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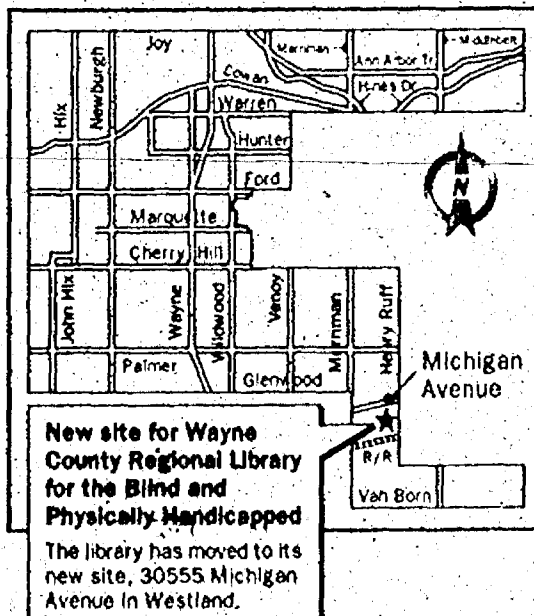
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Spoon man

Dancers: Jennifer Vinson, 4, of Westland dances with "The Spoon Man," Jim Cruise, from Grand Rapids who is dressed in the part of a hillbilly, Billy Squirt, at the Performing Arts Pavilion behind the Westland library. Behind (left) is Ashley Gatesy, 7 1/2 of Westland as Billy Bart. The event is sponsored by Westland Community Foundation, Westland Parks and Recreation and in part by the Friends of the Library.



Family fun: At left, Heidi Staudenbaur and daughter Tessie, 2 1/2 of Westland get involved with the Spoon Man show. Above, The Spoon Man, Jim Cruise, plays the spoons on the head of Jack Hoover, 3, as his parents Pat, Suzy and brother, Max, 8 months old from Livonia, watch.



Library opens books for blind

Monday's grand opening of the newly relocated Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped on Michigan Avenue east of Merriman had all the makings of a summertime picnic - sunshine, music, box lunches and plenty of speeches by officials. But most of all, it had lots of faithful patrons who came from all over Wayne County to tour the new building and express their appreciation for years of service that helped keep them in touch with the world. Most were accompanied by friends

or family, but some came by public transportation. Public accessibility was one of the main reasons the library moved from its former location on Van Born and Venoy roads in Wayne. "I love this library. It does such wonderful things for the blind," said Anne Wheatley of Detroit, a patron since 1931, when she was 10 years old. "Some people have nothing but the books, and isn't this a blessing." The Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind serves county residents who are unable to read conventional printed material because of physical

limitations. This includes individuals who are unable to hold or turn pages of print books. The library houses 15,000 volumes. Besides recorded best sellers, mysteries, biographies, science fiction, poetry, humor, Westerns and thrillers, the library lends large-print books and descriptive videos, which are films with the action described aloud. Wheatley loves Gothic novels and has both books and magazines sent to her home. Thanks to an act of

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School board elects officers

■ The Wayne-Westland school board elected for a one-year term at its annual organizational meeting Monday night.



Without a single round of consensus voting, the Wayne-Westland school board elected its slate of officers for a one-year term at its annual organizational meeting Monday night.

Trustee David Cox is president; trustee Robin Moore is vice president; Martha Pitsenbarger remains secretary; and David James remains treasurer.

This indicates we don't have a rubber-stamp board," said Cox of the mixed voting pattern. He was elected president on a 5-2 vote of the board. Cox, a former Westland city councilman, is beginning his third year with the board.

Cox said "no one lobbied for points" in this year's election of officers. He acknowledged the different points of view of the new board. "I look forward to those disagreements. People recognize checks and balances."

He said the district has moved out of crisis management and into a period "where we can do some good for the schools." Working on the school board is the most important work in the community, he said. "Everything goes from

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Man accused of having sex with minors

A 52-year-old Westland man has been charged with five counts of first-degree and three counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct with minors 15 years of age and younger.

Michael Albert Henisse was arraigned in out-county district court Sunday by 24th District Court Judge Michael Russell. Bond was set at \$1 million.

A preliminary exam is set for 9 a.m. Thursday, July 23, at the 18th District Court before Judge Gail McKnight. Six witnesses have been summoned to

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Red Wing autographs

Detroit Red Wing Jamie Macouj will be in Center Court at Westland Shopping Center 1-3 p.m. Saturday, July 25.

