication, was insightful. The competency with which she addressed the questions of her audience exuded impressive knowledge of her duties in Congress. I can truthfully say I'm quite content with the part of her paycheck that's coming out of my pocket.

And I came away feeling a better American. I have now expanded my patriotic duties to more than just fulfilling my obligation to the IRS and singing the "The Star-Spangled Banner" before hockey games. By simply giving up one evening of TV situation comedies, you, too, can become an informed citizen. Call Lynn Rivers' office at (734) 722-1411 for a schedule of events, and I'll see you at the next coffee klatch.



Jane McCarthy is a Livonia resident.

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### is sought

Westland residents will have an opportunity Monday to voice their opinions on efforts to spruce up two of the city's major corridors. In a 5:30 p.m. meeting at the Westland public library. the Westland Downtown Development Authority and a consulting firm, Hyett/Palmer of Alexandria, Va., will hear comments during a public meeting, city Planning Director. Tod Kilroy said.

The library is located on Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford roads. Hyett/Palmer is helping the DDA develop strategies for enhancing the DDA area, which includes the entire stretch of Ford Road through Westland and the south leg of Wayne Road from Ford Road to Glenwood, Kilroy said.

### Autograph signing set

The Fan Zone in Westland Mall will host members of the 1998 Team USA Women's Olympic hockey gold medalists: Cammi Granato, Sarah Tueting, Shelley Looney and Lisa Brown-Miller at noon Saturday, March 28. Cost is \$30 for a combo ticket of one autograph from each guest.

vices to help. The Westland Recyclable Materials Drop-off Center's summer hours and curbside compost

The summer hours for the recycling center, which is open through Saturday, Oct. 31, are 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The site will be closed on Sundays and holidays. It is located near the Department of Public Services, at dry cell batteries are accepted. 37137 Marquette.

The following rules apply to the materials accepted;

Glass bottles and jars must be clean with lids and rings removed (put metal items in metal bin); no plate glass, ceramics, Pyrex cookware, coffee pots, dirty containers or mirrors are accepted.

stacked neatly about 6-15 inches high, tied with twine or packed into paper bags; newspapers must be dry and have no mold. Junk mail, catalogs, magazines, phone books, office paper, computer paper and cardboard are not accepted.

stick to a magnet) includes cans but not scrap metal and out-ofstate beverage cans with no Michigan deposit; no foil or foil containers are accepted.

### **CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID**

Bids will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before Friday, April 3, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. for the following (no exceptions):

### REPLACEMENT AND REVISION OF THE EXISTING SPRINKLER SYSTEM FOR TWO (2) SOFTBALL FIELDS LOCATED AT CENTRAL CITY PARK.

Further information may be obtained from the Westland Department of Parks & Recreation, Director: Robert Kosowski (734) 467-3255. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

> JILL B. RUNKLE Purchasing Agent City of Westland

> > LTS808

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# Curbside compost pickup begins April 1

cleaning season is getting under way and the city is offering ser-

pickup will begin Wednesday, April 1.

Newspapers should be

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■ Steel (metal that will stick

The yard work and spring to a magnet) accepted by the anti-freeze, gasoline and, paint center includes tin cans which must be rinsed, labels removed, both ends removed and flattened. No paint, aerosol cans or scrap metal are accepted.

Plastics accepted include plastic drink jugs and colored laundry detergent jugs marked HDPE No. 2 and PET No. 1. Plastic must be washed out thoroughly with lids removed. No plastic bags, caustic material containers (such as drain cleaner), oil or antifreeze containers are accepted.

Conly household flashlight No automotive batteries, watch batteries, camera batteries, hearing aid batteries, Ni-cad batteries or lithium batteries are accepted. The container for household batteries is at Westland City Hall.

Used motor oil, which is not collected during the winter months, may be brought into the transfer site between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday only.

No medical waste is accepted.

🔳 Hazardous waste such as

should not be disposed of at the center. Contact Painter & Ruthenberg (313-561-0303) or the Department of Environmental Quality (1-800-662-9278) for information about how to properly dispose of hazardous waste.

Curbside recycling is offered by the city's trash hauler, Painter & Ruthenberg. Call (313) 561-0303 for more information on how to participate,

### City dump

The city's rubbish transfer site, located at 37137 Marquette, will be available for use to Westland residents starting Friday. April 3, until Saturday, Nov. 7. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

The city will have free dump days on Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4.

Only Westland residents will be allowed to use the site. Identification must be presented for verification of Westland residency. No commercial vehicles or contractors will be allowed to dump.

A fee, based on the type of vehicle the items are brought in,

will be charged for dumping. Regular garbage that can be picked up'at the curb will not be accepted. Car and truck tires will not be accepted at the trans-

fer site. Household furniture and appliances are to be removed at the residence by the city's waste disposal contractor. Residents should contact the Department of Public Service at (734) 728-1770 prior to their regular pickup day to schedule removal of household items from the curb.

Tree branches, shrubs, stumps, dirt and roof shingles will not be accepted at the transfer site.

### Chipping and composting

The city begins chipping tree branches on Monday, April 6. Scheduling will begin on Monday, March 30.

Residents who wish to use this service should call (734) 728-1770.

Branches will be disposed of on the day after trash day. At the end of the season, the last call will be taken on Friday, Sept. 25, for chipping on Friday, Oct. 2.

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Branches must be at least 4 feet long and no larger than 3 inches in diameter and neatly stacked with the cut end facing the curb.

The city chips branches only, no stumps, roots, shrubs or trunks. This service is not for residents who are clearing land or when work is performed by a commercial company,

Composting season will begin Wednesday, April 1, and continue through Monday, Nov. 30. Compost will be picked up on trash day.

Compost must be in cans or plastic trash bags and separated from regular household trash by at least 10 feet. Trash and compost must be separated - mixed compost and rubbish will not be picked up.

All brush or limbs must be tied in bundles of 3 foot lengths and cannot be more than 40 pounds in weight.

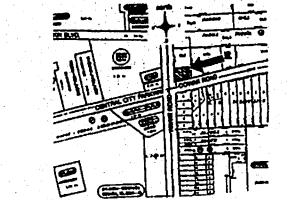
Cardboard boxes containing compost will not be picked up.

For more information, call the Department of Public Service at (734) 728-1770 between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### **CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A request for public hearing has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, for the following item:

#1875C, Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Convenience Store, 7780 Wayne Road (Parcel #015-01-0010-003), NE Corner Wayne/Cowan Roads, SW-4, Ronald H. Kuznicki (Matthew J. S. Pisko).



PRESENT ZONING: CB-4 (Vehicle Service District)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 1998.

> ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman Westland Planning Commission

### **CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

On Tuesday, March 31, 1998, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles, The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. at Westland Service Towing 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

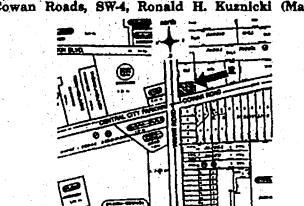
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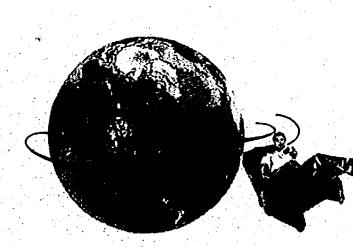
The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. at Westland Car Care. 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

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84	LINC	<b>4DR TOWN CAR</b>	GRAY	1LNBP96F7EY669018
75	DODGE	2DR	BROWN	LL29G5B156642
87	DODGE	4DR SHADOW	BLACK	1B3BS48E6HN326511
85	MERC	4DR TOPAZ	BLUE	1MEBP75X5FK659822
96	DODGE	RAM VAN	WHITE	2B7HB21YXTK175484
85	RENAULT	4DR ALLIANCE	TAN/BLACK	1XMDC9567EK245539
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87	CHEV	ASTRO	BLUE	1GNDM158HB113043
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All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.



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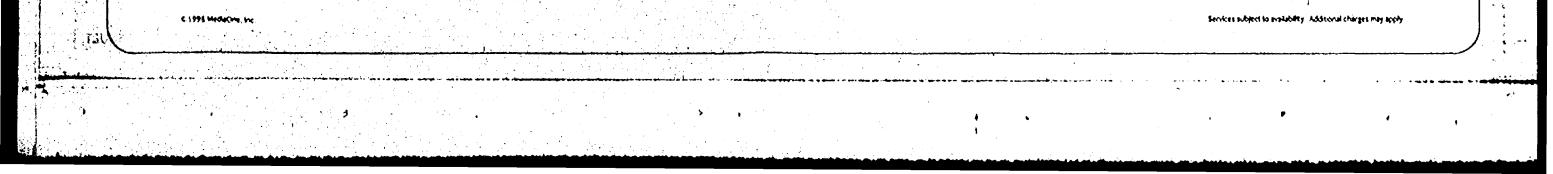
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> > It will have the capacity to deliver any video, Internet and telephone service you may need now or in the future.



So this way you can grocery shop online without having to wait in line. You can get a movie without trekking to the video store (or racking up late fees). You can attend a meeting in Budapest without a boarding pass. You can spend as much time navigating the world from your lounge chair as your little heart desires. It's good to be king. Or queen.





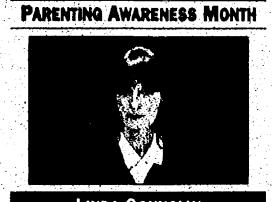
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### LINDA CONNOLLY What to do about teens, technology

very family with teenagers has issues with technology. Maybe your 13-year-old son plays Sega for hours after school each day, or your 15-year-old daughter ties up the phone every night after dinner, or your 17-year-old daughter listens to "grunge" tapes on her Walkman headset, which appears to be permanently affixed to her skull when you're anywhere nearby.

How do we, as parents, deal with the challenges of teens and technology? Here are some of the common problems parents face and some helpful suggestions on how best to handle them.

Spending too much time: Instead of cutting off your teen's access to the television, radio, Internet or phone, try negotiating with your teen about how much time each day is rational for both of you. Listen to your teen's reasoning, explain your own, and then reach a compromise.

You may think two 10-minute phone calls are enough, but your teen may have three good friends and lots to share with each of them. A compromised agreement could mean three 15-minute calls a night after home

# **Something simple** American Girls' teas hark back to the basics

Little girls have a penchant for having tea with their dolls and often invite their parents to join them. But it's not make-believe anymore as area businesses invite girls to bring their dolls and their parents to a series of American Girls' teas.

### BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

Kids as young as preschool are learning to use computers. Students in junior high and high schools are communicating via e-mail and playing with Sony PlayStations and Nintendo systems.

Some girls and their parents, however, are looking for something a little more simple.

Mary Denning and Joan Adis, as well as Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, are acknowledging that by hosting events based on the American Girls series of books, dolls and merchandise.

Denning and Adis, who own Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe and Paperbacks 'n' Things, respectively, in Westland, are holding American Girls teas on Sundays during April at the bakery.

"I think a lot of parents and children want to go back to the basics," Denning explained. "The tea is also coming back. People are returning to comfort foods. And they got all these dolls that tickle and laugh. People want to return to the basics."

The teas will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 5 and 19, and at a time to be determined on Sunday, April 26, at the bakery, 8036 N. Wayne Road (next to Wendy's restaurant) in Westland. Tickets are \$12 for children and \$6 for adults. For more information, call (734) 261-3680 or (734) 522-8018.



Greenfield Village – An American Girls Museum Program" runs April through November.

The two-hour, 45-minute program. based on the 10-year-old character, Samantha Parkington, will be offered at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. April 6-10 and 13-17, May 30-31, June 6-7 and 12-16; July 10-21 and 24-28, Aug. 1-11 and 21-25, Sept. 5-6 and 19-20, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8 and 14-15.

Tickets cost \$40 each and include light refreshments. They can be purchased at the Greenfield Village entrance building or by calling (313) 982-6180. Girls are encouraged to dress up and bring their dolls for this event as well.

"In our program, three of the main characters come to life," said Faith Kerr, special events team leader, at the complex. "The girls get to meet them. We've been able to combine a lot of the good materials out of the Samantha materials and use our sites and our characters to bring our stories alive."

Designed for adults and children ages 7-12, the event has been in the works for about a year, she said.

During the program, girls will be able to experience the sights, sounds and scents of Samantha's time, 1904, and interact with characters from the books, including Uncle Gard and his fiancee, Cornelia. Samantha will not appear.

"When you're designing a program like this, the girls make believe that they are Samantha or one of Samantha's friends. That way the girls really aren't disappointed," Kerr explained.

A visit to Samantha's world begins with a walk through the village to the Foster House to make old-fashioned lemonade from real lemons. Then the girls will get to try on clothes from an old attic trunk with assistance from

work is completed.

Your family might also set up a "tech-out" day or weekend. Everyone stays clear of the television, computers, radios, stereo and phone for a designated amount of days and, if the entire family is successful, the entire family goes out to dinner or on a trip to Cedar Point.

Have teens come up with the incentives, so they'll be motivated to participate. A "tech-out" weekend reminds all family members about fun, alternative ways to entertain themselves.

Avoiding other activities and/or responsibilities: Most of us are excited about our children's interest in technology and the door technology opens for them. But too much time chatting on the Internet or watching TV can end up being a distraction from homework, household chores, mental and physical exercise, or group socializing.

All technology is addictive in some way, and it's important for you to talk to your teens about resisting their reliance on technology. Let them know that too much of anything, including browsing the Web or gossiping on the phone, can be harmful.

Show teenage children that roaming a museum, mowing the lawn, walking the dog or going out for ice cream with a friend is a healthy break from hours of computer games or afternoon soap operas.

Make sure teens understand that watching television or listening to the radio is an idle activity – one that doesn't promote two-way interaction and often doesn't stimulate their minds or bodies.

**Exploring inappropriate con**tent: Parents have a tremendous fear about their children discovering inappropriate material on the Internet or on cable television. Whether or not you choose to install "blocks" on your TV or computer, you still need to talk with teens about what is appropriate for them to view or access and what isn't, and most importantly, why.

Curiosity is normal for teens, but with boundaries established, you can protect teens from repeated exposure to content you feel is inappropriate.

All technology offers benefits, but to what extreme your teenagers get involved is the question. At the core of this issue is developing a level of respect between you and your children. You may not be home after school each day, but if your children have "bought into" and respect your reasoning about technology limitations, you can trust that they'll abide by your guidelines.

Try holding a family meeting when the TV listing arrives to decide together which programs are options to watch for the week. If you are unsure about a television program,

The Westland business owners are encouraging girls who attend the tea bring along their favorite doll and even dress up like her.

Upon entering the cake shop, the girls will be photographed with their dolls and take part in craft projects. Fran Chause of Canton is going to help the girls make necklaces.

"We're going to have them string beads, and make a Victorian frame to put their pictures in," Denning said. "We're going to serve tea sandwiches, fancy cookies and we'll probably give the girls pink lemonade. They probably won't want tea. We'll save that for the adults,"

A Josephina doll, valued at \$125, will be given away as well as many other prizes.

### Popular with kids

Adis came up with the idea for the teas after attending one last year.

"American Girls are so popular with the kids. I went to an American Girls'

STAFF PHOTO BY JDI JACOFELD

Tea time: Mary Denning, owner of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, and Joan Adis, owner of Paperbacks 'n' Things, are inviting parents and their daughters to bring the their American Girls dolls to teas of the same name they will be having at the Westland bakery during April.

tea and I knew I could do one even better. I just love the dolls. The girls dress up like their favorite dolls," Adis said. "We're encouraging girls to bring their dolls. At the tea I went to, some of them brought all their dolls.'

The duo is also working on a future event to "keep boys corralled for awhile."

The American Girls Collection was created as part of the Pleasant Company's mission to provide girls with "beautiful books, dolls and pastimes that celebrate the experience of growing up as an American girl," according the American Girls Web page, http://www.americangirl.com.

Besides books and dolls, the Pleasant

Company also offers clothing for children and CD-ROMs. According to The Learning Company, which released the CD-ROMs in conjunction with the Pleasant Company, more than 45 million books and 4 million dolls from the "American Girls: Collection have been sold.

Sales at the privately held company topped more than \$255 million in 1996.

### More elaborate events

The events at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum are a little more elaborate - and expensive. The Dearborn complex is one of six licensed museums to offer an American Girls Museum Program. "Samantha at Cornelia

The adventure continues with a horse-drawn carriage ride and a trip to Mrs. Cohen's Millinery Shop where they will help Mrs. Cohen design a new hat for Cornelia. The girls also will have the chance to ride in Uncle Gard's Model T.

The program will end with the girls participating in a Suffrage Rally. They will march through the village carrying banners, flags and banging tambourines, all in support of women's right to vote.

Kerr explained that the American Girls program is appealing because it offers a positive message.

"I think that they've managed to take all the good positive things about being a young girl and bring them to life,' she said. "It teaches girls about selfesteem. It teaches them about history. They teach them manners. It's an incredible thing for young women.

"I think it's nice to have a positive program for young women and to have a program where adults and girls can do things together."

Sexual assault: Reality clashes with beliefs

"It seems like she did it without knowing what she got into, and that is her fault not his. He can't be blamed for her changing her mind."

"Has she considered the serious accusation she has made, because if she got into a situation she wasn't prepared for, she should be responsible.'

\*She physically made a choice to go to that location. Nobody held a gun to her head and forced her, did they?"

#### BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

The she is a 15-year-old student at Plymouth Canton High School. The he is her 17-year-old classmate and neighbor who has been charged with thirddegree criminal sexual conduct in connection with an alleged rape that took place under a stairwell at Plymouth Canton High School.

The quotes are from a Plymouth Salem High School senior. The sentiments reflect old beliefs that people have about sexual assault ... beliefs like the victim asked for it by the way she dressed or where she went, that she teased or led the man on, was under the influence of drugs or alcohol or drugs or went to a certain point that she had to finish.

"Attitudes are not easily changed," said Ilone Zisk, a sexual assault awareness specialist at First Step. "Blaming the victim helps keep people safe in their own minds. If they can point to the reason why it happened and find fault, it helps them keep their image of

ty of being raped. Against Sexual Assault, one in three women will be raped during her lifetime and one in seven rape victims will be male.

months to 97 years, and an estimated

of being raped by someone she knows is four times greater than being raped by a stranger. Typically, a rapist is someone she knows and trusts.

"Sexual assaults aren't random; they're not like that image of a guy jumping out of the bushes," Zisk said. "Most are planned, most are in a familiar setting, and most victims know. their attackers.

"Ninety-nine percent of the perpetrators are male. Most are heterosexual

sexually assaulted and does community education on sexual assault, specifically with adults, but has a difficult time finding adults groups who want to hear about the trauma of acquaintance rape, reducing the risk or what to do when someone you know is raped.

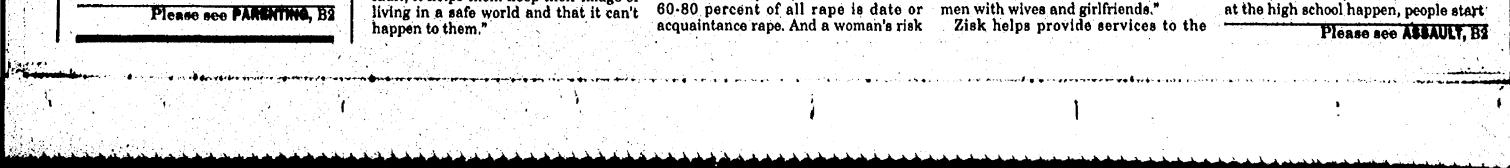
A "huge mailing" sent to churches, schools, parent groups, business and women's organizations drew some response, but not as many as hoped for. But when events, such as the assault

#### Penetration OR Contact PLUS Circumstances EQUALS Degree of CSC > Maximum sentences 1) Victim under the age of 13. • 1st Degree (felony) • 1st Degree = Up to life • Groin Sexual Intercourse Anal intercourse. · Genital area 2) Victim is 13, 14 or 15 and Penetration plus any • 2nd Degree = Up to 15 years one of circumstances Cunnilingus Inner thigh Assailant is a member of the 1.10 Fellatio Buttock household. • 3rd Degree = Up to 15 years Object (anal) Breast 3) Victim (s 13, 14 or 15 and • 2nd Degree (felony) • 4th Degree = 2 years or \$500 Object (genital) Assailant is in a position of Contact plus any one fine or both authority. of circumstances 1-10 4) Victim is 13, 14 or 15 and • 3rd Degree (felony) Assailant is related by blood In addition: Penetration plus any or affinity. one of circumstances 5) Another felony is committed. Criminal . If a person is convicted for a 11, 12 or 13 Hultiple assailants and second offense of 1st, 2nd victim is known to be + 4th Degree (high or 3rd degree CSC, there is Sexual incapacitated. misdemeanor) a mandatory minimum 7) Multiple assailants and force Contact plus any one sentence of 5 years (this Conduct Is used. of circumstances 11, includes convictions in other 8) Assaliant is using a weapon. 12, 13 states). (CSC) Act 9) Assallant causes personal Assault with Intent to commit." injury and force is used. CSC involving penetration is 10) Assallant causes personal a felony with a maximum of injury and victim is 10 years. incepacitated. Assault with Intent to commit, 11) Victim is 13, 14 or 15. CSC involving contact is a 12) Victim Is incapacitated. felony with a maximum of 5 13) Force is used. Adapted by Mary Jane Hood for First Step, 3/97 years.

The fact is sexual assault can happen to anyone, anywhere and nothing a person can do can make himself or herself 100 percent safe from the possibili-

According to National Coalition

The victims ranging in age from 2



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watch it with your teens first. dways talk to your teen about the messages certain programs and commercials send. Many shows and ads display stereotyping; quick-fix solutions, or varying degrees of sexuality and violence; it's important that we teach children to observe those characteristics and their implications.

Encourage your children to realize that television is drama and doesn't always portray realistic situations.

Regarding the Internet, try setting up a contract with your teenagers about what sites and chat rooms can and can't be visited. Negotiate fairly with chilagree with all your decisions, explain your reasoning.

Be sure to outline the consequences for breaking the contract - bypassing boundaries on the Web may mean no computer access for a month.

Talking to your children about appropriate and inappropriate content also helps when you're not around to monitor them. At a friend's house, teens may be exposed to more than you would allow, but if you have discussed openly why certain content is unacceptable, teens will at least explore the content with a wiser perspective.

Finding private, unmoni-

dren, and although they may not tored space: Teenagers want their privacy, and as parents, it's important that we understand and respect that need. At the same time, we should address our own need to monitor our teen's time and selection in regard to technology.

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Whenever possible, centrally locate technology, so that you can observe, what your teen is watching or accessing. The family room is a great spot for the family computer, and the kitchen is a good spot for the telephone.

Cellular phones and televisions in teen bedrooms may promote too much isolation.

Scattering throughout the

"scattering" is bound to take place, and technology just adds to the challenge. If your young son is always playing a video game on the family room TV, your teen daughter is always listening to the radio in her bedroom, and your teen son is always searching the Internet for information on his favorite band, your family unity can become frail.

While children do "need their own space," scattering too often becomes the norm, especially in homes where technological knowledge and interest is high.

Make a concerted effort to do activities together as a family.

house: As children grow older. This is a challenge when picky teens thumb their noses at your ideas, so get them involved in activity selection. Maybe the family has a board game night, eats meals together, or hikes weekly at a nature preserve.

> While it is up to you, the parent, to create guidelines for teens and technology, always ask teens to help contribute to decision-making and learn about your reasoning.

Try to engage your children in selecting alternative activities, so that they don't always turn to the radio, television or computer games when bored. But most importantly, work every day to build respect between you and

your teens.

Mutual respect leads to trust and faith that the family will hold true to agreed upon rules for technology.... and for all other aspects of family life!

Linda Connolly has been working with teenagers and their families for 20 years at Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center. She is also the director of Inkster Youth Assistance Program, which is operated from Counterpoint.

Counterpoint is a program of Youth Living Centers, a private nonprofit organization serving children and families from throughout southeastern Michigan.

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asking questions. Their belief is that they are good people and they don't display such risky behavior, but about sexual assault," Zisk said.

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whenever there's an event like this, it puts them off-balance and makes them more open to hear

### **CITY OF WESTLAND** INVITATION TO BID **BID ITEM NO: 300-040298**

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before April 14. 1998. at 2:00 p.m. for the following:

> Additions and Modifications to the Westland Police. **Department Building**

A walk-through inspection of the Project Site will be held on April 2, 1998, at 10:00 in the morning. Please meet in the lobby of the Police Department located at 36701 Ford Road in Westland. Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from Sauriol Bohde Wagner Architects and Associates, Inc., located at 43570 Garfield road; Clinton Township, Michigan 48038, (810) 263-4711, Dodge Reports in Southfield, Daily Construction Reports in Madison Heights, Construction Association of Michigan in Bloomfield Hills or by calling the Purchasing Department for the City of Westland. All Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

**CITY OF WESTLAND** 

**ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-3** 

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND

AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO

DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES

THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP;

JILL B. RUNKLE, Purchasing Agent

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"Sexual assault is the most underreported crime. One in 10 attacks go unreported."

In many instances, the victims blame themselves. They wonder what they could have done differently or what they did wrong, especially if the attacker is an acquaintance, according to Zisk. Often, they will tell someone about the crime who doesn't believe them.

"Rape is a humiliating crime and the victim may have to tell what happened three-four times in a few hours, and in telling it and being asked questions, it's liked being raped all over again." said Karen Porter, First Step's associate director. "The key thing is the response when it is disclosed.

cult for you to come forward.'"

For victims, First Step offers a 24-hour telephone help line -(734) 459-5900 or 888-453-4900 - adult response advocates. trained staff and volunteers who accompany survivors to police

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no not yes." And for good reason. The State of Michigan has one of the strongest criminal sexual assault laws in the country which in part, states that any kind of unwanted contact not agreed upon can be construed as criminal sexual conduct.

understanding "that no means

The law's "mathematics" is penetration (the type of intercourse) or contact (areas of the body) plus the circumstances (victim's age, use of force, use of a weapon, etc.) equals criminal sexual conduct in either the first through fourth degree (first through third degrees are felonies, while fourth degree is a high misdemeanor).

"If she's not said yes to something, it's sexual assault," said Zisk. "It's any unwanted contact, and kids don't know that. They don't have any idea. That's where education is so important.

means no not yes. Yes, we need to educate girls, but also the boys because they are the only ones that can stop this."

into the high value teenage girls place on having boyfriends or having boys like them.

tion. If they have sex with someone who is incapacitated drunk, drugged or incapacitated - that is rape."

And with the date rape drugs, the problem is even bigger. Rape involving a date rape drug can result in prosecution for sexual assault as well as on a felony

drug charge, Zisk said. Those drugs include Rohypnol, known as Roofies, which medically is used as a sedative for surgical patients, Ketamine, or Special K, an animal tranquilizer, and GHB, the most dangerous of all because it attacks the central nervous system. It's "most alarming" because of the potential damage it can do in addition to the assault, Zisk said.

Date rape drugs are "odorless, colorless and tasteless" and can

### easily be put into a the beverage of the unsuspecting victim. It's one reason Zisk recommends young women take precautions when going out like using the buddy system when they go out. never accept open drinks and never leave their drinks unattended.

"They can cause an amnesia effect and the victim may wake up, bleeding, bruised and sore and not know why, but then start having flashbacks," she said. "They're easy to access, reproduce and make, and we're definitely seeing more of them among high school and college populations.

"The only way to prevent sexual assault is to stop people from raping. There are steps you can take to make yourself safer, but it's no guarantee."

### **CRAFTS CALENDAR**

### LIVONIA STEVENSON

The Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club's Spring Spectacular craft show will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, For more information, call (734)

Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Free admission and food will be available. For more information, call (248) 546-6527.

### **MADONNA UNIVERSITY**

Madonna University will have its 13th annual spring arts and crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 4:30

# "Boys need to know that no

But saying no crashes head on

"There's a belief that if they 464-1041 or (248) 478-2395. stations, hospitals and other safe don't go along, no boys are going **CLARENCEVILLE** places 24 hours a day, 365 days to like them," Zisk said. "Kids The Athletic Booster Club of

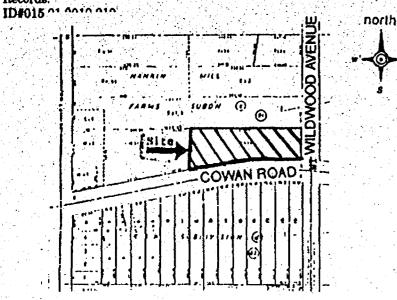
"I went out on my first assault intervention 18 years ago and I see a vast difference between the response then and now. Things are done in a caring way now. You hear the police officers, the doctors say, 'I know it was diffi-

TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS REGULATIONS, **RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION,** ERECTION, CONSTRUCTIONS, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE THE INTENSITY OF USE OF LOT AREAS AND TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YARDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO ESTABLISH SITE DESIGN REGUALTIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPEMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF. STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE.

#### THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show R-2 district assification where OB district classification is now shown in the area ituated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

That part of Lot 10, Nankin Mill Farms, as recorded in Liber 67 of Plats, Page 14 described as beginning at the southeast corner of Lot 10. and proceeding thence along the South lot line on a curve concave to the South with a radius of 2000 Feet, arc of 467.98 feet and chord bearing S. 84°24'22" W. and S. 77°42'10" W., 115.89 feet thence N. 1°1'00" W., 224.92 feet thence along the lot boundary N. 88°46'00" E., 575.40 feet and S 02°34'10" E., 167.22 feet to the point of beginning. Nankin Mill Farms Sub, T.2 S., R.9E., Liber 67 Page 14 Wayne County Records.



Section 2. The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the soning map shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of shis Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sectance, beragraph, section or clause is adjusted unconsitutional or invalid by a Court of competent juriadiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Soution 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give his Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to blished in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective ately upon publication thereof.

od: March 16, 1996 setive March 26, 1998

a year, counseling and referrals. are making decisions that affect Clarenceville High School will One issue Zisk focuses on is their lives with limited informa-

### CITY OF WESTLAND **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the public hearing on the proposed budget for the City of Westland for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1998 and ending June 30, 1999, will be held on Monday, May 18, 1998, at 7:00

### **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 Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (Telephone: 734-525-8814) on or before APRIL 9, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. for the following item(s):

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DISTRICT MAINTENANCE **CITY WIDE STREET SWEEPING** 

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 to waive any informalities when deemed in the best interest of the City.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS

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**City Clerk-Treasurer** 

### CITY OF WESTLAND **PUBLIC NOTICE** WESTLAND HOUSING COMMISSION

The Westland Housing Commission will be opening its waiting list for the Section 8 existing Housing Program, Rent subsidy Certificates and Vouchers, on Thursday, April 2, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Friday, April 3, 1998. Applications must be picked up at the Westland Housing Commission's Main Office, located at 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, Michigan 48186. The Offices will be open Thursday, April 2, 1998 and Friday, April 3, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Individuals with questions may come in person or contact the main office between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at Telephone (734) 595-0288.

To apply for the Section 8 existing Housing Rental Assistance Program, the applicant's total gross income must not exceed the limits established below: (3) Persons: \$25,750 (5) Persons: \$30,900 (1) Person: \$20,000 (2) Persona: \$22,900 (4) Persons: \$28,600 (6) Persons: \$33,200

The Westland Housing Commission will not dony any Family the opportunity to apply for admission into the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program, nor deny any eligible applicant the opportunity to lease a dwelling unit suitable to the applicant's needs on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, handicap and/or familial status.

All applicants must attach to their application a copy of their Driver's License (both sides), State I.D., or other appropriate picture Identification. If applicant for one bedroom is handicapped or disabled, written certification of a handicap or disability must be attached to their application.

Only one application will be issued per person (age 18 and over). The person picking up the application must provide valid Driver's License or State I.D. a the time the application is picked up., No Hand-delivered applications will be accepted. All applications must be completed, dated, signed, and mailed to the Westland Housing Commission's Main Office, Postmarked by Friday, April 17, 1998. No Applications will be accepted after this

WESTLAND HOUSING COMMISSION

have "A Touch of Spring" craft boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28 at the school, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. There will be more than 150 crafters, raffle and snack bar. No strollers will be permitted, and babysitting will be available. Admission will be \$2.

### **FINNWEAVERS**

The Finnweavers of the Finnish Center Association will have an arts and crafts fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 28 at the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. Eight

p.m. March 28 in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Admission will \$2 for adults and children under age 12 free. For more information, call the university at (734) 432-5603.

### SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart Church will have a craft show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile Road, east of Middlebelt Road, Livonia. In addition to crafts, baked goods will be sold. For more information, or table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

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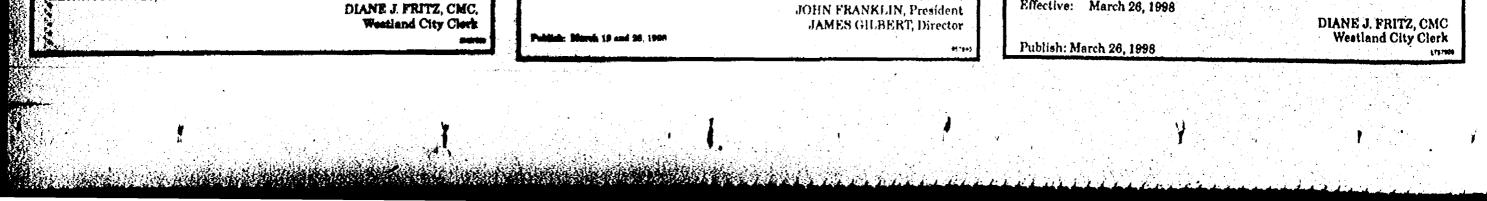
**ORDINANCE NO. 29-W-25-3** 

Section 4. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 5. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 6. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law,

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law. Adopted: March 18, 1998



### WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

### **Powers-Lyon**

R. Southwick Powers and Gillian E. Lyon were married Oct. 3 in Seattle, Wash., while on leave from Guinea on the east coast of Africa.

The bride is the daughter of Ken and Lynn Lyon, formerly of Plymouth Township.

The bride is a 1984 graduate. of Plymouth Salem High School, and 1990 graduate of Western Washington University. She was a Peace Corps volunteer in Mauritania in northeast Africa for two years. She is employed as a administrative assistant for U.S. Aid in Conkry, Guinea.

The groom is from Holidaysburg, Pa. He is a graduate of Carnagie Melon University with a bachelor of arts degree and Harvard University with a master's degree. He is director of the Peace Corps Education program for Guinea.

Attending the ceremony were the bride's brothers, Greg of Canton and Ross of Seattle

### **Cyr-Balley**

Sheryl Ann Bailey and James Michael Cyr were married Dec. 27 at First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor by the Rev. David Eardley.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Eleanor Bailey of Dexter. The groom is the son of James O. and Elaine Cyr of Livonia.

The bride is a Michigan State University graduate. She is employed as a medical technologist at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The groom is a graduate of Schoolcraft College. He is employed as an administrative assistant at the University of Michigan College of Engineering.

Laura Giuffrida, Barbara Lind, Diana Bailey, Kati Bailey and Kristen Giuffrida served as the bride's attendants.

John Muckler, Mark Giuffrida, Allen Cyr, Michael Cyr Sr. and Michael Cyr Jr. were the groom's



Wash., and the groom's sister Pamela Deis and husband Geff of Boulder, Colo. /

The couple are moving to Addis Abada, Ethiopia, in April.



attendants.

After receiving guests at the Clarion Inn in Ann Arbor, the couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico. They are making their home in Ann Arbor.

### Zaborsky-Gulli

Robert and Carolyn Zaborsky of Ann Arbor, formerly of Plymouth, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Ann, to Joseph R. Gulli, the son of Giuseppe and Beverly Gulli of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1996 graduate of Miami University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. She is employed by Masco Corp.

Her fiance is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1993 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree. He also is employed at Masco Corporation. A September wedding is

### **Gonzales-Sinnott**

Marciano and Belen Gonzales of Plymouth of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Maria Sirikit, to Richard David Sinnott, the son of Mary Blessing of Brownstown.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 Plymouth-Salem High School graduate. She is a registered nurse at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Her fiance is a 1985 Taylor Center High School graduate. He is a real estate agent at Remerica Hometown in Plymouth.

A May wedding is planned at St. Thomas a' Becket Church.

### **Marguard-Terrell**

Dr. and Mrs. Robert M. Marquard of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristine Elizabeth, to William C. Terrell of Thousand Oaks, Calif., the son of the late William Thomas and Sally Terrell.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science in biochemistry. She works in the biochemical research department for Amgen in Thousand Oaks, engineering. He works as a com-Calif.



planned at First Baptist Church of Plymouth.





puter engineer at Troika.

### **Kravez-Doran**

Bill and Chris Kravez announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy Jeanette, to Philip Doran, the son of Mary Franklin.

The bride-to-be will complete work on a bachelor of education degree in April at Eastern Michigan University. She is working as a substitute teacher in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Her fiance is studying business at Eastern Michigan University. He is employed at the Society of Manufacturing Engineers in Dearborn.

A May wedding is planned at St. Thomas a' Becket Church in Canton.

### **Matthews-Peal**

Melissa Matthews of Ann Arbor and Wayne Peal of Bloomfield Hills have announced their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of John Edward Matthews of Redford and the late Betty Jean Matthews.

She is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and is an advertising representative for the Ann Arbor Observer.

Her fiance is the son of Clayton and Patricia Peal of Fairfield Glade, Tenn., and the late Jean Peal.

He is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is the editor of the Southfield Eccentric.

### **York-Stelovich**

Tom and MaryGrace York of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Molly, to Thomas Allan Stelovich, the son of Frank and Jean Stelovich of Everett, Wash.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1993 graduate of Arizona State University where she majored in finance. She is employed as a business development specialist with Eagle Insurance Group in Seattle, Wash.

Her fiance is a 1986 graduate employed as a purchasing agent of Everett High School and a 1995 graduate of Arizona State University where he majored in purchasing and logistics. He is





An August wedding is being planned.



by Allied Signal in Redmond. Wash.

Her fiance is a graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology with a degree in electrical

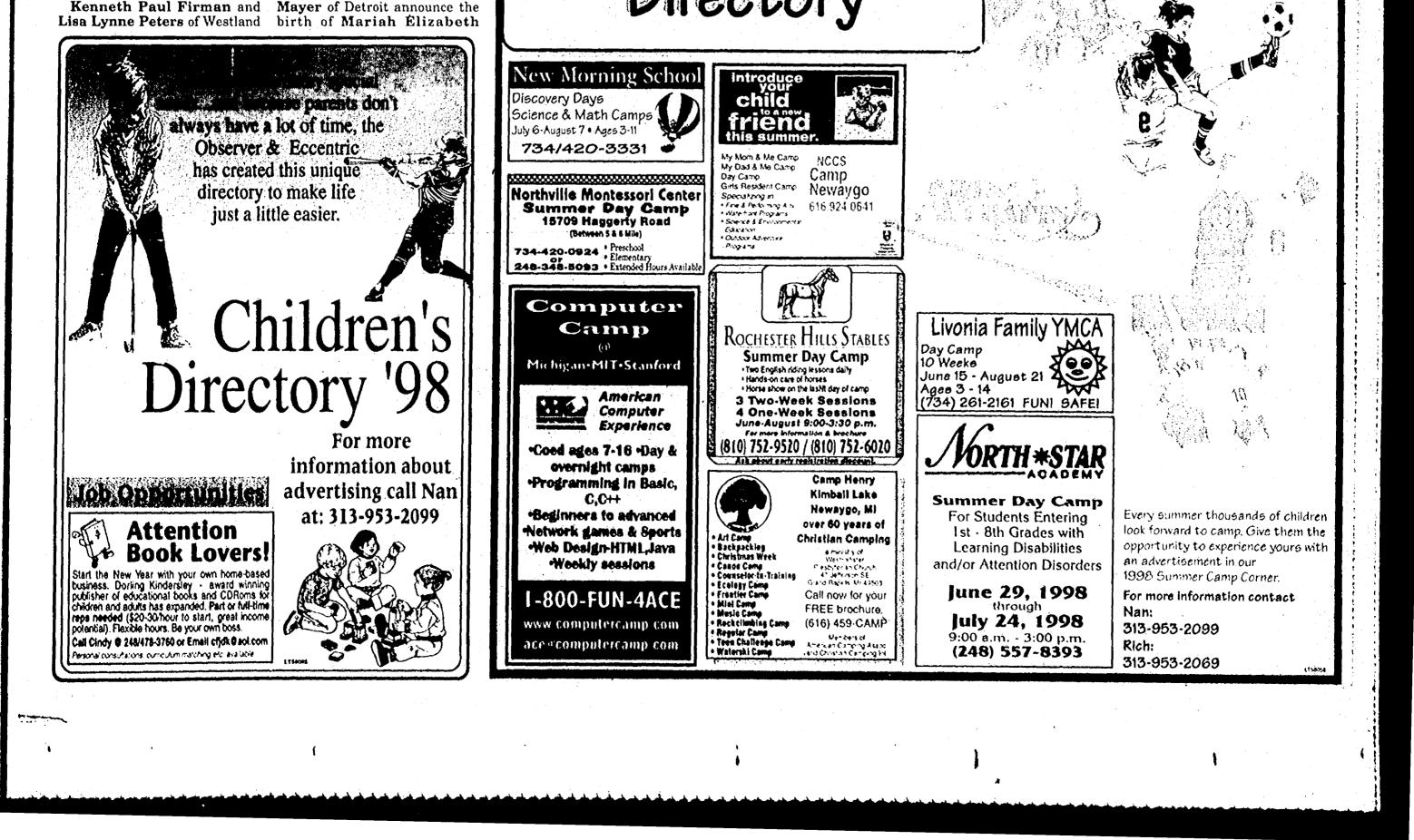
**NEW VOICES** 

A September wedding is planned at Northville Historical Church.

A summer wedding is planned.

### Roy D. and Kimberly A. Reece of Westland announce the birth of Dakota Richard Dec. 24 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins two brothers, Joshua, 16, and Roy, 15, and two sisters, Jennifer, 11, and Rachael, 4. Grandparents are Terry A. Minnick of Westland and Toylene Reece of Detroit.

Glenn and Cathy Hunter of Canton announce the birth of Caitlin Teresa Jan. 19 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins a sister, Magen, 6. Grandparents are Joan and Bill Jose of Canton, Russell Uhl of Ann Arbor and Arlene and Bob Dick of Roseville. Great-grandparents are Fred Abel of Canton and Vir-



Arnold Dec. 26 at the Birthing announce the birth of Raven Arial Firman Dec. 25 at the Center at Garden City Hospital. Birthing Center at Garden City She joins a sister, Jasmine, 3. Hospital. Grandparents are John Grandparents are Rex and Gail and Sherrie Helton of Westland, Bird of Westland, Gerry and Debbie Mayer of Redford and Eddie Firman of Taylor, Ricky Joseph Arnold and Elizabeth Williams of Mirmar, Fla., and Karen Schwark of Toledo, Ohio. Arnold of Detroit.

Lee and Lisa Moss of West-**Dominic Smith and Marcia** land announce the birth of Leah Rockwood Smith of Royal Oak announce the birth of Abigail Frances Dec. 30 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Christine Feb. 15 at William She joins two sisters, Courtney Beaumont Hospital in Royal Marie, 7, and Katelyn Elizabeth,

Beverly Rockwood of Plymouth and Melvyn and Mary Smith of Hurricane, W.Va. Great-grandparents are Dennis and Ida Basinski of Marine City, Mich., Irene Wike of Ypsilanti, Ann Convey of Dowra, Ireland, and Anne Smith of Swansea, Wales. Christopher and Mary Kay

DeBrito of Canton announce the birth of Marianne Christine Jan. 28 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins Oak. Grandparents are Les and a sister, Renae Marie, 18

months. Grandparents are Mary and Syl Noetzel of Canton and Marcia and Joe DeBrito of Monroe. Great-grandparents are Sylvester A. Noetzel of Livonia. Christian and Laurine Mura of Redford Township announce the birth of Nicholas Giovanni Dec. 27 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Alison Catherine, 4. Grandparents are Dennis and Lorraine Daly of Royal Oak and Eduardo and Vic- Fla.

toria Mura of Valparaiso, Chile. Jeffrey and Jean Troop of Garden Čity announce the birth of Joshua Michael Feb. 16 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Roger and Susan Brittain of Lincoln Park, Janice Troop of Westland and Melvin Troop of Ocoll, Fla. Great-grandparents are Helen Smedo of Santa Maria, Calif., Iona Brittain of Gaylord and William Barnett of Clearwater,



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### **UPCOMING** EVENTS

### BADGE PROGRAM

St. Mary Hospital with Madonna University will host a "Be Your Best" Merit Badge Program for all Brownies and Girl Scouts, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at Madonna University. The girls will learn more about health and fitness and earn a merit badge. Enrollment is limited and preregistration is required. For more information, call (734) 655-8940 or 1-800-494-1650.

### BUNNY BRUNCH

Brunch with the Easter Bunny, sponsored by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department and Westland Civitan Club, will be 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 4, at VFW No. 3323, Wayne Road at Avondale in Westland. The event includes a pancake breakfast, a visit by the Easter Bunny with each family receiving a Polaroid picture with the bunny and an Easter bonnet parade. Tickets can be bought at the Bailey Recreation Center between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. For information, call the parks and recreation department at (734) 722-7620 or Karen Gregory at (734) 326-1454.

### EASTER EOG HUNT The Westland Jaycees are

Robert A. Ficano; Wayne County Clerk Teola Hunter; U.S. Rep. Lynn N. **Rivers of the 13th District;** Westland Mayor Robert J. Thomas; and Walter (Jeff) Washington, president of UAW Local 900. Tickets are \$35. For information, call Joe Rivers at (734) 261-3565.

### RECOGNITION BANQUET

Harris-Kehrer Post 3323 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its ladies auxiliary will be having their annual Wayne-Westland Police/Firefighters Recognition Banquet on Saturday, April 18. Police officers and firefighters from Wayne and Westland will be honored for going above and beyond the call of duty while serving the community. The banquet will be held in the Post Hall at 1055 S. Wayne Road in Westland. Tickets are \$10 a person and the event is open to the public. For tickets, call Bessie Bell, (734) 326-6524, or Pam Tykoski, (734) 729-5937.

### COLLAGE CONCERT

Schoolcraft College Radcliff is hosting a Collage Concert, featuring all the college's musical groups at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Radcliff Center Community Room, 1751 Radcliff Road, south of Ford Road, between Wayne and Merriman, Garden City. The program will feature new work by James Nissen, based on "The Times of Our Lives." Donations at the door. (734) 462-4770.

Making a musical



Friday show: Franklin Middle School students will perform a musical, "Face to Face," at 7 p.m. Friday in the school auditorium. The musical focuses on how youngsters learn to accept a student who was initially rejected because his facial appearance differs from others, director Andy Callis said. Cost is \$1 for youngsters

be accompanied by an adult. Rockets can be bought ahead of time at Riders Hobby Shop of Livonia, 30991 Five Mile Road, (734) 425-9720. Preregister at the Bailey Center before May 21 or register at the park. Pizza supplied by Toarmina's Pizza. Maps available at the Bailey Center. Cost is \$6 and includes one rocket kit and one engine. Extra rockets \$1 each. Pizza lunch is \$2 extra.

### **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. (734) 722-7620.

### FIGURE SKATING

The Westland Figure Skating Club has formed an Adult Introductory Precision Team. The team is for those who want to have fun with other skating adults and get good exercise. Practices are 6-6:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. For information, call (734) 722-1091.

### **VOLLEYBALL**

Open volleyball is offered for those age 18 and older 6:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month at the Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, Westland. All skill levels play just for fun. There is no charge. Baby-sitting is provided. For information, call (734) 722-3660.

and a boat cruise. Arrival time back at the center is about 11 p.m. Call the Friendship Center for more information, (734) 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 (734) 722-7632 for information or just show up to play cards. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh Road.

#### 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 nonmembers. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to Big Band music. and door prizes. (734) 728-5010.

### DANCE FUN

Westland Shopping Center hosts a senior citizen dance 11 a.m. the first Monday of each month 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.

hosting their second annual Easter Egg Hunt, at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at Westland Jaycee Park, Hunter and Wildwood. The event is open to children ages 1-13 and will include 1,000 eggs, candy, prizes and the Easter Bunny. The hunt will start at 2 p.m. with younger children starting first, and other groups starting at twominute intervals after the first group.

AMERICAN GIRL TEA PARTY An American Girl Tea Party will be serving a high tea for young ladies and their guest 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, Wayne Road in Westland. Each young lady will be automatically entered into a drawing for an American Girl doll. The event is sponsored by Paperbacks & Things and Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe. The cost is \$12 per child and \$6 per adult. For reservations, call (734) 261-3680 or (734) 522-8018. Please dress appropriately.

### COTTONTAIL HUNT

An Easter Cottontail Hunt will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, April 10, at Central City Park in Westland. Hundreds of cottontails (marshmallows) will be pprinkled on the ground in a roped off area for each age group (1-3 years, 4-6 years, 7-9 years). At 4 p.m., a siren will sound to start the hunt. At the end, cottontails will be turned in at The redemption center for a small bag of Easter gooddes. The event is sponsored by Westland Civitan Club, Westland Fire Department, Westland Cultural Society and Westland Parks and **Recreation Department.** 

The Westland Democratic Club has scheduled its first annual awards dinner and And-raiser for Thursday. April 16, at UAW Local 900 Hall, 38200 Michigan Ave., Wayne. The cocktail hour Jugine at 6 p.m. with dinr following at 7 p.m. duled speakers are Democratic gubernarial candidates Larry wai and Doug Hose. foren people will be hon-

### COUNTRY WESTERN JAMBOREE

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club will present a **Country Western Jamboree** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at Local 735 UAW Hall, 48055 Michigan Ave., one mile west of Belleville Road in Canton. Entertainment by Sherman Arnold and Interstate Band with tribute to Elvis and other guest stars. Cocktails are at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 a person, \$35 a couple and \$15 per retiree/senior citizen. For ticket information, call (734) 729-8681 or (734) 721-4710.

### SPRING MUSICAL

The Wayne Memorial Theatre Guild will present "Leader of the Pack" as its spring musical at 7 p.m. May 2-9 at Stockmeyer Auditorium, Wayne Memorial High School.

### AT THE LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION

The book discussion group meets 7-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the community meeting room of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. Join the group by signing up at the Reception Desk. Participants are expected to have read the books and to be prepared to discuss them. Upcoming books for discussion include: April 21, Michael Connelly, "The Poet." May 19, Margaret Atwood, "Alias Grace."

### TRAINING

Training sessions are held 10:30 a.m. each Saturday to train library patrons on the use of the public access catalogs. The computers are the modern-day equivalent of the traditional card catalog. These training seasions take about 15-20 minutes. Library staff will teach the fundamentals regarding use of the public access catalogs and will be available for questions. This training is free and no registration is required.

and \$2 for adults. Those performing will include seventh-grader Leah Walsh, 12, (front); seventh-graders Jennie Bailey, Elizabeth Harvey and Angela Talo, all 12 (second row), and eighth-graders Annie Phillips, 14, and Brent Colaianne, 13 (back row).

meet 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. (734) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The Friends also hold a Friends Shop Book Sale during regular library hours at the library

### WAYNE LIBRARY STUDENT LIFE

Early 20th-century student life at the University of Michigan is documented with books, photographs and memorabilia from the collection of Michigan alumnus Walter Warren of Westland. The display will be at the Wayne Library now through April 1.

### TRAVEL PROGRAMS The Wayne Public Library

is hosting travel programs from 1-2 p.m. Wednesdays, featuring video presentations, guest speakers and refreshments, in the library meeting room. Programs will feature China with Bud and Phyllis Stein, Hawaii with Margo Dewey; the Caribbean with Joan Dyer; Rome and Italy with the St. Mary Choir and friends; Scotland with Constance Robertson and New Zealand with Kate Rosevear. On April 29, Richard Truxall will do a presentation on finding travel information on the Internet.

### **CHAMBER EVENTS** JOBS AND CAREERS

### The chamber's second annual Jobs and Careers Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Westland Shopping Center, Last year's event drew more than 2,000 job-seekers. Member participation choices include the basic success deal for \$150, the supporting deal for \$200 and the premium deal for \$300. Call to reserve a spot, (734) 326-7222. Last year's program was a sell-

### RECREATION

out.

KITE FLY

Go fly a kite from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 2, in Central City Park Pavilion No. 2 (Marquette entrance). Join the experts from the Four Seasons Kite Club and others for an afternoon of kite making and flying in Central City Park. Bring your own kite or make one with a kite kit. Rain date is 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 16. Sponsored by Westland **Parks and Recreation** Department and Four Seasons Kite Club.

### HIKE SAFELY

Have fun learning the basics of hiking safety and how to use a compass with

N. P.A.R. F.O.C. 

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI. 48150, or by fax to 734-591-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions. 

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### **HISTORY ON** VIEW

### WESTLAND MUSEUM The Westland Historical

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Children ages 2 to 5 can

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**OLYMPICS** 

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Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill. (734) 326-1110. The museum is featuring a display of ladies' accessories including a collection of 1950s' and 1960s' winter hats, silver and gold mesh, art deco and beaded purses from the 1920s and 1930s and gloves and compacts. Admission is free.

### FRIENDS MEET

Friends of the Westland **Historical Museum meet 7** p.m. on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette, between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Information, president Jim Franklin, (734) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

### FOR SENIORS **GOLDEN AGERS**

### The Golden Agers Seniors program will hold activities in March at the Salvation Army, Wayne-Westland Corps, 2300 Venoy Road, Westland. Golden Agers meet with other seniors in the community, receive information and are a part of a problem-solving senior concern network, and enjoy activities and travel. For information, call Leau'Rette Douglas at (734) 722-3660.

### TRAVEL GROUP

The Travel Group meets Joy. Children under 9 must 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. The group is offering a trip to Holland, Mich., on Wednesday, May 13, for \$115, with all meals included. Trip departs promptly at 7 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served on the bus. In Holland, the group will see

### SENIOR DANCE

Senior dances will be noon to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of every month at the Wayne Ford Civic League, 1651 N. Wayne Road, Westland. There will be dinner, a live band, beer and pop. Members \$5, nonmembers \$7. (734) 728-5010.

### WORK REFERRAL

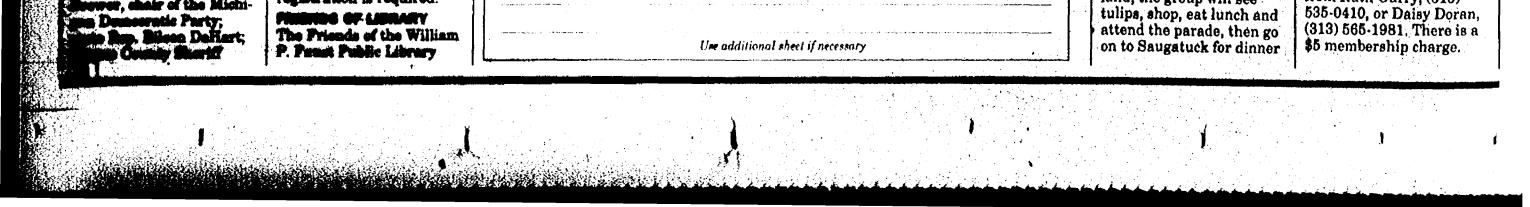
Information Center Inc. refers workers to seniors who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yardwork, housework, etc. Workers can specify the type of work they are willing to do and the communities they want to serve. Chore Worker Program, (734) 422-1052. DYER CENTER

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 (734) 722-7632.

### VOLUNTEERS PET-A-PET

The Pet-A-Pet Club, which offers pet visits to nursing home residents, needs special pets and people. Pets undergo a slight screening and need proof of shots to participate. Local sites include Camelot Hall Convalescent Center (Debbie McDermott, 427-3791, 10 a.m. the second Saturday of the month), Garden City Rehab (Stacy Suida, (734) 422-2438, 3 p.m. the second Thursday of the month) and Roosevelt-McGrath School (Lynn Eichbrecht, (734) 591-3347, the last Wednesday of the month). Information is available from Ruth Curry, (313)



And then there were 5 ...



Generations, that is: Dorothea Ross of Plymouth (bottom, right) holds young Justine Cripps who represents a fifth generation of the Ross family. Joining in a family photo were Justine's mother, Karyn Cripps (top, right), her mother Jacqueline Ross (top, left) and grandmother Janet Newman (bottom, left), holding her newest grandson, Dennis Ross, born just three weeks before Justine.

### Scout'badge program set

St. Mary Hospital in collaboration with Madonna University will offer the "Be Your Best" merit badge program for Brownies and Girl Scouts Saturday, March 28.

about health and fitness and

earn a merit badge during the program slated for 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the university, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Enrollment is limited, and preregistration is required.

For more information or to Participants will learn more register, call (734) 655-8940 or 1-800-494-1650.

# Award honors child, elder care providers

nominations for the first Governor's Quality Care Awards for viduals with special needs, nursexcellence in care for Michigan's most vulnerable citizens - children, elderly and those with special needs.

The event is sponsored in conjunction with the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, which licenses child and adult day care facilities, nursing homes, long-term medical care facilities and statewide providers of these vital services.

The awards will recognize outstanding care facilities and caregivers whose standard of care is above and beyond the ordinary.

"I am looking for those programs, people and places that go the extra mile to enhance the quality of life for our most vulnerable citizens," the governor said. "By recognizing their outstanding service, I want to make their high-care standards the standards for Michigan."

Criteria for the awards were recently or many years ago. developed in cooperation with leading Michigan child care and long-term care providers and advocates who have been active in efforts to promote and encourage the highest standards of pro-

Gov. John Engler is seeking fessionalism in Michigan's child care centers, programs for indiing homes, adult foster care, homes for the aged and other families, nursing home resicare and service networks.

