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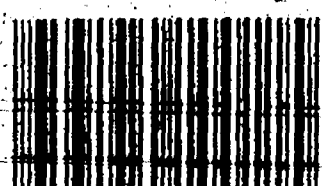
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### Festival fun



Going up: Eric Anderle, 13, of Wayne, works his way up a rock climb wall.



Pie in sky: Tiffany Summers, 10, of Westland tosses a pizza in the Toarmina's Pizza Toss.



Whoosh: Kaitlyn Dufour, 2, (front), and Melissa Parks, 2, ride with Sherry Parks on the Super Slide at the Summer Festival.

## Fun draws crowds to festival

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Adults were sticking their faces in plates of ice cream.

Well, actually, they were eating ice cream as fast as they could without spoons. It was part of the Westland Summer Festival's ice-cream eating contest during the festival which ended Sunday night.

The annual festival, which includes the Miss Westland Summer Festival Pageant held the weekend prior to the festival, officially kicked off with a parade down Ford

### Summer Festival

Road on Wednesday evening.

Events then continued Wednesday evening, Thursday evening, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The 27th annual festival was a success, according to Ken Mehl, chairman of the nonprofit Westland Festival Committee Inc., which organizes the festival. Estimates are that between 200,000 and 250,000 people attended the festival from Wednesday through Sunday.

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## Council votes down buying leased car

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITER

A proposal to buy a car the city had already leased for two years was defeated Monday night and renewed concerns about the need for a policy.

Westland City Council voted down a plan to buy a Pontiac Bonneville for \$13,631 from Red Holman Pontiac/GMC in Westland.

The car, which has fewer than 30,000 miles on it, had been leased for the mayor. The city now has the option of

buying it or sending it back to the dealership.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc questioned why the issue of the police department needing vehicles hadn't come up in recent budget talks.

With the cost of the lease at \$10,300, buying the car now makes the cost of the car nearly \$24,000, LeBlanc said.

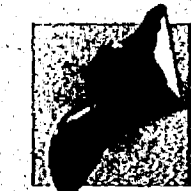
The city bought a similar vehicle for the police chief a few months ago, Councilman Glenn Anderson said. "It

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## City's 1st fire chief dies

■ Ralph Savini, who served as Westland's first fire chief and remained a resident after his retirement, died Monday at age 78.

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITER



Westland's first fire chief is remembered as a great man with a gift of humor.

Ralph Savini of Westland, who was the fire chief, first with the fledgling Nankin Township department in the early 1960s, and then for Westland when it became a city in 1966, died Monday. He was 78.

Born in 1920 in West Virginia, Savini came to the Detroit area in 1938. He served in the U.S. military in 1940 where he flew rescue missions in the Pacific and Asian theaters.

He married in 1946. At that time, he had some aspirations in television and attended a school to study television.

He eventually started working at the Village of Wayne Fire Department and in 1962 made the move to the Nankin

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## Acting clerk named; Fritz gets contract

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITER

An acting Westland city clerk has been appointed, and the just-retired clerk has been retained as a consultant.

Diane J. Fritz, who retired in June after longtime service with the city, has been retained as an independent contractor for \$60 an hour for the next six months.

Meanwhile, Patricia Gibbons, an employee of the clerk's office, has been appointed acting city clerk effective July 7 until a permanent city clerk is named. Her annual salary is \$48,000. Gibbons, a city employee for 21 years,

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### Mud bath



Dirty fun: Victor Hatch, 9, of Westland took part in the Wayne County Annual Mud Day at the Perin Site in Hines Park. See page, A9.

### Red Wing signing

Detroit Red Wing Larry Murphy will be at the Westland Shopping Center from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, July 11, in Center Court, signing autographs.

Tickets for \$15 must be bought from Fan Zone before the event. Each ticket includes one autographed photograph.

The line will start outside of Lot 9 at Hudson's Package Pickup, off of Central City Parkway. For more information, call Fan Zone at (734) 762-9618.

### Reappointments

Westland Planning Commission members Deborah Suir and Robert Bowers were reappointed to the commission at Monday's Westland City Council meeting.

Bowers and Suir were each appointed to three-

## PLACES & FACES

year terms to expire July 6, 2001.

### Surplus food distribution

Westland will be having its surplus food program at the Dorsey Community Center on the following dates and times:

Palmer, Stieber, Merriman and Wildwood roads, which is known as Norwayne and Oak Village, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, July 16.

All other residents excluding Precinct 28: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 17.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers may call their building manager for their day of distribution.

For July, distribution will include: green beans, tomato juice, rice, vegetable oil, and frozen ham. For information, call the Dorsey Center, (734) 595-0366.

### Animal Planet

Westland Shopping Center and the American Humane Association Disaster Relief will be hosting Animal Planet Rescue on Saturday, July 25. The event will take place in the parking lot behind JC Penney off Nankin Boulevard. It will feature an 80-foot tractor-trailer splashed with colorful animal graphics and will be open to the public for guided tours. There will also be interactive events, live animal demonstrations, face painting and trivia games with prizes. The event is open to the public for free.

**OBITUARIES**

**DOROTHY E. COLLINS**

A memorial service for Dorothy Collins of Livonia will be 11 a.m. Friday, July 10, in the Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Mrs. Collins died July 4. Surviving are: sons, Leon, Lloyd of Westland, Michael, John, Charles, Edward, Robert, Glen and Kenneth; daughters, Dorothy Fogelberg, Nancy Anderson, Mary Oulette, Cheryl Holland; 27 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Mrs. Collins was preceded in death by her husband, Burdette.

**SHELDON D. HOUSE**

Funeral services for Sheldon House, 77, of Westland were July 6 in Ziomek Funeral Home and Church of the Holy Spirit with burial at Grand Lawn Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Kip Gravelle.

Mr. House died July 2. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the Navy aboard an LST in the Pacific War Zone.

Surviving are: wife of 57 years, Margaret; sons, Larry, Toby and Roger; daughters, Carol Carter and Janet Schroeder; brother, Bruce House; sisters, Eleanor Hornbrook and Vera Layton; 14

grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Michigan Kidney Foundation or Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

**MARION SWALLEY**

Funeral arrangements for Marion Swalley, 63, of Wayne were held July 7 by Uht Funeral Home. Mrs. Swalley died July 5 in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Wayne. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: husband, Richard; sons, David and Craig; daughter, Debbie Miller of Westland; and grandson, Scott Beaker.

**JAMES E. MCANALLY**

Funeral services for James McAnally, 83, of Westland were July 7 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Danny Tackell. Mr. McAnally died July 3. He was a steel slitter.

Surviving are: wife, Helen; daughter, Bettie Grimes; one brother; eight sisters; two grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Michigan Cancer Center.

**Watson's contract extended**

Ken Watson, Livonia Public Schools' top administrator, will start the new school year with a two-year contract extension, but no pay raise.

The superintendent was slated to get a 2-percent pay hike for the upcoming 1998-99 school year.

But, once again, as he has done in the past, he turned down the raise, this time over the issue of improving state-mandated test scores.

Saying he believes responsibility lies at his doorstep, Watson rejected his pay raise because of the poor scores Livonia students received on the 1997 Michigan Education Assessment Program, or MEAP, tests.

"He took MEAP on as a challenge; it was refreshing to see a person in his position step up and be accountable and take steps to change things," said Frank Kokenakes, 1997-98 president of the Livonia Board of Education.

After giving Watson an excellent evaluation, the trustees also tacked two more years onto the superintendent's contract.

The contract now ends June 30, 2002.

"He is an excellent leader and has done an excellent job in dealing with various groups and with personnel matters," Kokenakes said. "People feel comfortable



Ken Watson

with him. He hasn't made mistakes, and has dealt with some tough issues."

After turning down pay increases during his first four years as superintendent, Watson finally received a 2.5-percent pay increase in 1997-98.

As it was with raises given to other district employees, Watson's 1997-98 increase was "off-schedule"; that is, it was not built permanently into his pay schedule.

Therefore, Watson's salary now drops back to what it was before 1997: \$106,500.

His "on-schedule, built-in"

**LIVONIA SCHOOLS**

**As superintendent, Watson rejected previous pay increases, saying he wanted to set a model of financial discipline in the school district. At the time, the district was negotiating contracts with seven employee unions.**

salary was slated to go to \$108,630 in 1998-99.

"Only in 1997-98 did I take a raise," Watson said. "My salary this year will be a 2.5 percent cut over last year, because last year's raise was off-schedule."

There are no pay raises built into the two-year contract extension, leaving Watson's salary open-ended for the next three school years.

As superintendent, Watson rejected previous pay increases, saying he wanted to set a model of financial discipline in the school district.

At the time, the district was negotiating contracts with seven employee unions.

He has received a top-notch evaluation from the trustees ever since being named superintendent in 1994.

But MEAP scores have dogged Watson ever since he assumed

the district's top post.

In 1995, after his first evaluation, Watson pledged to deliver on higher MEAP scores. He was quoted as saying: "(Teachers and administrators) will improve the scores as far as improvement is possible. So the scores will go up. But I'm willing to accept the consequences, whatever that may be."

The 1997 test scores left him disappointed and embarrassed to the point he named former Nankin Mills principal Linda Gantos to a new administrative post. Her job in the upcoming school year will be to work with elementary staff to boost reading test scores.

In turning down his pay raise for 1998-99, Watson said: "I can't justify to our students and community the fact that our rate of improvement is less than what it should be."

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**Car from page A1**  
 just doesn't make sense to lease a vehicle for two years and then turn around and buy it," he said.  
 If the city were spending tax dollars the way it should it wouldn't be buying the vehicle, Anderson said.  
 Mayor Robert Thomas said he wouldn't disagree, but that the vehicle has low mileage and the police department officials say they need it.  
 Police Chief Emery Price defended the proposal, saying he had requested four vehicles during the budget process, but those requests didn't make it into the budget.  
 "I'm simply trying to keep my people on the street," Price said.  
 Several vehicles in the police department fleet have "extremely high mileage," Price said. The

Bonneville would have replaced a vehicle with high mileage that "is cost-ineffective to keep fixing," according to information from Department of Public Services Director Richard Dittmar.  
 "I still think it's a bad, bad decision to lease then buy," Anderson said.  
 "I don't know if this is a good way to do this," Council President Pro Tem Sharon Scott said.  
 A similar issue surfaced in January when council was at odds over whether to spend \$37,535 to buy four Ford Taurus cars that the city had leased for nearly three years. In a 4-3 vote, the council approved spending \$9,383 each for four Taurus cars that had already cost \$11,770 each for a three-year lease. The cars went to the police and fire departments.

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Monday's proposal was defeated 4-2 with Council President Sandra Cicirelli, Councilman Charles Pickering, LeBlanc and Anderson voting no. Councilwoman Justine Barnes and Scott voted yes. Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin was absent.  
**Clerk from page A1**  
 has been working in the clerk's office for about 10 years and as deputy clerk since November 1992.  
 Westland City Council approved her appointment and Fritz's contract at Monday's regular council meeting.  
 The original consultant contract proposal for Fritz extended to June 30, 1999, but Councilman Glenn Anderson moved to shorten the length to six months.  
 Council approved the shorter contract by a vote of 5-1 with Justine Barnes voting no. Barnes said she wanted the longer contract.  
 Council does have the option to extend the contract at the end of six months, Council President Pro Tem Sharon Scott said.  
 Fritz, who will be working on an as-needed basis, won't be paid more than \$25,000 for her services, according to the contract, which was based on a year-long contract.  
 Council President Sandra Cicirelli has estimated Fritz will work 10-12 hours a week during busy times.  
 Fritz announced her retirement in May. The city has advertised the position on the Internet and in area clerks' offices, but has yet to fill the position.  
 The deadline for applications was June 22. The three finalists for the position will be interviewed by city council beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, according to Cicirelli.  
 During a council study session in June, some council members expressed concern about the situation of Fritz retiring with an August primary and a November election on the horizon. At that meeting the independent contractor proposal was discussed.

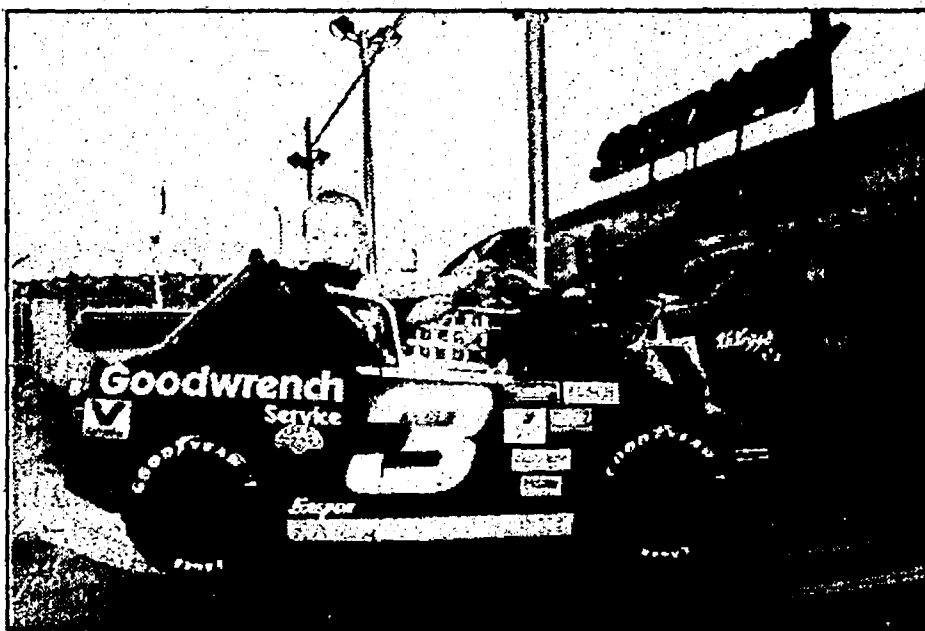
# Summer fun



**Face of a winner:** Melissa Tori, 4, of Brighton came in first place in the pie-eating contest at the Westland Summer Festival.



**Fast food:** Bradley Celmer, 4, of Westland competes in the pie-eating contest as dad, Jerry, watches.



**Fast car:** Camorn Sumner, 5, enjoys the Speedway ride at the Westland Summer Festival.

## Festival from page A1

"Obviously we had good weather which helped out," he said.

Also, new events for kids such as the magic show and clown shows were well-attended.

"Everybody seemed to enjoy the bands," he said.

The final figures aren't in yet, but Mehl said the festival committee is in good shape going into next year's festival. The committee increased the amount spent on entertainment this year bringing the total festival cost to an estimated \$35,000 or more, Mehl said.

In addition to the entertainment, there were many other activities including pie eating, pizza tossing and leg showings.

There were also a car show, rides, games and food.

Lesley York, 13, of Wixom took her turn at trying her mountain-climbing skills on a wall equipped with foot and hand holds at various points. Strapped with safety ropes, she found the climb easy, although she said she hadn't done it before.

Michelle Hamati, 9, of Canton, though, found it a little more difficult. On her second attempt she still hadn't made it.

"It's hard because my hands can't get a grip," she said.

Her brother, Matthew, 12, who hadn't climbed before, made it and felt good about his climb. "I did awesome. It was easy," he said.

Then his brother Anthony, 6, attempted the climb.

"You can do it, Anthony, all the way," his mother, Violette, said.

After a few scares and warn-

ings not to look down, Anthony finished the climb, pressing a button in a plastic skull at the top to mark his success.

Sister Michelle, then on her third attempt, made the climb. She wasn't quite satisfied though, saying she almost fell and that her hands hurt as she lowered to the ground.

The "mountain" climbing was situated near the main stage where acts such as the Lonestar Dance Company performed and demonstrated country-western line dancing at various times throughout the weekend. Musicians such as Steve King and the Dittilies and Westland's own Josh Gracin also performed.

Meanwhile, many others had the opportunity to enjoy games and rides in the festival area set up behind Westland City Hall.

At the Super Slide, kids and their parents were making multiple trips down the slide atop burlap-type sacks.

Jeanine Williams of Westland watched as her daughter, Julie, 7, made her third trip down.

Noting from the look on her face, "She likes it," she said.

Julie, meanwhile, lost her flipflops on the slide.

"It was fun - my shoes fell off," she said with a laugh.

The festival fun wrapped up Sunday night with a fireworks show that drew large crowds.

Meanwhile, the fun for next year is already being planned, Mehl said. Also, the committee is trying to recruit more organizations to offer concessions next year, he said.



**Vintage vehicle:** A baby blue custom '51 Mercury was on display at the Quality Movers Car Show as part of the Westland Summer Festival. The car show was Saturday.

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# Area leaders support supermajority proposal

City and township clerks will receive ballots for the Aug. 4 primary election in the next few days with the so-called supermajority ballot proposal.

While they wait, however, most leaders from those same communities are talking about their support for the ballot proposal.

Voters will be asked whether the Wayne County charter should be amended to require county tax increases to have 60 percent support from voters and two-thirds support from county commissioners.

That ballot may or may not change, depending on a ruling expected from the Michigan Court of Appeals, which may come at any time. The appellate court is not expected to rule on the constitutionality of the proposal but whether three county commissioners who support the proposal have "legal standing" to challenge a refusal by two members of the Wayne County Election Commission to validate the proposal.

The trio — Commissioners Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, and

Kathleen Husk, R-Redford — filed suit when Probate Judge Milton Mack, chair of the election commission and Wayne County Clerk Teola Hunter would not validate the ballot proposal. McCotter, Husk and Patterson were among an eight-member suburban contingent that passed the proposal this spring to place it before voters.

### Suburban support

Regardless of the court ruling, community leaders in western Wayne County support the supermajority ballot proposal. Redford Township Supervisor

Kevin Kelley believes support is widespread across Wayne County, including Detroit.

"There's a question as to the legalities of its specifics, but I think the thrust is good," Kelley said. "People are concerned about the amount of taxes that are on them."

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey supports it "enthusiastically."

"It's something that's important to the people in Wayne County. It will help to control our financial destiny in the future."

"I don't see it as unconstitu-

tional. I think it will stand the test of constitutionality. It does not erode one-person, one-vote."

Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Plymouth Township supervisor, would not comment on how she would vote personally, nor would she ask the township board to support the proposal. "It's up to the voters," McCarthy said.

"A lot of the suburbs who pay a majority of taxes don't seem to have an equal vote when it comes to those taxes," McCarthy said. "It's a good issue to have before the electorate."

McCarthy pointed out that the

1996 parks millage was defeated in almost all of Wayne County's 43 communities. That millage passed based on the city of Detroit's vote margin.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack hopes it passes.

"Countywide, there are always different issues, that it seems if (the campaign) is well-funded, it seems to get passed," Yack said.

Yack believes the proposal, if approved, will be challenged in court over constitutional questions. Yack didn't know whether the parks millage would have

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## Airport rehab boosts local economy

The administration building at Wayne County's Willow Run Airport — part of a historic World War II B-24 Bomber plant — will be getting a major facelift, thanks to a grant from the Michigan Jobs Commission and a pledge from Willow Run tenants to add more than 100 new jobs over the next two years.

The \$1 million grant was announced Tuesday. It will be used to upgrade the building's facade, replace windows, establish new entrances for airport tenants and improve the office air conditioning system. Wayne County will supplement the grant with \$100,000, and another \$200,000 to upgrade landscaping and signs.

Willow Run Airport is a key economic contributor for Wayne and Washtenaw counties, said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive.

"This project is a cooperative effort involving both counties, the state of Michigan, and eight Willow Run tenants who agreed to add more than 100 jobs at the airport. It simply wouldn't have been possible without commitment and cooperation of all parties involved."