Tickets, which are limited, must be bought at Fan Zone prior to the event. Each ticket is \$15 and includes one autographed photograph or item.

The line will start outside of Lot No. 9 at Hudson's package pickup area off of Central City Parkway. For more information, call Fan Zone at (734) 762-9618.

Hosting student

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Masters of Westland will

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welcome a new "son" in August - Satoshi Masuda, a Youth For Understanding International Exchange student from Japan.

Satoshi, who will be a student at Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne, will live with the Masters family for an academic year.

He will participate in all family activities from vacations to household chores to help him learn about U.S. culture.

Youth For Understanding, established in 1951, is a nonprofit international exchange organization.

About 4,000 U.S. families host international students each year in the program.

Credit rating

Standard & Poor's recently assigned its single A minus rating to Westland's water and sewer system revenue bonds series 1998 dated June 1, 1998, due April 1, 1999-2018. The bonds were sold July 6, 1998. According to the report the rating reflects:

- A diverse local economy;
- Reasonable water and sewer rates; and
- Satisfactory financial position and performance, despite a water main break resulting in \$1.2 million in repairs and insurance payments, which caused debt service to drop for fiscal 1997.

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appear. According to court documents, the alleged incidents took place between Feb. 1 and July 5 of this year. There was no indication of where they took place. Henisse lives on Woodview, between Wayne and Newburgh in the Central City Parkway area.

Westland police are not releasing any information at this time. They have scheduled a press conference at 10 a.m. Friday with investigating officer Sgt. Michael Terry present.

"We have an obligation to preserve this man's rights, and we have an obligation to the public and the Constitution of the United States," said Deputy Chief Dennis Hayes.

Hayes said the police will

release a photo of Henisse and pertinent information Friday morning "because we need the help of the media and the public."

First-degree criminal sexual conduct is a felony offense that involves sexual penetration with minors under the age of 13. It carries a possible life term. Third-degree criminal sexual conduct is a felony offense involving sexual penetration with minors 13 to 15 years of age. It carries a possible 15-year prison term.

Court documents indicate that Henisse worked at Win Stuff Inc. in Westland. When contacted, the manager refused to comment other than saying Win Stuff is "just a vending company."

Got a traffic secret? Call us

This summer's construction season is in full swing.

While cement and excavation contractors reap the benefits of Michigan's need for road improvements, motorists still face construction delays on I-275, M-14, Seven Mile Road and other roads and freeways throughout the state. The Observer would like to hear from

you if you have any suggestions you would like to share with other readers on car travel, alternative routes to work or different routes to take on vacation.

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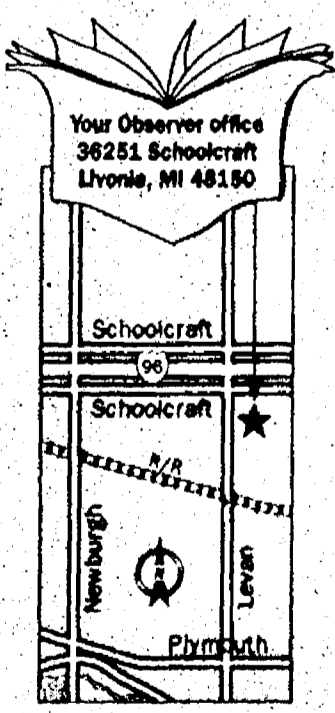
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Blood drive honoring teen exceeds goal

Monday's blood drive in memory of a Westland teenager who died in an accident was a success.

The goal of 70 pints was not only met, but surpassed, as 87 pints were collected, according to Mandy Long, a senior at John Glenn High School and coordinator of the blood drive, which was held at VFW Harris-Kehrer Post 3323 on Wayne Road south of Cherry Hill.

"We ran out of bags," and several potential donors were turned away, she said.

"I'm very happy with the turnout," she said.

Long organized the drive, which honored the memory of John Robert Lee Anusavage, a popular John Glenn High School track team member who died in a car accident Dec. 18 at age 17.

Most of the donors Monday were students, Long said. Many parents of students also came, she said.

Also, 18 of the donors were first time donors, she said.

Long, who coordinates blood drives as part of the John Glenn student council, said she got the idea for Monday's drive after she heard about the critical shortage of blood donations in southeast Michigan.