"We want to showcase those statewide facilities and caregivers that emphasize quality care - whether for kids in a day care center or our elderly par-

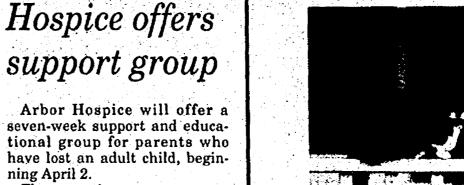
across the state who have experienced or witnessed the unique brand of care that enriches the spirit.

Nominations are sought from

dents, parents or caregiver peers

ents, relatives or friends in long- in April, the Month of the Young term care," said CIS Director Child, and the awards will be presented in May to coincide with nationwide senior citized activities.

Nomination forms are avail able from the Department of Consumer and Industry Service by contacting award coordinato Nancy Dixon at (517) 241-921 Nominations will be reviewed or at nancy.dixoncis.state.mi.us



Kathleen M. Wilbur.

The group is open to any parent who has experienced the death of an adult child regardless of whether the loss occurred

ning April 2.

It will meet 4-5:30 p.m. Thursdays at Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor. A minimal donation is requested. For more information or to register. call Pat Bauer at (734) 662-5999.

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### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SPECIAL EDUCATION LEGAL COUNSEL

The Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is requesting proposals for legal services in the area of special education. Interested and qualified companies may obtain information and proposal forms by telephoning the Personnel Department at (734) 416-4836 during regular business hours.

Bids should be returned to:

Errol Goldman, General Counsel Plymouth-Canton Community Schools 454 South Harvey Street Plymouth, MI 48170

Bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 1998.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest on the School District.

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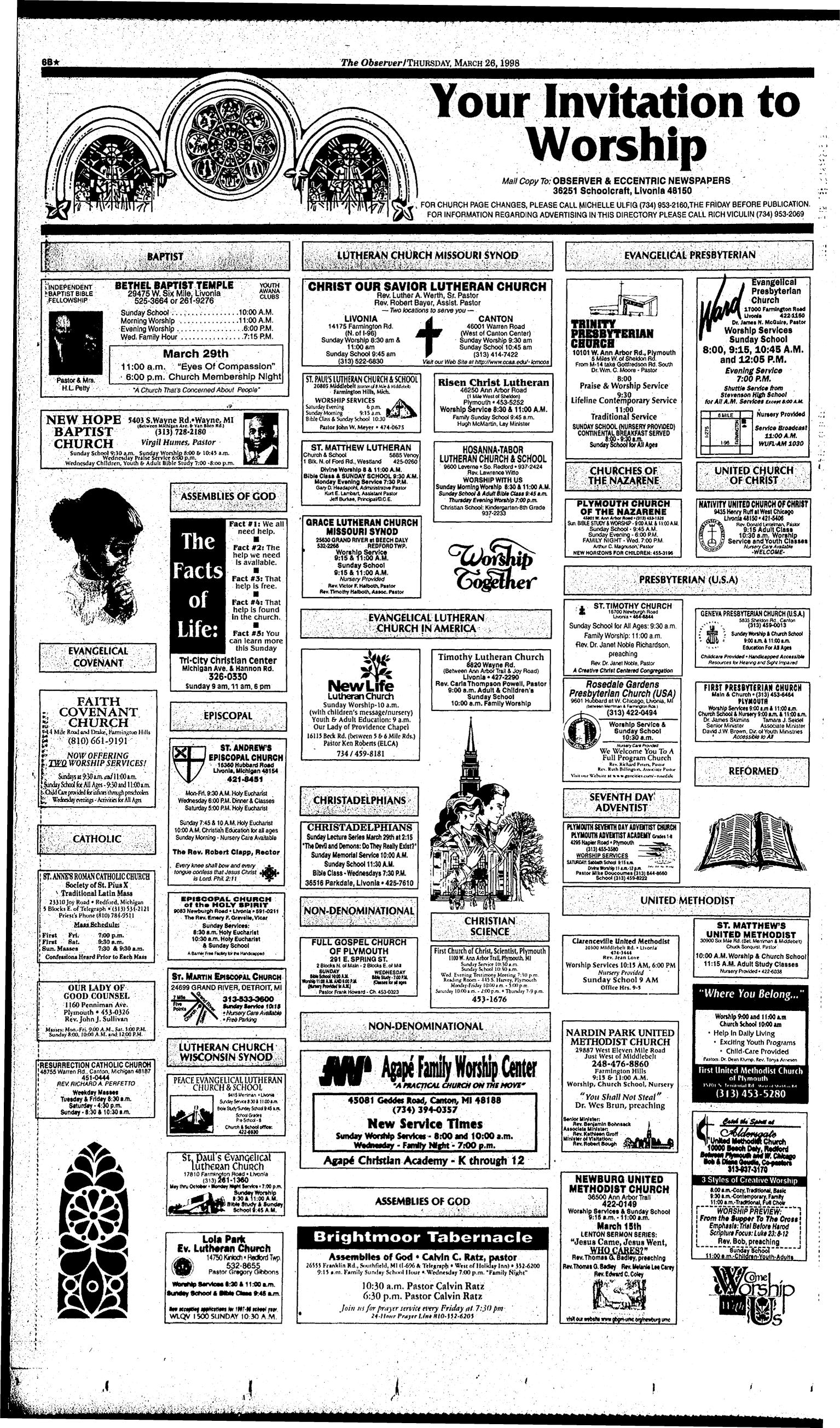


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**RELIGIOUS NEWS** 

listings for the Religion 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 (734) 591-1279. For more information, call 734) 953-2131.

### TASTE OF TRADITION

The Interfaith Connection and Kitchen Glamour will present Taste of Tradition 2, a cooking workshop for individuals in intorfaith relationships, at 6:45 o.m. Thursday, March 26, at Kitchen Glamour, in the Novi Town Center in Novi. Mimi Markofsky of Mimi's Just Desserts will focus on new Passover ideas as well as demonstrate delicious recipes for the seder and the week-long holiday. There is a small fee for the workshop. For more information, call (800) 397-4876.

### FREE CONCERT

The Youth and Music Ministries and Missions Conference **Committee of Trinity Presbyteri**an Church will present a free concert, featuring Matt Beckler, at 7 p.m. Friday, March 27, at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 459-9804.

### EXPERIENCING GOD

Canton Community Church continues its seven-week series Experiencing God" with Pastor Eric Moore at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, March, at the church, 41600 Ann Arbor Trail,

Canton. "Experience Pays" will be the topic. For more information, call the church office at (734) 455-6022,

### JEWS FOR JESUS

Jews for Jesus, based in San Francisco, Calif., will present "Christ in the Passover" at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Alpha Baptist Church, 28051 W. Chicago, Livonia. Using a visual display of traditional Passover items, including symbolic foods, the presentation will follow the Passover from Egypt to Calvary, examining ancient and modern Jewish customs as the background for the Christian communion. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-

### SPRING MUSICAL

The Praisemakers of Memorial Church of Christ will present their spring musical, "Celebratel," at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the church, 34575 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The program will feature praise songs and memorized scriptures by the children ages 4-5. The musical is under the direction of Mike and Shona Vincent, John and Kim Friend, Mike and Micelle Pavacik and Scott and Tammy Phillips. For more information, call the church office at (734) 464-6722.

### SUNDAY LESSONS

Church of Today West has weekly Sunday lessons at 9 and 11 a.m. Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School, Mead-

### Ward welcomes Psalty to its Northville church

Psalty the Singing Songbook is 90-minute show features pupcoming to Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Livonia on Sunday, April 4, to conduct Psalty's Funtastic Praise Party Two!

Join Psalty and his friends for an action-packed praise party for the whole family at Ward's new Northville church at 40000 Six Mile Road at Haggerty Road.

6300.

pets, clowns, singing and praise

"We are so pleased to have

Psalty return," said Cindy Ziem-

ba, director of children's min-

istries at Ward. "He was a huge

attended this fun and exciting

### owbrook Road south of 13 Mile Road, Walled Lake. The topic for March 29 will be "A New Spirituality - Father Leo Booth." The church also offers youth education at both services. A course in miracles is taught year-round at 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Other basic courses include 4T, meditation and unity basics. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit its Web site at http://www.cotw.com.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The radio series, "What is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 1:30 p.m. Sundays of WQBH-AM 1400. The topic will be "If Christian Science heals, why aren't people flocking to it like they flock to material medicine?" on March 29.

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

### **GUEST LECTURE**

The Holocaust Memorial Center will sponsor a lecture by Martin A. Lee at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 30, in Shiffman Hall of the Jewish Community Center, Maple and Drake roads, West Bloomfield. Lee will speak on "The Beast Reawakens: **Resurgent Fascism and Right-**Wing Extremism in Europe and the United States." For more information, call the center at (248) 661-8400.

### **PLANET X MINISTRIES**

Former Detroit Tigers pitcher Frank Tanana will be the guest speaker at Planet X Ministries' Thermonuclear program from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at Tri-City Christian Center, 39390 Michigan Ave., Wayne. The evening also includes interactive sports, pizza and a love offering. Tickets are \$3.

For more information, call (734) 326-7717 or write to planetxmin@aol.com.

### hit in 1994 when more than 3,000 children and adults LENTEN PROGRAMS

The Senior Youth for Christ at



In concert: The Detroit Lutheran Singers will present a concert rich in sacred choral music at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The 50-voice choir will perform works by Bach (B Minor Mass), Lotti, Brahms ("Blessed They" from his Requiem), Virgil Thompson, Tchaikovsky, Durante, Bruchner, Holst, Rachmaninoff and Mendelssohn, accompanied by organist Doris Hall. Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and senior citizens, and are available at the door. For more information, call the church at (734) 522-6830.

for a family of four and \$3 for senior citizens. There also will be Lenten worship services at 7 p.m. and 11 a.m. Thursday. For more information, call (734) 422-0260.

Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will have mid-week Lenten services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Pastor Gregory Gibbons will preach on the general theme of "Walk with Jesus." Each service will be followed by a fellowship time. For more information, call (313) 532-8655.

The Lenten series, "By My Hand? For My Sake!" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at St. James Presbyterian Church's McCalmont Chapel, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. Each week there will be a different Biblical visitor. For more information, call (313) 534-7730.

🖀 Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church is serving dinner 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays during Lent in the school gymnasium. They are followed by a worship service in the church, 9600 Leverne, north of West Chicago, Redford. The Lenten series is based on John 17 and the Lord's

High Priestly Prayers. A freewill offering will be accepted for dinner. For more information, call (313) 937-2424.

Rice Memorial United Methodist Church is having a Lenten potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the church, 20601 Beech Daly, Redford. Participants are asked to bring a dish or two to pass and their own table service. There will be a program and service at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 534-4907.

■ Newburg United Methodist Church's Lenten dinner/ program will be 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The pot luck dinner buffet will be followed by "Portrayal of Mary" by the Rev. Laurie Plate, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (734) 422-0149.

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church's Lenten programs and meals will continue with a potluck salad supper and the puppet musical "Outer Space - Inner Space" on Sunday, March 29. Dinner is at 6:15 p.m. and the program at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call (734) 422-6038.

### EASTER DRAMA

A multi-media dramatization of the Stations of the Cross, "An Evening of Reflection," will be presented at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, Farmington Road north of Six Mile Road, Livonia. An internationally famous religious leader will make an appearance during the presentation. Admission is free.

Gang Retirement and Continuing Education/Employment (GRACE) Program and St. Anne's Parish in Detroit, in collaboration with the Catholic Youth Organization, will present "Jesus in the Hood" at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 2, in Kresge Hall of Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Reservations are necessary for the free performance. Call the university's Office of Multicultural Affairs at (734) 432-5541.

The play was created by Alex Montaner, a Madonna student and GRACE program director, as a means of helping youth deliver a message of peace. It depicts a bilingual modernization of the life of Jesus were he born in southwest Detroit. in a fun and interesting setting.

Showtimes will be 11 a.m. and 2 event." p.m.

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Tickets are free and are avail- serving Lenten dinner 5-6:30 Psalty and his friends will ableby calling the Christian p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the share an interactive praise and Education Office at (734) 422-

St. Matthew Lutheran Church is church, 5885 Venoy Road, Westland. Cost is \$4 per person, \$12

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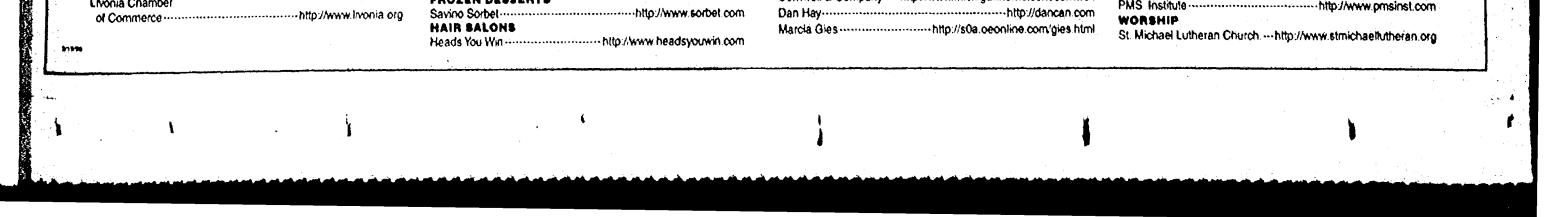
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## Wee bit o' fun benefits Hospice



The theme was Irish and the air was filled with the sounds of bagpiper Alistair Hill of Farmington Hills, for the annual St, Patrick's Party to benefit Community Hospice and Health Care Services. Mercy mime Kristen Legg (top photo), a senior at Mercy High STAFF PHOTOS BY TON HAWLEY

School, silently entertained Charlie and Charline List of Brighton, while members of the Tim O'Hare Irish Stepdancers performed Irish dances during the evening.

Enjoying the benefit were Maureen and Norm Root (top photo at right, from left) and Tim and Pat Muldowney, all of Livonia, and Russ and Vicki Thomas of Clinton Township who had their eye on an autographed Steve Yzerman jersey.

Held at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia, proceeds are earmarked for the proposed Community Hospice Home.





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### **Collegiate** note

Defenseman Scott Curtin (Redford Catholic Central), Michigan's Mr. Hockey last year and a member of the state Class A championship team, helped Middlebury (Vt.) College to its fourth straight NCAA Division III national championship last weekend with a 2-1 win over Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

### Youth hockey champs

The Livonia Kings, a Squirt B hockey team, defeated the Berkley Wolves, 3-2, to capture the St. Patrick's Day Shamrock Tournament. (March 20-22) at Glacier Pointe Ice Arena in Port Huron.

Tournament MVP Kit Sabo scored the game-winning goal with 30 seconds remaining in regulation to give the Kings the win.

The Kings, who finished 5-0 in tournament play, were led offensively by Charlie Shipley, who had a team-high seven goals, including a hat trick in the opening game. Matt Vincini added six goals.

Goaltender Jordan Boyajian posted two shutouts and a goals-against average of 1.8.

Other members of the Kings, coached by John Louwers, include Evan Boyajian, Matt Marsh, Micheal Warren, Joe Bermundez, Evan Beck, Brian Louwers, Christopher Zylik, Matt Antrobius, Darren Getchen, Mike Carpenter and Brad Goralski.

Assistant coaches include Vic Vincini and Chris Marsh. Sherrie Goralski is the team manager. The team is sponsored by Shamrock Garage Doors and Bidgare Construction.

The Livonia Hockey Association Bantam Hawks, sponsored by Imperial Pizza of Livonia, recently captured the prestigious Shamrock Youth Hockey Tournament's Bantam B Division at the Lakeland Ice Arena in Waterford.

# Kicking off a state title defense

### Stevenson hopes to duplicate '98 dream campaign

**GIRLS SOCCER** 

### BY RICHARD L. SHOOK STAPP WRITER

Tough as it is to win a state championship in any high school sport, it's even more difficult to do it again.

It's an experience Livonia Stevenson's girls soccer team will go through this season.

"We've never been in this position, with the girls," coach Jim Kimble of the Spartans said of the Class A champions. "We've never been in position to defend a state title. We've always fallen short, so there's that hunger to keep you going.

We had a phenomenal year last year. The question is going to be, 'Do the kids want to repeat and advance on that season?"

Stevenson played in the shadow of its more celebrated Plymouth neighbors in the Western Lakes Activities Association last season.

Until the regular season was over and the tournaments commenced.

"Last year we felt we were as good as we were," Kimble said, "but it wasn't until the middle of the season, the playoffs, that other people noticed." No such luck this season.

Ever seen that Gary Larson (Far Side) cartoon where the two cows are standing next to one another? One has a big bulls-eye on its side. The other says, "Bummer of a birthmark, Hal."

That's sort of what the Spartans will go through this season. They've got the bulls-eve on their back. "In '98, everybody knows we're as good as we are, so everybody's geared up to play us," said Kimble, whose team was 21-0-2 and allowed just one goal all season. "There's only one way to go when you're on top. The question is, Do we want to stay there?' "That's the question I'm going to pose to them every day at practice. If the desire is there to repeat, yeh, we can do it."



It was the second tournament win for the Hawks, who also captured the Little Caesars Thanksgiving Tournament last November.

Members of the Hawks include: Cyril Jean, Tim Weiser, Brandon Paquette, Gary Zielke, Alex Lassers, Tony Maceri, John Jaskot, Travis Terry, Mark Demmer, Nick Niemiec, Josh Koltowicz, Mike LaCroix, Mike Kubert, Shiela Gillies, Dave Waligora and goaltender Scott Gillies.

The Hawks are coached by Mike LaCroix, Joe Niemiec, Cyril Jean and George Weiser. The team manager is Tom Waligora.

### Carter to be honored

Wayne Memorial varsity football coach Floyd Carter will be among the 31 honorees at the annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame banquet Saturday, April 4, at Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor.

Guest speaker at the banquet of. University of Michigan defensive coordinator Jim Hermann.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. will the program to follow at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person.

Checks should be made out to Hall of Fame Banquet: Ivan Muhlenkamp, Ticket Chairman, Hall of Fame Banquet, 2627 Willa Drive, St. Joseph, Mi. 49085.

### Fox broadcasts hoops

The 73rd annual Michigan High School Athletic Association Boys Basketball Tournament will carry three games live and one tape-delayed from the Breslin Center in East Lansing on Fox Sports Detroit.

Live action starts at 10 a.m. with the Class D final with Fred McLeod doing the play-by-play and Tim McCormick handling the color. McLeod and Greg Kelser will team up for the Class A final beginning at 4 p.m.

Matt Shepard and Kelser will do the Class B final, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Class C game, tape-delayed, starts at 12:30 a.m.

Also working Fox Sports Detroit coverage will be host/report John Keating, along with Marshall Thomas, head basketball coach at Saginaw High School.

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Stevenson had three quality seniors doing the leading last year - firstteam All-Area midfielder Anne Fedrigo, second-team All-Area defender Melissa Jacobs and state championship hero Nicole Tobin (who set numerous scoring records this year at Siena Heights College).

This year the Spartans come back at you with 10 quality seniors.

Three All-Observer first-team selections return led by Tennessee-bound Allison Campbell, who had 34 goals and 13 assists. Campbell, with 68 career goals, is a three-year starter.

Another top-flight returnee is sophomore defender Andrea Sied, who anchored a Stevenson defense which gave up just one goal.

Senior goalkeeper Jenny Baker posted 20 shutouts en route to a 19-0-2

STATT PHOTO BY SHARON LEMENT

Marked woman: Livonia Stevenson's Allison Campbell (right) scored 34 goals and added 13 assists last year as the Spartans won the state Class A championship with a 21-0-2 record.

with 44 shutouts and a career goalsagainst average of .446.

Also returning are second-team picks Stacey Nastase, a senior defender, and Sarah Wittrock, a junior midfielder.

And if that isn't enough, Stevenson also has an outstanding freshman on the horizon — remember the name Lindsay Gusick.

"We'll throw the ball out there and see what happens," Kimble said.

If any team will challenge, it will be Livonia Churchill (13-4-4), under second-year coach Chad Campau.

The Chargers won their district and

record. She is 47-7-4 during her career reached the regional championship before being thumped by the Spartans, 6-0.

Churchill lost All-Area first-teamers Lizz Szkrybalo and Andrea Will, but return seven starters.

"Stevenson is the team to beat again, a team you shoot for," Campau said. "We play them early this year (Friday, April 4 at Stevenson) and it's going to give us a good indication early where we're at and where we have to go.

"The girls are hungry and feel they have something to prove after last year's regional."

Meanwhile, another Western Divi-

sion team in the WLAA, Livonia Fran; lin (0-12-2) hopes to avoid another wing less season.

But things are looking up for coach Jerry Poniatowski at Westland John Glenn, who will field a nice young team that's just starting to come into its own.

The Rockets (7-9-1) have the misfor. tune, however, of being placed in the same division of the WLAA as powerhouses Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Salem, whose programs year in and year out are among the best in the state.

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## Whalers send Sarnia home in overtime win

#### BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Whalers proved March Madness isn't limited to the hardwood Sunday at Compuware Arena.

Looking to close out their first round Ontario Hockey League playoff series with Sarnia, the Whalers' Randy Fitzgerald scored 30 seconds into overtime to give his team a 3-2 victory. Yuri Babenko and Julian Smith assisted on the left winger's first goal of the playoffs, which came on a scramble in front of the Sting's net.

"I give the credit to those three guys," coach Peter DeBoer said. "It was a great goal."

The Whalers took the best-of-seven series, four games to one. Plymouth will likely face London (Ont.) or Belleville (Ont.) Friday on the road in the second round.

"Whoever we play," DeBoer said, "it'll be a heck of a tough series." Sunday's game with Sarnia wasn't

a picnic, either. The Sting clearly had the jump in the first period. Whalers' goalie Robert Esche turned away 13 Samia shots to keep the game scoreless heading into the first intermisnon.

"He kept us in the game," DeBoer



Robert's playing like he has to for us to be successful."

While the Whalers did manage 10 shots on net in the first period, the coach said his team wasn't sharp in the first period.

"It was a matter of being a little flat," DeBoer admitted. "We had an emotional win in Sarnia last night. It was the first time we had won there in two years. I think there was bound to be an emotional letdown."

Plymouth showed more energy from the opening face off in the second period. The Whalers applied solid pressure on Sarnia's net the first 1:30 of the period, but were unable to score.

It was the Sting who broke through first.

Greg Willers drilled a low, hard shot from the left point after a face off deep in Plymouth's zone. Jon Sim and Darryl Knight assisted on the goal, which came at the 15:25 mark.

The Whalers continued to play a strong period despite the tally. Finally, with just more than 10 minutes gone, Sergei Fedotov put Plymouth on the scoreboard, rifling a shot past stingy Sting goalie Greg Hewitt from

about 30 feet directly in front of the character guys come to the forefront net. Babenko and Steve Wasylko assisted on the power-play goal, Fedotoy's second goal of the playoffs.

Plymouth continued to apply pressure. Harold Druken got a good backhand shot off moments after Fedotov's. tally, but Hewitt was quick enough to kick it away.

It wasn't until the third period that the 1-1 tie was broken. Both squads played it conservatively, but Plymouth appeared to take things in hand with about 11 minutes gone by when Troy Smith scored unassisted on a soft shot from the right point.

The visitors fought back to re-tie it less than two minutes later. Jeff Heerema beat Esche on a high shot to the stick side, a shot that Esche. appeared to be screened on. That virtually ended all scoring chances. Both teams appeared content to play for overtime.

But it didn't take long to settle the matter in OT. The puck squirted into Sarnia's zone from the opening face off. Thirty seconds later, Fitzgerald became the hero with his clutch goal.

Which didn't come as a huge surprise to DeBoer, "Randy Fitzgerald has been great all playoffs," the coach key factor, he added. commented. "We call him the Claude Lemeuix of the OHL because he gets under everybody's skin. But LUOSA

when you need them."

After 14 games in 24 days, DeBoer said the time off between playoff series would really help his club. "We're tired," he said. "We need this break. Not starting until Friday will be great for us."

The Whalers will have a different frame of mind, DeBoer added, going into their second series.

"We gained some confidence," he said. "We were mentally fragile coming into the playoffs. Now, I think we're on a good high."

•WHALERS 7 SARNIA 2: The two teams met Saturday night in Sarnia with the Whaters picking up where they left off Thursday (a 7-1 Whaler victory), claiming an easy win --- their first in that rink since the start of the 1996-97 season.

Plymouth took a 3-1 lead after one period on goals by Eric Gooldy, Wasylko and Paul Mara, then increased their lead to 5-1 with two second period goals by Druken.

Wasylko netted his second of the game and Andrew Taylor added another in the third.

DeBoer said his team capitalized on numerous power play opportunities, Avoiding unnecessary penalties was a

"We stayed really disciplined throughout the series," the Whalers' couch said,

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### said. "He made some big saves.

### CAPSULE SUMMARIES OF AREA GIRLS SOCCER TEAMS

**Andrea Sled** 

#### LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head Cosch: Jim Kimble, fourth season. Leegue affiliation: Western Lakes (Lakes Division).

Last year's overall record: 21-0-2. Titles wen last year: State Class A. champs, regional and district champs, Wester ern Lakes champions.

Scheduled sesson opener: 7 p.m. Monday, March 30, at Walled Lake Western.

Notable losses to graduation: Nicole Tobin, fonyard (first-team All-Area); Anne Fedrigo, midfielder (first-team All-Area); Mellssa Jacobs, defender (second-team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Allison Campbell, senior fontard (first-team All-Area); Lean McGrath, senior midfielder: Stacey Nastasa, senior defender (second-team All-Area); And) Sled, sophomore defender (first-team All-Area): Sarah Wittrock, Junior forward (second-team All Area); Brianna Roy, Junior midfielder; Mejjssa Backus, senior midfielder.

Promising newcomers: Lindsay Gusick, freshman forward; Megan Urbats, sophomore forward.

Kimball's '98 outlook: "I think Livonia Stevenson's success will come down to attltude, the desire to repeat as state champs and, obviously, health.

If we can get the same senior leadership from the 10 seniors that we have as we did from the three who graduated, it will be a good year.

We should be able to contend for the Western Lakes title and possibly state honors.

"If we think we can rest on our laurels," we'll be sadly surprised.

"We have all the components, it's just a matter of putting them together."

#### LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Conference: WLAA (Western Division). Head Coach: Chad Campau, second season.

Last year's overall record: 13-4-4. Titles won last year: Class A district champlons.

Scheduled season opener: 7 p.m. Friday, March 27, at home, vs. Rochester.

Notable losses to graduation: Andrea Will (first-team All-Area), Lizz Szkrybalo (first-team All-Area), Lindsay Murley.

Leading returnees: Kersten Conklin, Junior forward (second-team All-Area), Andrea Galindo, senior midfielder; Jamie Scott, senior midfielder; Stacey Supanich, Junior forward; Brooke Cioma, senior midfielder; Tina Fischer, senior forward; Kristen Esparza, senior midfielder; Terri Owens, senior midfielder; Karen Kramer, sophomore defender; Susan-Hill, senior defender; Karrie Bewersdorf, senior forward; Lisa Fabirkiewicz, senior defender; Kristen Leszczynski, sophomore midfielder; Kerrie LaPorte, Junior goalkeeper; Jenine Lawson,



### Jim Kimble Stevenson coach

Campau's '98 outlook: "We'll be stronger defensively than last year. We didn't give up a lot of goals last year with the exception of the Stevenson game (a 6-0 regional final loss). "And offensively, I think we'll be even stronger. It's going to hurt losing Szkrybalo and Will, but we have some good young players who will fill in nicely."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN Head Coach: Mary Key Hussey; second season.

League affiliation: WLAA (Western Divi-

sion). Last year's overall record: 0-12-2. Scheduled season opener: 4 p.m. Friday, March 27, at Trenton.

Notable losses to graduation: None. Leading returnees: Emily Kracht, senior: Alexis Bowman, sophomore; Jessica Decker, sophomore; Kristin Dougherty, senior; Angle D'Annunzio, Junior, Dawn Vorhes, Junior: Jennifer Walter, Junior; Karen Black, Junior.

Promising newcomers: Lisa Balko; freshman; Deby Cerlin, freshman; Jamie Harb, freshman; Jessica Katinsky, freshman; Melissa Matthews, freshman; Megan Palmer, freshman

Franklin '98 outlook: The Patriots, winless last season, list six freshman on their varsity roster. They will be searching for first victory under coach Mary Kay Hussey, Friday at Trenton. Hussey coached Livonia Stevenson to the Class A state title in 1990 and posted a record of 80-24-10 in six seasons with the Spartans including two regional, three district, four Lakes Division and one Western Lakes crown.

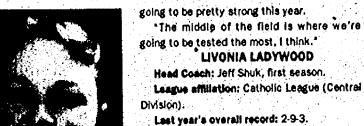
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN Head Coach: Jerry Poniatowski, fourth sea-

League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division). Last year's overall record: 7-9-1.

Scheduled season opener: 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, at Farmington Harrison.

Notable losses to graduation: Lesa Mahoney, sweeper; Nicole Farrar, left wing.

Leading returnees: Kristen Krohn junior



Last year's overall record: 2-9-3.