While Willow Run is owned and operated by Wayne County, the airport sits on the Wayne-Washtenaw county border. As a result, much of the airport's marketing and development efforts have been joint ventures between the two counties.

"This long-standing partnership was important, because Washtenaw County was eligible to apply for a state Community Development Block Grant to fund the renovation project," McNamara said.

Willow Run was eligible for up to \$1 million under the grant through the Michigan Jobs Commission to fund the building improvements.

State Rep. Kirk Profit, D-Ypsi-

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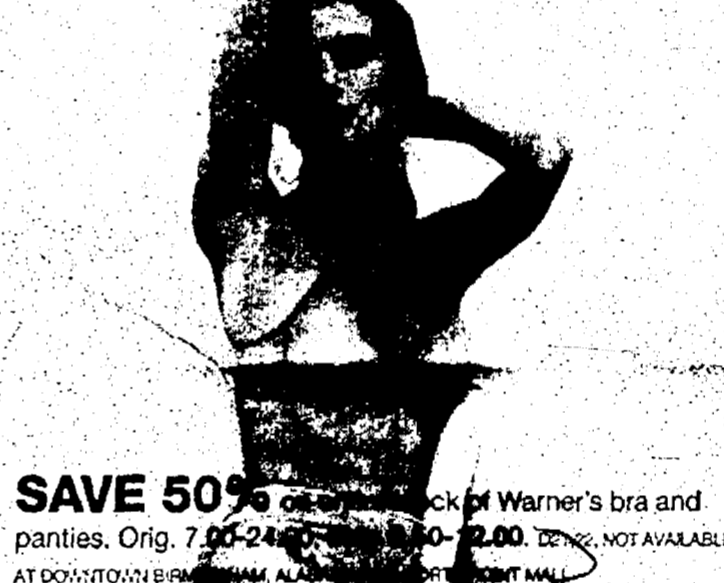
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# Scott seeks GOP nod in exec race

Herb Scott knows he has an uphill climb.

Scott, a 51-year-old vice president of Major Pharmaceuticals of Livonia and a Canton Township resident, is running against Edward Romanowski on the Republican ticket for Wayne County executive. On the Democratic side incumbent Edward McNamara is being challenged by former Detroit mayor candidate Sharon McPhail and Wallace Serylo.

The winners on the partisan tickets will face off in the Nov. 3 general election, but if one looks at name recognition and Wayne County's general support for Democrats, the Republicans have a real challenge.

Scott took one look at a recent newspaper article that refers to McNamara as "Caesar" in a headline, and Scott believes he made the right decision to run.

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"It concerns me," Scott said. "It's why we need more accountable county government."

Scott said he has nothing personally against McNamara, but believes his political machine should be dismantled.

"We don't need a king, we need a county executive," Scott said. "I would not make my appointments based on what keeps me in office."

### A steady climb

Scott worked his way up from territory manager of Michigan Pharmacal Corp., the former name of Major Pharmaceuticals, in 1974 with 30 accounts whose sales averaged \$125,000 a month into vice president of managed care for Major Pharmaceuticals with sales of \$105



**GOP contender: Herb Scott of Canton Township wants to make county government more accountable.**

million yearly.

Besides serving as current treasurer for the Republicans in the 13th Congressional

District, Scott is active in his church and serves on the board of Habitat for Humanity, western Wayne County. He is married to Olivia (Rodriguez). They have four daughters and three grandchildren.

### Budget directives

If elected county executive, Scott would examine the budget for possible cuts, but Scott said he may even look at department expansion when appropriate.

The county jail needs closer budget scrutiny. "Wayne County paid out some \$1.1 million in health care for inmates who already had insurance," Scott said. Wayne County needs to work with community groups and churches through mentoring programs to "focus people the right way," Scott said.

"Give first-time offenders a

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lanti, said the renovation will improve the airport's image and the appearance. "Upgrading this building will help meet the needs of current and future customers, and will also create jobs for area residents."

Eight Willow Run tenants pledged to add new jobs at the airport as a result of the improvements. The creation of new jobs was essential to the grant's approval, according to the Michigan Jobs Commission. The eight tenants are: Ameristar Jet Charter, Johnson Controls, Marlin Air, Michigan Institute of Aeronautics, Murray Aviation, Reliant Airlines, USA Jet Air-

lines and Willow Run JetCenter Inc.

Construction is expected to begin next spring and the project completed in the fall of 1999. Design work will be completed by Ghafari Associates of Dearborn. Ypsilanti architect Eligbeth Knibbe will team up with Ghafari to ensure improvements meet renovation guidelines for historical structures.

The airport is in the process of completing a \$35 million capital improvement plan to address water and drainage issues, develop access roads, reconstruct and rehabilitate runways and taxiways.

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garnered 60 percent support for approval.

"If you have a single county-wide proposal and no organized opponent, you are more likely to get it through," Yack said. "This (supermajority) proposal makes it more difficult to raise taxes."

Yack said he will not approach the township board to issue any resolution of support or rejection of the proposal. "We never do that on any issues. We don't use the agenda to support or stand in opposition." The only time the township board completed such an action was the approval of a resolution to opt Canton out of the Suburban Mobility Authority of Regional Transportation.

Westland Mayor Robert

Thomas was pleased the proposal was on the ballot.

"Some people make it out to be a Detroit-suburb issue, but my guess is it will pass in Detroit by a good margin," Thomas said. "Anytime you give a taxpayer a chance to make it harder for government to raise taxes, I think voters like that."

Thomas doesn't believe Detroit voters will follow the Detroit commission's opposition. "You will have a hard time finding someone who says 'I don't pay enough in taxes, I want to pay some more.'"

"Any new proposals will have to be a good one, and one that benefits everyone."

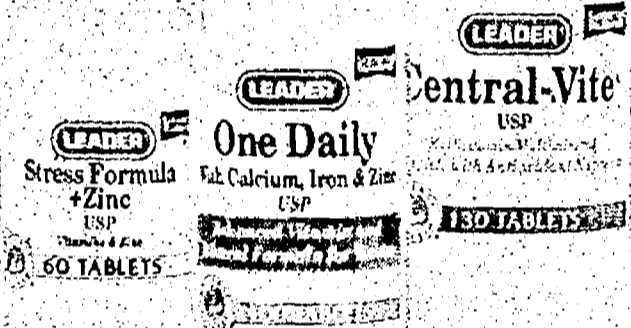
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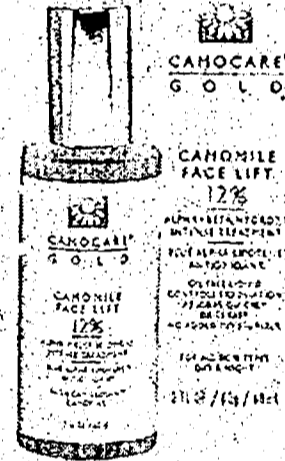
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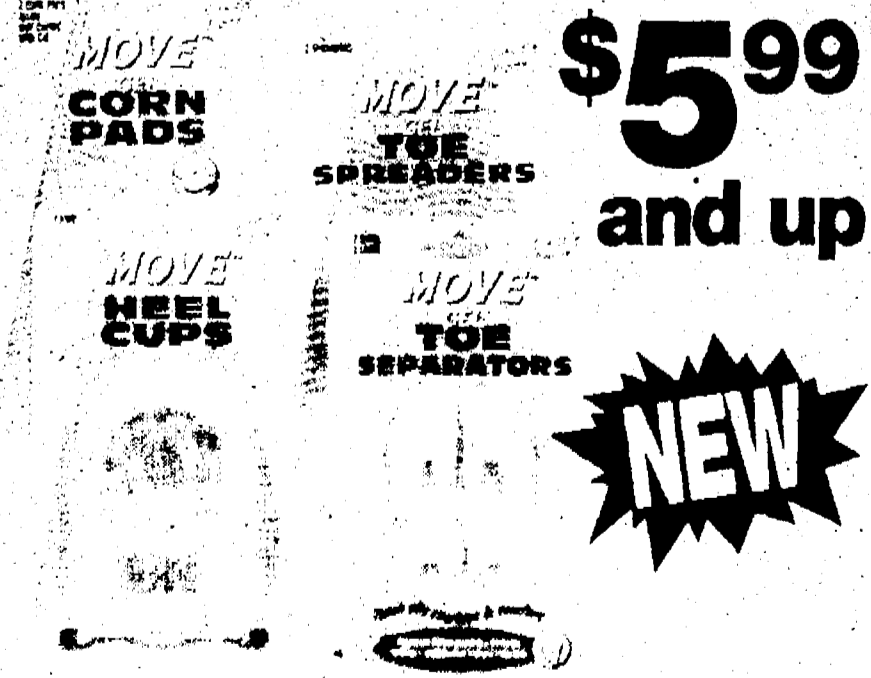


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role model. As Republicans we need to not only continue the ideas of less government and less government involvement in our lives, we need to continue with more personal involvement and civic responsibility."

## Airport is crucial

Scott calls the development of Detroit Metro Airport crucial to western Wayne County. Scott believes all contracts should be bid without political pressures to contribute to McNamara's campaign, to avoid lawsuits like the one filed by North American Group.

With the airport's expansion the county should be working between the private sector and Northwest Airlines, and not give Northwest complete control of the expansion, Scott said.

The smaller (airline) companies are struggling, and Northwest can come in and dictate what will be done."

Scott does not believe Wayne County residents should be taxed to finance the operations of the county jails and juvenile detention facility. "We can't get an accounting for the last mil-

lage," Scott said. "They want us to approve another (millage), and that's wrong."

Scott believes the money for jail operations should come from the general fund with adjustments made after he meets with department heads.

Canton Township's recent support of McNamara from Supervisor Tom Yack is an example of a fear of retaliation, Scott said. Scott believes local elected officials go along with the county executive or "suffer" as Canton did with money for road repairs.

"If you don't go along with what county government does, you're ostracized and punished," Scott said. "There seems to be so much turmoil that county government is involved in, such as lawsuits and allegations."

Scott said the so-called supermajority ballot proposal pits the suburbs against the city.

"Part of it is perpetuated by the commissioners. That's not to say that they do this on purpose. Part of it is commissioners do it for constituents, and that is bringing home the bacon in their district. And suburban commis-

sioners want their constituents to know that they are not giving everything to the city.

"Those dynamics need to be explored and how to work together in tandem, to have equity between Detroit and the suburbs."

Scott said suburban residents must realize that Wayne County needs to fund certain areas in Detroit through the county's Jobs and Economic Development programs so Detroit can maintain a strong tax base, so the city doesn't have to depend on suburbs.

"They will have a dynamic economy so that they can give their fair share in taxes without tax increases."

Scott also is a board member with Habitat for Humanity, a volunteer group that builds homes for people who have difficulty qualifying for a mortgage.

Scott said the western Wayne County chapter built four homes in Inkster. "It's one of the things I'm most proud of, of what it's doing and what it's doing in Detroit," Scott said.

# Lions honor Madonna president

Sister Mary Francilene Van de Vyver, president of Madonna University, recently was named a Melvin Jones Fellow by the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

The fellowship, named for the Lions' founder, represents the foundation's highest distinction and honors individuals dedicated to humanitarian service within the world community.

"This honor is likewise a tribute to the 20 years of dedicated commitment of the Lions and our University staff in serving the needs of our hearing and visually impaired students," said Sister Francilene.

Sister Francilene's involvement in the community extends beyond academic circles. She has served on the boards of the Livonia Cham-

ber of Commerce, the Business Development Team of Wayne County, the Archdiocesan Allocations Committee, and the Livonia Prayer Breakfast Committee.

For the past 20 years she has served on the board of directors of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

Her awards include being identified as one of the 100 most effective college presidents in the country by a 1987 national study of college presidents and receiving one of the Michigan 150 First Lady Awards during Michigan's sesquicentennial year.

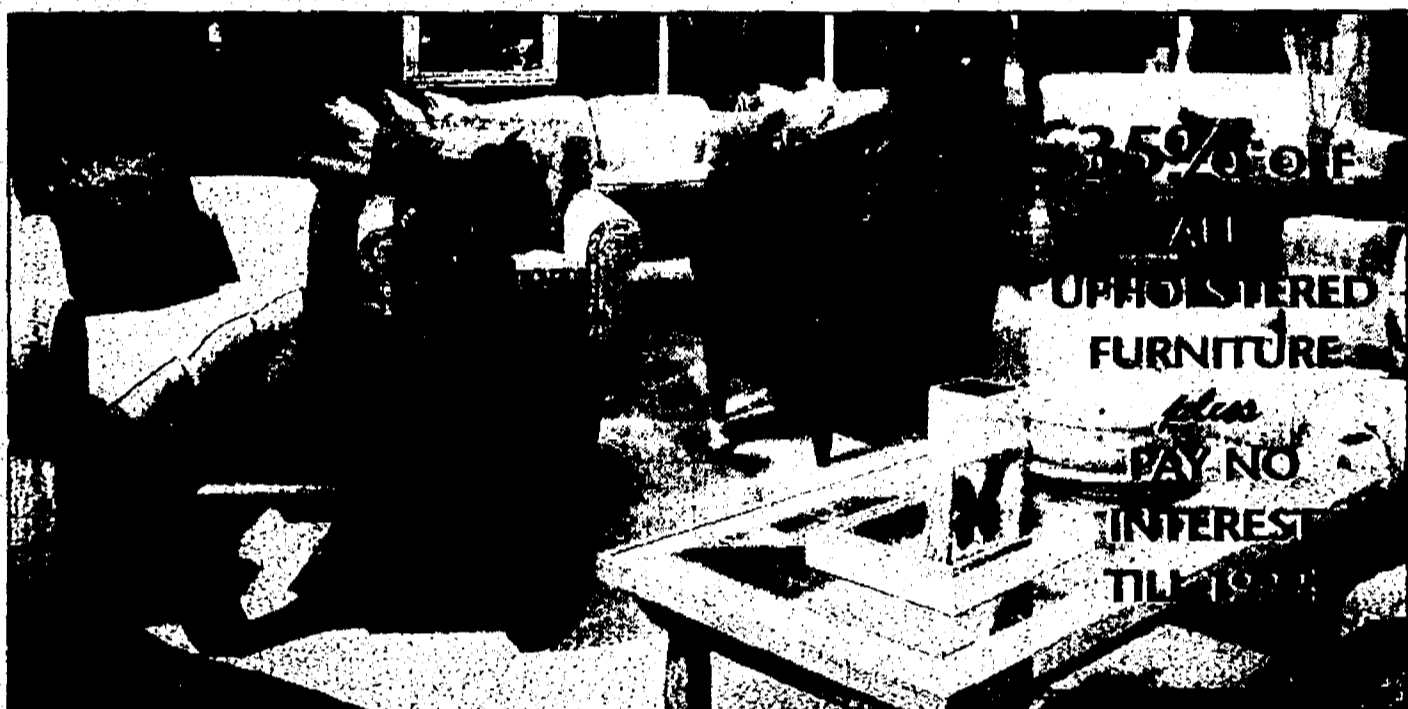
She also was one of six area women honored in 1992 by the YWCA of Western Wayne County in the First Women of Achievement Awards presentation.

Sister Francilene is the eldest of six children. She graduated from the Felician Academy in 1959 and entered the order of Felician Sisters. She received her bachelor's degree from Madonna College (renamed Madonna University in 1991) and her master's and doctoral degrees from Wayne State University.



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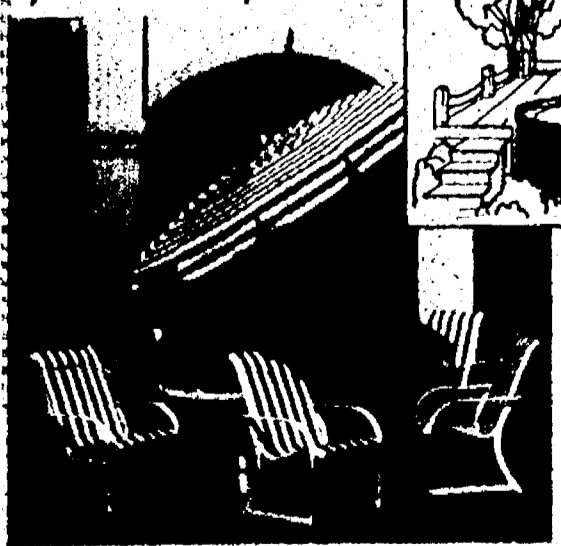
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# Kids have fun messin' around in mud

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But it was all in good fun at the Perrin picnic area in Dearborn Heights as Wayne County parks officials mixed more than 200 tons of topsoil and over 20,000 gallons of water to create the messiest playground in Wayne County for the annual Mud Day.

Youngsters aged 12 and

under from several communities throughout western Wayne County were separated into age categories for wheelbarrow races and "Mud Limbo." At the end of the day's events, Amber Kittle, 11, of Lincoln Park, was crowned "Ms. Mud," while Raymond Heitchue, 12, of Detroit was named "Mr. Mud."

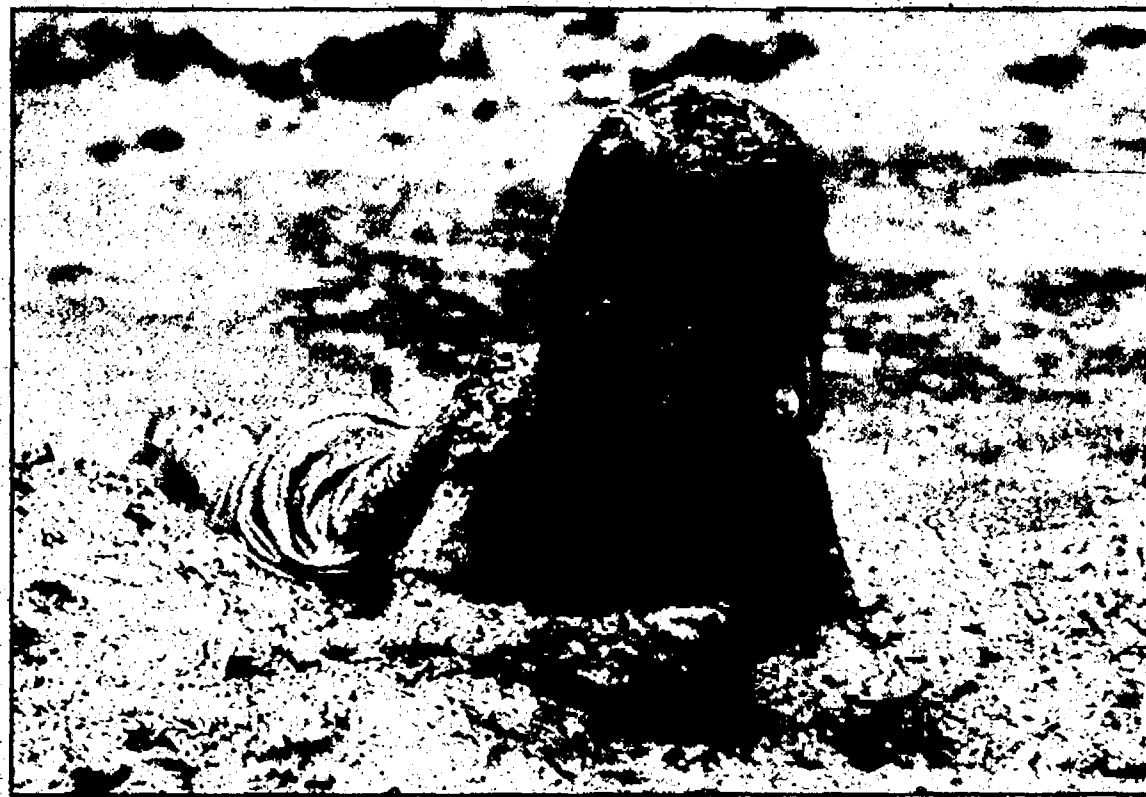
The Wayne County Fire Department from Detroit Metro Airport was on hand with hoses to aid in rinsing mud off the children.