There's an emergency appeal for blood donations right now, according to Diane Risko, donor representative of the American Red Cross. Another drive is planned for September, Long said.

Giving blood: At left, Amanda Bell (foreground) senior at John Glenn gives blood at the blood drive in honor of John Anusavage, a teenager who was killed in a automobile accident. In the background is senior Kristen Krohn with the Red Cross nurse Bethany Stern.

*SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road June 22, 1998

*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of June 22, 1998; the full text of the minutes is on file in the Office of the Superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request.

President Kokenakes convened the meeting at 7:04 p.m., in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Frank Kokenakes, Daniel Lessard, Joanne Morgan, Dianné Nay, Kenneth Timmons, James Watters. Absent: Patrick Nalley.

Recognition of SHS Girls Soccer Team: Fred Price, assistant director of instruction, recognized the Stevenson High School Girls Soccer Team for winning back-to-back the Class A Soccer Championship for the state of Michigan 1998. Coach Kimble recognized each team member for their soccer achievements along with their academic achievements. President Kokenakes read the resolution honoring the Stevenson High School Girls Soccer Team that was adopted unanimously by the Board of Education.

Recess: President Kokenakes recessed the meeting at 7:18 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Lessard and Morgan that the following consent agenda items be approved as recommended by the superintendent: **I.V.A.** Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of June 1, 1998. **V.I.D.** Move that the Board of Education purchase the following textbooks for secondary courses: **Geo and Bio Science, Geophysical B and Biophysical B, Integrated Science 1 & 2 for \$74,919.15; Earth Science, Geophysical A, and Geophysical Science for \$58,779; Introduction to Biology and Biology for \$22,295.46; Chemistry and Introduction to Chemistry for \$40,221.18; U.S. History American Backgrounds for \$14,556.64; Discrete Mathematics-MSC for \$2,310; Consumers Mathematics for \$11,812.50; and Criminal Justice for \$2,400. **V.I.A.** Move that general fund check nos. 300174 through 300780 in the amount of \$1,812,470.26 be approved for payment. Also move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$1,687,261.48 be approved. Also move that Building Improvement and Technology Fund check nos. 1892 through 1895 in the amount of \$52,203.42 be approved for payment. **V.I.B.** Move that the Board of Education authorize the low bid from All-Court Floors in the amount of \$38,904.60 to refinish floors at Churchill High School, Emerson, Frost, and Holmes Middle Schools. **V.I.C.** Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the budget amendment for the 1997-98 school year: General Operating, Special Education, Milk and Lunch, Building Technology, Building and Site, and Athletic. (The line item budget amendment can be found in the official minutes.) **V.I.D.** Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the administration to continue our agreement with the Wayne-Westland Schools to provide alternative programming for high school students. **V.I.E.** Move that the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of the results of the canvass of the June 8, regular school board election for Livonia Public Schools, which was certified unanimously by the Board of Canvassers at a meeting on June 11, 1998. **V.I.F.** Move that the Board of Education authorize the low bid of \$681,284.50 from Cadillac Asphalt for repairs and improvements at eight (8) school sites. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.**

Gift-Coolidge PTA: Motion by Morgan and Nay that the Board of Education accept the gracious gift of \$11,188.91 from the Coolidge PTA for the purchase of equipment, books, and teaching materials. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Gift-Taylor PTA: Motion by Timmons and Watters that the Board of Education accept the gracious gift of \$20,000 from the Taylor PTA for the purchase of a playground structure for the east playground of Taylor Elementary School. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

MHSAA Membership: Motion by Morgan and Nay that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools adopt the attached resolution, which authorizes membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the 1998-99 school years. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Approval of Bus Purchase: Motion by Nay and Lessard that the Board of Education approve the purchase of a Thomas 78 passenger school bus in the amount of \$62,870. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Approval of Toro Mower: Motion by Watters and Timmons that the Board of Education authorize the purchase of one Toro Groundsmaster, 580D, Model No. 30581, from Spartan Distributors for a total amount of \$48,995. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Approval to Purchase Computers for Grant: Motion by Lessard and Morgan that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the purchase of 38 Power Macintosh G3 All-One Systems from Apple Computer, Inc., for Grant Elementary School for a total price of \$56,962. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Approval to Purchase Computers for SHS: Motion by Timmons and Nay that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the purchase of 24 IBM GL computers and 24 G51 monitors from Computer City for Stevenson High School for a total price of \$32,292. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Retirements: The Board unanimously adopted resolutions of appreciation for the following retiring employees: Carol Balogh, Leah Bisel, Annmarie Deering, Sally Loughrin, Georgana Popoff, Roberta Sedestrom, and Beverley Shafer.