Scheduled season opener: 4 p.m. Friday, March 27, at Woodhaven. Notable losses to graduation: Michelie

Roy, Nikki Pampreen. Leading returnees: Meryl Denton, senior

defender: Annie Obrecht, senior defender; Jenny Lachapelle, senior forward; Melanle York, senior defender; Megan Reardon, senior midfielder; Kristena Stachura, senior midfielder; Traci Stewart; senior defender; Jenny Wychowski, senior goalkeeper; Emily Bauer, Junior forward; Tina Lopez, sophomore forwardmidfielder; Andrea Schimmel, sophomore midfielder.

Promising newcomers: Stephanie Stachura, freshman midfielder.

Shuk's '98 outlook: 'We've got our goals this season, but we'll keep them quiet. They have the ability to play as a team. We've totally overhauled the program.

"Because of the weather really haven't had any time outside. We've been in the gym all but three days. Friday's game will be a good measuring stick. I'm not worried about speed, our system doesn't call for a lot of speed.

"In September, we met with the team and started a long process of putting this team together. They're not strangers to me. It's been a big change from top to bottom. We have nine seniors so it's their last chance to make a mark. One strength is that we have a lot natural athletes, maybe not great soccer players, but athletes and that should help." LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND

Head coach: Amanda Geldel, first season. League affiliation: Metro Conference.

Scheduled season opener: 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, at Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian.

Last year's overall record: First-ever varsity season.

Top goalles: Renee Meyer, junior; Krissy Rose, freshman. Top defenders: Jessics Anthony, junior

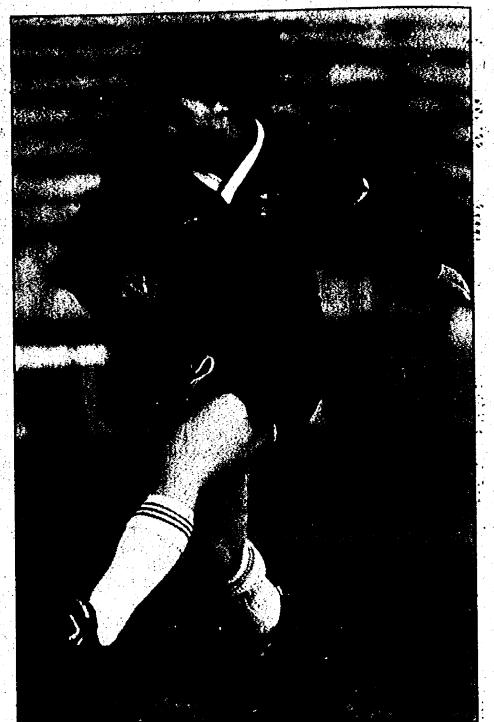
sweeper; Christen Rae, senior stopper; Sara Burkee, junior fullback; Monica Gyorke. sophomore fullback.

Top midfielders: Sarah Volght, senior; Kellie Buczek, sophomore; Anna Rolf, sophomore; Sarah Hoffmeler, senior.

Top forwards: Mary Ebendick, freshman; Mary Klosterman, senior.

Geidel's '98 outlook: "Most of the girls have not played soccer with the exception of Voight and Buczek, both whom have a lot o. experience.

"It's been fun coaching. They wanted a team at Lutheran Westland for years. They're



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACDFELD

Churchill returnee: Karrie Bewersdorf is one of several players coming back from a 13-4-4 district championship squad.



Wayne Memorial (6-7-3) finished second in the Michigan Mega Conference's Blue Division at 5-3-2 and coach Larry Brenner has hopes the team can improve on that.

"Depending on what everybody else is doing, we have a chance to finish first or second," he said. "Last year we finished second.

out a second place."

Meanwhile, Livonia Ladywood (2-9-3) is under new management with coach Jeff Shuk, who has led the Redford Union boys program.

And there's a new kid on the block - Lutheran High Westland — which begins its firstever varsity girls season under

we've got a lot of people back. "

well all the way through. "Our captains (senior) Katrina Zacharczyk,

lead our team. "But it's not only them. We have a lot of people who follow directions and will step up. "We're going to try to be a little stronger on offense than were last year and still main-

We're in the toughest division in the state." WAYNE MEMORIAL

ence (Blue Division).

Last year's overall record: 6-7-3.

Wednesday, April 1, at Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Dumont, goalkeeper.

forward; Kristina McCahill, sophomore forward; Alana Tucker, senior forward; Leona Headland, senior midfielder; Christine Raupp. sophomore midfielder; Joselyn Nemeth, senior Clark, sophomore defender; Natalie Garrison,

Giordano, sophomore defender.

much a close-knit group last year.

**Jenny Barker** Stevenson goalkeeper

### Stevenson defender Promising newcomer: Jessica Sanchez,

sophomore fullback. Poniatowski's '98 outlook: "With the exception of losing the best sweeper and the best left wing on our team from last year,

"Our people are pretty healthy. We're ready to play some decent soccer. We should play

(Junior) Krohn and (sophomore) Kurzynski will

jel. We're looking forward to the season.

senior keeper.

"Our varsity and junior varsity worked well together - pretty much because they don't

tain our defense.

"This is a good group which is looking to

Head Coach: Larry Brenner, fourth season. League affiliation: Michigan Mega Confer-

Scheduled season opener: 5:30 p.m.

Notable losses to graduation: Pam Prpich, defense; Sarah Raupp, midfielder; Missy

Leading returnees: Andrea McCahili, senior defender; April Smith, Junior defender; Jenny

Promising newcomers: Jenny Young, senior forward; Tina Bradley, sophomore midfielder; Amanda Bledsoe, sophomore defender; Lori

Brenner's '98 outlook: 'We were pretty

senior defender; Nicole DeDominicis, senior defender

Promising newcomers: Luca Steca, sophomore midfielder; Natelle Pickelhaupt, junior midfielder; Jennifer Gibson, junior goalkeeper.

midfielder: Katle Krause, junior forward; Katle Hover, junior fullback; Valerie Kurzynski, sophomore forward; Jessica Blanchard, sophomore fullback; Noelle Swartz, sophomore mid-

celebrates

fielder.

"We're in the Mega Blue Conference and I

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expect us to put on a good show this year. "I think both our offense and defense are

excited and eager to learn. They've been dynamite to work with.

Defensively we should be strong. We have some good athletes."

"We had a lot of injuries and things in the last half of the season and we still managed to eke coach Amanda Geidel. Brad Emons also contributed to this report.



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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK OUTLOOK

# Stevenson, Rockets ready for challenge

### BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Paul Holmberg is a busy man these days. And the Livonia Stevenson girls track coach must feel like a corporate CEO.

Danielle Wensing Holmberg has Franklin standout his hands full,

managing a squad of 115, his biggest turnout ever.

But the veteran coach also has reason for optimism with six state qualifiers returning from last year's team, which finished third in the Class A regional and runner-up in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet.

"With what we have returning, it's one of more solid teams we've had," Holmberg said. "But I think there are others in our league that can say the same thing like (Westland) John Glenn, (Plymouth) Canton, Salem and (Farmington Hills) Harrison.

"It's going to be tough goaround this year in the WLAA."

Holmberg, who guided Stevenson to a third-place finish in last year's state Division I cross country meet, returns two firstteam All-Observer distance runners and the entire first-team All-Area 3,200-meter relay quartet.

Kelly Travis, who posted Observerland bests in the 1,600 (5:11.6) and 3,200 (11:24.7) last season, appears healthy and fit entering her senior year.

Travis, who is considering track offers from Western Michigan and UNC-Charlotte, has cut back on her off-season indoor training after being hobbled by a

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2:23.0 indoor time in the 800 where she went 2:20.1 outdoors last year. McNeilance, headed for Hillsdale, is also a threat in the 3,200 (11:58.4).

Travis and McNeilance also form a potent 3,200 relay team which led area last year with a time of 9:29.4. The other two returning members include sophomore Andrea Parker (2:26.5 in the 800 last year) and senior Danielle Harris (5:58.4 in the 1,600).

This foursome set a school record, won the WLAA, took second in the regional and fourth in Class A.

Stevenson also returns two outstanding hurdlers in junior Christie Tzilos and Cassie Ehlendt, both state qualifiers.

Tzilos went 46.1 in the 300 hurdles and 16.5 in the 100 hurdles, while Ehlendt, who has been hampered this spring by a bad back, went 16.1 in the 100 hurdles and 49.7 in the 300 hurdles.

Another top-notch hurdler is junior Katie Sherron (49.9 in the 300 hurdles).

Other top returnees include junior Emily Yambasky, who threw 107 feet, 7 inches in the discus: senior Jordyn Godfroid, who cleared 5-0 in the high jump; senior Jackie Fsadni, 12.9 in the 100; and the versatile Nicole Dettloff in the 400 (1:02.9) and long jump.

Godfroid, a member of Stevenson's state champion 200-yard freestyle relay swim team, is being nursed along slowly due to a hip injury. But a sophomore, Angela Alfonsi, hopes to pick up

iunior sprinter and long jumper Katie Mitchell.

The pole vault, a new event on the girls event schedule this year, will feature Mitchell.

"I have not had a girl jump at a bar yet, but lots show interest and some are potentially capable," Holmberg said. "It's here and we're just have to deal with

### Westland John Glenn

Coach John Kitchen, can also put some outstanding talent on the track despite losing distance runner Marjorie Brooks (to West Point) and Jamie Arble in the 100 hurdles (16.7) to graduation. Two first-team All-Observer picks return - junior Nicolette Jarrett, the top long jumper and 200 runner in the area; and sophomore high jumper LaToya Chandler.

Jarrett went 18-1/2 in the long jump and 25.8 in the 200. She was also WLAA champ and regional runner-up in the 200.

Chandler, meanwhile, cleared 5-6 in the high jump and ran 26.8 in the 200.

Other top returnees include senior Deana McCargo, who went 15-10% in the long jump and ran 26.8 in the 200; junior high jumper Adriane Ellis (5-2), who will also compete in the shot put and discus; senior Kania Adams in the 100 (12.7) and 200; and senior Nicole Herring, who went 16.1 in the 100 hurdles and 49.6 in the 300 hurdles.

Glenn's first-team All-Observer 800 relay quartet of Jarrett, Chandler, Adams and Herring (1:46.) also remains intact. They were WLAA champions and undefeated in dual meets.

Kitchen will also be counting on the Fradette twins, seniors, Kelly and Colleen, in the distance events along with freshmen Nicole Blan and Sharron Ryan; seniors Mary Gillispie, Erika Wilson and Krista Kordie in the middle distance; senior Kristen Stone in the shot put and discus; and senior Latoya Lum in the 400 and long jump.

"Our work ethic seems to be better this year," said Kitchen, whose team was fifth last year in the WLAA. "We have a lot of potential. We'll use a lot of these girls in two or three events.

"Barring injuries, Jarrett will do two or three evets. It looks good thus far. We have a good group of girls who are willing to work.

"We're looking for the middle distance and distance to help us out and some balance in the field events."

### Livonia Churchill

· Charger coach Kelly Graham, now in her 11th season, will build her team around a strong distance group, which includes

### last season.

Senior co-captains Kristen Hetra (800), Karie Milam (sprints) and Jenny Duncan (3,200 and long jump) give Churchill experience along with sophomores Renee Kashawlic (distance and pole vault) and Beth Kwapis (sprints).

Others who hope to make an impact include junior hurdlers Gwen Ostrosky and Jessica Cichon; senior shot put and discus thrower Shauna Jones; freshman thrower Jenni Hefner; freshman hurdler Julie Paulson and freshman sprinter Mandy Hein.

Junior Michelle Dunaway adds depth to an already strong 3,200 relay team.

"We're shot in the sprints and it's too early to tell what kind of team we'll have, but we have lots of numbers (75)," Graham said.

tant, Rich Lamb takes over the reins as Patriot coach from Rick Lee.

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Lamb, a native of Holton and a graduate of Central Michigan University, is a math instructor at the school. He coached the distance runners last spring.

The 30-member Franklin squad is led by one of the most versatile athletes in the area senior Danielle Wensing.

The first-team at-large All-Observer choice has thrown 35- $9\frac{1}{2}$  in the shot put and run 26.8 in the 200.

Other returnees include seniors Amy Widrosky (sprints) and <sup>4</sup>Laura Dege (distance); juniors Jennifer Furlong (distance), Dana Schoepke (hurdles), Shilot Wint (sprints and long jump); sophomores Jamie Burns (sprints and pole vault), Lyndsay Sopko (high jump and sprints)

Sparkling foursome: Stevenson's 3,200-meter relay team of (from left) Kelly Travis, Kelly McNeilance, Danielle Harris and Andrea Parker remains intact after posting an Observerland best of 9:29.4. They finished fourth in Class A.



leg injury early in her cross the slack. country season.

Senior Kelly McNeilance, the distance All-Area choice in the 1,600 McNeilance, senior middle dis-

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Other veterans include junior runner Kim (5:14.1), has already clocked a tance runner Kelly Moryc and junior Ashley Fillion in the 1,600 (5:32.4) and 3,200 (11:51.0).

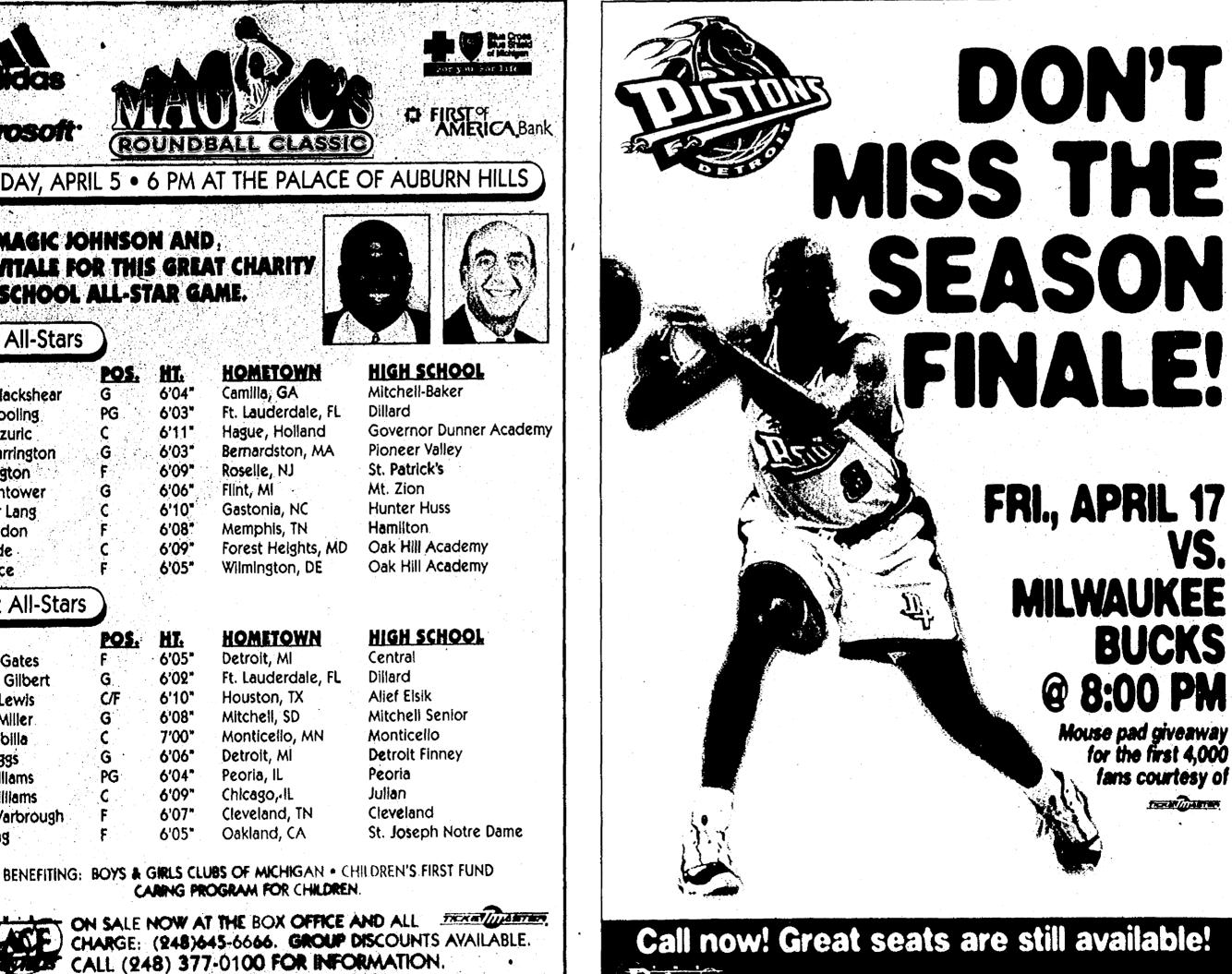
She also expects the 3,200 Livonia Franklin relay (10:06.8) to be strong after just missing the school record

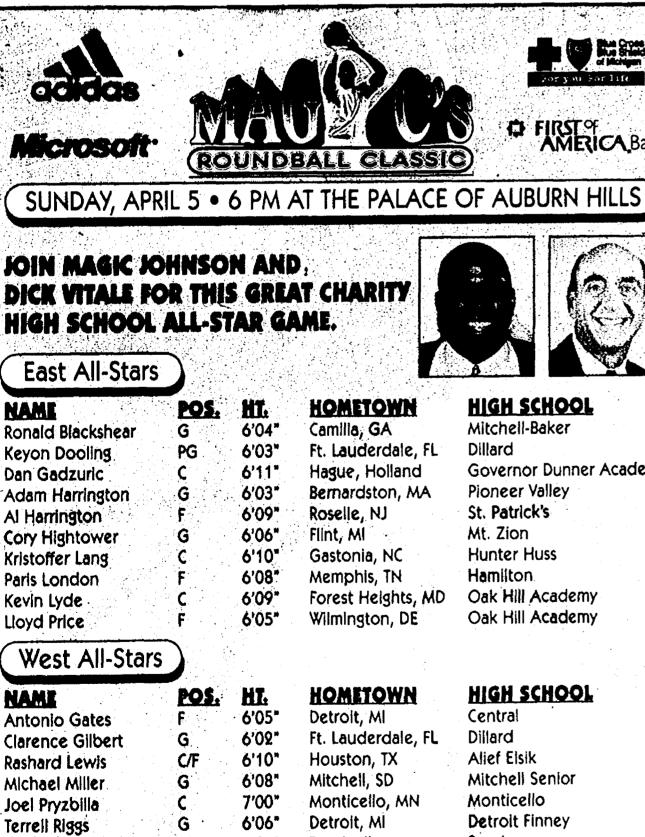
"We'll rely on our distance crew like last year to score points."

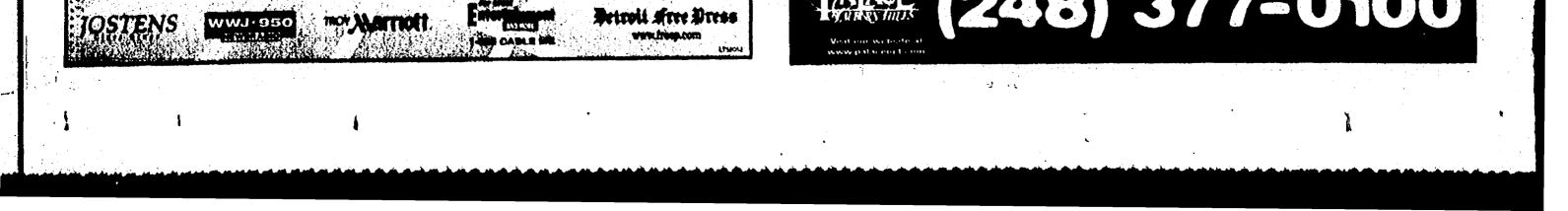
After one season as an assis-

and Lisa Widrosky (sprints and long jump). Promising newcomers include

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### Girls track from page C3

distance runner Diana Potter, a junior transfer from Redford Union; junior Dawn Balko, shot put and discus; freshman Tabitha Cubr, sprints and middle distance; and freshman Rita Malec, sprints and hurdles.

"We have such a small team so we have to be versatile," Lamb said. "You'll see them in both the field events and running events."

Lamb is ably assisted by Chris Whalen, who works with the throwers, and Cindy Foreman, who coaches the distance runners.

"There's a lot more responsibility being the head coach, it's different for sure," Lamb said. "Last year I had just one area — distance."

### Livonia Ladywood

Second-year head coach Rod Sorenson welcomed back 27 letterwinners, including 14 seniors.

His 65-member squad is led by junior Erin Hayden, who went 15-4½ in the long jump, and sophomore Brianna Watson, who ran a 12.7 in the 100. Hayden will also double in the high jump, while Watson will compete in the 200.

Other top returnees for the Blazers this season include seniors Ann Figurski (middle distance), Jessica Hayden (distance and middle distance) and Kelly O'Brien (long jump and sprint relays); along with juniors Katie McGraw (100/200), Suzanne Peplinski (300 hurdles/400) and Page Ahrens (400).

Last year Ladywood won the Central Division dual meet title and was runner-up to Farmington Hills Mercy in the Catholic League A-B Division meet.

"We're untested at this point," Sorenson said. "But I was very pleased with our performance and effort at the Wolverine Invitational last weekend. We're ahead of where I expected."

### Lutheran Westland

Assistant Dave Brown takes over this spring for John Gerlach to lead the Lady Warriors, who were gutted by graduation losses.

Distance standout Jodi Wer-

man, who ran 5:14.2 in the 1,600 and 11:39.5 in the 3,200, has departed along with sprinters Laura (12.9 in the 100) and Amy Clark, and discus thrower Rachael Siggens (107-7).

Junior Hana Hughes, who went 46.8 in the 300 hurdles last year, is on a student exchange trip to Australia.

That leaves junior Rebekkah Hoffmeier to carry the torch for the 28-member team.

Hoffmeier cleared 4-11 in the high jump and will compete in a number of other events including the pole vault and sprint relays.

Other returnees include senior Cheryl Polkinghorne, who finished third in the 800 at last year's regional; sophomore Jessicia Montgomery, a member of last year's third-place 3,200 regional relay; junior Anna Schwecke, shot put and discus; sophomore Anna Rolf, a state qualifier in the long jump who will also do sprints and hurdles and play soccer.

Note: Coaches from Wayne Memorial and Livonia Clarenceville were unable to be contacted at press time.



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**Rocket fuel:** Westland John Glenn's 800-meter quartet of (from left) Nicole Herring, LaToya Chandler, Nicolette Jarrett and Kania Adams ran 1:46.0 at the state meet.



WEEK AHEAD GIRLS SOFTBALL Thursday, March 26 Luth. Westland at Aquinas, 4:30 p.m. GIRLS SOCCER Friday, March 27 Ladywood at Woodhaven, 4 p.m. W. Bloomfield at Mercy, 4 p.m. Franklin at Trenton, 4 p.m. Rochester at Churchill, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 28 Farmington at W. Bloom., 12:30 p.m. BOYS TRACK Thursday, March 26 John Glenn at A.A. Huron, TBA. Saturday, March 28 Huron Relays at EMU, TBA. GIRLS TRACK Thursday, March 26 John Glenn at A.A. Huron, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28 Huron Relays at EMU, 11 a.m. **BOYS LACROSSE** Saturday, March 28 E. Gr. Rapids at Redford CC, 2 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL Saturday, March 28 Madonna vs. Tri-State at University Park (2), 1 p.m. Sunday, March 29 Madonna vs. Concordia at University Park (2), 1 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL Saturday, March 28 Madonna vs. Tri-State at Ladywood H.S. (2), 1 p.m.

### 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY (state cut: 1:43.19) Livonia Stevenson 1:37.99 Plymouth Salem 1:39,79 Detroit Catholic Central 1:40.36

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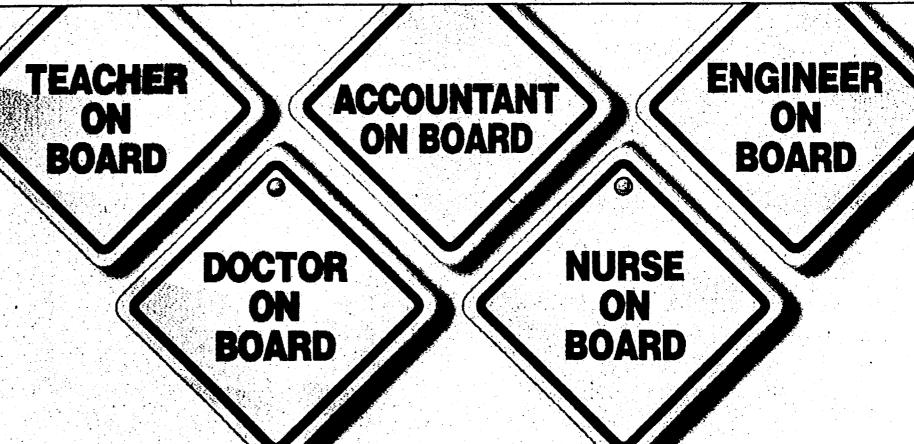
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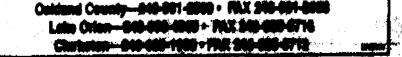
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### **OUTDOOR CALENDAR**

### ACTIVITIES LIFE LINKS

Learn about some of the fascinating connections between plants and animals and their habitats during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at U-M Dearborn. Call (313) 593-5338 for more information.

### LAND NAVIGATION

The School of Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR) presents a class on land navigation on Saturday, March 28, at the Waterloo Recreation Area. Call Linda Burke at (248) 471-9185 for more information.

### BACKPACKING

Learn the basics of backpacking during this hands-on course, which runs April 15-May 17 and is offered by the School of Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR). Cost is \$75. Call Jim Young at (810) 731-2504 for more information.

### ARCHERY JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior **Olympic Archery Development** Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

### JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

### CLASSES

### HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold several hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered March 28-29, Aug. 29-30,

### YOUTH FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will hold a Youth Fly Fishing School, 9a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center. The school is open to youths age seven to 15 accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Admission is \$5 and includes pizza, donuts, pop and hot chocolate. Call Dale Ross (734) 420-2233 or Tony Yuhas (248) 478-7461 to register and for more information.

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### CLUBS SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation. a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

### **METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS**

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

### **MICHIGAN FLY FISHING**

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

### FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

### FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

### **CLINTON VALLEY BASS**

**Clinton Valley Bass Anglers is** seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

### BANQUETS **BIG GAME HUNTERS**

### The Michigan Big Game

Hunter's Association will hold its 10th annual fund raiser and banquet on Sunday, April 26, at the Laurel Manor Banquet Center in Livonia. The event includes dinner, awards, raffles, auctions and door prizes and much more. Tickets are \$40 and doors open at 4 p.m.. Call (313) 513-7471 for more information.

### MEETINGS

NRC

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, April 8-9, at the St. Joseph Hotel in St. Joseph. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 a week in advance.

### SEASON/DATES

### **EXTENDED TROUT**

The extended trout and salmon fishing season on designated streams is April 1-24.

#### LICENSES

The 1997-98 fishing and hunting licenses expire March 31.

### CATCH AND RELEASE

A special catch-and-release trout season runs April 1-24 on a designated section of the Huron River at the Proud Lake Recreation Area.

### SPEARS/BOWS

Spearing, hand netting and bow season for suckers, carp, gar and bowfin runs April 1-May 31 on non-trout waters south of M-46

### RABBIT

Rabbit season runs through

### inland lakes in the Lower Peninsula.

### SMELT

Smelt netting season runs through May 31 south of M-72 and April 1-May 31 north of M-72.

### STURGEON

Sturgeon season ends April 30 on the Great Lakes and connecting waters.

### TURKEY

The spring turkey season runs April 20-May 31 by special permit in designated areas only. TROUT Trout season opens April 25. WALLEYE

Walleye and sauger season opens April 25 on inland waters in the Lower Peninsula.

### MUSKIE

Muskie season opens April 25 on inland waters in the Lower Peninsula.

### **STATE PARKS**

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area. **Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area** offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit

Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067. **BIRDING AT HAVEN HILL** Take a stroll through the natu-

ral areas of Highland Lake Recreation Area during this program, which begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 4.

is required for entry into all

state parks and state recreation

areas. For registration and addi-

349-8390. For programs at Bald

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tional information on the pro-

grams at Maybury call (810)

### FROGS AND TOADS

Learn about frogs while taking a naturalist-led walk in search of wood and chorus frogs during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at Proud Lake.

### **METROPARKS**

**METROPARK REQUIREMENTS** Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

MAPLE SUGARING

Learn how maple sap is transformed into sweet maple syrup during this program, which is held every Saturday and Sunday in March at Indian Springs: Call the park at (248) 625-7280 for specific times.

### TRAVELS WITH A NATURALIST

Take a slide-illustrated trip to the Pacific Northwest with nature photographer Doug Locke during this program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 27, at Stony Creek.

### LIVING ON THE EDGE

Learn about natural communities that exist where one habitat meets another during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at Kensington.

### BIRDING BASICS

An introduction to the world of birds including information on identification, equipment, books and techniques, begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Kensington.