And they're off: More than 300 kids and adults took part in Wayne County Park's Annual Mud Day on Tuesday at the Perrin site along Hines Drive.



Time out: Brandon Dwyer, 4, (left) of Farmington Hills and Kayla Bobcean, 2, of Canton take a break from playing the mud to watch Mud day races with Kayla's mom, Donna.



Muddy smile: Cheyenne Garlow, 5, of Northville, appears to have a good time crawling in the mud.



Fun time: Kendra Seesholtz, 8, of Plymouth was among those enjoying Mud Day.

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# HomeTown expands

## O&E parent company buys Royal Oak publishing group

Richard Aginian, president of HomeTown Communications Network, announced the purchase of the assets of Oak Communications Inc., publishers of the Mirror newspapers.

Owner and publisher George S. Willard founded Oak Communications in 1992 when he began publishing the Mirror of Royal Oak. The Mirror of Clawson followed in 1993, the Mirror of Ferndale/Pleasant Ridge and the Mirror of Berkley/Huntington Woods in 1994 and the Mirror of Birmingham in 1997.

Willard, a former publisher of the Mount Clemens-based Macomb Daily and Royal Oak Daily Tribune, began his newspaper career at the Observer & Eccentric newspapers, owned by HomeTown Communications Network (formerly Suburban Communications Inc.). Willard is

currently serving his second term as president of the Greater Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce. He also serves on the advisory committees of the Boys & Girls Club of South Oakland and the Coalition for Healthy Communities. He and his wife, Juanita, are residents of Royal Oak.

Willard will join the staff of HomeTown Communications Network, where he will continue as publisher of the Mirror newspapers.

"Our focus has always been on community journalism, and that is true of the Hometown newspapers as well," Willard said.

"Our local focus will continue and be strengthened by this sale. In many ways, this will be a homecoming for me, and I look forward to working with the folks at HomeTown to provide

even better newspapers for our loyal readers."

HomeTown Communications Network, headquartered in Livonia, publishes more than 60 weekly and twice-weekly community newspapers, as well as a variety of specialty publications for target audiences.

Its wholly-owned subsidiaries include the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers in Wayne and Oakland counties, HomeTown Newspapers in Livingston and Oakland counties, Community Newspapers in suburban Lansing; Community Press Newspapers in Cincinnati and Kentucky; Camden Publications and Specialty Communications.

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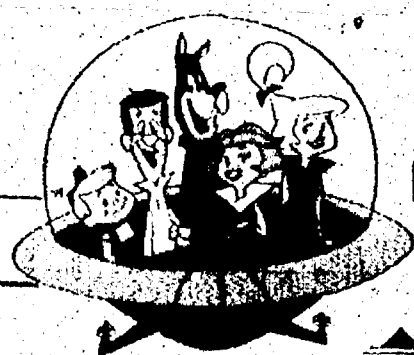
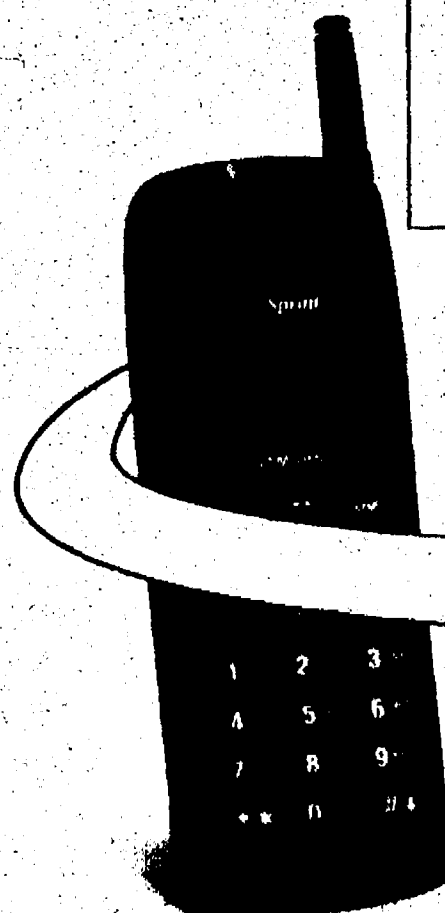
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**CAPITAL ROUNDUP**

To hear House Republicans tell it, they had to bludgeon majority Democrats into action. To hear Democrats tell it, it was their bills that created "truth in sentencing."

To hear a Senate Republican tell it, the House "guttled" the bills, endangering public safety.

The Michigan House on June 16 approved a package of bills designed to keep offenders behind bars for at least their minimum sentences. The votes ranged from 99-2 to 102-0 and 104-1 - almost unanimous.

House minority leader Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, said that if the House hadn't acted soon, the GOP would have asked for special orders to move the bills which had languished for months on the House calendar.

"There was no reason, whatsoever, to delay action," said Rep. Michael Nye, R-Litchfield. "I am glad Democrats finally got the message."

A key bill eases the "650 drug lifer," under which anyone caught with 650 grams (2.2 pounds) of a drug was doomed to life in prison without hope of parole. It was revised to allow courts to impose terms from 20 years to life.

Another would link parole with an inmate's earning of a GED (general equivalency diploma), same as a high school diploma.

House Speaker Curtis Hertel, D-Detroit, said the House had served the public well.

"The public has the impression that the prison system has a revolving door," he said.

"Crime victims deserve better than to see their perpetrators released from prison early," added Rep. A.T. Frank, D-Saginaw.

One bill expands the authority of the legislative Corrections ombudsman to do "more rigorous investigations of complaints about the Department of Corrections," according to a Democratic news release. The big change: a shift of prison policy from one in which "good behavior is rewarded" to one in which "bad behavior is punished," according to sponsor Michael Hanley, D-Saginaw.

Sen. William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison, complained that the House gutted the guidelines bills. VanRegenmorter, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, had produced bills increasing sentences for violent crimes.

He denounced the bill reducing the 650 drug lifer sentences.

**Madonna plans 3rd golf outing**

The third annual Madonna University Golden Classic Golf Outing will be held on Friday, Sept. 18, at the Links of Novi. Proceeds benefit the Madonna University Scholarship Fund. The event will include golf, celebrity challenges, hole-in-one prizes, dinner and more. Check-in is at 11:30 a.m. and golf will be a shotgun (scramble format) at 1 p.m.

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**Environment bond issue on fall ballot**

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Michigan voters Nov. 3 will see a \$675 million environmental bond proposal on the ballot.

That's \$125 million more than the Engler administration and the Senate proposed and \$236 million more than the House wanted.

Lawmakers reached a compromise in the wee hours of the July 2 session when they adopted a joint House-Senate committee report chaired by Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton.

"This proposal will provide critical funding for cleanup projects around the state," said Bennett, "as well as funds to enhance and improve Michigan's outdoor resources, such as our lakes, rivers and state and local parks."

"The administration moved in our direction," said Rep. Tom Alley, D-West Branch, one of the conferees. "This has

been an incredible process that began back in January.

"While the details have changed slightly from what I proposed," said Gov. John Engler, "the intent remains intact."

The major components, if voters say yes:

- \$335 million for urban industrial brownfields.
  - \$50 million to upgrade facilities and roads at 53 state parks.
  - \$50 million for nonpoint source pollution control (runoffs).
  - \$25 million for sediment cleanups of nine rivers.
  - \$50 million for waterfront redevelopment.
  - \$50 million for local parks and recreation.
  - \$20 million for pollution prevention.
  - \$5 million for lead contamination abatement.
  - \$90 million for clean water to protect rivers, lakes and streams.
- The Senate vote on the

main measure in the package was 31-3 with three excused absences. Here's how area senators voted:

YES - Bennett, George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, and Alma Smith, D-Salem.

ABSENT - Bob Geake, R-Northville.

Most vocal opponent was Sen. Dave Jaye, R-Macomb County. He blamed "big corporate polluters and their million-dollar lobbyists" for the mess. Noting half the money will go into Detroit, Jaye said, "These sites were contaminated by big corporations who pulled up stakes and moved their factories and offices out of town..."

"State taxpayers already subsidize big corporations more than \$15.4 billion a year in tax breaks plus millions more in training grants, subsidized loans and overseas junkets."

The House passed the measure 94-4. All Observer area lawmak-

ers voted yes except Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, who was absent.

**Drilling bill OK'd**

The Senate approved 32-1, with four not voting, a House-passed bill to limit oil and gas drilling and production in residential areas with populations greater than 70,000 - a victory for Farmington Hills.

Sen. Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford, said it was the first time the Legislature has been able to restrict where oil and gas companies can drill in relation to highly populated areas.

The bill was pushed through the House by Republican Andrew Raczkowski of Farmington Hills and Democrat Nancy Quarles of Southfield.

Bullard got the bill discharged from the Senate Economic Development Committee and brought to the Senate floor. The bill is now on Gov. John Engler's desk for sign-

ing. It limits the distance around residential areas where oil and gas companies can drill. It also provides explicit, new health and safety regulations of noise, odor and fencing. The state supervisor of wells may immediately suspend drilling operations where health and safety concerns exist.

Voting yes were Loren Bennett, R-Canton, Bob Geake, R-Northville, George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, and Alma Smith, D-Salem.

The lone nay vote was cast by Dave Jaye, R-Macomb County. Four outstate senators were absent.

Sen. Bill Schuette, R-Midland, who allowed the bill to be discharged from his committee, said "it is an initiative that cuts the right balance with interest to communities, citizens, environmental concerns, and the long-term interest of the oil and gas industries."

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## Attention Is mayor keeping in touch?

If Westland is the place to be — some people are asking — where is the mayor? While we are aware that Mayor Robert Thomas has been an active and successful mayor during his first two terms in office, we are starting to wonder as he pushes into his third term if he is maintaining the same commitment to Westland.

Obviously one person cannot attend every worthy event in a community — especially one the size of Westland.

But there are some events that seem to deserve the mayor's presence and it has been lacking. Some recent events that come to mind are the Westland Summer Festival and Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer's speech to a joint meeting of the Westland and Garden City chambers of commerce.

Aside from the issue of the mayor's absences though, lies another problem that keeps popping up — the mayor is often out of town or out of the office.

Yes, the mayor should be attending conferences and yes, the mayor is entitled to vacation time. But, it seems there is no policy on how much vacation time the mayor can take in a calendar year. While neighboring communities such as Livonia and Canton also don't have set policies, we hope a lack of a policy doesn't lead to abuses.

That said, if the city and its residents are

getting the attention they deserve from the mayor or his staff then the time away is not a problem.

But the Observer often receives calls from residents that the mayor doesn't respond to their concerns. We also hear from people in the community commenting that the mayor is not around.

In the most recent example, the mayor went to Colorado for a five-day seminar on parks and recreation, then traveled from Colorado to Reno, Nev., for several days for a meeting of mayors from across the nation.

Then about a week after returning from that trip, he was gone again — this time to miss a large festival in his own city.

The Westland Summer Festival draws many people — by some estimates more than 200,000. Why shouldn't it be expected that the top city elected official attend some Westland festival events? While some Westland City Council members did participate in the festival parade, the parade and the festival are often skipped by many Westland officials. This type of politicizing of community events can be damaging to Westland and its image.

Westland and its residents deserve better. Is Westland still the place to be? We hope so and we hope it continues to get the attention it deserves from its top elected official.

## Vote yes for SMART's future

What do these two numbers have in common?

3.7 percent  
1/3 mill

The first is Michigan's unemployment rate, the lowest in a generation. Michigan's jobless rate has been below the national average for more than three years. Gov. John Engler's administration has given his policies much of the credit.

The second is the property tax rate we voted for SMART, the suburban bus system, three years ago. The money not only helps the elderly and handicapped take care of their periodic chores, but it opened the doors to jobs for hundreds of thousands of people.

We suggest that part of the reason for low unemployment is the investment we have made in SMART buses, radio equipment, computers and drivers to help people get to work here in the western Wayne County suburbs. That fraction of a mill has meant paychecks, self-confidence and respectability for tens of thousands of people.

In much of suburban Wayne County, that millage is coming up for renewal Aug. 4. This time, it will be for a period of four years. We consider SMART the most effective "jobs" program in the entire governmental array, and we heartily endorse the millage's renewal. Vote "yes" to keep opportunity alive.

The tax amounts to 33 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation. For a home with a market value of \$100,000, SMART costs \$16.50 a year. At triple the price, it still would beat welfare.

Downtown Detroit no longer is where jobs are. In 1967, some 130,000 people worked there. Today, fewer than 65,000 work there. The new jobs are on Plymouth Road, Newburgh and Haggerty roads, Middlebelt, the airport area, Telegraph Road, Northwestern Highway, Maple Road, Southfield-Greenfield ... 10 routes along 250 miles of new service

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area.

Riders can reach 10,000 new employers. Overall, ridership has risen from 600,000 three years ago to 850,000 currently.

That's equal to or better than the 1995 promise SMART's acting general manager Mike Duggan made. Rick Kaufman, the current general manager, redesigned routes to reflect the new economic realities.

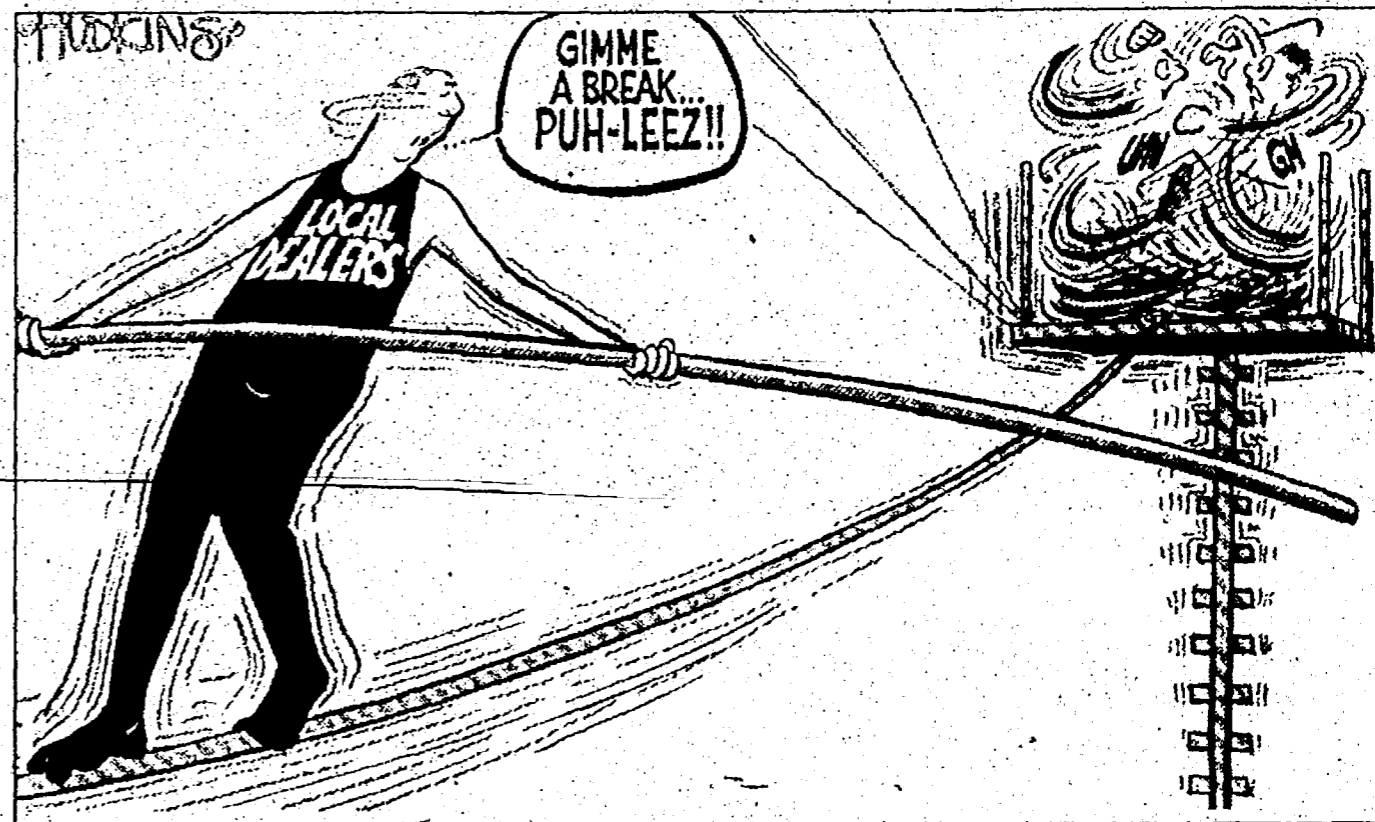
SMART also has paid attention to its historic responsibility of bringing mobility to the elderly and handicapped. It has formed 50 partnerships with communities in the tri-county region (Wayne, Oakland and Macomb). In Wayne County, the service covers Redford Township, Livonia and the Nankin Transit area, along with the Dearborn area, Downriver and other points.

For money, forget Uncle Sam. Federal aid for operations dried up several years ago.

SMART's total budget is just under \$70 million. Of that, \$32 million comes from Lansing. The total tri-county share from the millage has been \$19 million, of which Wayne County produces \$6.4 million and Oakland \$7.1 million. Farebox revenues amount to \$10.5 million.

Voters in Livonia, Redford Township, Westland and Garden City should continue SMART's successful jobs program by renewing its millage Aug. 4. "With taxes," Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, "I buy civilization."

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

### Help save forest

An open letter to Rich Powers, acting division chief of Land and Water Management Division, Department of Environmental Quality:

The Department of Natural Resources' purchase of developmental rights to Sassafas Trails for \$520,000 was written to protect the 10,000-year-old, 51-acre forest in perpetuity.

A copy of the Global Positioning Survey along with the Wetland Delineation Report verify that the southern 589-foot by 215-foot developer's intrusion into the forest contains a wetlands stream contiguous with other wetland areas. The survey also verifies other wetland areas on the east side of the developer's property.

The developer denies entry for DEQ wetlands determination.

The city of Westland tree ordinance protects existing large-diameter trees. These are already tagged and numbered. If the developer now enters this stream area, unchallenged, he will cut down unprotected younger forest growth and intentionally destroy existing wetlands vegetation.

This wetland stream area is within 50 feet of a contiguous 6.71 acres of legally protected wetlands. It thus becomes one with the total wetlands acreage. The wetlands law protects all wetlands within 500 feet of a stream or pond, both of which exist within 50 feet.

With or without the developer's permission, DEQ can legally make a wetlands determination when the developer begins to fill the stream. The forest will simply have to take many years to replenish itself. It will replenish itself from the roots of the young trees, which the developer cannot legally disturb, when he is cutting them down.

The filling of this stream will lead to the early demise of this ancient reservoir forest which carries its age markers within itself — \$520,000 lost.

I ask your help so this exceptional forest does not fall victim to the devious and duplicitous actions by which the Wayne-Westland school district deceived DNR and the taxpayers of the state of Michigan to make this unconscionable sale to a developer.