Resignations: The Board accepted resignations for Rhoda Boyer, Laura Corretani, and Neil Couturier, effective 6/11/98.

Teachers for Approval: Motion by Watters and Lessard that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 1998-99 school year to the following: Angela Abbott, Claudia (Silverman) Billings, Molly Evans, Matthew Fryer, Megan Holmberg, Brenda Kelly, Pamela Konjarevich, Kathleen Larabell, Joyce Mautone, Kimberly Moser, Deborah Nairne, Linda Ort, Brian Osterland, Karen Lynn Reed, Jeremy Rheault, John Santi, James Schettenhelm, Kristin Waters, Pamela Wright, and Rosemarie Wywrot. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Elementary School Principal Appointments: Motion by Watters and Lessard that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and appoint Cynthia Scott and Ernest Terry to the positions of elementary school principal effective August 17, 1998. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Superintendent's Contract: Motion by Timmons and Morgan that Dr. Watson's employment contract be amended to provide two additional years terminating on June 30, 2002. Further move that the president and secretary of the Board of Education be authorized to sign the amendment to Dr. Watson's employment contract incorporating the changes approved in this recommendation, including deleting the automobile allowance and adjusting the Superintendent's compensation by \$350.00 per month. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Reports from the Superintendent: Dr. Watson stated that he appreciated the Board's support for renewing his contract for two additional years and looks forward to a number of projects to accomplish in that time. He announced that the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports selected Livonia Public Schools as a recipient of the Silver Healthy Workplace Award and thanked Fred Price for his work and appreciated Mary Pat Benoit's initiative for nominating our organization for this award. He stated that Joanne French, DMS Department, shared the Michigan Humane Society newsletter article in which 6th grade students from Cass Elementary School collected dog and cat food and toys along with a cash donation for the Michigan Humane Society. Dr. Watson introduced the video which was a overview of videos for the 1997-98 school year performed by Riley Middle School 8th graders.

Dr. Watson also expressed appreciation to the elementary principals that were in attendance in support of the newly appointed principals that evening. He also wanted to thank Karen Winters, principal of Garfield, for her support while two of her staff people leave her building for promotion. He also thanked those parents and staff members that were on the screening committee for new candidates for the year. It was a big time commitment and a difficult job.