### **1998 PERMITS**

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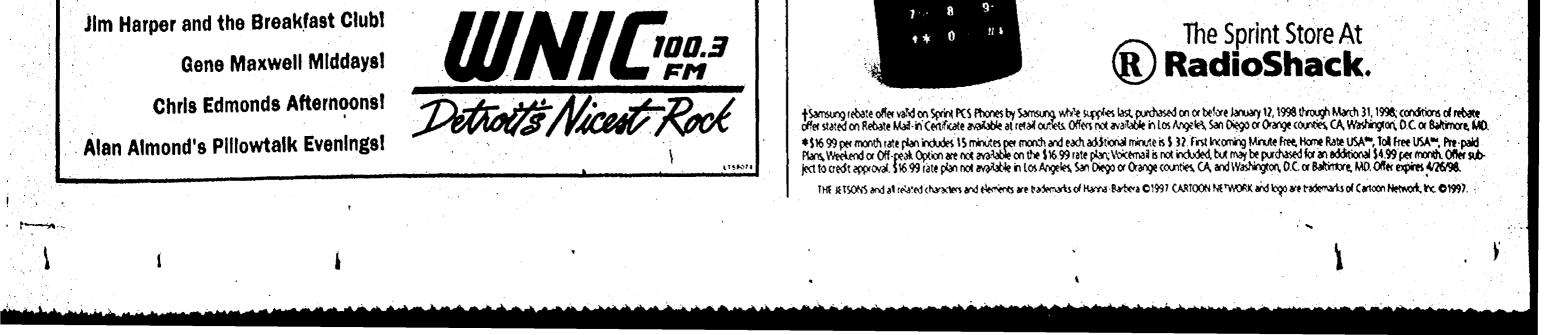
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**Justin Barringer** 

**Farmington Harrison** 



**Dan Gabriel** 

North Farmington



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### BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

Keith Faik

Livonia Stevenson

Two boys swim team dominated Observerland this past season, but every team seemed to have at least one or two outstanding individuals.

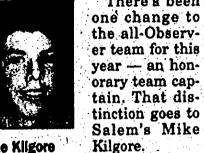
Which is why, of the 18 swimmers selected by coaches in the nine individual events, eight Observerland schools are represented.

Still, it wasn't difficult to figure which teams were best. Plymouth Salem won its sixthstraight Western Lakes Activities Association championship, with Livonia Stevenson placing second.

At the Class A state finals. Stevenson edged Salem, placing eighth to the Rocks' ninth.

The relays are another indication of team strength. Stevenson/Salem, or Salem/Stevenson, placed one-two in all three in the Observerland best swim times

listings. There's been



Mike Kilgore Salem swimmer

A junior, Kilgore — one of the team's upand-coming distance freestylers

- had his final race of the season March 3. The next day, he collapsed in his room at home

been there all four of his years at CC. Now a senior, he qualified individually this year in the 200 individual mediev (best time: 1:58.08), the 100 backstroke (53.74) and the 500 free (4:49.30).

**Steve Domin** 

Livonia Stevenson.

"Nick has been a pleasure to work with," said CC coach Dan Knipper. "He Is self-motivated and knows what has to be done. He trains very hard, is a great team leader, and is our most versatile swimmer."

Sosnowski is headed to Oakland University in the fall on a swimming scholarship.

Steve Domin, Livonia Stevenson: A senior, Domin was the Spartans best sprinter and butterflier. He placed seventh at the state finals in the 100 fly (51.47) and at the WLAA meet he won the 50 free (21.55) and the 100 fly (52.65).

A five-time league champion, Domin holds the WLAA record in the 50 free and school records in the 50 and 100 free and the 100 fly. Domin also carries a 3.78 grade point.

"Steve has been a real leader this year, in and out of the pool," said Buckter, Stevenson's coach. "We will miss him next year."

Chris Totten, Garden City: Totten, a three-year letterwinner and a junior, finished fourth at the Class A diving regional (392.85 points) and 15th at the state meet (257.4).

He is a three-time division champion in the Mega Conference, holding the record for points in both the Blue and White divisions. He also swims on the Cougars' 200-yard medley and 200-yard freestyle relays.

Because there's no diving board at Garden City, Totten works out at Wyandotte Roosevelt under the direction of

state in 51.75 in the 100 back. "It has been a real pleasure coaching Dan Gabriel for four seasons," said North coach Pat Duthie. "He is a very dedicated and hard-working athlete. He is very team-oriented.

"Dan is the fastest backstroke swimmer in the 30 years of swimming at North Farmington HS."

Matt Walker, Farmington Harrison: Walker, a senior, excelled at a couple events for Harrison, his best being the 100 breaststroke. He placed second at the WLAA championships, then turned in his best time at the state finals (1:00.01), placing 12th.

Walker was also sixth in the 50 free at the league finals (23.36). "Matt is very committed and focused," said Collins, Harrison's coach. "He has improved every year. He is a great team leader and competitor."

Stevenson, 200-yard medley relay: Joe Bublitz, a freshman, combined with Falk, Sgriccia and Domin for a very formidable medley relay for the Spartans. With Mike Nemer in for Falk at the WLAA finals, they still finished first (1:39,93).

At state, with Falk filling his role, the Stevenson team went nearly two seconds faster (1:37.99), placing seventh. "It was an excellent swim, and these four swims will be hard to duplicate," said Buckler, Stevenson's coach.

Salem, 200-yard freestyle relay: Dan Kelly, Andrew Locke, Tim Buchanan and Corden broke a WLAA record in winning this event at the conference finals (1:28.25). At the state finals two weeks later, they did even better, finishing fifth (1:27.61) In Class A.

Locke is a junior; the others are seniors. Locke scored in the 50 free (22.61) and the 100 breast (1:05.28)

a junior, Matt has become a very focused athlete."

J.T. Svoke, Farmington Harrison: A sentor, Svoke placed second at the WLAA championships in diving (383.20 points) and he was 11th at the state regional diving meet. His six-dive high score for the season - 242.20 points.

"J.T. is very committed, training for both swimming and diving every day," said Collins, his coach. "He is a great competitor and asset to the team."

Tim Buchanan, Plymouth Salem: Examine Buchanan's credentials and one discovers there wasn't much in a pool he couldn't do. The senior co-captain reached state meet qualifying standards in the 50 free (22.36), 100 free (49.07), 200 free (1:49.11), 100 butterfly (53.41) and 200 individual medley (2:01.41). At state, he helped Salem score on all three relays.

"Tim has had an outstanding career at Salem," said Olson, his coach. "From his commitment to the team to his hard work at practice to his accomplishments at state meets, all were admired by his teammates and coaches."

Pete Bosler, Farmington: A senior, Bosler made the most of his opportunities at Farmington. He finished fourth at the WLAA meet in both the 100 (49.42) and 200 (1:47.77) free this season, qualifying for state meet in both.

"Pete was one of the most improved swimmers over a four-year period of time that I've ever had," said Falcons' coach Ross Bandy. "As a freshman, he swam 2:05 in the 200 freestyle at the league meet, and this year he swam 1:46.76.

"Pete was a captain this year, just a fine student. He plans to attend the Naval Academy (and swim). It was just a pleasure to have him on the team."

Brian Mertens, Plymouth Salem:



First team 200 medley relay (from left): Stevenson's Joe Bublitz, Steve Domin, Keith Falk and Mark Sgriccia.



First team 200 freestyle relay (from left): Salem's Nick Corden, Andrew Locke, Tim Buchanan and Dan Kelly.



First team 400 freestyle relay (from left): Stevenson's Mark Sgriccia, Steve Domin, Keith Falk, Jacob Varty.

and died, apparently of heart failure.

Kilgore scored in both distance freestyle events at the WLAA championship meet, placing. ninth in the 500-yard free (5:17.20) and 11th in the 200 free (1:54.89). He was voted Salem's most improved swimmer for 1997-98.

His abilities extended beyond the pool. He had a 3.9 gradepoint average, and he had. already been elected Salem's team captain for next season.

"Mike Kilgore was the type of boy every coach enjoys having as a member of the team," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "An excellent student, a hard worker at every practice, a tough competitor at meets and a teammate who knew and respected his teammates, and had both their's and their coaches' respect and admiration."

As for coach of the year, well, perhaps it's time to consider. retiring the trophy. And that's not a reflection on the job other coaches in Observerland have done, it's just that, against such difficult competition, Salem's Chuck Olson always gets the job done.

The Rocks won their sixthstraight WLAA championship this season and ranked among the state's best teams. Can anyone else measure up to those standards?

### First team

Keith Falk, Livonia Stevenson: A Junior, Falk was the WLAA champion in 500 free and placed second in the 200 free. His best performances came just when they should: at season's end. He placed eighth at the state meet in the 500 (4:42.48) and 12th in the 200 (1:46.5).

"He's a real hard worker who I'm tooking forward to having another outstanding year next year," said Stevenson coach Doug Buckler of Falk, a sixtime state scorer with a 3.64 grade point. "He shows he has the capability to be a world-class swimmer."

Nick Sosnewski, Redford Catholic Central: For Sosnowski, a trip to the state meet was nothing new --- he'd Sam Randazzo

"Chris is our best all-around athlete, a relentless worker - a lot of times his diving coach has had to kick him off the board," said Garden City coach Dale Duquette. "He's extremely focused and has steadily increased his grade point average (to 3.3)."

Mark Sgriccia, Livonia Stevenson: A senior, Sgriccia scored at state meet in three events this season, including the 100 butterfly, placing ninth (52.39). At the WLAA finals, Sgriccia was second to Domin in the 100 fly (54.09).

Another Spartan with high academics to go with superb swimming skills, Sgriccia posted a 3.84 grade point.

"Mark's team commitment and hard. work will be missed," said Buckler. "He is an excellent role model for the benefits of hard work."

Besides relays, Corden - a senior qualified for state meet in four individual events, and he scored in two of them: the 100 free (47.37) and the 200 free (1:44.50). He placed ninth in both. He also qualified in the 100 backstroke and the 50 free.

A team co-captain, Corden won the same two events at the WLAA meet.

"Without question, Nick had an unbellevable four years at Salem," said Rocks' coach Chuck Olson. "Beginning as a freshmen with limited skills and experience to become one of the best swimmers ever at Salem ... Nick winning all four of his events at the WLAA conference meet says it all."

Justin Barringer, Farmington Harrison: A senior co-captain, Barringer - Harrison's most valuable performer as a Junior - qualified for state meet in the 200 and 500 free. At the WLAA champlonships, Barringer placed third in the 200 (1:46.93) and second in the 500 (4:51.46).

"Justin is a great trainer - he has improved so much in the last two years," said Harrison coach Lisa Collins. "He has a great attitude and is one of the hardest-working swimmers I have coached.\*

Dan Gabrief, North Farmington: Gabriel placed third at the WLAA championships in the 100 backstroke - but that was as a freshman. He's been the league champion ever since, winning this year in 54.15, and he has scored in the back at state meet in each of the last three seasons.

Now a senior, Gabriel placed fourth at

at the WLAA finals, while Kelly earned points in both the 50 free (23.33) and 100 free (51.93).

Stevenson, 400-yard freestyle relay: Domin, Jacob Varty, Falk and Sgriccia ranked with the state's best. All are seniors except Falk, a junior. The Spartans went from second at the WLAA meet (3:17.84) to a fourth overall at the state finals (3:12.39).

Varty, a senior, also scored for the Spartans at the WLAA finals with a second in the 100 free (49.18) and a third in the 50 free (22.39).

### Second Team

Ryan Meekins, Redford CC: A junior. Meekins was a Catholic League Meet champion in the 100 freestyle, recording a season best of 48.43 in the event. He also carried a time of 1:45.85 in the Nick Corden, Plymouth Salem: 200 freestyle, which ranked third in the -area.

He was part of the Shamrocks' 200 medley and 400 freestyle relay teams, both of which took 13th place at the state meet.

"Ryan has a lot of potential inside of him," CC coach Danny Knipper said. "If he was to train year round I know he could surprise a lot of people, including himself. He's a real hard worker and team leader and we'ree looking for a great senior year."

Brent Meills, Plymouth Salem: A senior and team co-captain, Mellis helped take the Rocks to the WLAA championship all four of his years at Salem. He qualified for the state meet this season in the 200 individual medley; after placing fifth in the WLAA, he turned in his best time at the state finals (2:00.96).

"When Brent Mellis began his career four years ago at Salem, one thing was ctear," said Olson, his coach, "Bring your best to practice and to the meets, because if you don't Brent will let you know about it. The four conference championships were due to the desire and hard work of captain Brent Mellis."

Matt Zaid, North Farmington: Zaid, a junior, qualified for state meet in both the 50 and 100 free. He set a school varsity record in the 50 (21.88), finishing second at the WLAA meet; he was also third in the WLAA in the 100 free (49.29).

"Matt has made great improvement in his swimming, attitude and approach to training over the past three seasons," said Duthie, North's coach. "As

Mertens represents the future of Salem swimming. A freshman, he qualified for state and finished third in the WLAA in the 500 free (4:53.87). He clocked 4:51.36 as a best time. He's also a 4.0 student.

"Brian became a very important member of the Plymouth Salem team as a freshman with outstanding performances at the MISCA meet, the WLAA conference meet and the state meet," said Olson, his coach. "But his pure enjoyment for practices and competing. earned him the respect of all his teammates and coaches."

Joe Bublitz, Livonia Stevenson: Another in the up-and-coming new breed. Bublitz, a freshman, qualified for state meet in both the 100 backstroke (best time: 55.22) and the 200 individual medley (2:00.96). He finished fourth in the 200 IM at the WLAA meet.

"He contributed a great deal as a freshman," said Buckler, his coach. "To qualify for state as a freshman is a great accomplishment. We look forward to three more excellent years with Joe."

Ryan Zoumbarls, Westland John Glenn: At the WLAA meet, Zoumbaris, a senior, finished fourth in the 100 breaststroke in 1:03.51. Two weeks later, he trimmed that to his career best while finishing 17th at state, clocking 1:01.97. His state meet time is a Glenn school record.

"Ryan did an outstanding job this year," said his coach, Jim Daniel. "He finished at the state meet with the best time of his career."

Salem, 200-yard medley relay: Mellis, Andrew Locke, Buchanan and Dan Kelly turned in an outstanding performance at state, finishing 11th in 1:39.79. It was nearly three seconds faster than the Rocks' 200 medley relay had clocked in placing fifth at the WLAA meet.

Locke, a junior, and Kelly, a senior, both proved to be integral parts of Salem's team, both in relays and Individual events. "Andrew has improved'every year, from earning a spot in the varsity line-up to scoring at the conference . meet to scoring at the state meet," said Olson, his coach. \*Dan had a great senior year, having the ability to do his part in qualifying and scoring at the state meet."

Stevenson, 200-yard freestyle relay: Domin, Brad Buckler, Jacob Varty and Faik came through with a second at the WLAA meet (1:29.14). Buckler is a



Second team 200 medley (from left): Salem's Brent Mellis, Andrew Locke, Tim Buchanan, Dan Kelly.



Second team 200 freestyle relay (from left): Stevenson's Keith Falk, Steve Domin, Brad Buckler, Jacob Varty.



Second team 400 free relay (from left): Salem's Nick Corden, Andrew Locke, Tim Buchanan, Dan Jones.

#### sophomore, Varty a senior.

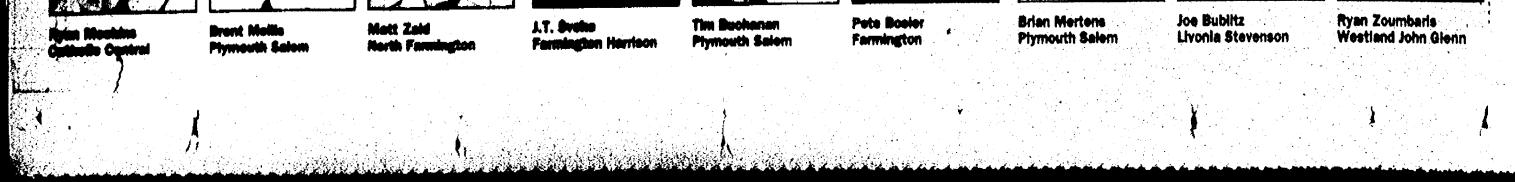
"Jacob and Brad really came through on this relay," said Doug Buckler, Stevenson's coach, Brad Buckler also scored in both the 50 and 100 free at the WLAA meet.

Salem, 400-yard freestyle relay: Locke, Dan Jones, Corden and Buchanan gave the Rocks their best time of the season at the state finals,

placing sixth in 3:15.49. Jones, Corden, Buchanan and Mellis placed first at the WLAA meet (3:17.31).

Jones, a sophomore, was the newcomer on the relay, indeed, he was on three relays that made state cuts. "Dan has shown the ability to do whatever he can to improve at practice and in competition so he can get the job done," said Olson, his coach.





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**HEAVEN IF YOU HEAR ME...** blonde hair, blue eyes, seeking a Attractive SWCF, 35, 5'10', sociable, Catholic, never-married SWM, 41,

5 TU , 10010S., enjeys socializing movies, working out, running, camping and sports, seeks an inteiligent, compassionate, honest SWCF, 21-26, without children and never-married.

### FAMILY-ORIENTED?

Athletic, sincere, professional, funloving SWM, 43, 6'1", seeks a sponta-neous, romantic SF, race and age unimportant. Ad#.2613

### ATHLETICALLY INCLINED

Professional SWM, 40, enjoys dining out and dancing, music and movies, enjoying life and outdoor sports, seeks a romantic, articulate, sincere, fit SAF, age unimportant, children okay. Ad# 7972

#### HEY, CALL ME!

Romantic SWM, 32, 6', brown hair/eyes, enjoys a variety of summer outdoor activities and dining out, seeks a SWCF, under 38, with similar interests. Ad#.3997

### **ACTIVE IN CHURCH**

Baptist, one-woman SWM, 49, 6 200lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys biking, seeks a SWF, 18-45, for a traveling companion, to search for Christ, Ad#.4806

#### **ONE OF THE FINEST** SBM, 45, 6'2", enjoys concerts, movies and romantic dinner, would like to meet a loving, gentle SF, 25-45, who cares about herself. Ad#.8889

**BUILD A FOUNDATION** Catholic SWM, 41, 6'1", 187lbs., independent, employed, never married, in search of outgoing, vibrant, professional SWF, 21-42, who enjoys the great outdoors. Ad#.4444

PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE Catholic DW dad, 42, 5'11', 185lbs., blue-eyed blond, professional, interests include movies, comedy clubs, jogging and sports, looking forward to meeting a SWCF, under 38. Ad#.3411 GOOD COMMUNICATOR

Positive, professional SWCM, 40, 5'11", 195lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, likes traveling, good conversation, concerts, golfing, the outdoors and dining out, seeks a SWCF, 30-45, for possible relationship. Ad#.5555

FROM THE HEART Catholic SWM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs. N/S, honest, sincere and devoted, enjoys romantic dinners, dancing, sports and movies, seeking a SF, under 45, with similar interests. Ad#.5619

**ODYSSEY OF LOVE** Protestant WWM, 48, 6', 195lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, affectionate, honest, likes traveling, good conversation, time with family and dining out, seeks an attractive, educated SCF, 35-52, N/S. Ad#.4747

#### LET'S GET TOGETHER Sincere, professional SWM, 41, enjoys exercise, sports and the arts, in search of an attractive, stender SWF, who has never been married. Ad#.2500

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Catholic DWM, 60, 5'11\*, 170lbs.. grey hair, laid-back, friendly, selfemployed, N/S, non-drinker, enjoys quiet evenings at home, golfing, din-ing out, seeks Catholic DWF, without children at home. Ad#.2552

ENTIRELY YOURS

CHARISMATIC

SWM, 48, 6'1", outgoing and friendly, loves life and is very active in church, enjoys board games, seeks SWF, under 45, for friendship, that could grow into something special. Ad#.6847

### HEAVEN SENT

SBM, 18, 6", student, enjoys sporting events and movies, participates in youth ministry, bible study, seeking a SBF, 18-25, for companionship. Ad#.1348

#### WARM-HEARTED

Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", medium build, outgoing, friendly, likes a wide range of activities, seeking slender, romantic, spontaneous, educated SWF. Ad#.1133

### **GOOD TIMES**

SWCM, 39, 6'1', medium build, secure, caring, romantic, interests include sports, traveling on the weekend, seeks romantic, stender, SAF, age unimportant. Ad#.3374

#### MESMERIZING PERSONALITY

Handsome, professional, DWCM, 29, 5'8", dark hair, hazel eyes, enjoys dinners and movies with good friends, likes to bike and spend time at amusement parks, seeks an independent and outgoing SWCF, 25-33. Ad#.7287

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

SWCM, 40, 5'8", outgoing, enjoys gardening, song writing, seeks feminine, petite, SWCF, under 46. Ad# 2154

#### FAITH & HOPE

Handsome, outgoing SWM, 23, 6'1\*, shy, employed, enjoys sports, dining out, music, movies and more, seeks honest SWF, 19-30, to spend quality time with. Ad#.9836

### ENJOYS ROMANCE

Professional, Catholic SWM, 39, 6'1". thoughtful, sincere, seeks faithful, active, slim, open-minded Catholic SWF, over 30, kids welcome, for longterm relationship. Ad#.2740

END MY SEARCH

Protestant SWM, 31, 5'11\*, hardwork-

ing, outgoing, enjoys outdoor activi-

ties, weekend getaways, seeks SWF,

age unimportant, with similar inter-

PLEASE CALL ME!

SWM, 44, 6°, shy, athletic, romantic,

enjoys ballet, movies, weekend get-

aways, seeks spontaneous, SWF, 34-

45, to spend quality time with, chil-

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Handsome SBCM, 38, 5'9", outgoing,

friendly, who serves the Lord, seeks a

SBCF, 25-45, for companionship, pos-

sible long-term, lasting relationship.

LIKES TO LAUGH

Never-married, fun-loving SBCM, 36

6'2", enjoys sports events, working on

cars, seeking attractive, down-to-

earth SWCF, age unimportant, with

YOUNG-AT-HEART

Catholic DWM, 53, 5'10", brown hair,

blue eyes, affectionate, monogamous,

likes sports, movies, walking, dining out, seeks honest, caring Catholic

SWF, under 53, with similar traits.

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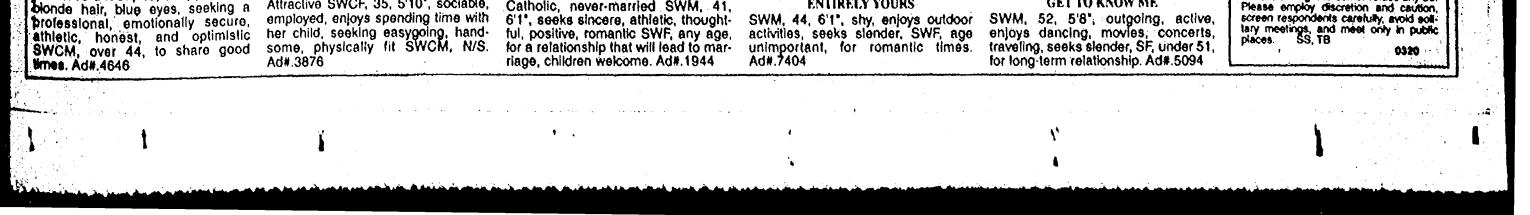
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### **SPORTS ROUNDUP**

### TOLEDO HIRES HELOREN

Faul Helgren has been named ; the University of Toledo's assistant athletic director for media relations.

Helgren, 34, comes to Toledo from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where he served as the assistant athletic director for external operations since July of 1996. Helgren began his career at Wisconsin-Milwaukee as sports information director in 1990. He also worked five years at Eastern Michigan University, including four as assistant sports information director and one as director of marketing and promotions.

He grew up in Westland and attended Livonia Franklin High School where he played two seasons of basketball. Helgren attended the University of Michigan and received his bachelor's degree in English in 1985.

### **MSU PRECISION SKATERS 2ND**

The Michigan State University's Precision Skating Team recently place second at the U.S. Figure Skating Association Precision Nationals, March 12-14, in San Diego, Calif. Local members of the squad, which competed for the second year in a row at the collegiate level, include: Kristen Grant, Elizabeth Sorokac and Kristie Walla, all of Livonia; Jill Smith, Westland; Melissa Yonemura, Garden City; Sherri Longfellow, Farmington; and Elizabeth St. Jacques, Northville.

The MSU team is currently a member of the Midwest Colle-

giate Figure Skating Conference and plans an exhibition performance at the MSU alumni vs. Red Wing alumni hockey game Sunday, March 29 at Munn Ice Arena in East Lansing.

### WOLVERINE BASEBALL UPDATE

The University of Michigan baseball team, which opens Big Ten action this weekend at Illinois, is off to a 5-91 start.

Right fielder Derek Besco (Westland John Glenn) has started all 15 games, hitting .295 (18 for 61) with three homers and 10 RBI.

Brother Bryan Besco, a first baseman, is hitting .274 (17 for 62) with two homers and a teamleading 12 RBI.

Derek is a senior, while Bryan is a senior with junior eligibility.



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### The Observer

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ERIDAY.

Sandy (Olivia Newton-John) and Danný (John Travolta) star in the 20th anniversary re-release of the blockbuster musical "Grease," opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

### SATURDAY



Eisenhower Dance Ensemble presents "Power and Passion," 8 p.m. at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets \$16, adults; \$14, students/seniors, call (810) 286-2222, or (248) 645-6666.

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tor Robert

Bernhardt

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Orchestra in

"Opera Pops,"

Hall, Detroit.

Tickets \$42 to

\$17, call (313)

leads the

3 p.m. at

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576-5111.

phony



On tour Manley Pope and Simone in a scene from the national touring company of "Rent."

# Musical helps producer pay the

### Singer/songwriter Rick Monroe will be performing at these Border Books:

Thursday, March 26, 1998

- 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 31 34300 Woodward, Ave., Birmingham. (248)203-0005.
- # 7 p.m. Wednesday; April 1 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills-(248)737-0110.
- **8** p.m. Saturday, April 4, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248)652-0558.

On the web: http://www.rickmonroe.com

Songwriter shares 'Legends'

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

Rick Monroe loves playing music, for the sake of music, and he'll be in metro Detroit next week playing cuts from his newly released debut CD "Legends Diner."

Visualize a diner late at night, the coffee's not fresh, but stale, it's been there awhile, sitting, like the people. "They're all human ghosts that no one cares to know. Convicted of a dream they're sentenced to keep doing time .....

His music has been described as

"Blue Jean rock 'n' roll, hot Southern bluesy rock, and sometimes hearttouching soul." One critic said listening to Mon-











Hot Tix: Illusionist David Copperfield takes audiences on a journey through the history and wonder of the "Art of Magic," with "Dreams and Nightmares" Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Eight performances, tickets \$29-\$46.50, call (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-6611 for show times and information.



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"adult" mystery, "Speak of Murder," was the first step

Seller returns triumphant to metro Detroit April 8

Johnathan Larson, through Larson's tragic death just before the off-Broadway opening to its surprising Broadway success.

The effusive producer has known what he wanted to do for a long time, even as far back as his days with the Stagecrafters' Ragamuffin youth theater

"I started being interested in who picks the play, who sells the tickets, who designs the posters. I was already starting to do the role of producer on a small scale," Seller said. "All of this has contributed to me becoming a Broadway producer."

in theater with the Ridgedale Players, at Oak Park High School and at the University of Michigan. But he didn't major in theater. 

RENT

Musical drama by Jonathan Larson

\$24-\$60. To charge by phone, call

Boheme" but set in New York's Lower

based on Puccini's opera "La

Jeffrey Seller was in the sixth grade when an inspiring teacher named Peggy Shivley introduced him to theater. He's never been \* buff." the same since, despite the fact the teacher moved away over that summer and "deserted" him.

Ms. Shivley was performing with Stagecrafters (then in Clawson) at the time and the enterprising 11-year-old Seller called them up and asked if he could audition for a play. His role in the

What:

East Side.

Where:

Tickets:

(248) 645-6666.

toward a highly successful theater career.

when a touring company of "Rent" opens at the Fisher Theatre. Seller is one of "Rent's" producers. He has guided the hit musical from its inception by

group.

Seller continued his interest

"I knew I would be in theater my whole life, but I wanted to study poli sci as an academic pursuit," Seller said. "Politics is my avocation. I'm a politics

Politics plays a major role in being a producer. The producer picks the play, assembles the creative staff, raises the money, conceives and executes the advertising and, cometimes, even takes a hand in helping shape the production.

"The producer's job is promoting, selecting, P.T. Barnum, but it's also the nurturer. You nurture the artist to give the artist what he needs to develop his potential. To nurture the artist you create the circumstances the artist needs to survive and then hock what the artist makes," Seller said.

Seller graduated from U-M in 1986 and moved to New York City where he joined National Artists Management Co. and became a theatrical booker. In 1991 he started his own booking company with

Kevin McCollum, The Booking Office. His first work as a producer was "The Real Live Brady Bunch," and touring companies of "West Side Story" and "Man of La Mancha."