The unethical business behavior of our school district started this destruction of Sassafas Trails. The arrogance of this developer, who flouts the laws of Michigan, implements the destruction of Sassafas Trails. Now, we shall learn if this miscalculated destruction of Sassafas Trails can be stopped by the elected leader of our state, together with his appointed advisers in DNR and DEQ. With respect to the construction fence now in place in front of Wilson School; I believe a wise man would be cautioned to wait until we see what kind of leadership is forthcoming from Lansing. Thank you.

Charles W. Johnson  
Wayne

### Have citizens lost rights?

I vehemently disagree with your view of the relationship between the mayor's office and the new board of the Westland Chamber of Commerce. Undoubtedly, cooperation is of tremendous value when the object is to lure business into a community. Other cities have compatible and willing cooperation between these two entities and succeed very well with potential businesses. If, on the other hand, that "cooperation" is the result of coercion or force, it is an obvious illusion, a farce which is easily grasped by experienced businessmen. To me, the chamber has become a shell for Robert Thomas, a marionette troupe which is manipulated at his bidding. Cave in once. Cave in twice.

It reminds me of a political action committee and one wonders where the membership dues will go. Into a campaign fund? A war chest for a future planned political position? Or maybe into the already self-regulated lucrative retirement fund? Just what is the plan here?

Have citizens lost their rights to political choices? I'm aware that union members, supervisors, and appointees must prove allegiance to the mayor since he controls the existence and purse strings for their jobs. So they certainly kowtow. But to deny these people let alone deny a private citizen of the right to political choice is against federal law!

The mayor and his cronies know what his plans are, but does the chamber? Do you, editor? I doubt it. But time will make it all apparent in short order. In the meantime, move over: The political bed has become more crowded.

Beatrice Scalise  
Westland

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### COMMUNITY VOICE

**QUESTION:**  
What's the best movie you've seen lately?



"Titanic."  
Chelsea Bush



"The last movie I saw was 'Forrest Gump.'"  
Dawn Merkhams



"I can't sit through a whole movie. I'm too busy dancing, playing golf and living life."  
Peg McDonough



"My wife says 'Armageddon.'"  
Robert Schwarcz

We asked this question at the Westland Post Office.

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

# Festivals enrich flavor of life in our communities

**A**nd Westland makes three. When my husband and I went to the Westland Summer Festival last Friday, it marked the third weekend in a row we'd visited local festivals (I think Friday counts as the weekend when it's a day off). The first was the Liberty Fest in Canton, held June 18-21 at Heritage Park. We enjoyed the paddleboat rides, the car show and stopped in to see Summit on the Park, the community's impressive recreation/meeting facility. The second was Livonia's Spree 48, a big, glitzy affair held June 23-28 at Ford Field. We enjoyed our time on the Gentle Giant, a fun Ferris wheel, and again looked at an assortment of cars. The cars are fun to look at,

although seeing some from the late 1970s makes me feel, I must confess, a little old. I was of driving age-plus when those cars took to the road. At Spree, we had some tasty kiwi-basa, served up with pride by St. Matthew's United Methodist Church members. The Liberty Fest was the perfect opportunity to taste cotton candy, and Westland's event didn't disappoint in the culinary department either. The Westland Summer Festival, the third event we attended, was just as fun as the others. This event was held July 1-5 at Central City Park and environs. It was the perfect way to start the Fourth of July weekend. I'd thought I'd had enough of festivals, living in Plymouth Township and seeing more than my share. Nevertheless, I find I don't tire of them.



JULIE BROWN

There's just something about seeing all that hard work come to fruition. So many hard-working volunteers and staffers get together each year to put these festivals together. They allow residents of western Wayne County and nearby areas to see these communities at their best. Fireworks aren't unusual at festi-

vals, and we made it to this year's Spree fireworks, held Sunday, June 28. We didn't actually drive all the way to Ford Field, stopping with some others at Five Mile and Levan, across from St. Mary Hospital, to watch the fireworks. Only an Amoco sign blocked our view just a bit, and we really can't complain. We didn't make it to the Liberty Fest fireworks, but heard they went well. The Spree fireworks were much-appreciated in our household, as Plymouth was without its usual Fourth of July fireworks this year. The parking space taken up by the temporary 35th District Court facility made Plymouth fireworks impossible this year. I hope they'll be back filling the skies next Fourth of July. Plymouth's Fourth of July parade was another fun community event

this year, and I appreciate the countless hours of work that made it a reality. We stopped by Plymouth Township Park that afternoon for the fun-filled township picnic. I know residents sometimes complain about noise and traffic generated by community festivals, but there's another side to the story. They bring people into communities, including those who don't live or work there, and allow the communities to put their best foot forward. Maybe next year I'll even be brave enough to try a corn dog. Julie Brown is a copy editor for the Observer Newspapers and a Plymouth Township resident. She may be reached via e-mail at [jbrown@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:jbrown@oe.homecomm.net) or by calling (734) 953-2126.

## Watching legislation come to life not for weak

**"T**his is to let the members know," announced House majority floor leader Pat Gagliardi, "there will be no more voting today." The time was early last week. The Michigan House of Representatives had been in session little more than an hour and had acted on just a half-dozen minor bills. Yet the agenda was crowded with 162 pieces of legislation, and the list was growing by the hour as the Senate sent over its laundry. Many bills passed in one chamber would never receive a minute's consideration in the other. For example, Senate Republicans were passing across-the-board income tax cuts to take effect years down the road. House Democrats were passing income tax cuts to favored groups that had voted Democratic. Whoever said watching the legislative process was like watching the making of sausage was correct.

A colorful battle occurred when Republican Rep. Nancy Cassis of Novi was about to get a majority of green lights for her amendment to give immediate effect to a single business tax cut for company health care costs. The committee plan was to phase it in over 10 years; Cassis had the votes to go for broke immediately. House Democratic leaders "cleared the board" - that is, halted the roll call vote and set aside the bill for the day. "Clear the board" can be a perfectly valid parliamentary technique when a situation becomes tangled and confused. In this case, Democrats sought to avoid the embarrassment of defeat. In other words, it's an election year. Some 65 House seats, at least, will change hands. Each party is posturing to 1) make itself look good and 2) make the other party look bad. As of the first of July, the pipeline was clogged with bills, including bud-

get measures, that were being compromised in conference committees. What's dangerous about this procedure is that all the bills get voted on in one, all-night session. The bills aren't considered thoughtfully. There is a flood, not a flow, of work. Everyone is so eager to get the heck out of Lansing and do important things like run for re-election or look for a new job that measures get passed blindly. That's how the Engler administration sneaked through its evil, crippling amendments to the Freedom of Information Act during a post-midnight session in 1996. Democrats, somewhat more so than Republicans, operate the chamber like a collective bargaining session when they're in control. In collective bargaining, you don't negotiate the health section one week, the promotions section the second week, wages the third, recalls the fourth, pensions the fifth, and so on - no way. In collective bargaining, you cancel

sessions because the chief negotiator has to attend his aunt's funeral, then dawdle for weeks or months. Finally, as the strike deadline nears, the two chief bargainers go out in the hall, bargain one section against another, cut a deal and sell it to their nervous committee members who will agree to anything in order to get home. And so it is in the Michigan Legislature. Not only is it an election year, but the labor negotiations work habits are inappropriate for a legislative body. Both sides play shady parliamentary tricks and make political charges. It's not new. I'm reading "Honor's Voice: The Transformation of Abraham Lincoln" by Douglas L. Wilson (Knopf, 1998). It's about his four terms in the Illinois House. Lincoln played some rotten tricks and penned some scurrilous stuff in his youth. Another book, "A. Lincoln: The Crucible of Congress" by Paul Findley (Crown, 1979), tells how Lincoln oper-



TIM RICHARD

ated during his one term (1847-48) in the U.S. House. You can tell by the titles that Lincoln transformed not only his writing style but his official behavior as he matured. Given the choice between the Pat Gagliardi and Abe Lincolns, on one hand, and the Ross Perots and Napoleons, on the other, we probably should stick with the Gagliardi and Lincolns. Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

## This cherry pie recipe's a keeper

**W**e are entering the cherry season, one of the great glories of a Michigan summer. My ancestors grew cherries on the old family farm. Two old photos are particularly striking. One is a picture of my great-grandmother, Celestia Power, sitting on the porch of the old family farm in Elk Rapids, a tiny town near Traverse City. I suppose the picture was taken around the turn of the century as she is wearing the full-busted, long, cotton dress fashionable at the time. She's sitting in a rocking chair on an old-fashioned porch with Old Joe, the family English setter, sleeping on the grass below. The other is a picture of great-grandfather Eugene Power, in a white shirt and tie, dark suit and Panama hat, standing in the middle of his cherry orchard. He's surveying the newly planted trees, with a farm hand holding a pruning knife standing behind him. Family legend has it that great-grandfather Power was one of the first farmers to plant Montmorency cherries (called "sour" to distinguish them from the dark red eating cherries, "sweets") in northern Michigan. For a time, they became the dominant crop in the region, thriving on the sandy, well-drained soil and the moderating influence of the lake. Even today, most land that hasn't been raped by the developers is in cherry orchards. My father remembered his first job was out on the family farm, picking cherries for 10 cents a lug. He thinks his father, Glenn, who started out as a surveyor, helped great-grandfather Eugene lay out the trees in straight lines. I suspect it wasn't easy to be a pioneering farmer way back then. You couldn't be sure the trees, once planted, would thrive or bear well. And there was always the risk of a late frost nipping the fruit. And your capital, once lost, was so hard to regain! But originality (often in practice hard to distinguish from mere eccentricity) always ran deep in the Power family. That was their way - and the way of countless pioneer families like them. It gives me a feeling of family continuity to think of them. And here's our family recipe for:



PHILIP POWER

2 eggs  
For the filling:  
4 cups pitted red sour cherries  
1 cup granulated sugar  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca  
1/2 teaspoon almond extract  
1/4 teaspoon mace  
3 tablespoons butter, cut in small pieces  
1 tablespoon kirsch (optional)  
For the crust: Combine the flour, baking powder and salt in a mixing bowl. Add the lard, butter and shortening and mix with your fingers or a pastry cutter until mixture forms coarse crumbs. Whisk together the ice water, vinegar and one of the eggs. Add to the flour mixture and mix with a fork just until combined; do not overwork the dough. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.  
For the filling: In a large bowl, combine the cherries, sugars, tapioca, almond extract, mace and optional kirsch, if desired. Allow to stand for 15 minutes. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.  
Roll out 2/3 of the dough on a lightly floured surface. Line a 9-inch pie plate with the dough and trim the edges. Place the filling in the pie shell and dot with the butter. Roll the remaining dough and make in to a lattice top. Whisk the remaining egg with 2 teaspoons of water and brush the egg wash onto the top.  
Bake for 10 minutes, then lower the temperature to 350 degrees and continue baking for 30 or 40 minutes longer, or until the juices bubble up in the center of the pie. Cook briefly and eat warm.  
My father preferred vanilla ice cream with his pie. I'm more of a purist. Either way, it's a delicious way to celebrate Michigan cherries and the family that grew them.

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- Montmorency Cherry Pie**  
For the crust:  
1 1/2 cups of all-purpose flour, plus additional for rolling  
1/4 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/3 cup lard  
3 tablespoons unsalted butter  
2 tablespoons vegetable shortening  
2 tablespoons ice water  
1 teaspoon white vinegar



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Class of 1974  
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Class of 1973  
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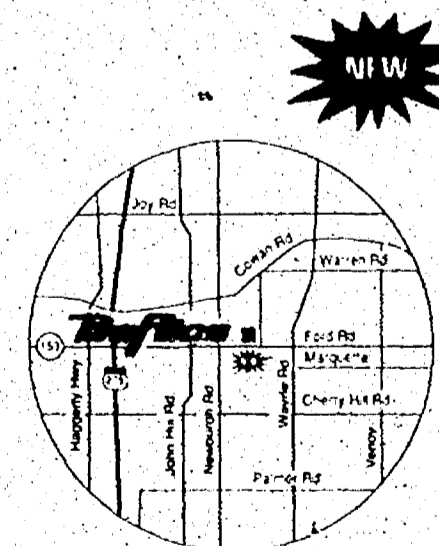


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## HOOKED ON HISTORY



VIRGINIA BAILEY PARKER

### Modern life makes us wish for simpler times

Most of us today are overcommitted. Certainly, I have to include myself here. We are always on the run with too many obligations to juggle. Men and women share some stresses, like the conflict of balancing job and family. Other pressures are seen as primarily affecting one sex. For example, a lot is said about the frustrations women experience professionally as they try to break through the glass ceiling. Conversely, men who have struggled to get to the top now struggle to stay there despite mergers, takeovers and waves of forced retirements.

Let's face it: Life is complicated. That's why we like to look back wistfully at earlier times when things were simpler, and life moved at a slower pace.

Let's consider a typical woman I have encountered. Her lifetime of pressures would be enough to sink any of us.

She had a sharp mind from girlhood on, but unlike young women today, she grew up when a woman's independent, outspoken mind met with disapproval. She eventually married and, as society expected, became a full-time mom. As a young couple, she and her husband labored to make ends meet. He traveled a great deal to build his career. She supported his efforts by functioning as a single parent.

Their joint efforts paid off. His business successes multiplied, and, in time, he advanced to head a major organization. With this came the social prominence upon which she thrived, although, like many, she lived beyond her financial means maintaining that lifestyle.

The couple seemed to love each other, but, as in all relationships, they had their personality differences. Both tended to be moody: she because of migraines while he struggled with bouts of depression, the result of a physical ailment.

Regrettably, her husband's professional success brought its own troubles when a rift threatened to tear the organization apart. His single-minded fight to hold it together tested his wife's loyalties because she was related to the rival faction. Nightmare of nightmares, one of her relatives was even a periodic house guest during this volatile time.

And if this were not enough, the woman lost many close to her. During the reorganization battle, the couple's beloved son died. The loss of a child is the cruelest fate for any parent. Even worse, the boy's death was the couple's second such loss.

Eventually, her husband thwarted the opposition, but a violent death denied him his taste of victory. She mourned profoundly. Unfortunately, she found no support group; nor did she later when fate dealt another crushing blow, and she had to bury yet a third son. To the contrary, she was criticized for her inability to cope with the overwhelming grief. Her eldest and sole surviving son — a mercenary fellow — finally forced her into a mental asylum.

Down but not out, this remarkable woman drew on an inner reserve of fortitude. Over the following year, acting with an uncharacteristic degree of independence, she arranged for her own legal defense and regained her freedom.

I wish I could say her story had a happy ending, but, sadly, she died far from home and nearly penniless.

Each among us either has, knows or has read about similar struggles. This is when we long for the simpler times of yesteryear.

The woman in our story would disagree with our idea that the past was less stressful. She lived her life in the years surrounding the Civil War. Her name was Mary Todd Lincoln.

There are many like her for whom life is, or has been, fraught with immense difficulties. No decade, century, or era offers immunity. Nor have they altered what really counts.

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Teen crush: Canton residents Sarah Meyer (at right, with friend Jessica Daly) practically wallpapered her room with Hanson posters. While Stevie McEvoy took a more laid-back approach. Stevie, who lives in Garden City, is a concert veteran. Besides Hanson, she also saw her, Stevie Nicks, after whom she is named, and the classical concert "Bugs Bunny on Broadway."

## MmmBop

### Fans go wild for Hanson

Where's the love? Hanson fans found it at Pine Knob June 29. Sarah Meyer, Megan Heard and Jessica Daly of Canton, and Stevie McEvoy of Garden City MmmBopped until the sun went down.

Taylor Hanson, of the pop group Hanson, had one thing to say to the fervent fans at his June 29 Pine Knob concert.

"There's one rule in the concert. No one can sit down. I know there's seats but you can't actually sit in them," he said over his keyboard.

The truth be told, the 15,000 mostly female fans hadn't been sitting for hours.

Crowds lined up at Pine Knob's entrance as early as 3 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. concert.

Sarah Meyer, Megan Heard and Jessica Daly, all 10-year-old Canton resi-

dents, had been waiting since 4 p.m. for the trio to emerge. With "MmmBop" painted on their faces, the girls held up a sign spelling out their feelings for Hanson — "Hot, awesome (sic), nice, sweet, outstanding, noble."

Prior to the concert's start, the pavilion was filled with screams, and other signs held by girls proclaiming their love of the Tulsa, Okla., boys. As flying beach balls landed on girls' laps, the teens grabbed pens and markers to write personal messages with phone numbers and e-mail addresses to Hanson hoping that the balls would end up backstage.

"Hanson — You are so talented and hot. Call me," one girl wrote.

As if the anticipation wasn't enough, Meyer was ecstatic to see a reporter with a note pad sitting behind her. Frantic, she repeatedly begged, "I have to see your notepad."

Finally, with her little hands wrapped around the notepad, Meyer



said breathlessly, "OK. What do I write? 'Dear newspaper?'"

Meyer, like the other Hanson fans at Pine Knob, had a one-track mind.

"I'm obsessed with them," said Meyer, wearing a Hanson tank top and baseball hat. "We love Hanson so much. I love Hanson so much. They're the best band in the world."

Her friends, Megan and Jessica, giggled as she proclaimed what all of them felt.

"We will love them forever," she

added.

Brittany Young's saucer-sized blue eyes enlarged each time an audience member screamed. The 8-year-old couldn't believe that she was about to see the Hanson boys — guitarist Isaac, drummer Zac and Taylor — in person.

"We were listening to them today in the car," she said excitedly. "I'm so happy," said Young, who attended the concert with 10-year-old Amanda

Please see HANSON, B2

## Growth Works mentors hope to make a difference

At age 15, Mike Young went from regularly drinking with his friends and facing attempted breaking-and-entering charges to being named student of the month at his school.

And most of the change, his mom, Marcia, said, is due to the mentoring program at Growth Works, a local community service agency for 11- to 17-year-olds.

Mike refers to his mentor, Jim Young, who is no relation, alternately as like a brother and a father to him.

"On the days that I miss my sessions with him, I really want to go," Mike said. "It's a really good program and it's helped me a lot."

In fact, the ninth-grade Plymouth Salem High School student wants to be a counselor.

"I've been through a lot and I'd like to help other kids," he said.

Marcia Young is overwhelmed by Mike's turnaround, and she says the credit goes to Growth Works, which has also given her parenting advice and support.

"My son likes it so well that he wants to go back and help other kids," said Marcia, who lives with Mike and his older sister in Canton.

Mike needs a strong male influence, Marcia said, because his father, an

alcoholic, died in 1995.

"He bonded with Mr. Young right away," she said. "Mike writes little notes to himself about things that he wants to tell Mr. Young."

"Before that he was making gigantic moves backward. There for a while it was one thing after another, and each thing seemed to be getting progressively worse."

"Then it was suggested that he go to Growth Works. He's changed his friends and the way he's dressing. He's changed his attitude. Now he says I don't need to think about things that are wrong, because there are so many things that go along with it."

Marcia is also struck by the empathy Mike now shows for other kids.

"It seems his niche is to help kids at school," she said.

### Making a difference

Volunteers don't always know if their good intentions and hard work make a difference. But, at least in this case, it's obvious.

Young has been a mentor at Growth Works for seven years.

"None of us could leap-frog the youth of our lives," he said. "I struggled as a



Improving his life: Mike Young (right) said that meeting with his Growth Works mentor Jim Young has turned his life around.

Please see MENTORS, B2

## Foundation seeking new toys

The Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan is hosting a Christmas in July Toy Drive in the hopes of collecting toys for the holiday season for Michigan families coping with the effects of leukemia, lymphoma and related disorders.