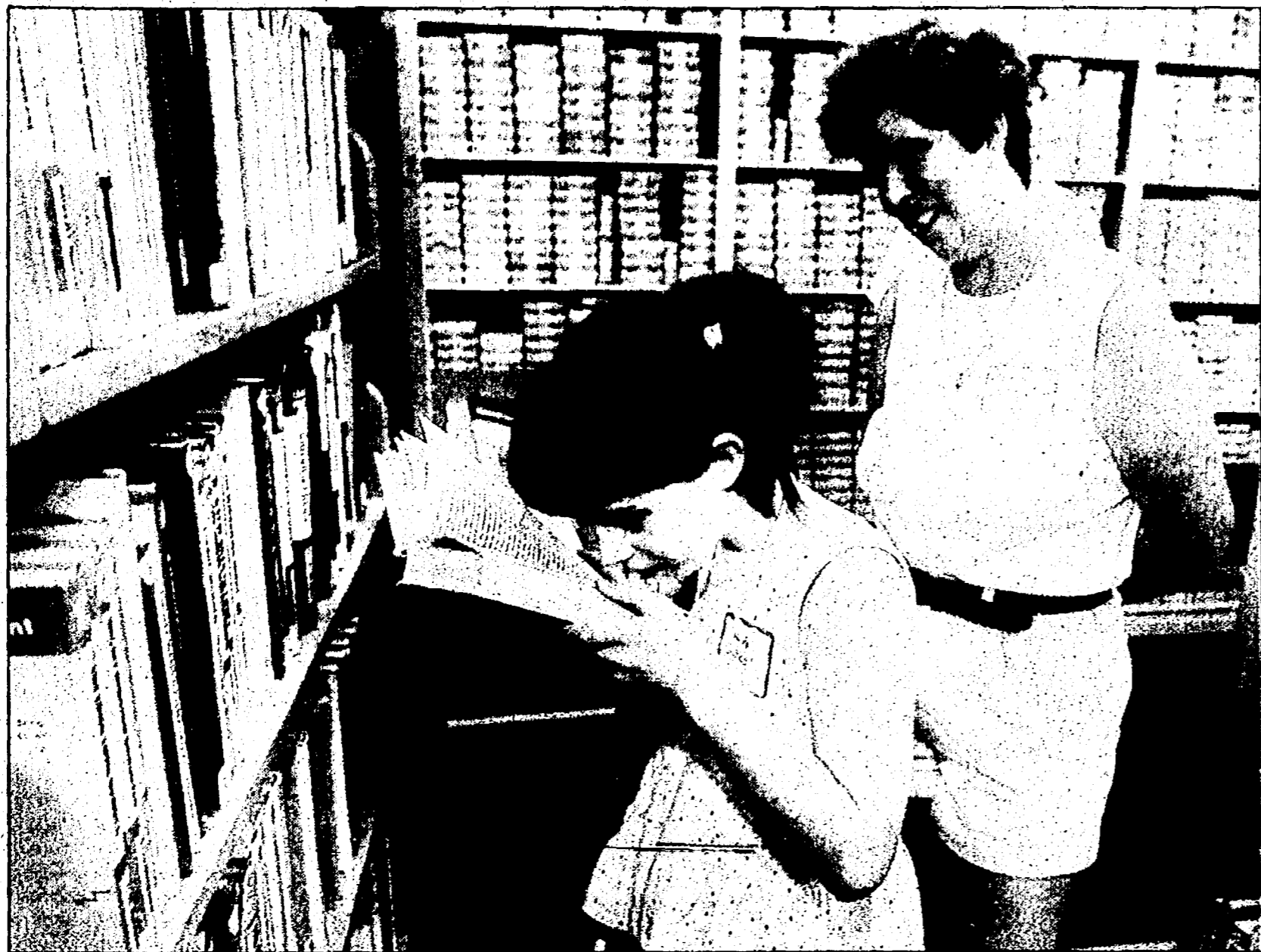
Annual Organization Meetings: Motion by Morgan and Lessard that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District hold its annual organizational meeting on Monday, July 6, 1998 at 7 p.m. in the Board meeting room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia; further, that a regular Board meeting be held following the organizational meeting. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Hearing from Board Members: The Board members discussed the following topics: high school graduations, congratulated SHS Girls Soccer Team on their state championship, end of the year DARE graduations, congratulated the newly appointed principals and teachers, thanked the PTAs for their continued support, and invited everyone to Ms. Morgan's swearing in ceremony on July 6, 1998.

Adjournment: Motion by Timmons and Lessard that the regular meeting of June 22, 1998 be adjourned. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Mr. Kokenakes adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

By the books: Amanda Grelka, 91/2 (left) of Dearborn Heights tries to read the large printed books at the grand opening of the Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Monday. Her mother Pat (right), father Dave and brother David, 7 (both not pictured) attended.



Grand opening: Patsy Mikolajczyk (left) of Detroit helps her friend Anne Wheatley of Detroit at the grand opening of the Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Monday. They were touring the many books on tape (background). Wheatley has been a member of the library since 1931. In photo below, Sue and George Illingworth of Redford, library patrons, joined the grand opening.

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Congress in 1931, the U.S. Postal Service sends all materials, including playback machines, to the blind free of charge.

Wheatley, who once served as chairman of the library's advisory board, recalled a high school essay she wrote on the United States. Her essay reflected her feelings about the Wayne County Library for the Blind, and she retains those sentiments to this day.

"I'm glad I'm in America because of the things that make it possible for me to learn."

Lucia Papa, Wheatley's sister, also attended the grand opening. Like her sister, she enjoys Gothic novels and is a fan of "Cooking Light" magazine. She said Wheatley pushed her to read. "She'd say 'You can do it, you can do it.' There was no such word as 'can't.'"

Most of the library's 4,000 patrons receive materials by mail. However, for those who visit on site, the library provides reading assistance machinery, like computers with screen enlargers, voice output and print-outs in Braille.

Nancy Simmons, one of the event speakers and owner of Low Vision Solutions in Livonia, ran her hand across a Kurzweil reader, an instrument that scans printed material and reads it aloud.

"It's limitless to what it can recognize. It will read everything back in phonetic speech. It can read foreign names," she said.

Ray Roberson of Dearborn, a former Detroit music teacher counselor for the Michigan Commission for the Blind, was explaining a computer to Tyrone Hamilton of Detroit.