Then came "Rent."

"Rent" is a musical based on Puccini's opera "La Boheme," with the setting changed from the garrets of Paris to New York's Lower East Side.

"I went to see Jonathan Larrock monologue, son's 'Tick...Tick...Boom.' I didn't know Jonathan at the time, but I was interested in the idea of a rock monologue, the juxtaposition of those ideas," Seller said. The monologue, said Seller, was an emotional review of Larson's life as a 30-year-old man in

Please see RENT, E2

roe is like "shaking hands with an old friend." So what are you? I ask. He



laughs, and says Rick Monroe

it happens all the time. People want to know what his demographics are; they want to describe a style. You can feel the shrug as he answers in a telephone interview from Minnesota, one stop on a national tour of radio stations that began in January.

"Little kids love it, I have a wide range of listeners, I speak from the heart, and people relate to that. I'm a big Jimmy Reed fan. I like blues, but some of my songs have a rock/country feeling. My music depends on my mood - happy, sad, blue, country, rock. It's not linear. I never thought it out."

He met at a recording studio for a three-day jam session with Matt Laug on drums, Lance Morrison on bass (both of whom worked on Alanis Morissette's "Jagged Little Pill") and Keith Howland (lead guitarist for Chicago). "The first day we knocked out four songs. The next day four more. It just happened. I literally would start playing a song, the guys would pick it up, we'd run through it twice and lay it down, then move on to the next one.

Monroe plays and speaks from his heart. He was born in Clearwater, Fla., and grew up listening to Jim Croce and James Taylor, but lived in a lot of places including England, Kansas and Connecticut. Hollywood, Calif., is his home, but "I have a gypsy soul," he says. "I've lived in my house four days this year."

A poet and musician, Monroe doesn't separate the two. He wants people to feel his music, and they do.

"After the concerts people will remember the lyrics. It touches them,

Please see LEGENDS, E2

### **COLLEGE THEATER**

# Students line up for 'A Chorus Line'

#### BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

For Radio City Rocketto Denise Caston of Clarkston, performing on "A Chorus Line," was the perfect next step.

"It's great," she said. "My goal is to work on voice training and acting to be more marketable. If I go to an audition, and they say 'can you stand on your head and sing Hallelujah Chorus, I'll be able to do it."

In "A Chorus Line," continuing through March 29 at Oakland University's Varner Recital Hall, Caston plays Mary a dance coach.

"It's overwhelming. There's so much talent," she

### ON STAGE

#### "A Chorus Line"

8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 26-28; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Varner Recital Hall stage, Oakland University, Rochester.

Tickets: \$12 general, \$10 seniors, \$6 students, (248) 370-3013.

"They must listen to Christmas music all year," she said about the people conducting auditions. While she dreams of a performing arts career, Caston has an alter ego - computer engineer, just in 1970s. This production by the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance features a cast of 26 students.

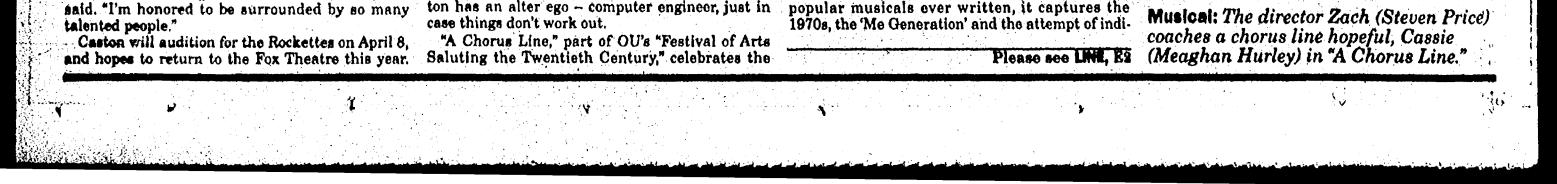
"We have a long, expansive stage that augments the kick line," said Kim Fletcher of the university. "We've got solid singing and dancing professionals." We're so lucky they chose this program."

Michael Gillespie, Oakland University's associate professor of theater, is directing with choreography by Gregory Patterson, associate professor of dance, and Meadow Brook Estate director Paul Moran as music director.

"It brings all our forces together for one event," said Gillespie. "Aside from being one of the most



Detroit's Fisher Theatre. When: April 8 to May 31. Performances are 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sunday and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. A special 1 p.m. matinee Thursday, April 9, has been added.



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### Rent from page E1

New York City dealing with relationshipe, work, creative desires and losing friends to AIDS. These are also the elements of "Rent," which focuses on a group of artistically creative young people, gay and straight, who deal with the many trials and tribulations of living in New York City and trying to find a break and also struggling with drug addiction and HIV/AIDS.

"Jonathan's work made me feel something," Seller said. "I was 25 and he was telling my story, and I didn't even know him. I love 'Rent' and I did it because I loved it. I hoped others would love it, too. And they have."

Seller described Larson as a man with a towering exuberance for the arts and a mission to bring younger people into live theater.

### On Jan. 25. 1996, Johanthan Larson died of an aortic aneurysm, just hours before the dress rehearsal off-Broadway of "Rent," and just 10 days before his 36th birthday.

"It was probably the worst grief I ever felt. I lost my grandparents, but I never lost a contemporary like that, I never lost a friend in such a shocking way," Seller said,

"Rent" was originally produced at the nonprofit New York Theatre Workshop and then commercially off-Broadway. Originally Larson and Seller and his two co-producers saw the rock musical as strictly an off-Broadway production.

When we saw it in performance, in front of an audience, I said it feels like a Broadway musical. It was big - big in feelings, big in character, big in music," Seller said.

Seller's assessment proved right. The play moved to Broadway in April, 1996, to rave reviews and sold-out audiences and, along with "Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk," has helped bring young people back to theater.

"Rent" swept all major theater

seventh musical drama to win the Pulitzer Prize.

awards, including the 1996 Tony

for Best Musical and became the

Seller is currently overseeing four companies of "Rent" and planning London and Sydney productions. He is also importing an Argentine musical for Broad. way opening in spring and begin. ning work on a new musical.

### Legends from page E1

they know them from first listen."

"Day by Day," the initial single from "Legends Diner," was a Top 40 track on the Gavin Adult Contemporary Charts. "Life Goes On In L.A." is climbing the charts.

With the music part figured out. Monroe is learning about the business "day by day."

"Legends Diner" is the first telease on Monroe's independent label, Divorce Records. "I get a realistic view of what it. takes to get a record done this way," he said. "Not only writing but seeing it all the way through, from production to pickaging, to getting it in stores and out to the public. It's great knowing that something that offine from my head can get on the radio and that people take the time not only to buy it, but and letters, faxes and e-mails." Divorce was a name he like a club."

With the music part figured out, Rick Monroe is learning about the business 'day by day.'

> thought of while going through a divorce. "It's severing the old to make way for the new, because with every ending there's a beginning," he said.

> At Borders, you'll just see "Me and my acoustic I," said Monroe. Michigan is the first stop on a bookstore tour that will take him to Texas and California.

"It's a song showcase, and set up nicely," he said. "People are there to study, the audience will listen. It's real direct, not loud viduals to say here I am, to get times, surpassed only by "Cats" out of the crowd.' It's about the individual finding their niche in society, and the difficulty of the

Line from page E1

arts, and discipline of dance." Originally directed and choreographed by Michael Bennett, "A Chorus Line," which takes a

behind-the-scenes look at chorus dancers auditioning for a part in a Broadway musical, played on Broadway 6,137 consecutive

in 1997. Music by Marvin Hamlisch and lyrics by Edward Kleban make this a truly memorable show.

Gillespie says this is one of the strongest musical casts he's ever put together. Caston isn't the only student with professional experience, cast members have spent summers performing at Universal Studios.

David Havasi of Rochester who portrays Mike, has worked as a performer in the summer at Disney World and Universal Studios.

A sophomore, Mike is a role he always wanted to play. "I've been dancing since I was in eighth grade," he said. Like the character Mike who sings - "I Can Do

Disney World, Cedar Pointe and That" - David is preparing for a career in the arts, doing model. ing on the side. "'A Chorus Line' is wonderful, it's great," he said, "It's all about people discovering where they're at, where they come from and where they're going. Like us in college."

> This "Chorus Line" will be set in the 1990s, and there's a surprise ending.

Schoolcraft's 'Moon Over Buffalo' great fun

Schoolcraft College Theatre Department presents "Moon Over Buffalo," by Ken Ludwig, in a dinner-theater format, 6:30 p.m. dinner and 8 p.m. show, Friday-Saturday, March 27-28 (\$19), and as a show only, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 (\$8), at

the college, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia. (313) 462-4409 BY BOB WEIBEL SPECIAL WRITER

One could imagine staging playwright Ken Ludwig's riotous farce, "Moon Over Buffalo," many different ways.

Schoolcraft College's director, James Hartman, chose to emphasize physical comedy and judging from the warm and sustained applause, the audience loved the comic mayhem to the max.

The time is the early 50's. The place is Buffalo. More specifically, the dressing room of a secondrate theater (marvelously created for us by Hartman's welldesigned set). A third-rate acting company is presenting "Cyrano deBergerac" and "Private Lives" in repertory. Heading the pathetic troupe of actors are George and Charlotte Hays (Brian Taylor and Brenda Lane). They get along about as well as the Bickersons. Charlotte learns George has bedded the troupe's ingenue, Eileen (Lindsay Crain). Then, thing really get testy. An old vaudevillian axiom guarantees laughs if you beat the tar out of somebody with a

rolled up newspaper. Which is just what Charlotte does to George - and for good measure, she gives Eileen a couple of whacks.

It makes for great fun, and typifies most scenes in the show. Physical comedy always looks so simple and easy when done well. Kudos to the cast for putting in the many hours of rehearsal required to make the timing and reactions appear so comically natural.

The few slow spots in the show appear to be caused more by the script than the performers.

Brian Taylor, as George, gives an outrageously campy performance as an over-the-hill actor still hoping of one last chance at the big time. His seemingly inexhaustible supply of energy serves him well, whether as a drunk, a beleaguered husband or a bewildered "deBergerac" in a scene where the rest of the characters are doing "Private Lives." Brenda Lane, as Charlotte, creates an on-the-money affection and persona of an actress in the "theatre." Lane knows how to deliver a laugh line and command the stage. Lindsay Crain has her moments as the ingenue, Eileen, but sometimes lacks the energy after - even in Buffalo.

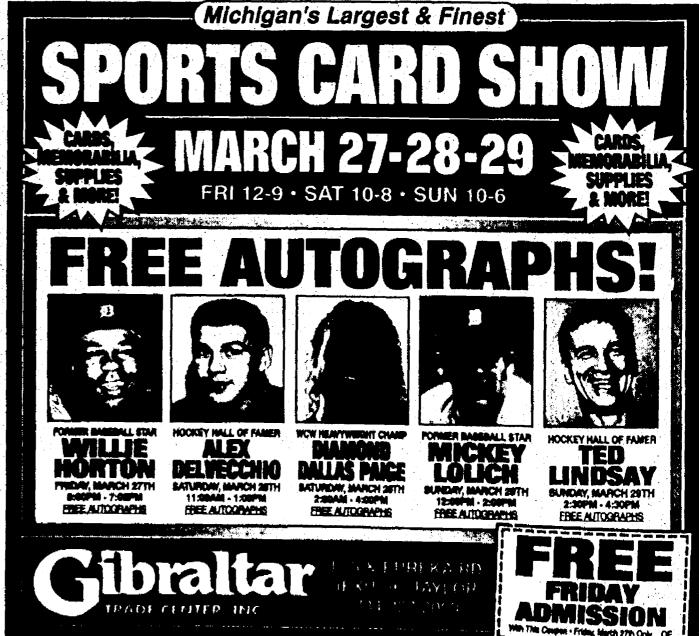
of a fast-paced show.

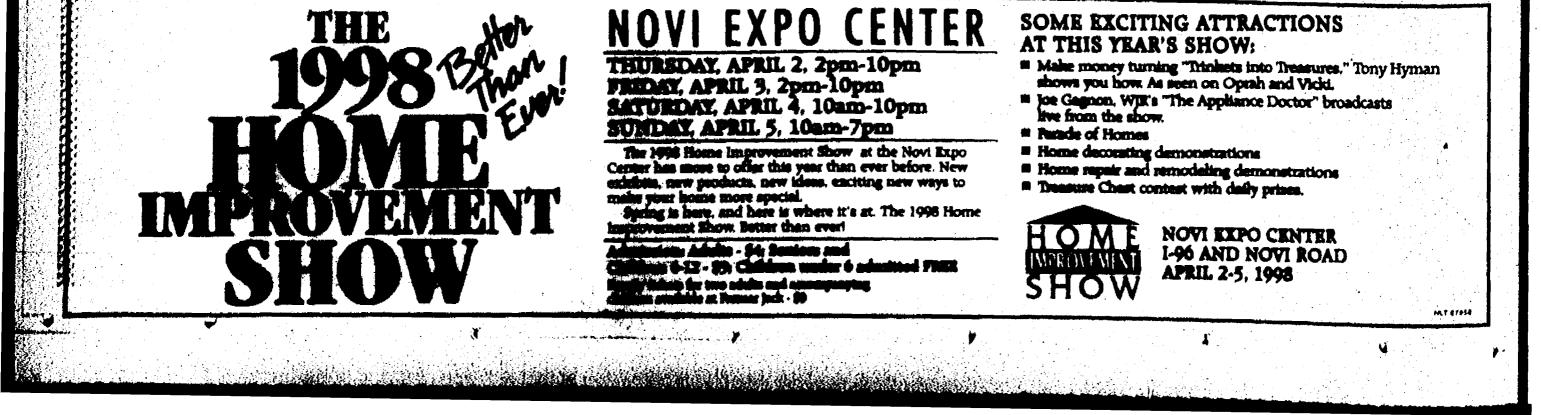
Lisa Brawley, on the other hand, purposefully portrays a slow-moving, deaf grandmother, Ethel. Good stuff. Perhaps the most distinctive characterization of the evening.

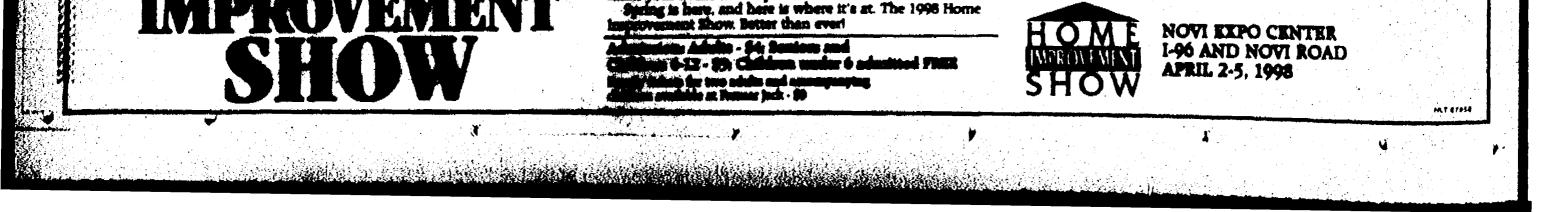
Among many complications. the Hays' daughter, Rosalind, returns to introduce her fiance to her parents. Tiffany Byars is very good as Rosalind. And her Joan Crawford-like outfits are a hoot.

Adam Conger is a howl as her nervous weatherman, Howard. He somehow never gets to meet her parents - until he shows up dressed as George S. Patton. The scene is sheer lunacy, as George thinks howard is there to him for his indiscretions. David Ormsby scores as Paul, the company's befuddled business/stage manager and Rosalind's former lover. Larry Pellicconi is terrific as the company's suave, urbane attorney, Richard, who makes a play for Charlotte upon learning of the troubled marriage. Unfortunately for Richard, however, he's the only one who isn't happily coupled in the end. But in all good farces, we know that everybody lives happily ever









### THEATER

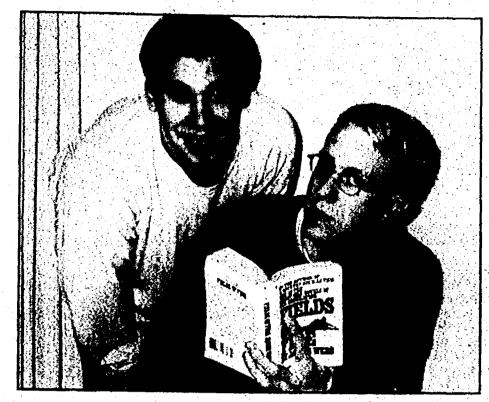
# Juggling school, theater challenges producer

### BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Rembisz of Livonia and her friends had so much fun performing in shows at Mercy High School that they decided to keep on doing it after they graduated.

1996 while talking to friends she met through Mercy High School in Farmington who said they regretted not having a show to work on.

Their theater company, Jack-In-The-Box Productions, pre-



Drama: Christopher Cain (Jerry, left) and Bryon D. Harvey (Peter) in a scene from "The Zoo Story."

### Murder adventure misfires

"Murder By Misadventure" runs through April 12 at Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall. Oakland University campus. Rochester Hills. Evening shows 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Sundays; matinees 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets: \$18-\$32; (248) 377-3300. BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER

Waiting for the curtain to go up on Meadow Brook Theatre's current production is the first in a long line of misnomers.

poltergeist and a level of alcoholic imbibing not seen since the celebration of the end of Prohibition.

The misadventure involves Harry, a partner in an awardwinning television writing team. Harry (Thomas Mahard) is the nuts-and-bolts pragmatist. Meanwhile, his partner, Paul (John Seibert), is flowing with creative ideas and a blood-alcohol level that would kill a moose.

When Harry wants to split up, Paul threatens blackmail. Harry's response: "I guess I'll have to kill him." At nearly every turn, Edward Taylor's script doesn't miss a chance for an easy laugh. Harry's wife (Denise Dailey McCauley) responds, "There must be laws against murder."

show "The Zoo Story" Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's ROC.

The cast features Christopher Cain of Redford as the "disturbed fanatic 'permanent transient' Jerry, and Bryon D. Harvey as the clean-cut suburban character, Peter.

Set in a peaceful park in New York, Jerry disturbs bookworm Peter about his recent "trip to the zoo."

Rembisz is producing, Karri Washington of Southfield is stage manager and Theresa Cisco of Livonia, lighting engineer.

"I've always loved his (Albee's) work," said Rembisz explaining why she wanted to produce this show. "He's an absurdist who

"Let's just do one," she said in sents Edward Albee's two-man 🔳 "The Zoo Story" - 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28; 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29. University of Michigan-Dearborn's ROC, The campus is off Evergreen Road (between Ford Road and Michigan Ave.). Tickets \$5, buy two get one free, (734) 797-JACK.

> # "Speed-the-Plow" - 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 2-4 and April 9-11; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Studio Theatre, downstairs at the Hilberry Theatre on the campus of Wayne State University. Tickets \$5 to \$7, call (313) 577-2972.

attacks the moral values of society."

Rembisz, whose main aspiration is to be a lawyer, truly enjoys theater, and the challenge of juggling 17 credit hours at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and working as a sales rep for Joker's Entertainment. an agency that offers singing telegrams, magicians and other services.

"I'm having a blast," she said. "If you're going to go into theater, do it because it's fun."

Rembisz said she believes theater is a good outlet for young people because it's creative.

"We're hoping to keep going with this production," she said. "We're loving it, and committed to presenting high-quality theater at prices affordable to patrons. My show is \$5, cheaper than a movie. I went to the University of Michigan-Dearborn. and still have a lot of friends there. The ROC is centrally located, easy for patrons to get. to."

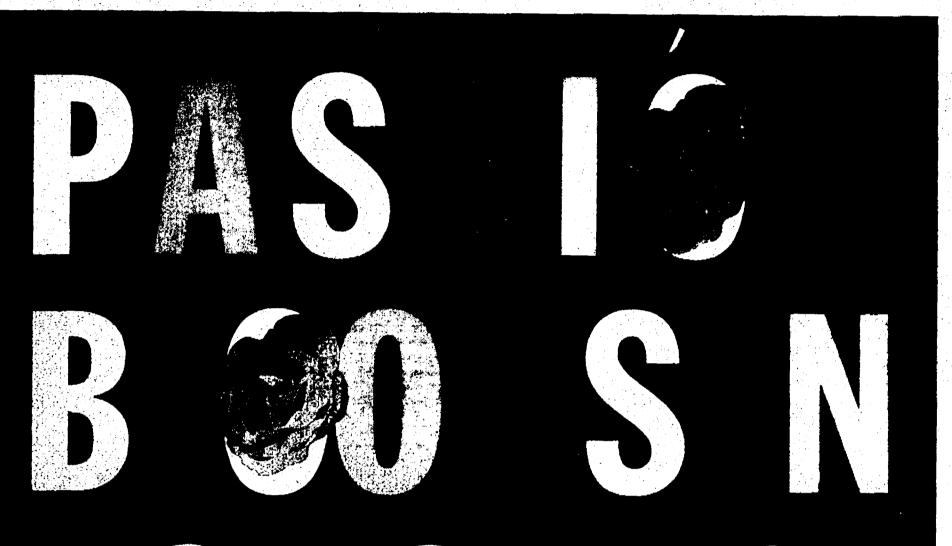
The best part, if you buy two tickets, you can bring a friend for free.

### At the Studio

"Speed the Plow," David Mamet's dark comedy, opens April 2 at Wayne State University's Studio Theatre.

Mamet explores the savage underside of the American filmindustry as he looks at two friends (Gould and Fox) planning to pitch a new script to a major Hollywood film studio while destructively interacting with the office secretary (Karen).

"Speed-the-Plow" contains" adult language and situations. The technical staff includes Shatha Faraj of West Bloomfield (stage manager).



A more appropriate metaphor

would be "tuning in." For its utterly checkerboardlike maneuverings and superficiality, "Murder By Misadvenfure" is the type of prime-time drama for the boob tube, fitting alongside formulamatic TV hits like "Murder, She Wrote" and

"Colombo." As a theatrical whodunit, "Murder By Misadventure" is tirelessly clever, if not altogether loopy. (Happily, there are no insipid commercial breaks.)

Audiences who like to follow along with the well-timed clues. twists and turns and an all-tooapparent murder plot won't likely be disappointed.

Anyone who expects more like authenticity and originality - might leave scratching their heads, wondering if they've just seen a rerun.

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Once it's clear that committing an undetectable murder is the game, the plot resembles the story Paul has recently conceived for a made-for-TV mystery.

As he showed in Meadow Brook's last production, "What the Butler Saw," Seibert not only has outstanding comedic timing. but an enduring appeal.

to shift gears, the rest of the cast, including inspector Egan (Paul Hopper) often times gets stuck in an exasperated, frantic tone. But as a piece of contemporary theater, "Murder By Misadventure" feels more like calisdon flat of Harry Kent is a place thenics than compelling live the-

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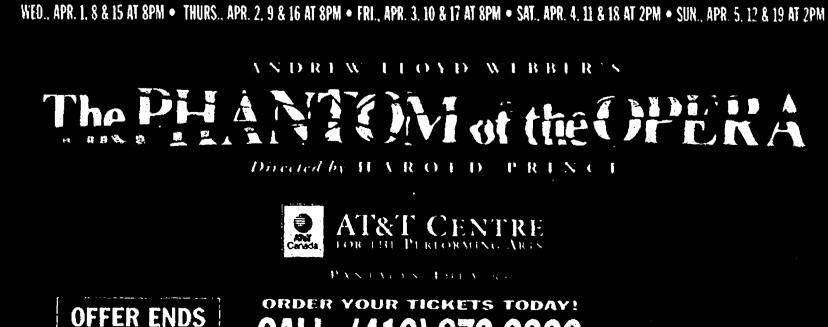
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### THEATER

#### CAPITOL THEATRE

"Artistic License." the Windsor Feminist Theatre's fifth annual Director's Project Play Festival, 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, March 26-29, at the theater, 121 University Ave. W., Windsor, Donations accepted. (519) 253-8065 or http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol or capitol@mnsi.net

### MEADOW BOOK THEATRE

"Murder By Misadventure," a mysterywriting duo plots the perfect murder, through April 12, at the theater at Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays (\$22), 2 p.m. Wednesdays (\$22), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$26.50), 2 p.m. Saturdays (\$22), 6 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 8 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$22), and 6:30 p.m. Sundays (\$26.50), Students, seniors and group discounts available. (248) 377-3300 PLOWSHARES THEATRE CO.

"A Reisin in the Sun," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 6 p.m. Sundays through April 5, Museum of African American History's Dr. Charles H. Wright Theatre, 315 E. Warren (at Brush), Detroit. \$15-18, with discounts available for Plowshares subcribers, MAAH members, students with ID, and seniors ages 60 and older. (313) 872-0279

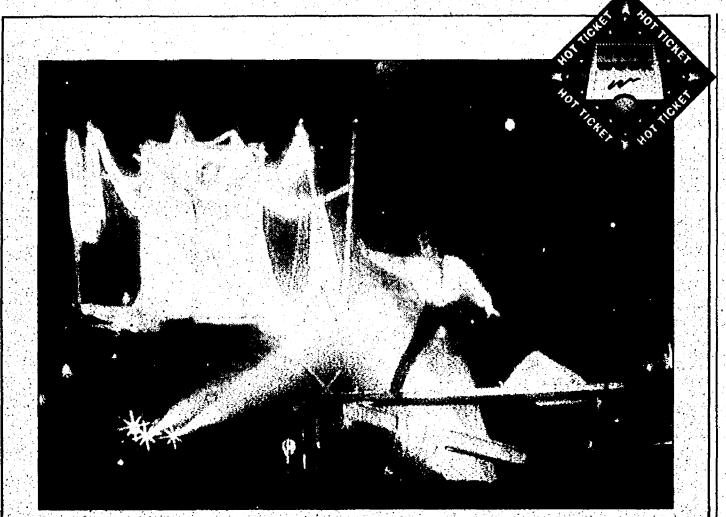
PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY "Book of Days," by Lanford Wilson, previews Thursday, April 2-Thursday, April 9 (\$15-\$20), and regular run Friday-Sunday, April 10-May 24 (\$20-\$25), at the theater, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Special benefit performance 8 p.m. Saturday, April 11 (\$500). (734) 475-7902

### OPERA

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With Conductor Robert Bernhardt, soprano Nancy Davis Booth, mezz-soprano Hillary Nicholson, tenor Douglas Ahlstedt and baritone Nicholas Loren, performing a variety of songs from operas including "La Boheme," "The Barber of Seville," and "Rigoletto," 8 p.m. Thursday, March. 26, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsymphony.com

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Magic show: Illusionist David Copperfield takes audiences on a journey through the history and wonder of the "Art of Magic," with "Dreams and Nightmares" Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Eight performances, tickets \$29-\$46.50, call (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-6611 for show times and information.