"The agency is hoping to gather more than 3,000 donated, new toys for the Holiday Toys program. Thanks to the generosity of people in communities across the state, CLF provided gifts to 200 families in 49 Michigan counties last year.

"I thank you so much for the generous amount of money,

### ■ The agency is hoping to gather more than 3,000 new, donated toys for the Holiday Toys program.

effort and time that goes into this program," said Dena Alderton of West Branch.

Alderton's 4-year-old daughter, Monica, was diagnosed with leukemia and her family received Holiday Toys last Christmas.

"It is such a busy time of year for people to be selflessly giving

of their time to help others. You are deeply appreciated."

Donated toys are needed for all ages, infancy to adult. All must be new and not gift wrapped. Ideal toys/gifts include books, arts and crafts items, hand-held video games, videos, Walkmans, dolls, manicure kits, gift certificates, puzzles, playing cards and board games.

Businesses and individuals interested in participating with the Holiday Toys drive, can call CLF at 1-800-825-2536 for more information.

## Hanson from page B1

Mancini and Melissa Chomin, 8, both of Canton.  
Jessica Nelson, a 15-year-old resident of Chicago, jumped over multiple rows of seats to tell her Hanson story.

"I've been a Hanson fan for one year and three months. I drove seven hours just to come here. And then yesterday I found out that they were coming to the World (Music Amphitheatre) in Chicago, My mom is in a hotel. She is so (angry)," Nelson said.

Just then, the lights went down and the screaming intensified.

To the accompaniment of ear-piercing screams, Hanson opened with a song older than them, "Gimme Some Lovin'." In between songs, Zac smacked his sticks above his head as if performing in front of 15,000 fans was business as usual.

One girl sat on her mother's shoulder smacking a tambourine and hoping to get a view of the multi-million-selling teen heartthrobs. Another parent snapped photos of her daughter at her first concert.

A teenage girl incessantly took

photos of the video screen. Finally, her mother warned her that there were only six pictures left. She stared at the camera dumb-struck.

Catching his breath after the "Where's the Love?" Isaac asked, "How are you Detroit? I think there's half of Detroit here tonight."

Lighters flickered as the trio went into its recent hit, the ballad "Weird." Arms waved in the air.

Chris Gately of Garden City made the ultimate concert sacrifice for his daughter. He smug-gled his 7-year-old daughter Stevie McEvoy down to row GG to get a better view of the band.

"She's mad because I didn't get seats as close to Hanson as we had for Stevie Nicks," Gately said of the singer after whom his daughter is named.

"That's next to impossible. We had lawn seats, but I scammed my way down here," he said with a smile.

While most girls in the concert screamed and went on about how cute the trio is, McEvoy took a more mature approach.

"I like their singing," she said shyly. But quickly added, "I like Zac. He's cute."

McEvoy is a veteran of concerts.

"I saw Stevie Nicks and I went to see this funny guy," she said pausing to remember his name. "Weird! Al (Yankovic). He was my very first one. I went to see 'Bugs Bunny on Broadway' but it rained and we left."

She was joined by one of the few boys in the audience, her 9-year-old cousin Robert Lanzilotti and 9-year-old Julie Clark, both of Redford.

"I like their songs like 'Mmm-Bop,'" said Lanzilotti.

After an acoustic rendition of "Round and Round," Isaac quickly closed his eyes and said, "You guys are making some serious noise out there" which only made the crowd scream louder.

"The crowd was at their whim. Turn around and check out the sunset. It's awesome."

As the sun went down, Sarah Meyer, Megan Heard and Jessica Daly closed their eyes, put their arms around each other and swayed to the music.

## Livonia Mall hosts L'il Angel pageant

Livonia Mall will be crawling with babies as Regal Baby Pageants, Inc., hosts L'il Angel Pageant at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 11, at the mall.

The L'il Angel Pageant is open to chil-

dren through the age of 5. Trophies, crowns, pageant attire and many other prizes will be awarded. Each child will receive a certificate for competing in the pageant.

Participation in this

pageant qualifies the child to participate in the 1998 Michigan State Fall Finals where \$15,000 in prizes will be awarded.

Registration for the pageant takes place from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Entry forms are available at the information booth or by calling Regal Baby Pageants, Inc., at (734) 457-9692 and ask for Shannon.

The mall is located at 29514 Seven Mile Road, at Middlebelt Road, in Livonia.

## Mentors from page B1

kid." Although Young said he never took drugs, socially he had a hard time. He felt uneasy and that things just weren't right.

"I'm a Christian, and I've overcome a lot through prayer and changing my feelings about life itself," said Young, 59. "I knew I could help a lot of people, and I've been fairly successful. You can't succeed with everyone, but most are accessible and you can help them."

As a mentor, Young has influenced 18 boys, including one who he also took on as a Big Brother. Young met the boy six years ago when he was 8 and needed a mentor. The boy's mother brought him to Growth Works because he was mischievous and was constantly getting into trouble at school and at home.

"When his father was totally out of his life, except for an occasional phone call, he needed

someone to work with him," Young said. "I asked his mother if I could be a Big Brother. I still see him from time to time."

Young tries to teach the boys he mentors to respect others and to learn to respect themselves; basic manners; and how to have good eye contact, properly shake hands and how to introduce someone. The result, he said, is that they learn to become more comfortable with themselves.

Each boy had different problems, but they were all dealing with anger, guilt, sadness and fear; as well as peer pressure, which can cause most of those feelings, Young said.

Serving Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton, Belleville, Romulus and Van Buren, Sumpter and Huron townships, Growth Works provides counseling for youths dealing with substance abuse or have been arrested.

Mentors typically meet with a youth an hour a week for up to 16 weeks at Growth Works offices in Plymouth and Canton.

"We're always looking for mentors since we've expanded our program coverage into other communities," said Susan Davis, Growth Works director of juvenile justice programming.

Mentors must be at least 21, complete a 12-16-hour training class and pass a state record's check. The next training class is tentatively scheduled to begin in August. For more information about the mentoring program, call Lynn Ponder, Growth Works volunteer coordinator, at (734) 397-3181.

The agency tries to match male mentors with boys and female mentors with girls. However, since there are more female volunteers and usually more boys going through the program, sometimes boys are given female mentors. That can be beneficial, too, for young men who have a low opinion of women, Davis

explained.

"I would say the need of adults to get involved in young people's lives is very critical," Davis said. "Kids don't have an opportunity to have that one-on-one relationship with an adult to get information about how the world works."

"We don't have the adult contact that was there 30 or 40 years ago. Kids don't even know their neighbors."

### Good listener

Being patient and a good listener are keys to gaining the child's trust. But, it isn't always easy, Young said, adding that sometimes he's tired after a day at work as general manager of Lochinvar Corp., a water heater and boiler company with a branch in Plymouth.

"But I always get excited about it because you work with them and gain their trust and it becomes a friendship," Young said. "We're helping them work through their problems. As a

male mentor, I'm sometimes the only adult male in their life. I feel good about it, because I can see their lives improving."

Because of the extra need for male mentors, Young said, sometimes he works with two children a night.

"A lot of these people have poor self-images, they don't feel right about themselves and they struggle with that," said Young, a 21-year Canton resident. "Some of these kids tend to hang around kids who are in a gang, and they might be in a gang themselves. You can't expect overnight miracles. It's hard to undo what's taken years to develop."

"We know we have an effect, but you might not see the results instantly. Some of these young people can be in pretty serious trouble, and maybe you can prevent a serious crime or jail sentence."

Young came to the mentoring post with experience raising three children with his wife, Kathy, who works for Gale Research and is a Plymouth

Canton Library Board member. Daughter Jennifer, 32, is a commercial interior designer in Philadelphia. Son Jim, 30, is working on his doctorate degree and is a librarian at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., and his twin brother, Dan, is a teacher at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth and head basketball coach at Plymouth Canton High School.

"It wasn't easy," Young said. "When you're raising children, there are times that you have to tell them 'no.' There's tough times you have to deal with and try to work out."

When Young's not talking with youths at Growth Works, he's tending his flower garden. But, even that comes back to his volunteer job - Young gives away perennials and asks for donations to Growth Works.

"Growth Works has become very meaningful to me and more all the time," Young said. "I keep going back for more. This is a wonderful opportunity for someone to influence someone else's life."

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
July 21, 1998 - Board of Review

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## History from page B1

As in any time, we must seek our islands of happiness where we may and, especially, cherish the moments granted with the people who matter most to us.

Virginia Bailey Parker of Can-

ton has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation. If you have a question or comment for Parker, write her at *The Observer* Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich., 48150.

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# Local seniors vie for state pageant title

Marjorie Washington sauntered down the runway to "One" from "A Chorus Line" with all the confidence of a woman who has reached "the age of elegance."

Her humor and boisterous personality came through as she waved to rows of family members and friends attending the 11th annual Ms. Senior Michigan Pageant June 28 at the Novi Hilton.

"Now that's what you call strutting your stuff," said Ike Engelbaum, master of ceremonies and host of the weekly radioprogram "Looking at the Bright Side of Aging."

She's also what you call a win-

ner. Washington's operatic vocals charmed the judges - the Rev. Jack Baker of St. Mary Catholic Church of Wayne, Anita Herman of Madonna University, John Anthony of John Anthony Hair Salon, Nancy Dillon of the Visiting Nurses Association, and Joanne Maliszewski of the Plymouth Observer - at the event sponsored by Waltonwood retirement community in Rochester Hills.

As the queen, Washington, a Ypsilanti resident, won a trip for two, the gown she wore on loan from David's Bridal in Westland and a gift certificate to John Anthony Hair Salon. She will

travel to Biloxi, Miss., in August to compete in the Ms. Senior America Pageant.

The Ms. Senior Michigan Regional Pageant emphasizes and honors women who have reached the "Age of Elegance." According to its mission statement, it is a search for the gracious lady who best exemplifies the dignity, maturity, and inner beauty of all Michigan senior citizens.

"I'm a true believer that there is a bright side of aging. On my radio show, we start off with age is a matter of the mind. If you don't mind, age doesn't matter," Engelbaum said.

Mary Ann Agner of Canton displayed her artwork during the talent portion of the pageant.

"Recently I became interested in collage. I did this junglescene for my grandsons. I did these roses myself. At the ratel'm going I think I'm going to be cutting up magazines for the rest of my life," Agner said with a chuckle. Agner also does ceramics.

Eileen Eleon of Garden City donned a beige dress and read a poem about aging that closed with "old is beautiful, let's hear it for the seniors" as she waved her arms in the air.

Introducing Ruth Benyo, he said "You've all heard the song 'Hello Dolly,' well we've got dol-lies."

Benyo recently moved to Canton from Florida to be with her family. An avid sewer, Benyo walked into a doll shop and realized there was a need for doll clothing.

"I thought, 'I can do that kind of stuff myself and keep myself busy.' I went to a hobby shop and saw these mice. I fell in love with them. It's been fun, fun, fun the whole time. I've been in good health and I hope to stay in Michigan until my demise."

Taking a break from his jokes, Engelbaum, a former owner of a major drugstore chain, expressed his love of the United States. Born in Romania, Engelbaum explained that he survived a concentration camp.

"I'm not saying that for sympathy. But I really have lived the American dream. I am really proud to be a part of this program," Engelbaum said.

Besides being chosen to participate in the program, Joan Axtell of Canton had other reasons to celebrate. She was married one month ago to Paul. Wearing a headpiece fashioned

with flowers and red and white ribbons, she sang "My Melody of Love."

After Axtell's performance, Engelbaum stuck with his serious theme. "It's wonderful how many religions and belief systems we have in the world. Religion is intended to comfort the troubled and to trouble the overly comforted," he said.

That said, he looked at one of the judges, the Rev. Jack Baker, pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne, and told a joke about two nuns painting a chapel in the nude.

Wilma Arensman of Plymouth tickled the ivories performing a combination of popular, classical and church music.

### Time for talent

Following a brief intermission, the contestants emerged wearing evening gowns as Engelbaum read each of their personal philosophies.

Agner, wearing a two-piece yellow suit, walked down the catwalk as Engelbaum explained that she "feels that happiness is keeping busy. Never let anyone get you down. One of the satisfying things in life is to lose oneself in a hobby."

A volunteer at Garden City Hospital, Eleon wore a peach two-piece outfit with a long skirt. "My philosophy in life is to do the best I can in this day."

Met with rousing applause, Washington stepped out in a shiny, beige dress. Engelbaum read her personal statement.

"Reaching 60, I no longer fear the loss of outer beauty, knowing that Oil of Olay and Richard Simmons cannot provide it. One's inner beauty is what lasts forever, and we develop it through the years."

A member of Temple Baptist Church in Plymouth Township, Benyo walked down the catwalk wearing a green, embroidered jacket and skirt.

As Engelbaum read, "My philosophy is to live life to its fullest," a blond-haired little girl in a pink dress ran up to the catwalk and begged Benyo to pick her up.

Axtell wore a mauve dress with a bow on her hip, "I try to help people whenever I can and keep myself and other around me as happy as I can."

Wearing a royal blue, form-fitting gown with lace sleeves, Arensman waved to the audience as Engelbaum explained that her philosophy is to encourage people to live as close to the Lord as possible so they know that life



Celebrating victory: Marjorie Washington, of Ypsilanti, basks in the spotlight after winning the 1998 Ms. Senior Michigan Regional Pageant.

is worthwhile.

### The winner is ...

The five contestants waited patiently as the reigning Ms. Senior Michigan, Shirley Stedman of Flushing, addressed the audience. A professional singer who performed with the Brownwood Band, Stedman serenaded the audience with "Everything's Coming Up Roses" and "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend."

Stedman explained that she entered the pageant at the urging of a friend.

"So many people wonder why would a woman 70 years old want to enter a pageant? I knew my answer had to be that I believe in everything the pageant stands for. It is giving seniors the opportunity to know there's more to living than sitting in rocking chair and wishing," she explained.

Stedman was followed by Canton resident Viola Dilley, the reigning Ms. Senior Liberty Fest 1997. She explained that her talent is her knowledge of roses.

"All I could do was talk about roses, and I'm still talking about roses."

Engelbaum returned to the podium and announced the runners-up and finally the winner. As Washington was declared the winner, her family and friends jumped up and cheered loudly. Washington raised her hands and prayed and blew kisses while fighting to keep her tiara on.

As the music played, Washington raced to the end of the catwalk without her escort. As she reached the stairwell, she stopped, turned around, stretched out her arm and asked her escort to join her.

She gestured with all the elegance of a woman who has reached the age of elegance.



With a little help: Wilma Arensman, left, of Plymouth is assisted by Tam Murley following the 1998 Ms. Senior Michigan Regional Pageant Sunday, June 28, at the Novi Hilton.

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# McNamara, wife, celebrate 50th year together

On June 26, it was 50 years since Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara exchanged vows with his wife, Lucille. They met as part of a high school "gang" that hung out together at Detroit's Redford High School in the 1940s. "We'd go on picnics, play baseball, things like that," said Ed McNamara, who has been running Wayne County since 1986. After graduating from high school a few months early, he went into the Navy in January 1944. McNamara served two years in the Pacific theater and returned home in 1946. On their first date that same year, McNamara took 19-year-old Lucille Martin to a square dance at Clark's Barn in Livonia. The couple double-dated with McNamara's sister. Lucille wore a black velvet dress, thinking they were going to a fancier place for the evening.

"I knew then that this was it," said Lucille, speaking of her interest in the young McNamara. "He had a good sense of humor and he was kind and gentle." Her family liked him as well. "My mother always thought he was the greatest." They courted for two years and then set the date - June 26, 1948. The two 21-year-olds married at Christ the King in Redford. McNamara attended St. Monica all his life but, after a pre-wedding counseling session when the old priest there told Lucille she should expect to bear 20 children, she turned to her fiancé and said, "I don't like the quota," and the two sought out another church. On their wedding day, the bride-to-be wore a long, white satin gown; he a suit and tie. "He couldn't afford a tuxedo," she said.

Lucille's sister, Gerry, was her maid of honor. McNamara's best friend since kindergarten, Bill Scruggs, was the best man. The weather held for the 60 people attending the reception in McNamara's parents' yard on Detroit's west side. For their honeymoon, the couple borrowed his sister's fiancé's car for a long motor trip. The first night they stayed at a motel just the other side of Bay City. The couple put 1,000 miles on the car. "I didn't have a car so this was heaven for me," he said. "We drove up and down the state, even into Indiana." Each of them only had a week off for the honeymoon. She went back to work in the accounting department at a local insurance company and he returned to his job as a service engineer at Michigan Bell. They lived in an apartment at

Linwood and Grand Boulevard. "There was Lucille and me and the cockroaches," he said. The couple moved a couple of times after that, living most of their married life in Livonia. For the McNamaras' anniversary, the couple's five children - Colleen, Michael, Nancy, Kevin and Terence - and spouses and grandchildren celebrated with their parents in Frankenmuth. Even the maid of honor flew in from California. Lucille has her theories on why she and her husband have stayed together for so long. "Basically, we agree on most things. We keep busy and don't have time to get into trouble." But why did it last? "Most of our friends went together for a considerable amount of time before they got married," she said. "That's what we did. And we enjoy each other's company."



Honored: Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara and his wife Lucille celebrated their 50th anniversary with their children and their spouses and grandchildren in Frankenmuth.

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Webb**  
Alphus and Rita Webb of Garden City repeated their vows during Mass at St. Dunstan's Church in Garden City then gathered with their family to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple exchanged vows on June 19, 1948, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne. She is the former Rita Gauvreau. The Webbs have four children - Janice of Savannah, Ga., Norman of Grand Haven, Linda and Carolyn, both of Garden City - and seven grandchildren. Retired for 16 years, he was a plumber with Local 98 for 47 years. He enjoys traveling, carpentry and gardening. A homemaker, she enjoys



sewing, counted cross stitch, crafts and flower gardening.

**Axford**  
Walker and Virginia Axford of Livonia recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple married on June 3, 1938, in Redford Township. She is the former Virginia Archer. They have five children - Shirley Kalinovik, Beverly Frommert, Mary Combs, Walter Axford and Patricia Hirst. They have 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Retired, he enjoyed golf, bowling and fishing and was a member of the Knights of Columbus before suffering a stroke almost five years ago. They also belong to the Livonia Golden Years Club, enjoyed bingo, and as member of St. Genevieve Church, were members of the church bowling league.



**Simons**  
Jay and Georgiene Simons of Plymouth recently returned from a 40th wedding anniversary trip to French Polynesia. During the three-week excursion, they visited three islands, Tahiti, Huahine and Raiatea. The couple exchanged vows on June 28, 1958, at Holy Name Church in Birmingham before leaving for Japan where he was stationed by the U.S. Air Force. The Simons have five children - Margaret Simons of Belcourt, N.D., Valerie Kinsora and husband John of Lansing, Kristopher and wife Chi of Titusville, Fla., Michael and wife Claudia of Garden City and Rachelle Rus-



sell and husband Brian of Clarksville, Tenn. They also have one grandson, John of Lansing.

**Lemon**  
Al and Evelyn Lemon of Redford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 5 at a party given by their children. The couple met at Detroit Diesel. They have seven children - Mike, Jeff, Lori Shaw and husband Terry, Steve and wife Becky, Dan and wife Debbie, Dave and wife Reenie and Joe and wife Vera - and 12 grandchildren.