"What they need to do is have classes out here and teach you," said Roberson.

Hamilton, a professional keyboard player, said he uses the library's service regularly. "Talking books, tapes, study guides - I read all kinds of books."

Amanda Grelka of Dearborn Heights, 9, attended the grand opening with her mother, Pat. The fourth grader has little sight and attends a special school in Lincoln Park.

Amanda loves to read, especially joke books. She gets mostly A's in school, except for handwriting. She gets C's in that. "It seems to never change. I don't think I should be graded in handwriting."

Her mother disagreed: "It is still important to have good handwriting."

Amanda recently participated in "Braille Readers are Leaders," a national reading program for the blind. She won honorable mention. "In the whole United States," she said.

By mid-afternoon, most guests had gathered under outdoor tents for the dedication ceremonies. They listened as Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara talked about his mother-in-law, who he



Applause: Carol and Marion Cable of Garden City attended the grand opening of the Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Monday.

said almost became a hermit because of failing eyesight.

"Not many people use it, but the people who do use it, use it well," said McNamara.

Simmons, a former social worker with retinitis pigmentosa, told the audience about her struggles as a college student trying to keep up with curriculum demands. The Library for the Blind enabled her to graduate.

"We don't have to stop using libraries, using reference material and the best sellers that everyone else has access to."

However, Wayne County Librarian Pat Klemans summed up the library's purpose when she told the audience, "You are what we're all about."



Technology: Fred Howkins, (left) regional librarian for the blind and physically handicapped, talks with Ray Roberson about the technology at the library.

How to apply to use library

The staff of the Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped will send applications for enrollment in the program to residents who request them.

Residents who are visually or physically disabled must have the completed application signed by a certifying authority: a doctor, optometrist, visiting nurse, or counselor. People who are reading-disabled must have the application signed by a doctor of medicine.

Send completed applications to Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 30555 Michigan Avenue, Westland, MI 48186-5310.

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here." New trustee Teresa Robbins, who beat departing out school board President Debra Fowlkes in a recent board election, was sworn in at the beginning of Monday's brief meeting.

She thanked everyone who worked on her campaign and said it was an "exciting" time to be on the school board.

Former vice president Mathew M. McCusker congratulated Robbins and said, "You need a mentor. You have my phone number."

After the meeting, Robbins

said she was disappointed in the board's choice of president and vice president.

She supported trustee Ed Turner as president. She said Turner has been present at every school function.

"He has shown his dedication. He is retired and he has the time to give."

Cox is a Westland businessman and assistant to the mayor of Romulus.

Robbins said she supported former school board Vice President Mathew M. McCusker for the same reasons.

Robbins described herself as "not shy and not afraid." She said her 18-year background as a customer service manager in a Troy-based annuity company will aid her in "finding out the problems, rolling up my sleeves and being part of the solution."

After the meeting, Cox, who has three children in Westland schools, discussed his "wish list" as board president:

- Restoring athletic programs to the middle schools. He will ask Superintendent Greg Baracy to convene a committee to study the costs.

- Capping class size in grades kindergarten through three.
- Establishing a liaison, preferably a parent, between the PTA and the school board.
- Developing a strategic plan for the district.
- Creating an environment where people feel more comfortable talking about school building issues.

Baracy said middle school athletics was just one of the programs the district cut after the passage of Proposal A.

With the passage of 10 mills, the Wayne-Westland school district

received 20-percent less money, the biggest cut in Michigan, according to Baracy.

He said he will "continue to revisit and analyze the feasibility" of restoring the athletics and other programs.

However, money for athletics comes from the general fund, and "we don't get much relief to the general fund" in the recently passed \$108.3 million bond issue. That bond is for capital improvements and technology, not for operations.

"The bond will help to a certain degree, but it won't parallel

that significant loss before Proposal A," said Baracy.

Baracy said he looks forward to working "not only with the new officers but the entire board" for the coming school year. "The board is still intact and committed to moving the district to the next level of expectation."

The focus of the district's administration and the school board always will be the improvement of academics, said Baracy. "Kids come first, with a couple of exclamation points."

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The Westland Chamber of Commerce will hold a picnic luncheon at noon Tuesday, Aug. 4, at the Lions Pavilion in Central City Park.

No luncheon meeting will be held in July.

The picnic will be catered by Val's Catering.