Friday, March 27, at the theater 18845 Scarsdale, Detroit. (248) 644-8411 SRO PRODUCTIONS "The Sunshine Boys," by Neil Simon, Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, Burgh Site, on Civic Center Dr., between Berg and Lahser roads, Southfield. (248) 827-

#### 0701 STAGECRAFTERS

"Lend Me A Tenor" continues through April 5, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Tickets \$10-\$12, call (248) 541-6430. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26; Fridays & Saturdays through April 4; 7 p.m. Sunday, March 29; 2 p.m. Sunday, April

### THAT BROADWAY BEAT

**College's Chamber Singers, Community** Choir, Wind Ensemble, SCool JAzz and SCool JAzz PRime, the computer-generated MATS MIDI Band, and the plano program, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, in the Radcliff Center Community Room, 1751 Radcliff Road (south of Ford Road, between Wayne and Merriman roads), Garden City. Free admission, donations accepted, (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5218 "CREATIVES FOR A CURE" First annual event which honors Detroit's top creative talent - Ben Moon of Moon-Kochis Productions, Shelby Newhouse . producer/director, Grace Gilcrest of WXYZ-TV, Lynn Anderson of United Way, John J. Bailey of John J. Bailey and

p.m. Friday, March 27, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road (between 10 and 11 Mile roads), Southfield. In addition to the prints, paintings, stone, metal, wood and batik art works, there will be live wildlife such as bats, turtles and salamanders, \$6, free for children younger than age 12, proceeds go to the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation. (517) 882-3630

EASTER

BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY Southfield's 11th annual pancake and sausage breakfast with the Easter

Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25 rows 1-5, \$15 rows 3-5, \$10 general seating. (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With Conductor Robert Bernhardt, soprano Nancy Davis Booth and tenor Douglas Ahlstedt, as part of "Opera Pops" featur-Ing selections from Mozart's "The Magic Flute," Verdi's \*Un di se ben rammentomi" and Puccini's "Nessun dorma," 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Orchestra Hall, Detroit; With Conductor Donald Runnicles and planist Eldar Nebolsin, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, April 3, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsymphony.com FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND Spring Symphony concert originally scheduled for March 22 will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Harrison High School, 29995 W. 12 Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads), Farmington Hills. \$3, \$2 students and available at the door, senior citizens free. (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412 or http://www.mystery.com/fcb

MARINERS' CHURCH OF DETROIT Presents a series of organ concerts with Kenneth Sweetman and Kevin Bylsma playing the music of Bach, Brahns, Franck, and Pachelbel during lent, 12:35 p.m. Thursdays, March 26 and April 2, following 12:10 services, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Free parking in Ford Auditorium Underground Garage at the median of Jefferson Avenue at the foot of Woodward Avenue. (313) 259-2206 **URSULA OPPENS** 

Planist performs a \*Beethoven the Contemporary\* program, 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$30. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org **OWAIN PHYFE** 

As part of "garb night," 9 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 26, O'Mara's Restaurant, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley, Free, 21 and older, (248) 399-6750

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "Double Your Pleasure" concert featuring father and son planists Joseph and Michael Gurt performing Poulenc's "Concerto for Two Planos In D Major," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Novi High School Auditionium, 24064 Taft Road, Novi. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students, \$6 children K-12th grade. (734) 451-2112. Afterglow at Botsford Inn, 28000

resume and salary requirements to the chorus, P.O. Box 165, Troy, MI 48099. (248) 879-0138

JAZZ

### DWIGHT ADAMS TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 2. Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (trumpet/bass/piano trio) (248) 645-2150 GEORGE BENSON TRIO 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 3, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Blrmingham. Free, 21 and older. (sax/plano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

### SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD

8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older; 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, Colangelo's, 21 N. Saginaw, Pontlac. Free. All ages. ("acoustic gypsy Jazz") (248) 544-1141/(248) 334-2275 GARY BLUMER TRIO

7-11 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (plano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

### RON BROOKS TRIO

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28. Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 JAKI BYARD

7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25 rows 1-2, \$15 rows 3-5, and \$10 general seating. (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch "THOMAS CHAPIN TRIBUTE"

With Transmission and an all-star quartet featuring Ben Abarbanel-Wolff, Tim Flood, Colin Stetson and Andrew Kitchen, 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

### KIMMIE HORNE

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Cover charge, 21 and older; 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Somerset North, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge Highway, Troy. Free, All ages. (248) 852-0550/(248) 816-2075

### KOG'S KATZ

7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, O'Mara's Restaurant, 2555 W. 12'Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE With sax player Wendell Harrison and Rick Matle, 8 p.m. to midnight Sunday, March 29, Bomac's Lounge, 281 Gratiot, Detroit. Cover charge: 21 and older: 8:30-11 p.m. Friday, April 3, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester, Free, All ages. (313) 961-5152/(248) 652-1600 MATT MICHAELS TRIO With guest vocalist Judie Cochill, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington, \$5 cover waived with dinner (5:30-8 p.m.) plus \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800 CARL MICHEL GROUP 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 27, Borders Books and Music, 43705 Crescent Boulevard, Novi. Free. All ages. (248)

a dinner-theater format, 6:30 p.m. dinner and 8 p.m. show, Friday-Saturday, March 27-28 (\$19), and as a show only, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 (\$8), at the college, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia. (313) 462-4409

### U-D THEATRE COMPANY

"A Lie of the Mind," by Sam Shepard, through Sunday, April 5, at the McAuley Theatre on the Outer Drive campus of University of Detroit-Mercy. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$10, \$8 seniors and students. (313) 993-1130

### U-M MUSKET

The University of Michigan's student-run musical theatre group presents "Pippin;" a '70s pop/rock musical about the son of Charlemagne and his search for satisfaction in life, 8 p.m, Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$7 students. (734) 764-0450 U-M SCHOOL OF MUSIC, OPERA THEATRE

"The Turn of the Screw," based on the ghost story by Henry James, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 26-28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, \$14 and \$18, \$7. students. (734) 764-0450 WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE

"Finian's Rainbow," directed by Tony Award-winner Judy Dow Rumelhart, and a set by Broadway set designer Paul Kelly, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 2.4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the college, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor. \$12 and \$15, \$5 and \$7 for students. (734) 973-3623

#### WSU HILBERRY THEATRE

"A Woman of No Importance," by Oscar Wilde, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, and Friday-Saturday, April 3-4; "Two Gentlemen of Verona," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, and 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2; "Of Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck, 10 a.m. student matinee Tuesday, March 31, at the theater, 4743. Cass Ave, on the Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972 WSU STUDIO THEATRE

"Speed the Plow," by David Mamet, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 2-4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the theater below the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 577-2972

### COMMUNITY THEATER

### CHURCH OF THE DIVINE CHILD "Anything Goes," the musical, 7:30 p.m. Fridays Seturdays, March 27-28, and April 3-4, and 3 p.m. Sundays, March 29, and April 5, at the church, 1001 N. Silvery Lane (west of Telegraph Road, south of Ford Road), Dearborn \$5.50 adults and students with ID, \$4.50 seniors and children, (313) 562 1990 JACK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIONS

"The Zoo Story," by Edward Albee, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, University of Michigan-Deerborn's ROC, off Evergreen Road between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue, Deerborn. \$5. (734) 797-JACK

A musical revue featuring songs from "Evita," "Ragtime," "Chicago," and "La Cage Aux Folles," Saturday, March 28, at the Wunderground Theatre, 110 S. Main St. (above ACE Hardware), Royal Oak. \$10. (248) 541-1763

### DINNER THEATER

**GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL** \*Trial By Error,\* live interactive comedy dinner theater, through June at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$39.95 includes seven course dinner of soup, bread, pasta, antipasto salad, baked chicken, Italian sausage, Italian steak, vegetables and dessert, the show, tax and tip. (248) 349-0522

### YOUTH PRODUC-TIONS

### JUNIOR THEATRE

"Heldi," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 26-27, and 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. \$5 for children and students through high school, \$6 adults. (734) 994-2300 MARQUIS THEATRE

"Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, March 28, and April 4, 18 and 25, and Sundays, March 29, and April 5, 19 and 26, and Monday-Friday, April 13-17, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. Children ages 3 and younger will not be admitted. (248) 349-8110 MILLENNIUM YOUTH THEATRE CO. \*The Brementown Musicians,\* a staged adaptation of the Brothers' Grimm fairy tale, 10:30 a.m. Saturdays March 21 and 28, at the center, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield. \$5, \$4 groups of 10 or

### more. (248) 552-1225

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS \*The Wizard of Oz,\* Saturdays and Sundays through Saturday, April 11, Historic Players Club, 3321 E: Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Noon lunch and 1 p.m. show Saturdays, and 1 p.m. lunch and 2 p.m. show Sundays. \$7.50 includes lunch. (810) 662-8118

### SPECIAL EVENTS

### CANTON PROJECT ARTS

Spotlights the arts with two events, a' performance by Empatheatre, an improvisational theater troupe from Ann Arbor, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28, and the open-Ing of "She Be Me," a touring fine arts and fine crafts exhibition by women artists of African American, Asian-American, Hispanic-American, and Native American ancestry, precedes Empatheatre's performance with an artists reception at 6 p.m, opening ceremony follows at 7 p.m., at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, (west off of Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill), Canton, Empatheatre tickets \$10, art exhibit free. (734) 397-6450

#### CERAMIC DOLL EXPO

Noon to 5 p.m. Friday, April 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road, Taylor, \$4. Open competition entries accepted between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at the TAN entrance, (847) 223

Northmore of Boulevard Photographic. and Eileen Wunderlich and Gary Topolewski, both of Bozell Worldwide with emcee Ann Delisi, Thursday, March 26, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Entertainment by Stewart Francke, magician Steve Weikal, the Totally Unrehearsed Theater, and fashion designers: \$35-\$100; benefits Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. (248) 552-8842/(313) 961-5451 MICHIGAN COMMUNITY MUSIC ASSOCIATION MUSIC AWARDS 7-11 p.m. Monday, March 30, Daisy

\*Associates, Mickey McGuire and Jimmy

Duke's, 450 Merriman Road, Westland. (734) 728 5562 INDO-PAK CULTURAL EVENT

Fashion show exhibiting breathtaking elegant dresses, display of arts and crafts, authentic mouth-watering finger foods, noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the International Academy, 1020 E. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Free. (248) 645-4820 **MID-MICHIGAN CAT FANCIERS CAT** SHOW

With more than 500 cats and kittens competing for international national awards, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 28-29, Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi. \$7 adults, \$5 seniors, \$5 youths ages 5-12, benefits the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society, The Morris Animal Foundation and The Michigan Humane Society. (734) 654-2302

**NEW MORNING SCHOOL AUCTION** The pre-K through 8th grade parent cooperative school hosts a silent and live auction featuring a raffle of two-year. Expedition lease, vacations, autographed items, Princess Beanie Baby, NASCAR. driving, balloon ride, large screen TV, and more, 5 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at Laurel Manor, Livonia. \$55 Includes dinner, drinks, hors d'ouevres. (734) 420-3331

### **RECORD AND CD MUSIC** COLLECTIBLES EXPO

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Clawson Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 N. Main St. (1/2 mile north of 14 Mile Road, 1 1/2 miles west of Oakland Mall), Clawson. \$3. (248) 546-4527 ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY TARTAN BALL

Featuring The St. Andrew's Pipe Band, Scottish ballroom dancers, and a special performance by the Plymouth Players Guild with a Celtic Mystery Drama, 6 p.m. cocktails followed by 7 p.m. dinner Saturday, April 4, The Meeting House, 499 Main St. (at Ann Arbor Trail), Plymouth. \$45, reservations by Friday, March 20. (248) 349-1831/ (734) 454-7689, or http://www.detroitscots.com. SPORTS CARD SHOW

Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 27, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road (Eureka Road and I-75), Taylor, (7.34) 287-2000

#### GREENBERG'S TRAIN, DOLLHOUSE & TOY SHOW

Featuring model railroading clinic, dealer marketplace, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi. \$6, \$2 children ages 6-12, (248) 348 5600/(410) 795 7447 WILD THING '98

Bunny, for Southfield residents (fourth grade and younger) and non-residents with children attending Southfield Schools, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road (between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads), Southfield, \$8 children, \$10 non-resident children, \$3 accompanying adult. Register in person at Southfield Parks and Recreation by April 1. Entry by ticket only. (248) 354-5180 EASTER EGG HUNT

The fourth annual hunt begins with a children's musical program by Marc Thomas, 1,000 eggs (stuffed with candy and coupons for prizes) will be hidden around the cemetery office and mausoleum grounds, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Acacia Park Cemetery, 31300 Southfield Road (north of 13 Mile Road), Beverly Hills. (248) 646-4228/(313) 564-5310

### SWIECONKA

A Polish Easter breakfast with a performance of Polish Dance Suites, noon Sunday, April 5, American Legion Stitt Post, 23850 Military Road, Dearborn Heights. \$16, reservation deadline March 28. (734) 981-4365/(313) 791-2832

### FAMILY EVENTS

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TINY TOTS SERIES

\*Fancy Footwork,\* featuring conductor Ya-Hui Wang, narrator and host Rheda Becker, and the Pointe Repertory. Dancers performing a musical version of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Saturday, March 28, Birmingham Seaholm High School, 2438 W. Lincoln St., Birmingham, \$10. (313) 576-5111 or http:// www. detroitsymphony.com

### FRED PENNER

Saturday, April 4, concert at Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester, cancelled. Refunds at point of purchase. (248) 377-3300 JON ROSS'S "WITNESS THE MAGIC" SHOW

2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the club, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$7.50, \$5 children. All ages. (810) 465-5154

#### **MAGICIAN GORDON RUSS**

Presents close-up magic at your table, 6-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and 5:30 8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Roger's Roost Restaurant, 3362 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights. Free. (810) 979-7550

### WADE CARNIVAL

With rides and games, Friday Sunday, April 3-19, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road, Taylor. 3-11 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 3 p.m. to midnight Fridays, noon to midnight Saturdays-Sundays. (734) 287-2000

### CLASSICAL

### AMERICAN STRING QUARTET

Performs a "Beethoven the Contemporary" program, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor, \$16-\$30, All ages, (800) Grand River, Farmington Hills. UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR'S WIND ENSEMBLE AND CONCERT BAND "Soundsation" show features music by Stravinsky, Barnes and Vaughan Williams, Capitol Theatre's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave., West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. \$10, \$6 seniors and students (Canadian) (519) 253-7729 or

http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol WARREN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With sopranos Ellen Chickering, Jan Albright and Barbara Wiltsle, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, \$17, \$15 seniors, \$5 children ages 12 and younger, \$13 groups of five or more. (810) 754-2950

### POPS/SWING

BIG SANDY AND HIS FLY RITE BOYS With Swingin' Demons and Starlight Drifters, 8 p.m. Friday, April 3, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontlac. \$8 in advance, 18 and older, (swing) (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA 9 p.m. Friday, March 27, and Friday, April 3, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti, Cover charge, 21 and older: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (swing) (734) 485-5050/(734) 996-8555

### PINO MARELLI

Sings international pop standards and originals in English, Italian and Spanish, 6 p.m. Tuesdays through March, Ardo's Grill N' Chill, 27900 Hoover Road, Warren, Free, All ages, (810) 582-0080

### AUDITIONS/NOTICE 8

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE. Auditions for a male dancer to perform with the company March to May and Aug. 28 to May 1999 by appointment only, must be highly skilled in modern dance technique and improvisation and have training in ballet, auditions will take place during company classes 9:30-11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, at Central United Methodist Church, corner of Woodward and Adams, Detroit. (313) 965-3544

### MARQUIS THEATRE

Auditions boys and girls ages 8-16 for "Hansel and Gretel," 5 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., Northville. Actors will be asked to recite a short poem of their own choosing, not more than two minutes long. Performances May 8-June 6. (248) 349-8110

### MICHIGAN THEATRE AND DANCE TROUPE

Open auditions now through August for dancers ages 16 and older, by appointment only 2 p.m. Saturdays. The performing arts company regularly appears year round. (248) 552-5001 TROY COMMUNITY CHORUS

Seeks a chorus director for its new season beginning in September. Candidates must be available for Tuesday evening rehearsals from 7:30-9:30 p.m., two forJEANNINE MILLER Vocalist and flutist performs with planist Vince Shandor, 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Thursdays, and 8:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. (734) 453-2002

347-0780 or PlayOnRec@aol.com

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, March 27, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/plano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150 DOC POWELL

With Paul Taylor, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak, \$25 in advance. 21 and older. (248) 546-7610 RANDY SCOTT

Writer and producer for Anita Baker and Patti LaBelle, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Somerset North, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge Highway, Troy: Free. All ages. (248) 816-2075 LOUIS SMITH TRIO

### 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 28. Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (trumpet/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

STRAIGHT AHEAD

6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 26; Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. \$15. (313) 833-1805 PAUL VORNHAGEN QUARTET 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, Bird

#### of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older, (734) 662-8310 URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300 STEVE WOOD TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 28, Agope Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave. (at Center Street), Royal Oak. Free, 25-cent surcharge during live entertainment. All ages. (sax/plano/bass) (248) 546-1400

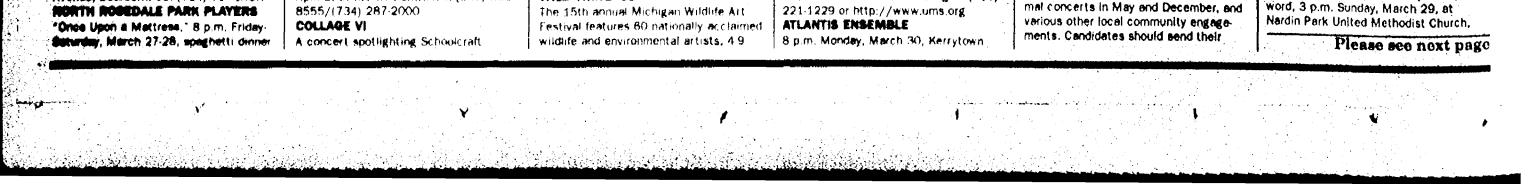
### ORGAN MUSIC

### "BROADWAY THROUGH THE YEARS"

With organ player Ron Rhode, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road (at Grand Rivet Avenue), Redford, \$8, (313) 531-4407

### "MUSICAL MAGIC"

Dave Wagner, radio personality at former classical station WQRS, gives a special organ performance with flautist Suzanne Bona, program augmented by the spoken



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### WORLD MUSIC

#### THE ARTICLES

9 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (Jamaican jazz/ska) (248) 543-4300

PACO DE LUCIA AND HIS FLAMENCO SEXTET

8 p.m, Saturday, March 28, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$30, (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

MARTIN HAYES AND DENNIS CAHILL Irish fiddler and guitarist perform 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (Irish) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

### IMMUNITY

10 p.m. Friday, March 27, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 349-9110

### FOLK/BLUEGRASS

### LISA HUNTER

9 p.m. to midnight Friday, March 27, Lonestar Coffee, 207 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free, All ages; Hosts open mic night, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Gargoyles Coffeehouse, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free, All ages, (acoustic folk/pop) (248) 642-2233/(248) 745-9790

### JAMES KEELAGHAN

With Vance Gilbert, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 MICHAEL KRIEGER

8 p.m. Friday, March 27, Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 23501 Halsted Road (between Grand River Avenue and 11 Mile Road), Farmington. \$8, \$4 seniors and students. (248) 542-5732

### JAN KRIST

10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older: 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older. (folk) (313) 861-8101/(248) 544-1141

### DEL MCCOURY BAND

With RFD Boys, 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor.

Detroit. \$8 students/advanced sales, \$10 at the door. (313) 577-4273

### COMEDY

JD'S ENTERTAINMENT CENTER Open mic comedy night with MaryAnn DeMoss and Ernie Douglas "The Acoustic Terminator,\* 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at the club, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens, Cover charge, 18 and older. (810) 465-5154

### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Vic DiBitetto, Derek Richards and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, March 26 (free), and Friday-Saturday, March 27-28 (\$12); Joey Kola and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, April 2 (free), and Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 (\$14), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 8 p.m. Sundays for new talent/Third Level (mprov. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S Joe Delion, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 29 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner show package); Maryellen Hooper, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner show package), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313)

584-8885 MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Claudia Sherman, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26 (\$7), 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

### SECOND CITY

"Down River Dance," 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$10), Thursdays (\$10) and Sundays (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays (\$17.50) and Saturdays (\$19.50), through spring, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-2222

### SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER

7:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$17.50, All ages. (734) 761-1451

### MUSEUMS AND TOURS

#### DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM/SOCIETY "Remembering Downtown Hudson's"

exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made

10 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Library Pub. 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110 AUSTIN LOUNGE LIZARDS 8 p.m. Sunday, March 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50, All ages.

(goofball acoustic quintet) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org JOCE'LYN B AND THE DETROIT STREET PLAYERS 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Soup Kitchen

Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643 GEORGE BEDARD AND THE KINGPINS

9 p.m. Friday, March 27, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (313) 259-2643 BUGS BEDDOW BAND 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, Bachelor's, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older, (blues) (248) 682-2295 NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL

STARS 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 27, Bacci Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300 **BENNY AND THE JETS** 

9 p.m. Sundays through April 26, Buck's Place, 23845 W. Warren Road (one block east of Telegraph Road), Dearborn Heights, Free, 21 and older, (rock) (313) 274-6005 or

http://members.tripod.com/~BennyJet/ BETTER DAYS

10 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free, 21 and older. (rock) (248) 332-HOWL/(248) 349-9110 BIZER BROTHERS

9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday, March 27-Saturday, March 28, Pages, 23621 Farmington Road, Farmington, Free, 21 and older. (pop) (248) 477-0099 BLACK FUZZ

10 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (alternative rock)

(734) 421-2250 BLUE CAT WITH KEN MURPHY 9 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages, (blues) (248) 644-4800

### BLUE-EYED SOUL

With Son of Adam, 9 p.m. Thursday, April

(810) 731-1750 JULIE FOUNTAIN 8 p.m. Friday, April 3, Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Free: All ages. (acoustic) (734) 416-9288 FRANKLIN STREET BLUES BAND 9 p.m. Friday, April 3, Fox and Hounds.

1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free, All ages, (blues) (248) 644-4800 GRR 10 p.m. Friday, April 3, Library Pub,

42100 Grand River Ave., Novi, Free, 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110 **GETAWAY CRUISER** With Velour 100 and Scratching Post,

9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$5. 19 and older. (pop) (734) 996-8555 **GOVERNMENT HONEY** 

9 p.m. Sundays in March and April, and Friday, March 27-Saturday, March 28, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

#### COREY HARRIS 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, Blind Pig, 206-

208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance, 19 and older. (blues/rock)

#### (734) 996-8555 THE HATCHETMAN

9 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

### HOWLING DIABLOS

With Gangster Fun and Seraphin, 5-8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6 in advance. All ages; With 60 Cycle Hum featuring Dana from the Motor Dolls, Jake Smith from Brothers From Another Planet, Tom Harmon and Peder Seglund, both of Down with Hatred, and Brian Smith of Black Mali, and the Nathan Whitt Band, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Magic Bag in Ferndale. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (funk/rock) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com INCUBUS

With Ultra Spank and Forge, 7 p.m. Monday, March 30, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com INSANE CLOWN POSSE With Myzery and Twiztid, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 3, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12 and \$15. All ages. (rap) (313) 961-5451 IVY With Steve Poltz of the Rugburns, 6:30

Oak, Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543 4300 MEDICINE HAT

10 p.m.-2 a.m. Wednesdays in March and April, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

### MEPHISKAPHELES

With Beauty School Dropouts, 6 p.m. Friday, March 27, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$9 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com MR. FREEDOM X

10 p.m. Friday, March 27, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, Cover charge, 21 and older. (rock) (248) 332-HOWL MISS BLISS

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, and special guest American Mars, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (pop) (734) 996-8555

### RICK MONROE

8 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages; 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, 30995 Orchard Like Road, Farmington Hills, Free, All ages. (singer/songwriter) (248) 203-0005/(248) 737-0110 **ROBERT NOLL AND THE BLUES** MISSION

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Hamlin Pub, 741 S. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion. Cover charge, 21 and older; 9 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, April 1-2, Longshots, 27189 Grand River Ave., Redford, Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650/(248) 814-8109/(313) 533-9350

PAIN STATION With Burner and Sounds Like, 9 p.m. Friday, April 3, JD's Entertainment Center, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154 PAKISTANI TAMBOURINE

8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Mondays in March and April, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford, Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477 STEVE POLTZ

Of the Rugburns, who co-wrote "You Were Meant For Me\* with Jewel, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance. 19 and older; With Ivy, 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (pop) (734) 996-8555/(313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com **ARCHER PREWITT** 

Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$5, 18 and older. (surf/rockabilly) (313) 833-POOL or MajeStickC@aol.com

### THE SKATALITES

With Let's Go Bowling and The Articles, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28, The Majestic Theatre, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$13.50 in advance, partial proceeds benefit Expedition Inspiration helping to combat breast cancer. 18 and older. (ska) (313) 833-9700 SKULLBUZZ

With Harms Way, Stepchild and Lucky, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville, Cover charge, 18 and older, (rock) (810) 778-6404

SPACE MONKEYS

7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac, \$10 in advance, All ages, (alternative rock) (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com SPINY ECHNODERMS

9:30 p.m. Friday, March 27, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontlac. Free. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (248) 338-6200 SPONGE

With Jeffrey Allen and the Soulshakers, Marshall Law, Tiles, Killing Floor, Watership Down, Circle of Kunfusion, Purple Curtain, Halloween, R-Gang, Father Black, Robb Roy, Illegal, Syrant, HMR, Speedball, Motherload, Face, Ritual and Something Said perform as, part of a benefit for Cammi's Cause, an organization that aids runaways, noon-Saturday, March 28. The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville, \$10 in advance, All ages. (rock) (810) 778-6404

### SUGARSMACK

With Season to Risk, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com TODD THIBAUD

8 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$6 in advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com THIK

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, and special guests Tap Root, Riot in Progress, Beneath Life and Stun Gun, 9 p.m. Friday, March 27, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens, \$8, 20 and younger, \$6, 21 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154 3-SPEED

9 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 19 and older, (rock) (734) 485-5050

### (OF\* NO 55)

\$13.50. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org CHARLIE MOSBROOK

8-10 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 BILL STAINES

7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Off-The-Wall Acoustic Coffeehouse at St. William parish hall, 531 Common, Walled Lake. \$10, \$20 family, \$7.50 student. (248) 624-1421

### POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

### AURORA LEVINS MORALES

Brings the program, "Remedios: Medicine Stories from the Lives of Puerto Rican Womerf and Our Kin," 1 p.m. Sunday, March 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$5. All ages, (734) 998-7080

### DANCE

### ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER

Tuesday-Sunday, March 31-April 5, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 874-7850 ANN ARBOR COUNCIL FOR TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE'S INTERNATIONAL DANCE AND DINNER An afternoon of international dancing, and live music and dance instruction by Galata (2-4:30 p.m.), and a homemade community dinner of Eastern European food (4:30-6 p.m.), Sunday, March 29, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/4 mile south of I-94). Ann Arbor. \$12. Reservations by Friday, March 20. (248) 698-9527 or rbantle@bizserve.com DANCE ENSEMBLE WEST

\*Dance Collection-1998" with performances by the company's senior and Junior divisions, 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4. at the Plymouth Canton High School's Little Theater, 8415 N. Canton Center Road (at Joy Road), Canton. \$9. (734) 420-4430

### MICHAEL FLATLEY'S LORD OF THE DANCE

8 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, March 31-April 3, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10.\$60. All ages. (313) 983-6611 P.N.A. CENTENNIAL DANCERS The 18th annual extravaganza dance recital with the Polish Centennial Dancers, the Radomianle Polish Folk Dance Ensemble, and The Emil Zapalski Band, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29. Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. \$6 in advance, \$7. (734) 453 7161

### STREB: POPACTION

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, \$15-\$35. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY DANCE COMPANY

Presents "Rebounding," the 69th annual spring concert of dance, featuring choreography by Garth Fagan, Eva Power and Linda Cleveland Simmons, Fagan choreo graphed the Broadway musical "The Lion the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December; "A Community Between Two Worlds: Arab Americans in Greater Detroit," exhibit focusing on Arab Americans and their daily life after settling in the Detroit area, runs through the end of September, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays: \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

### **DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER**

IMAX movies showing indefinitely include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; and "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. a.d 1:20 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; at the museum, 5020 John R (at Warren Road), Detroit. \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17. and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. \$2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups to 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, (313) 577-8400 or http://www.sciencedetroit.org HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREEN.