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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Carpenter-Purcell

Billy and Sandra Carpenter of Westland announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lisa Anne, to Christopher Michael Purcell, son of the late Joseph John and Gladys Purcell. A 1988 graduate of John Glenn High School, the bride-to-be is employed by Red Holman Pontiac in Westland. Her fiancé, a 1980 graduate of Cherry Hill High School, graduated in 1994 from National Education Center in Livonia as the class valedictorian. He is employed by Siebe Environmental. A July wedding is planned at St. Cyril Church in Taylor.



Gibson-Kowalski

Carolyn Gibson of Plymouth announces the engagement of her daughter, Lenore Patrice, to Robert Allan Kowalski, the son of Robert Kowalski and Nancy Bilyk, both of Canton. The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late Walter Gibson, is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Madonna University. She is employed as a marketing services leader for Valassis Communications Inc. Her fiancé is also a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Madonna University. He is employed as an accountant for Plastipak Packaging Inc. A September wedding is



planned at St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth Township.

Ayotte-Kornacki

Lawrence X. Ayotte of Livonia and Ileen Kornacki of Trenton were married April 26 at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Wyandotte by the Rev. John Hedges. The groom is a graduate of Assumption and Schoolcraft colleges. He is retired from Prudential Insurance Company of America. Their attendants were Patricia Zimba, the daughter of the groom, and Steve Kornacki, the son of the bride. After a tour of Rome, Italy, Switzerland, Paris, France, and London, England, the couple is making their home in Trenton.



Barr-Mena

Kathleen Dils of Plymouth and Randall Barr of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Emilie Christine Barr, to Chadrick Thomas Mena, the son of Fred and Sharon Mena of Belleville. The bride-to-be graduated in 1988 from Plymouth Salem High School and in 1992 from Eastern Michigan University. She attends graduate school at Eastern Michigan University where she is pursuing a degree in elementary education. Her fiancé, a 1987 graduate of John Glenn High School, attends Michigan State University where he is studying animal sciences. An August wedding is planned at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.



Arlane-McGarrie

Laurie McGarrie and Shahram Ariane were married May 11 in Maui, Hawaii. The bride is the daughter of Pat and Tom McGarrie of Livonia. A graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and Sally Esser's Beauty School, she owns NUVO Hair Salon in Santa Monica, Calif. The groom is the manager of the Nikko Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. After a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple received guests at the Leather Bottle restaurant in Livonia. They are making their home in Santa Monica.



Main-Gyraszyn

Donald and Wanda Main of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Scott Gyraszyn, the son of Patrick Gyraszyn of Woodhaven and Linda Buszka of Grosse Ile. The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is employed by First American Title in Livonia. Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He is employed by IVS in Livonia. A June 1999 wedding is planned at St. Bernadine Church.



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COLLEGE SPORTS

# Lafata replaces Kavanaugh

Anyone familiar with Schoolcraft College's athletic department is well aware of how things have changed — for the better — in the past year. New coaches, new administrators, new financial support have all made the outlook for SC sports look promising.

The latest addition in the first of that trilogy is Karen Lafata, who replaces Ed Kavanaugh as SC's women's basketball coach. Kavanaugh remains as SC's athletic director; indeed, he was the reason Lafata left her position as Macomb CC's women's coach to take the SC position.

At first glance, it might not seem like a good choice. Lafata, who has coached for 25 years, lives in Warren and has coached in that area most of her career. At Macomb, she went 11-17 in her first season (1996-97), then developed a squad that won the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference championship last year, going 25-9 and reaching the NJCAA Tournament.

So why leave a program on the rise to take a similar job at a similar school much farther away?

For Lafata, the decision was

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an easy one. "It's a great opportunity to work for Ed Kavanaugh, whom I have great respect for and whom I have known for 20 years," she explained.

"And there's Schoolcraft itself — the facilities are excellent. I'll be able to recruit the tri-county area better, and it's just a great area to recruit. With Ed, I know women's basketball will get a fair shake. And the situation that's happening there, with the (financial) support for athletics, made this an easy decision."

At Macomb, Lafata had to "do a lot of fundraising. I spent all my energy doing that."

With SC's increase in athletic scholarship help, Lafata has been able to devote her time to recruiting — something that won't take too long to surface. She already has the makings of a championship contender.

That kind of energy was something Kavanaugh was having trouble mustering as a coach any longer, particularly with his additional position as athletic director.

"There were a couple of

things that happened last November, when we hosted soccer and volleyball tournaments and I had to go out of town with the (girls basketball) team for a couple of games, that showed me I couldn't do both," Kavanaugh said.

He was starting to realize he would have to forfeit one of his positions. Coaching was his choice to go.

"When it came time to start recruiting again, well, I could tell my heart wasn't in it," Kavanaugh added. His long acquaintance with Lafata made this an equally easy decision for him.

"I told her that if she wanted the job, it was hers," he said. "She's going to do a good job."

She's already started. Lafata is well-acquainted with all parts of metro Detroit, which should aid her recruiting efforts enormously. In her prep coaching career, she's had stints at Birmingham Marian, Warren Cousino and Macomb L'Anse Creuse North.

"The only downside of taking the job is the travel involved," Lafata said. The upside — which could include a lot of post-season travel next winter — should negate that.

# Ocelot coach on recruiting trail

When Ed Kavanaugh, a long-time women's basketball coach who built strong programs at Livonia Ladywood and at Schoolcraft College, decided that "when it came time to start recruiting again, well, I could tell my heart wasn't in it" as he decided to step aside, he hardly walked away.

Kavanaugh had other responsibilities at SC, as athletic director. He knew a coach who could step right in and make his program even better.

That person was Kathy Lafata, who last year guided Macomb CC to the NJCAA Tournament. At Macomb, Lafata had to raise funds to build the Monarchs' program; at SC, Kavanaugh was juggling both coaching and administrative responsibilities.

By combining their talents, there's no doubt SC will be the better for it.

That's already become apparent. Lafata has already a team that must be considered a contender for the Eastern Conference title in place.

Four key members from last year's Ocelot team return: Stacy Cavin, Jenny Talbot, Melissa Plave and Kim Washnock. Also returning is Esther Ross, a major contributor from the 1996-97 squad who sat out last season.

That gave Lafata a solid foundation to build upon. She wasted no time.

Lafata brought with her three members of her conference championship team at Macomb in 5-foot-11 power forward Jackie Kocis, 5-6 shooting guard Kera Hill and 5-5 point guard Jamie Lewandowski. Kocis and Hill averaged 10.5 points a game last season, and Lewandowski averaged seven points and 5.5 assists while earning all-conference honors.

A fourth transfer also accompanies Lafata to SC: Samantha Theisen, a 5-9 guard from Warren Woods Tower who played sparingly at Oakland University last season.

"I'm very confident this team can be a contender," said Lafata. "We'll be sophomore heavy and experienced."

But that's not all the Ocelots will have. Lafata is bringing in three freshmen who should help immediately: 5-7 forward/guard Denise Willis, from Detroit Kettering, a second team all-PSL selection who averaged 15 points a game; 6-0 center Chanty Pratt, a 1994 Lansing Everett graduate who attended Ball State but never played; and 5-10 forward Gina Brooke, a 1996 Walled Lake Western graduate who went to Eastern Michigan (but did not play) last year.

"That kind of rounds out our roster right there," said Lafata. "But we have room for a couple of others."

"I guess we could be a little bigger. But we'll be quick."

One other thing anyone interested in SC's women's basketball might count on — they'll be in the race.

# Dream matchup from page C1

team's top player and most heavily recruited, returns next year.

All told, Moreau has sent 16 players to Division I schools in four years.

Meanwhile, Stevenson loses 10 seniors, including six starters.

Among the graduation losses include Spartan All-Stater Allison Campbell, who leaves with 117 career goals. She is headed to Tennessee.

Goalkeeper Jenny Barker, who will play this fall for

Madonna University, also departs along with All-Observer midfielder Leah McGrath.

But all is not lost, two All-Staters return for the Spartans — sophomore defender Andrea Sied and freshman sensation Lindsay Gusick.

"The girls are pretty excited," Kimble said. "We wanted to play them even though we lose quite a bit. We feel we can compete and give them a good game."

"I never seen them (St. Charles), but I know Joe obvi-

ously has quality people and I've heard they're solid all the way around. They're balanced from top to bottom."

Moreau also understands that Stevenson is no pushover.

"I know how good they are from the college coaches I've talked to," the St. Charles coach said. "Their reputation is strong and Jim does a great job."

"We never look in terms of wins and losses. We just want to improve as the season progresses. We try to set goals and

work very, very hard. Colleges recruit us because of our work ethic more than anything else."

Ironically, the similarities between the two schools just doesn't end with soccer.

"Our girls won the state cross country championship and our girls swim team won the state four years in a row," Moreau said. "Our boys soccer team finished third last year and two years before that they were state champs."

Sounds a little too eerie.



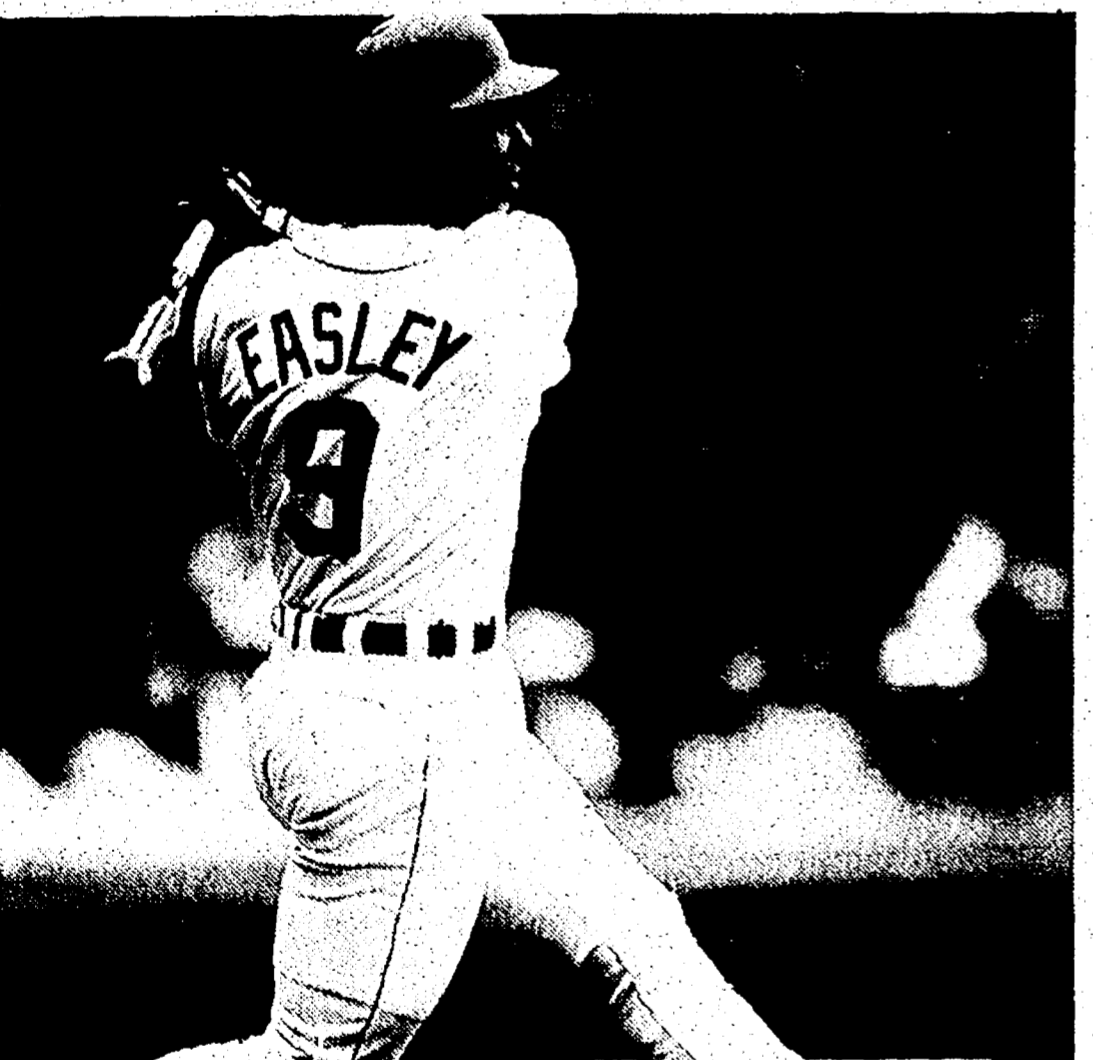
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SANDLOT BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Livonia squad rules tourney, trip to Florida

Tigertown hits the spot this summer for Livonia Travel's Connie Mack (ages 16-18) baseball team.

Winning five consecutive games over the Fourth of July weekend in the Firecracker Tournament in Sterling Heights, Livonia Travel has earned an automatic berth in the 18-year-old USSSA World Series in Lakeland, Fla., spring training home of the Detroit Tigers.

"This was a great tournament for our guys," Livonia Travel manager Bill Rabe said. "We had not had a day off since school got out. We had a great tournament in Fort Wayne (Ind.) and took a few lumps in Cincinnati, but came home to win the toughest tourney around."

It took eight innings, but Livonia Travel managed to gain a 12-

11 victory over the Michigan Tigers in the championship final. Chris Woodruff (Redford Catholic Central) staked Livonia Travel to a 3-1 lead with a first-inning homer.

The Tigers tallied four runs in the fifth to take a 9-4 advantage, but Livonia responded with five in the bottom of the sixth sparked by Casey Rogowski's bases loaded double.

Don Martin's 2-run homer gave the Tigers an 11-9 lead, but Livonia answered with three in the bottom of the eighth.

Bob Malek started the rally with a single followed by walks to Dave Lusky (CC) and Rogowski (CC).

Mike Fisher (Farmington Hills Harrison) then singled in a pair of runs.

Woodruff then walked to load

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the bases.

Roy Rabe's infield hit was mishandled as the Tigers attempted to turn a double play, bringing home the game-winning run.

Livonia Travel starter Dale Hayes (Westland John Glenn) pitched the first five innings, allowing seven runs. He was relieved by Derek Fox (Farmington), who pitched to four batters without getting an out.

He was replaced by Dave Lusky, the eventual winner.

In the tourney opener, Fisher and Rogowski each homered and knocked in three runs as Livonia Travel dropped the Metro Hawks, 9-5.

Corey Cook (Livonia

Churchill), the winning pitcher, gave up five runs over five innings. Justin Draughn (Churchill) came on to earn the save.

In the second game, Livonia dumped the Tigers, 9-7, as Fisher, Malek and Woodruff each homered, while Rabe (Stevenson), Brent Zak (CC) and Mario D'Herin (CC) collected two hits apiece.

Pitchers Jon Ritzler (Stevenson) and Fox combined for the victory.

Fox tossed a three-hitter as Livonia made it three straight with a 10-0 triumph over the Northwest Ohio Mavs.

Brett Wells (Churchill) and Fisher each had two hits and three RBI.

Livonia reached the championship game with 6-5 triumph

over Steele's as Mark Cole (CC) allowed just three hits over six innings before giving way to Rabe, who earned the save.

Fisher homered in the win, while Hayes and D'Herin each had two hits.

On Tuesday, Rogowski's RBI sacrifice fly scoring Brent Zak (CC) in the top of the seventh was the difference as Livonia turned back host Birmingham at Groves High School, 6-5.

An infield single by Zak followed by a Malek single set up the game-winner as first-place Livonia improved to 10-1 in the Little Caesar's Elite League and 20-6 overall.

Fisher clubbed a pair of homers — a 2-run shot and a solo blast. Woodruff was 2-for-4 with a homer and three RBI. Malek added two hits.

Ritzler, the winning pitcher, went the distance.

He retired the first 12 batters in order before settling for a three-hitter. Ritzler struck out five and walked two.

On Monday, Livonia scored a 7-1 victory over the Downriver Rams.

Rabe pitched a two-hitter, fanning seven and walking five.

Pat Cash and Matt Gabrielli tallied the Rams' only two hits.

Mike Coopersmith (Walled Lake Western) suffered the loss.

Rabe pitched a three-hitter last Thursday as Livonia bounced the Michigan Rams, 13-3, in a mercy-rule shortened game.

Rabe and Fox each collected three hits apiece to pace a 13-hit attack. Hayes added two hits, including a homer.

On July 1, Livonia Travel suffered its first league defeat as Clarkston rallied from a 7-1 deficit to gain a 9-8 triumph.

George Drallos' 2-run homer in the bottom of the sixth proved to be the difference.

Cole, in relief of Malek, suffered the loss.

The Clarkston 6-run uprising came after Cole had retired 10 straight batters and allowed just three hits over five innings.

Malek doubled three times in the defeat.

On June 30, Livonia downed the Riverview Rams, 8-5, as Lusky was the winning pitcher.

He allowed five hits over five innings while fanning five before giving way to Rabe, who earned the save.

Malek went 3-for-3 with three runs scored. Lusky and Fox each contributed two hits.

Livonia Travel 15 rebounds with win

Turnabout is fair play — at least for Livonia Travel 15, a Mickey Mantle-age baseball team.

After being knocked out of the Firecracker Tournament on Sunday by Allen Park Junior Legion, 14-11, LT 15 bounced back Monday with a 17-4 five-inning (mercy rule) league victory at Dearborn Heights.

"We got embarrassed a little bit on Sunday and took it out on Dearborn Heights on Monday," said LT 15 manager Jim Wilson, whose team is 21-5 overall and 11-1 in league play.

LT 15 sent 18 batters to the plate in the top of the first inning, scoring 12 runs.

Brian Campbell led the offensive assault, going 4-for-5, while Pete Pinto and Brad Buckler each added three hits.

For the game, LT 15 collected 23 hits.

Winning pitcher Mike Moore allowed three runs on four hits over three innings.

In the Firecracker, Allen Park tallied seven runs in the opening inning as LT 15 starter Scott Golem endured his first poor outing of the year, lasting just two-thirds of an inning.

LT 15 pitchers gave up 11 hits on eight walks in three innings. The defense committed five errors.

In the tourney opener, Brent Scheffler hurled a five-inning no-hitter as LT 15 blanked the Jackson County, Ohio Blue Streaks, 9-0.

Scheffler, Dan Wilson, Ronnie Williams and Moore collected to

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hits apiece in the victory.

In the second game, LT 15 pitcher Shawn Casey threw a six-hit shutout in an 8-0 win over the Stark County Hawks of Canton, Ohio.

Pinto was the hitting hero, going 3-for-4 with three RBI and two runs scored.

LT 15 then wrapped up first place in its bracket on Saturday with a 5-4 triumph over the Michigan Rams.

Williams, who worked the first 5 1/2 innings, earned the victory. He gave up four runs on five hits. Golem came on to get the final four outs to pick up a save.

Livonia scored four runs in the top of the first with the first five batters collected hits.

Wilson and Pinto each went 3-for-4 to pace a 14-hit attack. Scheffler and Joe Ruggiero each added two hits.

In league action June 30, LT 15 avenged one of its defeats by beating the host Wayne Bandits, 13-4.

Golem ran his record to 5-0 by going the first five innings, allowing four runs on four hits and five walks. He struck out six.

Ruggiero came on in the sixth to earn the save.

Campbell paced the offense with three hits and three RBI, while Wilson doubled and tripled with three runs and three RBI. Buckler reached base safely all four times with a single and three walks.

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# Concealed Security romps in holiday tourney

Concealed Security's 11-year-old baseball team can't seem to act its age and coach Lou Pirronello hopes that bodes well when the team hosts a 12-year-old American Amateur Baseball Congress District (July 17-19).