### FIELD VILLAGE "Family Fun Month" feat: Jis nation

activities such as a family radio show where they can produce and perform a radio play, classic cartoons and/or serials as part of "Automobile in American Life" exhibit's drive in theater, "Making Do and Having Fun" with puppet-making, shadow puppetry, cat's cradle and paper airplane-making, and \*Take a Trip Down Memory Lane" treasure hunt, weekends throughout March at the complex, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard (at Village Road, just west of the Southfield Freeway, south of Michigan Avenue}, Dearborn. \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 seniors 62 and older, \$6.25 for kids ages 5-12, and free for children younger than 5 and members. Group rates available. Museum open 9 a.m. 5 p.m. daily. (313) 271-1620

### MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

\*A Communion of the Spirits: African American Quilters, Preservers and Their Stories" exhibits featuring 175 photographs of varying sizes, a selection of the surveyed quilts, interpretive panels, and a limited amount of other artwork related to the quilters, through Sunday, June 7. The exhibit features area quilters and celebrity guilters such as Maya Angelou, Rosa Parks, Bernice Johnson Reagon, Faith Ringgold, Sonia Sanchez and Alice Walker; "The Life and Times of Paul Robeson\* exhibition featuring records, photographs and paintings on Ioan from private citizens and from the collection of the MAAH, runs through Tuesday, June 30, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush Street). Detroit, Museum hours 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays. \$3 for adults and \$2 for children aged 12 and younger. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti, Cover charge, 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050 **BLUE RAYS** 

9 p.m. Friday, April 3, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643 BRIDGE

9 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Thursday, April 2-Saturday, April 4, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477 **BROKEN TOYS** 

9 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 543-

#### 4300 BRUTAL TRUTH

With Soilent Green, 6 p.m. Friday, March 27, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, \$8 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT BUBALUBA

With Six Foot Something, 10 p.m. Friday, March 27, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292 BUZZOVEN

9 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, Heidelberg, 215 N. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (metal) (734) 663-7758

### **CHISEL BROS. WITH THORNETTA** DAVIS

9 p.m. Friday, April 3, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213

#### MARC COHN

With Kacy Crowley, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$22.50 in advance. 18 and older. (pop) (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com THE COWS

With Vaz and The Plumb Bobs, 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7 in advance. All ages. (punk) (313) 833-POOL or MajeStickC@aol.com DETROIT BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

### **BIG JOHN DICKERSON AND BLUE** CHAMBER

9 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643 JOHN DOE With Verbow, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431

E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com DUNGBEATLES

10 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Mount Chatet, 4715 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free, 21 and older, (rock) (248) 549-2929

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY 10 p.m. Friday, April 3, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 421-2250

FOOLISH MORTALS 10 p.m. Friday, April 3, Kodiak Grill,

p.m. Friday, April 3, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (pop) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

JILL JACK 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, Smitty's, Main St., Rochester, Free, All ages. (roots rock) (248) 652-1600 JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION

9 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS

10 p.m. Friday, March 27, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. \$2. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 421-2250/(810) 731-1750 MIKE KING BAND

10 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland, Free, 21 and older; 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (734) 421-2250/(248) 544-1141 KUNG FU DIESEL

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LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213

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9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township, Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 360-7450 LAURA RAIN

9 p.m. Thursdays, March 26 and April 2, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

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7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday, March 20, and with the Poor Boys, 7-11 p.m. Saturday, March 21, and Friday, March 27, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley, Free, 21 and older, (rock) (248) 399-6750

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With The Velvet Jones, 10 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, Cover charge, 21 and older, (pop) (248) 334-9292

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With Stanford Prison Experiment and Man Will Surrender, 6 p.m. Saturday, March 28, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com SILENCERS

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9:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, Free, 21 and older. (rock) (248) 338-6200 UNIVERSAL STOMP

With Porn Flakes, Victim and Circle of Confusion, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 29, the Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com VAGRANT

With Mount VooDoo and Elephant Ear, 9 p.m. Thursday, March 26, JD's Entertainment Center, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens, Cover charge, 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

### VAL VENTRO

10 p.m. Friday, April 3, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Free. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 861-8101

### RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES

9 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Longshots. 27189 Grand River Ave., Redford. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Free, 21 and older; 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 1. Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older; 9 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Hamlin Pub, 741 S. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 533-9350/(248) 644-4800/(248) 542-9922/(248) 814-8109 or http://www.rockindaddys.com

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With Fastball, 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (roots rock/pop) (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com

### VICTORIA WILLIAMS AND THE ORIGINAL HARMONY RIDGECREEK DIPPERS

With Chris Stills, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (singer/songwriter) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

### JOHNNY WINTER

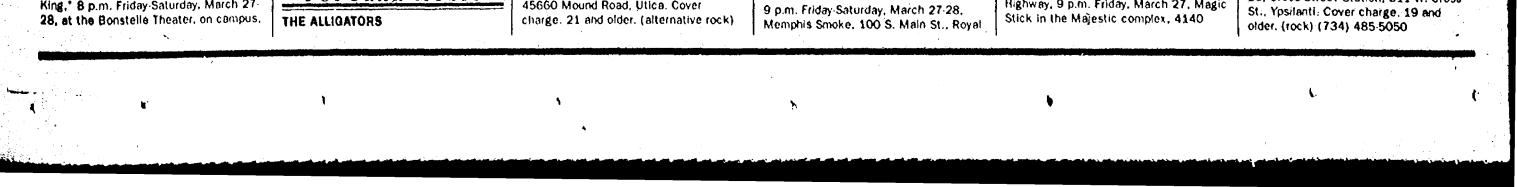
With Mudpuppy, 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, The Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (blues) (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com

### WITCHDOCTORS

9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, Free. 21 and older, (blues) (734) 455 8450

### WORKHORSE

With El Carbon, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross



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# Trashy 'Wild Things' is reviewer's guilty pleasure



on alligators wallowing in the everglades, over the aluminum roofs of trailer parks, past modest bungalows,

the rich and famous, which is where we really want to be, where we've evolved to. Or have we?

"Wild Things" compares the animal-like ferocity that leads to murder and deceit in a wealthy Florida yachting community. Directed by John McNaughton, this way-hip mix of sex, violence and bizarre plot twists is the year's first true guilty pleasure.

For the uninitiated, a guilty pleasure is the kind of movie

that you love even when common They are a clever study in con-In the opening credits of "Wild sense tells you otherwise. "Wild Things" treats its one-dimension-8 swooping camal characters and hokey plot so era peers down

> get swept into it. Blue Bay, Florida, is a modernday Peyton Place where you fall into one of two categories: country club or trailer trash. Whenever these worlds collide, you know murder will result.

· Here two high school girls from opposite sides of the tracks join to accuse Sam (Matt Dillon). their high school guidance counselor, of rape. The movie leaves it unclear whether he did it or not. setting in motion a chain of deception so complex that even the most die-hard mystery fan will have trouble unraveling it.

The girls are Neve Campbell (from "Screams" 1 and 2) and Denise Richards (formerly in the ensembles of both "Melrose Place" and "Starship Troopers.")

trasts, from the former's raccooneyed makeup and arm-length tattoos to Richards' sexy turn assincerely that you can't help but a bad little rich girl who throws herself at Sam.

> To give away more would spoil what some viewers will find the most visceral film experience since "Pulp Fiction" and "Seven." Guilty pleasures? You bet.

> While the young actresses have only worked in this kind of schmaltz, Dillon and Kevin Bacon (as the crusading police detective intent on busting Sam) should probably know better. Yet they play it straight, as if they're reciting James M. Cain instead of McNaughton's copy of a copy of a copy of "Double Indemnity."

You know you're getting old when Dillon and Bacon serve as elder statesmen, but there are representatives from other generations as well.

Even in her 50s, Theresa Rus-

sell obviously hasn't shied away from nude scenes (can you remember a movie where she didn't bare her breasts?). She plays Richards' witchy mother. who has her own reasons for seeing Dillon's character take a fall. As, a family lawyer, Robert Wagner represents the kind of woodenness inherent in most of Blue Bay's men, the very thing that makes the study Sam character so popular.

You get the sense throughout the film that McNaughton is standing just outside the frame wearing a wicked smirk. He did it in his pseudo-verite "Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer" and again here, creating entertainment from the most unsettling of scenarios.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touchtone phone, mailbox 1866.

### 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)

"Mrs. Dalloway" (Britain-1997). Friday-Sunday, March 27-29 (call for showtimes). When a woman (Vanessa Redgrave) encounters a man she knew some 30 years earlier, it causes her to reevaluate the path her life has taken. Based on a novel by Virginia Woolf.

"Z" (France-1969). 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 30. Costa-Gavras' thriller is based on the real-life investigation that followed the assassination of a lib-

Main (at 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students/seniors and matinees: \$3 twilight)

"Live Flesh" (Spain-1997). The latest from Pedro Almodovar ("Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown") is a welldrawn, but surprisingly ordinary, tale of murder, obsession, and unrequited love.

"The Apostle" (USA-1997). Robert Duvall served as writer, director and star in this story of a preacher who finds his personal road to salvation, helped in part by his wife (Farrah Fawcett).

"Afterglow" (USA-1997). Julie Christie copped a Best Actress Oscar nomination for this tale of two couples whose

1972). 9 p.m. Sunday, March 29. Francis Coppola's classic account of a Mafia family still looks good 25 years later, with Marlon." Brando in his signature role as. Don Corleone and introducing Al. Pacino as son Michael, who reluctantly takes the helm.

South East Michigan Pride - Abbey Theater, I-75 at 14 Mile Road, Madison Heights. (\$10; advance; \$15 door)

"Lilies" (Canada - 1997). 7:45 p.m. Saturday, March 28. From Canadian director John Greyson ("Zero Patience") a gay-themed story set in two different time periods: a 1952 prison and a lakeside French-Canadian village 40 years previous. The movie explores universal themes of tolerance, love, remorse, and revenge.

Star Southfield 12 Mile Road

(west of Telegraph), Southfield.

Call (248) 372-2222 for informa-

"Afterglow" (USA-1997). See

Windsor Film Theatre 2135

Wyandotte Street, Windsor,

Canada. Call (519) 254-FILM for

information. (\$5.25 Canadian; \$4

7 p.m. through Sunday, March

29. A tale of magic, passion, and

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"Heaven's Burning" (Aus-

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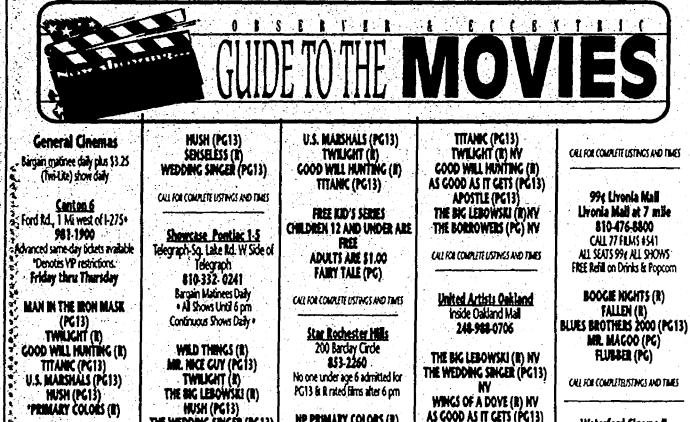
story about a Japanese bride in-

director Kasi Lemmons.

"Eve's Bayou" (USA - 1997).

tion. (\$6.50; \$4.50 before 6 p.m.)

Main Art Theatre listing above.



JON FARMER **Unlikely Conspirators:** Waiting outside the Glades Motel, Blue Bay High guidance counselor Sam Lombardo (Matt Dillon) and Blue Bay outsider Suzie Toller (Neve Campbell) make unlikely conspirators in "Wild Things."



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"The Rainmaker" (USA-1997). 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26. Another John Grisham novel hits the screen, but this time it's a pretty good one. Francis Coppola directs the story of a young lawyer ("Goodwill Hunting's" Matt Damon) who goes up against a big-time insurance company.

"The Full Monty" (Britain -1997). 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1. A group of unemployed blue-collar workers decide there's money to be made in stripping at the local pub. The only problem: their non-Chippendales' physiques.

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troubled marriages become intertwined. Nick Nolte co-stars. Directed by Alan Rudolph ("Choose Me," "The Moderns").

"Fireworks" (Japan-1997). A police drama written, directed and starring Takeshi Kitano. Here he plays a former police detective who hopes to tie up loose ends by attempting a daring crime.

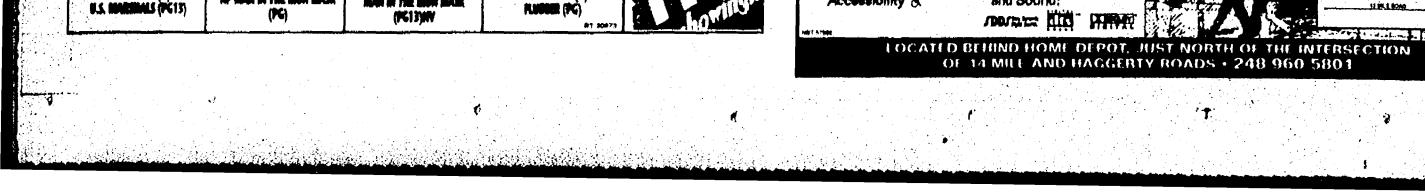
Michigan Theatre 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 668-TIME for information. (\$6.50; \$5 students/seniors)

"General Chaos: Uncensored Animation." 7 p.m. Friday, March 27 and Sunday, 29; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 28. In the tradition of Spike and Mike, another anthology of adultthemed animation from around the world. "The Godfather" (USA-

Sidney who fakes her own kidnapping and then gets wrapped up in a bank robbery.

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# Fastball takes the fast track on release of new album



Fastball's sophomore album "All the Pain Money Çan Buy" (Hollywood Records) debuted on the Bill-, board charts at No. 111 and singer/guitarist Miles Zuniga FUOCO

already

indulged. "I actually immediately booked a plane. We played in Phoenix vesterday and we were going to drive to Austin right after," Zuniga explained during a phone conversation March 19.

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"We have a full day of radio and promotion tomorrow and if we drove we'd be getting in at 11 or 12 tonight and just have to go to bed and give up on sleep. But when I saw we were at No. 111, I said 'I'm flying.' We were going to

pay for it but Hollywood offered." Sales of the album have been bolstered by the hit single "The Way," a snappy low-fi number that opens with the cracking and snapping of an old 45.

The song, Zuniga explains, speculates on what happened to an elderly couple from Texas who were reported missing when they didn't show up for a family reunion. The woman had Alzheimer's and the husband was partially paralyzed from a stroke.

"It's just Tony's (bassist/vocalist) idea of what might of happened. They may have just gotten tired of their jobs and decided to go in an RV and drove away. Maybe they went to renew their romance," Zuniga said of his songwriting partner's idea.

After Fastball finished recording the song, the Texas-based band found out that the couple's

of a canyon near an old family vacation spot.

Dark lyrics are commonplace on "All the Pain Money Can Buy." "Fire Escape" explores the desire to have a casual relationship. "I don't wanna make you mad/I don't wanna meet your dad/I don't wanna be your dream come true," Zuniga sings.

An a more upbeat note, the Scalzo-penned "Warm Fuzzy Feeling" is an ode to Ben Kweller, the teenage lead singer of the fellow Texas band Radish who wore a Fastball T-shirt in his band's latest video.

The pop noir of "All the Pain Money Can Buy," however, offers undeniable hooks with the help of vintage-sounding keyboardist, odd time changes, horns and cellos.

"It's all about taking risks. This time out we were going for

car had been found at the bottom something a little more expansive and a bit more mysterious. We didn't worry about what other people were going to think, we just wanted to make a personal statement with our music," Zuniga said,

That recording process was completely different than the one for "Make Your Mama Proud," its 1996 debut on Hollywood.

"We just tried to mess around with things and really use the studio and experiment. The first record we pretty much just went in and recorded it the way they were."

"This time we let the songs organically grow in the studio. That helped a lot. A song could go in any direction."

Zuniga cites that experimentation and his band's influences as reasons for the success of "All the Pain Money Can Buy."

"We try to write from our heart

and sometimes people can really relate. We're pretty 'old school.' We like rock 'n' roll. I don't mean alternative rock. I mean rock 'n' roll, like Elvis and Chuck Berry," he said.

"I love Chuck Berry. I try to emulate Chuck Berry and people influenced by him like Angus Young from AC/DC. I have a lot of respect for rock 'n' roll and where it comes from. We also listen to blues and country music and that really filters into the music."

Fastball is Zuniga and drummer Joey Shuffield's second foray into the major leagues. The duo formerly played in Big Car and Zuniga calls their experience with record companies "a nightmare."

"Everything that could go wrong did go wrong. I thought about maybe not playing music professionally anymore and just playing for fun."

All that changed when Zuniga traveled to Europe and played in the subway in Paris and at a bridge in Italy.

"That probably factored me into continuing to play music. I went to Europe and played on the street there, played in bars, anywhere I could play. I just realized that I really loved playing music so much that I should

keep doing it and not worry about if it was going anywhere."

Fastball is going somewhere. "The Way" went to No. 7 on Billboard's Modern Rock charts last week and the band is planning on touring through Christmas, After opening for Whiskeytown at the 7th House in Pontiac on Friday, March 27, Fastball will return to the area in June with Everclear and Marcy Play-in ground.

Fastball opens for Whiskeytown at 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets are \$10 in advance for the 18 and older show. For more information, call? (248) 335-8100 or visit http:// www.961melt.com

Fastball's website is http:// www.hollywoodrec.com/fastball

• Just a reminder that tickets for Janet Jackson and Usher, Friday, July 17, at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit go on sale Saturday, April 4, at all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets are \$45; \$62.50 and \$75. For more information, call (313) 596-3200 or (248) 645-6666.

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Backstage Pass returns with the Friars



done, and now we can go back to enjoying the DELISI fruits of our labor - and your

generosity. Thanks to everyone who donated - with dollars, time and feedback. Detroit Public Television is truly a partnership: We can't do anything without you, the viewer.

And who would want to? Without viewers, broadcasters are the proverbial trees falling in the woods. It's the audience, stupid! So after a *Backstage* Pass pledge week off the air to make way for special pledge programming, we're returning to regular airings with renewed vigor. That's right, no vim, just vigor. Nobody really knows what "vim" is, anyway, Typical of our return to regularity (if not normalcy) our own Gerry Craig will take a Backstage Pass camera crew to Robert Kidd Gallery in Birmingham to see "The Master's Eye," an exhibition of work by contemporary artist Larry Rivers. Rivers' art often speaks to the absurdity of the very concept of art. Assessing his vocation, Rivers says, "I continually picture the artist as a minister without a parish or as some ludicrous opera singer, serious, with hand on breast, bellowing to an empty theater." He may attempt to diminish the grandiosity that is too often part and parcel of the art world, but he's the real deal. As Princeton University Professor Sam Hunter writers, "In his career, Rivers has had, on occasion, to play many roles - realist, traditionalist, rebel, iconoclast and even buffoon. His art grew out of his life, to a degree unusual in contemporary art, and his own

Whew! Pledge immense personal vitality has sustained it." "The Master's Eye" runs through April 18 at the is over, and viewers of and employees at Robert Kidd Gallery.

Detroit Public Back home in the Detroit Pub-Television can lic Television studio, we're hostbreathe a sigh of ing the unbridled fun of The Frirelief. The nasty ars. The Friars is a vocal octet business of the made up of members of the Unibottom line is versity of Michigan Men's Glee Club. The group is currently comprised of students Dante Mastri, Todd Claybaugh, Ryan Clarkson, Patrick Evoe, Jeff Hogg, Nate Pierantoni, Andrew Watchorn and Chris Jardis.

The boys sent us some interesting advance press. Listen to this: "The group took its name from a prestigious drinking societv that flourished at the U of M in the early 1900s. The frothy beermark, the Friar trademark, pays tribute to the light-hearted spontaneity of each Friar performance," Exactly what is a "drinkspecial that broke format and a ing society" and how do they become "prestigious?" And they have the audacity to call MSU a party school! As anyone who has seen them perform can attest, the Friars create a party atmosphere at their shows. And they've brought the party all over. The past 40 years have seen the group at the White House, the Rose Bowl, the Miss Hawaii USA contest, the islands of the Caribbean, the Pirates of the Caribbean, Iguassu Falls, the beaches of Rio and the handicrafts fair in Santiago. Closer to home, they also stay busy planning activities and singing for various campus organizations. Weekends are often spent performing for alumni or campus groups, with an occasional local business or social gathering thrown in. And, of course, they perform at Michigan football games. Over Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend, the Friars traveled to New York City to perform for an alumni club there, which marked the first offcampus alumni performance engage independently of the Men's Glee Club.

group performs. Many academic interests are reflected in this year's group, including engineering, archeology, communications and political science. The group rehearses twice a week for two hours - I guess that's whenever they're not busy maintaining their status as a venerable drinking society! The Friars

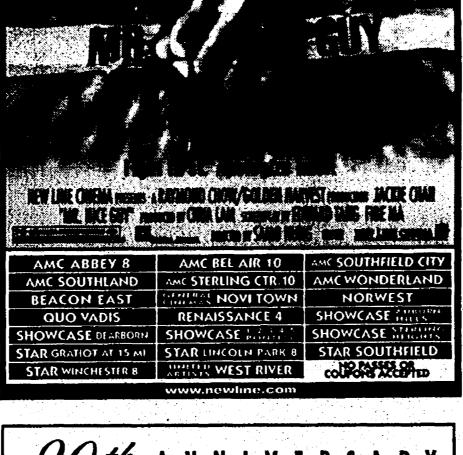
arrange all of the music that the have a concert 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28 at Rackham Auditorium on the UM campus. They also have a CD available for sale called, "Nice."

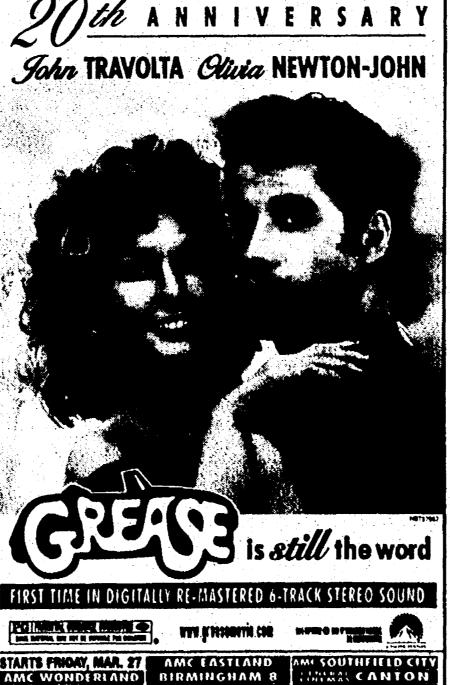
> All that and more on the Backstage Pass, airing tonight at midnight, repeated Friday night at 7:30 p.m. on Detroit Public Television.





The Friars sing all types of music including barbershop, rock, pop, soul and country. Members of the group write and

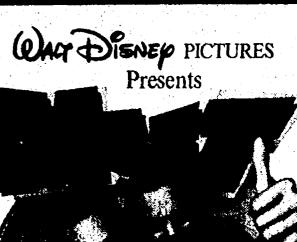


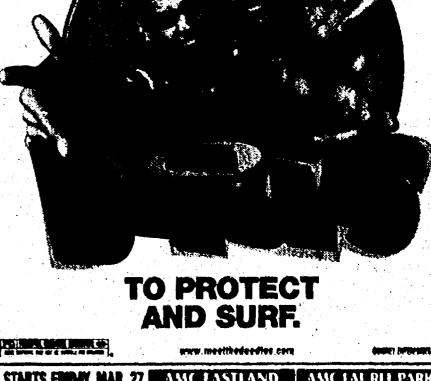


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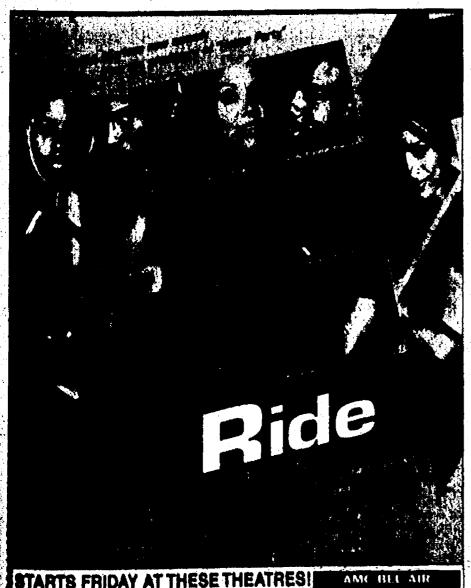
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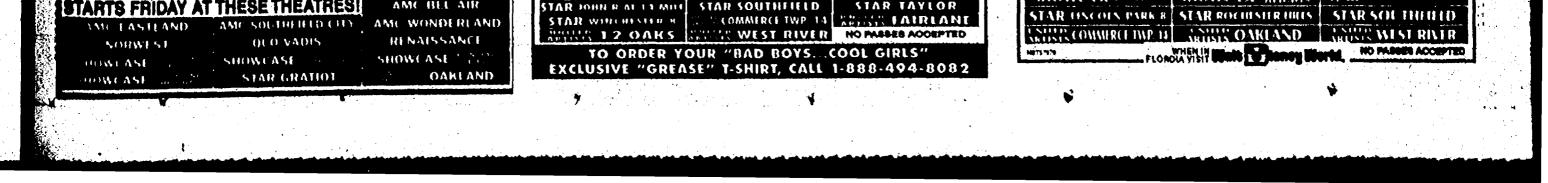






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### Reel in great eats at Flying Fish Tavern

### BY ELEANOR HEALD SPECIAL WRITER

Area restaurant trend setter Matt Prentice and his Unique Restaurant Corp. couldn't sit on the number 13 very long. He opened Flying Fish Tavern in West Bloomfield, restaurant number 14, last week. Area foodies can reel in some great eats on Orchard Lake Road, most affectionately dubbed "restaurant row."

Architectural and design talents of Birmingham-based Marc Therrian removed any trappings of former eateries at this location. Capital infusion allowed conversion from well water, formerly serving the site, to city water that now tastes good. Bright colors from floor to ceiling give Flying Fish an up-tempo feeling. Well-placed sound breakers reduce noise when the place is going full tilt. Those clouds on the ceiling - they're acoustical tiles. 

Flying Fish is about food: good food at modest prices. But it's more than that. It's a place families will enjoy. Kid Stuff has its own menu spot. Little Tavern Burger with Fries, Grilled Cheese with Fries, Chicken Tenders or Pasta Marinara are served with a bottle of root beer for kids 12 and under. A game room in back makes children of all ages happy. Sports fans won't miss a down, face-off, slam dunk or homerun. TV monitors carry Fox Sports programming.

Flying Fish is also a gathering spot, a place to kick back with friends, after work or later in the evening. There are 40 brews, eight on draft served in 16-ounce mugs, 1/2 yard or yard. Atwater Brewery has made a suds spe-

### Flying Fish Tavern

Where: 6480 Orchard Lake Road, (corner of Maple Road) West Bloomfield (248) 865-8888,

Hours: 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday; 3 p.m. to midnight Sunday. Menu: Casual neighborhood family eatery serves comfort foods with special focus on fresh catches of the day. Cost: Appetizers and dinner salads \$4-8; sandwiches and burgers \$5.50-7; pastas \$7-9: big plates, specials and catch of the day \$9-15; desserts \$2-

**Reservations:** For parties of six or more only. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

served with ginger-garlic aioli and honey mustard sauces \$8 and Veggie Chili, billed as a chili carnivores will love. It comes topped with sour cream, scallions, Jack and cheddar cheeses \$4.50.

New on the burger scene is Whitefish Burger made with Fresh Lake Superior Whitefish served with lettuce, tomato and horseradish dill cream \$6.50. To eat light, try it instead of a turkey burger. Two sandwiches are flavorful newcomers: Grilled Garden Vegetable Wrap \$7 and Ahi Tuna Melt, prepared from fresh-grilled Ahi tuna, thick sliced tomato and melted cheddar, served open faced on grilled country bread \$7. All sandwiches are served with dills and housemade potato chips. Chips

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### are addictive.

Having been trained by Matt Prentice, Detroit native Executive Chef John Arnold is a 12year veteran of Unique Restaurant Corp. kitchens, He'll be busy because he doubles as executive chef and managing partner at Flying Fish and Tavern on 13,

"I like the tavern concept," he said. "For people on the go, we offer fast service, but not fastfood taste. The kitchen challenge is creating something inexpensive that tastes good."

Big Plates are guaranteed to be "everything larger than life -except the check." Chef John has added to his very popular Tavern on 13 Southwestern Torte, Sizzling Steak or Chicken Fajitas \$11. Also good bets are the portion-sized pastas, all served with warm sourdough bread. A cup of soup, tavern or Caesar salad can be added for \$2.

Each day, a "Flight Arrivals" board, easily noticed upon entering the tavern, announces the day's fresh catches. The "flying and flight" theme underscores. the fact that the kitchen daily receives fresh seafood, flown in from the best seaports across the United States.

In the model of URC's Northern Lakes Seafood Company in Bloomfield Hills, all seafood is served with vegetable, fried rice and choice from three sauces: tropical fruit salsa, Bearnaise or roasted garlic Provincal and can be prepared broiled, grilled, sautéed, blackened or poached. But portions are downsized from those at Northern Lakes.

Special menu recognition has been given to URC's largest seafood purveyor, Foley's in



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area dining scene will be made

with the freshest ingredients.

Prices compete with national

chains, but Flying Fish has per-

sonality on the floor, with compe-

tent and friendly wait staff, and

in the food, made from scratch by

Chef John and his kitchen crew.

are available as take-outs.

No time to eat in? All items

Fresh fish: Executive Chef/Managing Partner, John Arnold (left) and General Manager / Managing Partner, Marc Forrest present Broiled Sole inside the new Flying FishTavern.

"The reputation of Foley's for seafood compares to a Cadillac in the auto industry," URC's corporate chef Jim Barnett remarked. Man-up-front at Flying Fish Tavern is general manager Marc Forrest. Over the last three years, he has worked his way up from a server at Relish to a management position.

"Working tavern-style is fun because it's different every day," he noted. If you leave room,

WHAT'S COOKING

> Plymouth Landing - 340 N. Main St., Plymouth, (734) 455-3700, All You Can Eat Fish Fry, every Wednesday and Friday during Lent, Deep Fried Alaskan Cod, French Fries or Macaroni & Cheese, Coleslaw, Breadbasket, available lunch and dinner, \$7.95. Make reservations now for the Easter buffet, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 12, cost \$12.95 adults, \$6.95 children ages 5-10, no charge children age 4 and under. Ham and turkey, pasta with tomato sauce, mixed ... vegetables, roast pork with gravy, Polish sausage, rice pilaf, mashed potatoes, stuffing, sweet & sour cabbage, sweet potatoes, variety of salads and desserts. Look for feature introducing the Plymouth Landing's new executive chef Chaz West, on April 2.

> Hospitality Banquet Henry Ford Community College - "Yesterday's Memories and Tomorrow's Dreams," begins 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4 in the Student Center. Fund-raiser for the hospitality studies student scholarship program features appetizers, beer and wine tasting, art auction of works by HFCC students and music by the HFCC Trio. For dinner entree choices are Beef Tenderloin Wellington Bordelaise or Salmon en Croute with Dill **Beurre Blanc Sauce**. Entrees will be served with roasted Yukon Gold potatoes and mixed vegetables. Tickets are \$35 per person, call (313) 845-9651. The college is at 5101 Evergreen.

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