Concealed won its second 11-year-old tournament of the season last weekend at the 14th annual Firecracker Classic at Warren's Halmich Park.

That Concealed rolled through the tournament with a 6-0 record, outscoring opponents 94-27, isn't surprising. Concealed is playing up a division in the Little Caesar's Pee Wee Reese 12-year-old Division, where it is tied for second place with the Riverview Devil Rays with 16-3 records.

Concealed's 12-year-old team is all alone in first place.

Concealed hopes to be competitive and possibly challenge for the district championship. Stepping Stone Field on Middlebelt Road between Grand River and Nine Mile roads is the site of the district.

The winner goes to the AABC North Central Regional in Rockford, Ill., where Concealed's 12-year-old team already has a direct invitation.

It doesn't expect to get past the regional but has the AABC 11-year-old Caba World Series in Tarkio, Mo. to look forward to at the end of the month.

"We didn't even expect to make a district, this has never happened," Pirronello said. "I'm very happy. We just expected to use this as practice for the 11-year-old World Series."

Concealed won another 11-year-old tournament this year and finished second to its brother team in a 12-year-old Memorial Day Tournament.

Concealed is 39-6 overall. It's a continuation of the success enjoyed last year when as 10-year olds they went 54-4 and won a AABC district and regional before finishing 1-2 at the Willie Mays World Series in Tennessee.

Here are the game-by-game results of the Firecracker Tournament:

**Concealed 8, Carol Stream, Ill. 0:** Concealed opened tournament play on Thursday behind the three-hit pitching of Phillip Mabey (Livonia), who struck out six with one walk in going the distance.

Ryan Shay (Garden City) went 2-for-2, including a triple, with an RBI. Casey Sargent (South Lyon) was 3-3 with two RBI.

**Concealed 13, Goodrich 2:** On Friday, Shay and Sargent combined on a five-hitter as Concealed won a four-inning mercy game.

Andrew Stafford (Sterling Heights) was 3-4 with two RBI to lead Concealed's attack. Scott Szpyrka (Orchard Lake) went 2-2, Mabey 2-3 and Eric Drieselman (Garden City) 2-4 with three RBI.

**Concealed 22, Ohio 5:** No other game illustrated Concealed's explosiveness better than this one played Friday night.

Concealed trailed 5-4 heading into the sixth inning before Sargent tied it with a home run. Concealed then erupted for 18 runs on 18 hits in the top of the seventh, capping off a 25-hit performance.

"It was so unbelievable and this team from Ohio is very good," Pirronello said. "They won their first two games and this was like the division showdown."

The winning pitcher was Alan Hagedon (Westland), who improved to 6-0 pitching in relief. He allowed no runs on one hit and two strikeouts.

Drieselman started, giving up five runs on five hits with six strikeouts in 4 1/3 innings.

Jeff Richard (West Bloomfield) hit two doubles in the seventh when he came to the plate three times. Mark Pirronello (Livonia) had a bases-loaded single among two hits and three RBI in the seventh.

Chris Rusin (Canton) had a triple and a double in the seventh. Shay had a triple and Szpyrka a double in the seventh.

Szpyrka was 4-5 with five RBI and Sargent finished 3-5 with four RBI. Pirronello finished 3-4 with three RBI. Andrew Stafford (Sterling Heights) was 3-5 with two RBI and Matt Rodeghier (Farmington Hills) also contributed three hits.

**Concealed 18, Union City 6:** Pirronello earned his first pitching victory, giving up two runs on two hits, one walk and one strikeout in two innings. Sargent, Rusin and Hagedon provided relief help in a game that lasted four innings because of the mercy rule.

Szpyrka was 2-4, stroking a pair of doubles, with one RBI. Richard was 2-3, including a first-inning home run, with three RBI.

Hagedon was 2-2 with an RBI and

Rodeghier 1-3, hitting a bases-loaded double, and finishing with four RBI.

**Concealed 18, Toronto Thornhill Reds 7:** The night before, Concealed lost to this team in a scrimmage, 8-7.

Concealed won the real thing, however, using the combined pitching of Hagedon, Mabey and Richard.

"They knew they had to come to play," Pirronello said. "Our kids just started pounding the ball and it

## YOUTH BASEBALL

gets contagious. This was a good team we beat."

Hagedon improved his pitching record to 6-0, allowing two runs on three hits with one strikeout in two innings. Mabey struck out four, allowing three runs in three innings, and Richard pitched no-hit ball with one strikeout in one inning.

Richard, who hit about .800 for

the tournament, led the hitting attack with a 4-4 performance, including a homer, and six RBI. Stafford was 3-5 with two RBI and Sargent 3-5 with three RBI. Shay was 2-4.

**Concealed 15, St. Clair Shores Angels 7:** Shay pitched a complete-game six-hitter, striking out 11 and allowing three earned runs in the championship game on Sunday.

He also helped his cause with four RBI while going 3-4. Richard was 3-5 with an RBI and Hagedon

3-5 with two runs scored. Sargent, Pirronello and Stafford had two hits each. Pirronello scored three runs and drove home one and Stafford had two RBI and scored twice.

In regular-season games, played this week, Concealed beat the Detroit Rangers on Monday, 21-7, and the Plymouth Cannons on Tuesday, 18-5.

In the win over the Rangers, Sargent, one of four Concealed pitchers, earned the victory. Pirronello and Hagedon were

each 3-4 with three RBI. Szpyrka was 3-4 with two RBI.

In the win over the Cannons, Mabey improved his pitching record to 9-1.

Drieselman had three hits and two RBI. Szpyrka and Rusin had two hits each. Szpyrka had two RBI and Rusin one RBI.

Drieselman and Hagedon each had three hits. Hagedon had three RBI and Drieselman two.

He struck out seven and allowed two hits in three innings.

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## THE WEEKEND

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### SATURDAY



Spend the day on the Detroit River waterfront watching the Thunderfest Hydroplane Races. More than 500,000 people are expected to line the waterfront during the races, which continue through July 12, call (800) 359-7760 for details.

### SUNDAY



The Detroit Symphony Orchestra continues its summer concert season at Meadow Brook Music Festival 7 p.m. with Romance Under the Stars featuring violinist Xiang Gao. Tickets \$44 to \$13, call (313) 576-5111, (248) 377-0100, or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

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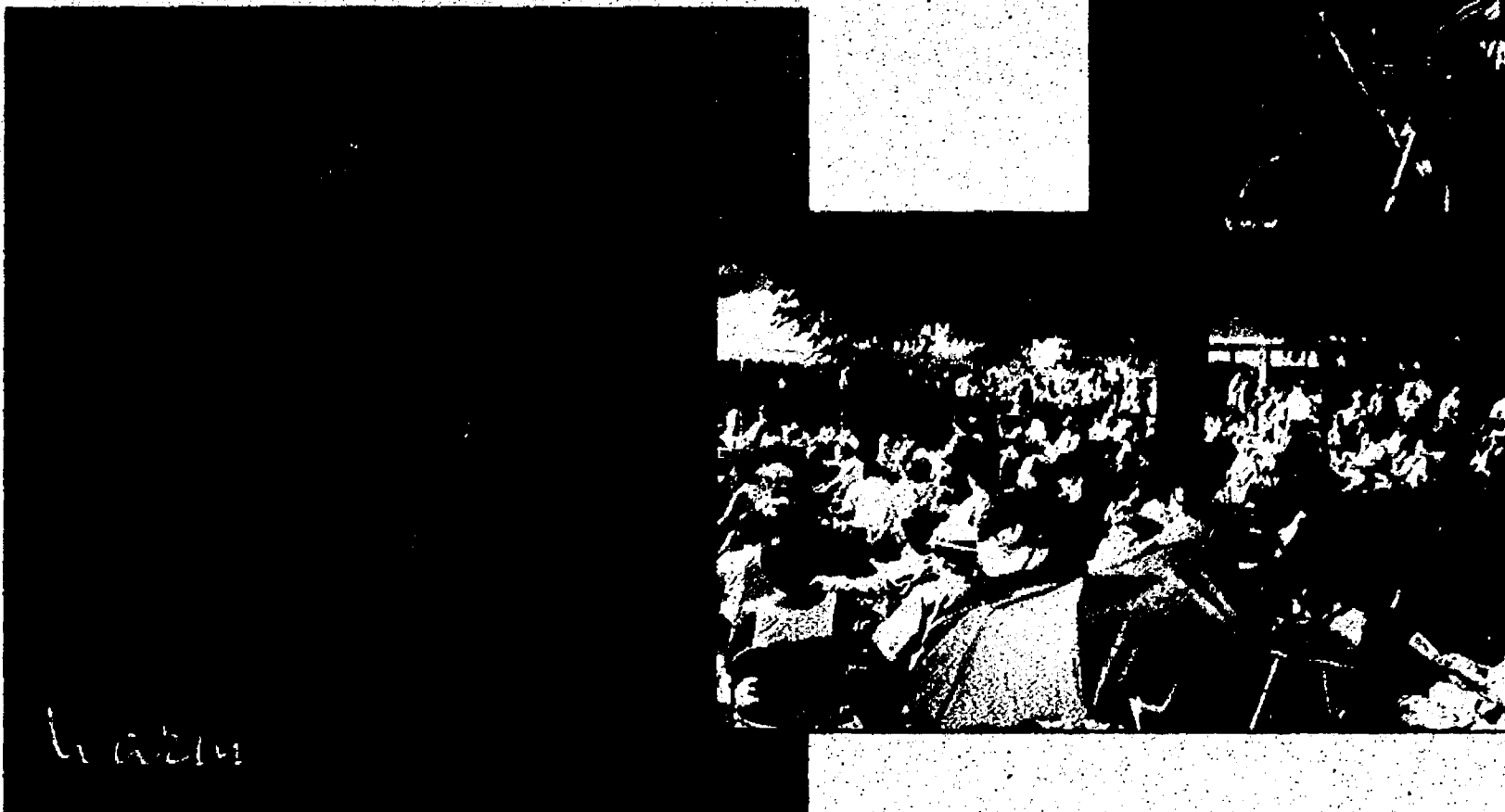


Livonia glass artist Joseph Wisniewski created this bowl for Art in the Park in Plymouth. More than 400 artists will display their works at the 18th annual show Saturday-Sunday, July 11-12 in the streets surrounding Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 454-1314 for more information.

## MICHIGAN JAZZ FESTIVAL

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## WITH MOTOWN MUSICIANS



Featured artist: Larry Nozero will perform 7:30-8:30 p.m. with his quartet on the InmartGroup Stage during the Michigan Jazz Festival.

### Michigan Jazz Festival

When: Sunday, July 19, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. Call (248) 474-2720 for information.

#### Schedule

##### InmartGroup Stage (Patio)

SCool Jazz PRime, noon-1 p.m., Jim Stefanson's Latin Jazz Combine, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Russ Miller Quintet, 3-4 p.m., Matt Michaels/Jack Brokensha Quartet, 4:30-5:30 p.m., George Benson Quartet, 6-7 p.m., Larry Nozero Quartet, 7:30-8:30 p.m., and Paul Vornhagen Quintet, 9-10 p.m.

##### Woodbridge Stage (Ballroom)

Pistol Allen Quintet, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Dennis Tini Quintet with April Tini, 2-3 p.m., Jim Wyse Jazz Quintet, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Alma Smith Quintet, 5-6 p.m., Louis Smith Quartet, 6:30-7:30 p.m., and Matt Michaels/Judith Cochill, 8-9 p.m.

##### Lear Stage (Tennis Court)

Janet Tenaj and Friends, 12:15-1:15 p.m., WSU Jazztet, 1:45-2:45 p.m., Walter White and IF-U-NU, 3:15-4:15 p.m., Tom Saunders' Detroit Jazz All-Stars, 4:45-5:45 p.m., Ron Kischuk and the Bones of Contention, 6:15-7:15 p.m., and Bess Bonnier Quartet, 7:45-8:45 p.m.

##### Moro/Cohen/Magna Stage (Coach House)

Hamid Dana and the Detroit Jazz Winds, 12:45-2:15 p.m., Eddie Nuccilli Big Band, 3-4:30 p.m., Eric Brandon Quintet, 5-6:15 p.m., Brookside Jazz, 6:45-8:15 p.m., and Johnny Trudell Big Band, 9-10:30 p.m.

The Michigan Jazz Festival, returning to Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills Sunday, July 19, continues to be among the best bargains in town.

Admission? Forget about it. It's free! Festival spokeswoman Midge Ellis reports the fourth edition of the annual festival featuring "old, straight-ahead, classic jazz" will sport four stages, 20 groups, four big bands, 178 musicians for 11 hours at the historic Botsford Inn on Grand River just north of Eight Mile Road.

How can they do that? Start with a grant from the Music Performance Trust Fund. Add the contribution of the Michigan Jazz Festival Board with a big assist from developer Morry Cohen and sponsorship of the American Federation of Musicians Local 5, the Lear Corp., Woodbridge Sales & Engineering, InmartGroup Ltd. and the Southeastern Michigan Jazz Association, and you've got \$23,000 worth of jazz performed by local musicians, and free admission for fans.

Past festivals on the same location have packed Botsford to the point where organizers were probably grateful the fire marshal didn't turn up. More than 5,000 people attended in 1997.

This year they've gotten permission from Clarenceville Schools to use the high school parking lot on Middlebelt south of Eight Mile Road for supplemental parking. Shuttle buses will carry fans from the high school to the festival at 15-minute intervals, Ellis said.

Michigan Jazz Festival fans tend to be aficionados in the strictest sense of the word, Ellis

said, which makes the musicians somewhat nervous because the fans listen intently to the music. The players know that if they goof up it will be heard. "But they love it," Ellis said.

Veteran Motown drummer Howard "Pistol" Allen agrees with the second half of that. "We don't goof up," he said. "We've been playing so long that there's no such thing as making mistakes. We've had years and years of great people who love us. There's no way we can get nervous. It's just like sitting down and having a cup of coffee with you and having fun."

Perhaps feeling something like Col. Mustard in the board game Clue, Allen will do it with the drums in the ballroom at 12:30 p.m. with his quintet.

Allen, 65, has been drumming in the Detroit area since 1957 when he began "playing with everybody" at Baker's Keyboard Lounge on Eight Mile Road at Livernois. He joined the Motown stable in 1961 and stayed with the label, playing on upwards of 3,000 songs, through 1972 when the company moved to California and Allen stayed here.

Allen expects his latest, yet unnamed, album to be on sale by the end of the year.

Another Motown contributor, sax player Larry Nozero will play at the Michigan Jazz Festival, too. Look for him and his quartet at 7:30 p.m. on the patio stage.

The quartet, consisting of Nozero, pianist Terry Lower, bassist Ray Tini and drummer Jim Ryan, performs every Monday night at DePalma's, a restaurant/bar on Plymouth Road west of Merriman in Livonia.

Nozero, 54, has been playing music for more than 40 years and

still enjoys the process "tremendously."  
Why?  
"There are a lot of things now I do naturally that I used to have to really work at."  
Like what?  
"Like playing really well."  
Nozero is a member of that army of musicians who have earned a living at it for many years but haven't quite become household names.

The Novi resident played as a studio musician on many old Motown records of the 1960s and '70s (That's his soprano sax solo on Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On?"), toured with Henry Mancini and Johnny Mathis, served as music director and bandleader at Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel for five years and cut 13 solo jazz albums. Last year he was inducted into the Legends of Jazz International Hall of Fame.

"It's been a hell of a life," he said. "Music has been very good to me. It has given me an interesting life. I'm doing what I believe I'm here to do."

Nozero's latest album, "Warm," is in Detroit-area stores now but has yet to be picked up for distribution nationally.

The quartet will perform some of the "Warm" material at the festival, but most of it is backed by a string section and isn't suitable for a bare-bones quartet presentation. "These are all ballads," Nozero said, "all romance. It's the first album I've done that's been like this."

The Michigan Jazz Festival begins at noon Sunday, July 19, and continues through 11 p.m. The Botsford Inn offers food and drink for sale throughout the event. For more information, call (248) 474-2720.

Listening to jazz: The Michigan Jazz Festival at Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills features 11 hours of "old, straight-ahead, classic jazz" on four stages.

## MUSIC

# Pine Knob welcomes Metallica back to Michigan

### Metallica

What: Performs along with Days of the New and Jerry Cantrell

When: 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 10-11

Where: Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Seshabaw Road, Independence Township

Why: In support of its latest album "Reload"

How: Tickets, \$43 pavilion and \$31 lawn, are available for the second show. For more information, call (248) 377-0100. Metallica's website is <http://www.metclub.com>.

Jason Newsted holds his breath every time his band Metallica takes a little time off.

"I still get surprised pleasantly each time we go back out after being home. At the beginning of this year, we took two months off and that's the longest time that we've ever taken away from the band since the band started," the bass player said.

Metallica took a few months off to get their personal lives in order. Guitarist Kirk Hammett married his longtime girlfriend, Lani, during a ceremony in Hawaii in January. Guitarist/singer James Hetfield and drummer Lars Ulrich both became fathers.

"It gave the band time to find themselves in their own little personal lives. Kirk went and got married. Everybody

got themselves together a bit more."

When Metallica resumed its tour in support of "Reload" (Elektra), Newsted realized he didn't have a thing to worry about.

"There's only a few tickets that aren't sold at all. It feels good. We must be doing something right," Newsted said with a laugh.

"After being home, you wonder what's going to happen. So many bands have come and gone in that time. It changes so much. But all the seats are filled and everybody is singing."

The same will go for Detroit. Only a few tickets remain for the second of Metallica's two-night stand, Friday-Saturday, July 10-11, at Pine Knob Music Theatre in Independence Township.

The show, which opens with Jerry

Cantrell and Days of the New, will be a reunion for Newsted; he was born in Battle Creek and raised in Niles and Kalamazoo.

Newsted moved from Michigan 17 years ago at age 18. He resided in Phoenix, Ariz., in 1981-1986 during which time he played in the rock band Flotsam and Jetsam. When Metallica's original bassist Cliff Burton died, Newsted took his place.

Newsted still has family in the state and returns twice a year.

"It's usually at Christmas and I was there two weeks ago (in early May). I've got some ATVs (all-terrain vehicles) back there. I get crazy and become a kid again. I get the motorcycles out and do a

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Homecoming: Metallica bassist Jason Newsted (second from left) returns home to Michigan to play two shows at Pine Knob Music Theatre Friday-Saturday, July 10-11, with the rest of his band - from left, drummer Lars Ulrich, guitarist/vocalist James Hetfield and guitarist Kirk Hammett.

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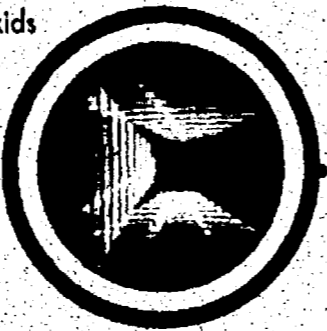
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little reminiscing. I feel very strong there," said Newsted, who now lives in San Francisco. Newsted said that when Metallica plays in Michigan, his family is there to support him. "They come out of the woodwork, dude. I'll tell you. There's going to be a lot of people there with the same last name," Newsted said.

### Part two

Released in November, "Reload" is the second half to its previous release, "Load," which was originally scheduled to be a double album.

"We went in the studio to record 'Load' and we spent a lot of the time writing the songs. We wrote 30 songs all together. The initial plan was to record all of them," Newsted explained.

"But we got a ways into the recording, and we only had a couple of songs that were recorded. Finally, we said, 'guys, this isn't going to work.' If we had 30 songs to do in nine months and we had only two done in three months that it wasn't going to work."

The quartet wrapped up the songs that were closest to being finished. That became "Load."

Metallica went on tour to support "Load," including a date in spring 1997 at The Palace of Auburn Hills, and rehearsed the "Reload" material in between shows.

"The drums were already on

tape. So James and I took the tapes back and forth between the bass and guitar rooms and painted this picture. We used the drums as the canvas and we threw our different stuff at the canvas. It's an abstract type of record."

One of the things thrown at the canvas was the voice of Marianne Faithfull on the song "The Memory Remains."

"It was something to learn from. She had such great stories. You really get a great vibe from her," Newsted explained.

"What happened was James had already come into these lyrics which paint this picture of a woman who once lived in the limelight but dropped out very quickly. A couple of years later, they think they're still somebody but nobody's really looking at them anymore."

To fill the role of the fallen woman, Metallica considered Chrissie Hynde and Joni Mitchell.

"We needed to find a voice that could tell their story without really saying any words. Cliff Bernstein, our manager, heard Marianne Faithfull's voice and decided she was the one."

Faithfull doesn't tour with Metallica but Newsted said the fans fill in perfectly.

"It's cool, during 'The Memory Remains' the crowd is singing the Marianne Faithfull part."

### Stripped down

Newsted explained that the Pine Knob shows will be much different from the show it put on at The Palace last year.

"We really went the full nine on that one. This is more of an outdoor summertime show which is usually more of a stripped-down situation. We're usually just trying to get a really cool light show happening and keep it pretty stripped down."

Newsted said Metallica digs deep into its library of 17 years of material for its live show.

"We play a few really heavy songs from each era of Metallica. You have to figure all the people coming to listen cover a span of 20 or 25 years in age difference. We have to hit them in that special spot that reminds of them when they were high school or junior high and listening to 'Ride the Lightning,' the black ('Metallica') record, 'Enter Sandman,' or 'Nothing Else Matters.'"

"If we hit that, maybe they'll listen to the next song that they didn't know before. We're trying to give everybody a special thing to hold on to. ... We've developed a set where it doesn't matter how many lights you have or how many bombs you have. What matters is what's coming out of the amps and what's coming out of your hands."

## Feminine beauty resurrected at DIA

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder - and in the basement of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"Beauties from the Basement: Paintings from the European Collection," opened in early May and runs through mid-September.

The paintings, which were stored in the museum's basement, will be displayed at the DIA for the first time in 40 years.

The collection includes portraits of women from the 17th-19th centuries.

"The focus is on the feminine ideal in past European cultures," said Aimee Marcereau, curator of the exhibit. Included in that "feminine ideal" is strict attention to detail - fabrics, garments, hair styles, cosmetics and jewelry.

The portraits, according to Marcereau, are snapshots of the time. Painters in the exhibit include Cornelis de Vos, Joseph Highmore, John Hoppner and George Romney.

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You'll hear a little bit about "Viagra" to the tune of "West Side Story's" "Maria," - "I just took a drug called Viagra," but for the most part, The Second City Detroit's latest revue, has little to do with Viagra.

This show kicks! The cast - Eric Black, Larry Campbell, Margaret Exner, Keegan-Michael Key, Mary Jane Pories and Catherine Worth - present a high energy, creative show, full of cutting edge humor.

Gone are the simplistic sketches about racism and violence in Detroit. Motown still drives the show, and Second City is the voice of Detroit, but the humor is more sophisticated, and staging improved. There's even some girl humor about sales - "I got it for 70 percent off," Exner sings about a dress she got at Value Village.

"Chryslerella" (Pories) goes to the ball - the Detroit Auto Show, and meets her handsome prince, Mercedes Benz, much to the dismay of her wicked stepsisters who represent General Motors and Ford Motor Co.

Rico Bruce Wade who performed in many mainstage productions before being named producer, has worked his magic. In March, Wade said one of his goals was to find more effective ways to steer the message. Themes introduced early in the show are reintroduced, creating a tighter production.

For instance, Exner plays maid of honor to Worth who is getting married. She frets about her orange dress, "I look like a pumpkin, and my hair looks like Jiffy Pop. This dress looks like a Thanksgiving Day centerpiece."

Later in the show, we visit the newlyweds who are watching the Red Wings on TV.

Political subjects have always been game for Second City. Exner is Secretary of State. Key represents Israel, Campbell, Palestine. As Secretary of State, Exner tries to help them find something in common - a favorite color, music, and discovers they both love Disney's "Little Mermaid."

"I'm sick of all this fighting," they sing. "If it worked for Aladdin and Jasmine, it could work for us. Oh yes we can make

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it, where can we make it? Only in Disneyland. These ties will never sever with Disney."

Movies are another theme. The cast creatively works the titles of many blockbuster hits including - "Mars Attack," and "Air Force One," into a skit where Pories informs the president, portrayed by Key, that "Goodwill," has just attacked New York.

Instead of improvisation that puts the cast and audience on the spot, the cast tried something a little different. A phone was planted in the audience. It rings, the woman picks it up, and is assaulted by long distance phone carriers, played by the cast. There's MCI, "all of your phones ring at the same time," and even the voice of god.

Pories, the newest cast member, has found her voice, and delivers a stronger performance than she did in "Down Riverdance."

The high energy closing resembles the grand finale of a fireworks display. All of the loose ends come together, leaving the audience in stitches.

"Viagra Falls" was written by the Second City Detroit cast. Ron West joined the cast as director, and Elaine Hendriks as stage manager. Musical director Marc Evan, an experienced improviser himself, provides excellent musical accompaniment, and makes a brief appearance on stage.



Acting up: Eric Black (left to right), Larry Campbell and Keegan-Michael Key in The Second City Detroit's "Viagra Falls."



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Solo piano and piano duet sessions in July stress keyboard skills, theory, and music history.







MOVIES

'Armageddon' has fun with the end of the world



JOHN MONAGHAN

TICKETS PLEASE Jerry Bruckheimer bullies you into enjoying yourself.

family-friendly PG-13 rating, making it the least crass of Bruckheimer's outings.

can), is a black mountain of a man, who, during one of the movie's funniest sequences, leads helicopters on a merry chase as they try to enlist him for the mission.

by going head-to-head with the military to carry out the plan he knows is right.



Action film: a roughneck crew of the world's foremost deep core oil drillers including (left to right) Rockhound (Steve Buscemi), Charles "Chick" Chapple (Will Patton), Harry S. Stamper (Bruce Willis), Jayoits "Bear" Kurlenbear (Michael Duncan), A.J. Frost (Ben Affleck) and Oscar Choi (Owen Wilson) set out on a heroic journey into space to save the world.

good time. His latest juggernaut, "Armageddon," is no exception.

Another, Bear (Michael Dun-

can), is a black mountain of a man, who, during one of the movie's funniest sequences, leads helicopters on a merry chase as they try to enlist him for the mission.

It seemed like "Deep Impact" had about 10 minutes of devastation (it's really what we're here for, isn't it?) tacked on to two hours of dopey drama.

company know they have a winner. And, unlike those other summer blockbusters, "Armageddon" actually delivers what it promises.

good for you, but oh-so good going down. John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Grid of movie listings for various theaters including National Amusements, Showcase, Star Theatres, and others, listing titles like Armageddon, Dr. Dolittle, and Perfect Murder.

SCREEN SCENE

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

Abbey Theatre - 14 Mile Road (at I-75), Madison Heights. Call (248) 588-0881 for information.

Maple Art Theatre - Maple (at Telegraph), Bloomfield. Call (248) 855-9090 for information.

Redford Theatre - 13671 Lahser (at Grand River), Detroit. Call (313) 537-2560 for information.

Love Me or Leave Me (USA - 1955). 8 p.m. Friday, July 10; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, July 11 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime).

High Art (USA - 1998). Ally Sheedy and Radha Mitchell play a pair of women whose lives change due to a chance meeting.

The Spanish Prisoner (USA - 1998). Campbell Scott plays a young businessman who develops a dangerous relationship with a mysterious tycoon.

Smoke Signals (USA - 1998). In this first independent feature made by Native Americans, a boy embarks on a journey to claim the remains of his estranged father.

Cousin Bette (USA - 1998). This romp through 19th-century love and revenge, based on the novel by Honore de Balzac, has a high-pedigree cast.

The Opposite of Sex (USA - 1998). Christina Ricci ("Addams Family," "The Ice Storm") plays a teenaged girl who runs away from her home one summer and wrecks the lives of virtually everyone she encounters.

Kurt and Courtney (USA - 1998). A documentary portrait of the often destructive relationship between rock singers Kurt Cobain and Courtney Love.

Forgotten Voices (USA - 1998). Shot at Western Wayne Correctional Facility, chronicles the impact of an arts education program on four prisoners serving life sentences.

Borderline: The story of 8 Mile Road explores Detroit's relationship with its suburban neighbors, and features some colorful characters along the road.

The Hudson's Building takes a nostalgic look back at one of metro Detroit's favorite places to shop, and examines the controversy surrounding the impending demolition of this historic landmark.

Large advertisement for the movie Armageddon, featuring the title, cast members, and a grid of theater listings.

STREET SCENE

# Space Nelson opens champagne after radio play

As a musician, John Piasentin always thought it would be a thrill to hear his music on the radio.

So when Detroit Red-Wing Darren McCarty played a song by Piasentin's band Space Nelson during his shift with Jerry Miller on WKRK, it was over the top.

"A big goal of mine was I'd love to hear my thing on the radio. I couldn't believe K-ROCK (WKRK) played it at 6 p.m. on a Tuesday. We were so excited. Eric (Fischer, drummer) brought over champagne," said singer Piasentin.

The song was from the Livonia-based band's debut CD "Cutting Edge Pinball," a seven-song EP filled with influences that ricochet between Rush, King Crimson, Pearl Jam and

Soundgarden.

"We listen to anything where you can tell they put some thought behind what they're writing, and you can tell the musicians took some time to work on their parts," Piasentin said.

Fischer and Piasentin began writing the songs five years ago. With some of the songs, only a few guitar riffs remain. When the duo solidified its lineup two years ago with keyboardist/guitarist Matt Boos of Livonia and bassist Scott Thompson of Farmington, they filled out its sound.

The one problem that remained, Piasentin explained, was finding a singer.

"Eric and I have been playing together for five years and we've been searching for a singer for

the longest time. Finally, he twisted my arm to do it," Piasentin said.

Piasentin admitted that he was a little apprehensive about stepping behind the mic.

"I didn't have the confidence to do it for a long time. But it got easier," he explained.

Much in the same vein of King Crimson and Rush, Space Nelson transcends the lines of traditional rock on "Cutting Edge Pinball."

"There's a lot of technical stuff and more straight forward rock songs like 'Today the Day' and 'Best Disguise,'" he explained.

"Cutting Edge Pinball" was recorded at The Disk in East-pointe with Steve Szajna.

"He was a really cool to work

with," Piasentin explained.

"He wasn't condescending," Fischer added.

For Space Nelson it is just as important to keep its listeners stimulated musically and visually.

"So many bands sit and stand there. We're interested in keeping the crowd interested visually. We have fun up there," Piasentin said.

Space Nelson performs an 18 and older show at 9 p.m. Friday, July 10, at Rivertown Saloon, 1917 E. Woodbridge St., in Detroit. Call (313) 567-6020 for more information; and with Mirror Image, 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, at Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. That show open to those 21 and older. For more information, call (248) 334-9292.



"Cutting Edge:" Livonia-based Space Nelson - from left, keyboardist/guitarist Matt Boos of Livonia, drummer Eric Fischer of Livonia, bassist Scott Thompson of Farmington, and singer John Piasentin of Livonia.

THEATER

# Shaw teases with provocative, funny 'Major Barbara'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

George Bernard Shaw's plays are multi-layered, complex and devious. And "Major Barbara" may be his most devious work of all.

"Major Barbara," at the Festival Theatre, is one of two Shaw plays being presented at this year's Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

As often in Shaw's plays, this is both a spirited comedy and a philosophical discussion. In this case all the good lines go to someone usually cast as the villain - a munitions manufacturer millionaire. But with irony, sharp wit and a total rejection of the usual pieties, Shaw's play argues against the scourge of poverty and the sham of any religion that accepts false conversion.

Barbara is the older daughter of munitions king Andrew Undershaft. She has taken a position with the Salvation Army, partly to make up for her father's fortune.

Undershaft hasn't lived with his family for years because his wife threw him out when he told her that their son wouldn't inherit the munitions works. The son, a weak child of the aristoc-

racy, is ashamed of his father but happy to live off the fortune.

Director Helena Kaut-Howson's production is stylishly presented, clearly delineated and well cast. All the rich insights into English class society are presented with both humor and compassion and every startling and, on the surface, offensive argument rings with full clarity.

Jim Mezon's Andrew Undershaft is perfectly understated, a man who waits, listens and then pounces, but with a rare and practiced civility. Here is a man you can't help but like even though you despise so much of what he has to say. Mezon carries his body with a peculiar erectness and fusses with his clothes in the fashion of one not born to wealth but accommodating to it.

And what great lines. On the crime of poverty: "The worst of crimes. All other crimes are virtues beside it: all other dishonours are chivalry itself by comparison. Poverty blights whole cities; spreads horrible pestilences; strikes dead the very souls of those who come within sight, sound and smell of it."

Kelli Fox (younger sister of television star Michael J. Fox) is a strong, intelligent Barbara,

who gives full measure in her arguments. Richard Binsley is hilarious but finally steely as Barbara's Greek scholar fiance who finally succumbs to his future father-in-law. Colm Magnier plays the working class bully Bill Walker with a telling conviction and self regard. Sharry Flett is amusingly domineering as Lady Undershaft.

William Schmuck's "forced perspective" sets are vigorous. The time has been updated from 1905 to 1950 to make the munitions operation a nuclear weapons factory. The sets move on a turn table that works well in the second act Salvation Army cityscape and in the shifting tour of the nuclear plant.

The updating is subtle but reminds us that Shaw is still relevant to our circumstances. "Major Barbara" continue until Nov. 1.

### The Shop at Sly Corner

Each year the Shaw Festival presents a mystery, a popular form of theater that developed in Victorian times and has continued to be a staple.

This year's selection is Edward Percy's "The Shop at Sly Corner," at the Royal George. But there is no mystery involved, really, and

it's hard to figure out what the exact purpose of this curious work is. It's a character study, but the character under examination isn't very likeable or very interesting.

Descius Heiss owns a jewelry shop in London. He has a messy, dusty office in back. He is alternately pleasant and sentimental and nasty and grim. He has a secret, a past that could catch up with him.

He lives with his sister and his attractive adult daughter, on whom he dotes. She is engaged to a ship's doctor.

Heiss treats his young clerk, a nasty man himself, with derision and even physical abuse. This, of course, comes back to bite him.

Those are the elements for a story that moves predictably and all we're left to ponder are the performances.

Michael Ball as Descius is perhaps a bit too much on the nasty side to win over audience interest, too brooding and intense. Jonathan Watton is appropriately snippy as the clerk. Jennifer Phipps gives the most engaging performance as the tipsy housekeeper.

Director Joseph Ziegler doesn't have much to work with here, though the mechanics are sat-

is more complex and enticing than the play. "Shop" continues until Oct. 31.

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DINING

# Fusion cuisine in the spotlight at Eurasian Grill

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD  
SPECIAL WRITERS

We've all read stories about people coming out of retirement because they're bored. If you're still dreaming about retirement, you may wonder whether these accounts are fiction or fable. Eurasian Grill in West Bloomfield was born out of retirement boredom.

Eurasian's chef/owner David Lum spent 44 years in the restaurant business; the last 20 at the Rickshaw in West Bloomfield's Orchard Mall (now home to Shangri-La, owned by Nancy Chan). In his third year of retirement, Lum was bored silly and got back to what he loved - the restaurant scene.

"In 1973 at the Rickshaw, I introduced the Detroit metropolitan area to Spring Rolls," Lum recalled. "People wouldn't eat them. They wanted egg rolls. Now, they know Spring Rolls and they are a top seller on the menu."

"Fusion cuisine is hot on the West Coast and in New York City. It has made breakthroughs in Chicago. Satay bars are springing up in California and New York. This is the food culture that I want to expand in this area."

Lum describes fusion cuisine as the blending of flavors and techniques from both the West and East. There are, however, many variations in this interpretation. "But it is diversification

**Eurasian Grill**

Where: 4771 Haggerty Road (north of Pontiac Trail in West Wind Lake Shopping Center), West Bloomfield (248) 624-6109.

Hours: Monday to Thursday 4:30-10:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m., Sunday until 9:30 p.m.

Menu: Fusion or cross-culture cooking where East meets West in creative and unique dishes.

Cost: First tastes \$2-8.50; fusion dishes \$13-20; Asian cuisine \$7-14.

Reservations: Accepted.

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that makes this cooking style so exciting," he noted.

In naming his restaurant Eurasian Grill, Lum not only set the fusion tone, but also says something about his family. He's native Cantonese, married to Temple, a Canadian. Both are now American citizens making their home in West Bloomfield. "My kids are half-breeds," he jokes with his infectious laugh. "My food is like that."

His daughter Susan earned an architecture degree from the University of Michigan. She designed the 75-seat Eurasian Grill splendidly. Black and copper set the mood, best appreciated at night. Last month, walls were still stark, but Lum

promised that family pictures were "being framed" and would soon be hung.

A small, but well-stocked bar will soon have an extension with a 200-bottle wine rack. Wine aficionado patrons can have wines stored there especially for them.

The menu appetizer section, referenced as "First Tastes," does not separate fusion from Asian, but the principal plates do. "Enticements" are fusion and "Asian Cuisine" speaks for itself.

Intriguing fusion appetizers include mussels, reminiscent of France, Belgium or Spain, cooked in a wok with a spicy garlic sauce. Sea scallops, sauteed in a lime butter and wine sauce, are French influenced. Farm-raised roast quail sinks its roots in several places, but becomes distinctly fusion with Asian Five Spice and hot chili oil.

Calamari Ah! blends Italian and Asian. These are healthy, like many of Eurasian Grill's dishes, not deep fried, but sauteed.

Dave's Famous Caesar Salad is made from the same recipe Lum used during his days at Trader Vic's and the Rickshaw - authentic to the hilt. No, wait, you can get it fusion with lox. Unique!

On to Enticements. Straight on, our eyes hit Indonesian Rack of Lamb, marinated and roasted over an open fire and Polynesian roast Duck with Asian star anise sauce. Abalone? As a declared



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endangered species from U.S. waters, it's impossible to find. Lum gets his imported from Australia and bills it "Down Under Abalone" and serves it with French lemon sauce.

Swordfish served with a spicy black bean sauce is enticing and then there are two Rickshaw throwbacks. Rickshaw Steak is a New York Strip, nestled in a bed of mixed vegetables, and Mandarin's Delight is beef and

chicken cooked in a wok with black beans and garlic.

Among the Asian dishes, Lum's favorite is Empress Chicken, chunks of chicken, sauteed with a variety of mixed vegetables, cashews and hoisin sauce. If you like duck with crispy skin, order Duck Macao with a very special sauce!

Four bottled beers are available, but Lum has found his

clientele have a wine preference. They can choose from a very smart, one-page list. Lum's favorite wine on his list? 1995 Scasso Terrabianca, a Chianti-style red wine, well-priced for enjoyment at \$30.

Eurasian Grill is also learning that its patrons are opting out of dessert, particularly in summer. But for sweet endings, there's a Mackinac Island Brownie with ice cream and chocolate sauce.

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