Those people who RSVP are automatically entered into a monthly drawing for \$100 sponsored by John Toye of Remerica Family. Everyone who turns in a luncheon survey is entered into a drawing for a free lunch. Lunch is \$13 and reservations can be made by calling (734) 326-7222.



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FASHION SHOW

The Nicole's Revival Chamber Fashion Show will be returning Tuesday, Oct. 13, at Joy Manor. Nicole Christ, owner of the designer resale shop Nicole's Revival, is coordinator of the show. Sponsorships of \$100 are needed for the event for runways and equipment. For more information, call (734) 326-7222.

CHAMBER MAP

The Westland Chamber of Commerce has contacted a professional cartography firm, Novo-Print, to produce a new official street map of the city of Westland. The map will be distributed to residents, visitors, industrial and business prospects, new arrivals and those seeking more information on the area. For information, call (800) 996-6277.

BOWLING AFTER HOURS

The Westland Bowl will host a Bowling After Hours event at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, for chamber members and their adult guests. The event will feature contests and a chance to network. Dinner, bowling and door prizes are included in the cost of \$8 a person and \$16 a couple. Call (734) 326-7222 for reservations.

FIVE-STAR EXPO

A Five-Star EXPO will be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. The chambers of commerce involved include: Canton, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Wayne and Westland.

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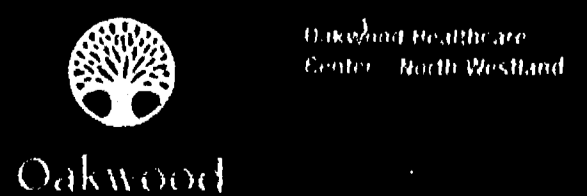
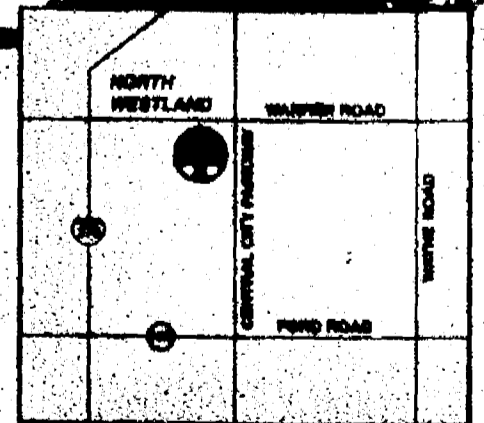
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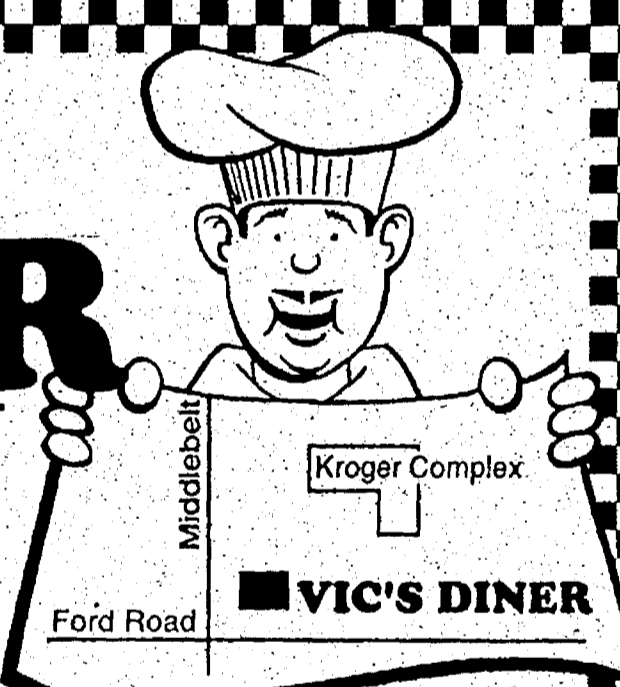


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Area chiefs support county jail millage

One year ago, Garden City Police Chief Dave Kocsis and Westland Police Chief Emery Price criticized what they believed was Wayne County's lack of jail space for misdemeanor prisoners from the suburban communities and rising costs associated with housing those prisoners in outcounty jails.

They even went so far as to oppose the renewal of a county jail millage to fund the Dickerson Detention Facility in Hamtramck.

After months of discussions with county officials and finally

reaching a compromise, the chiefs now support the millage's renewal.

"We met with them several times over several months, and (Wayne County) agreed to a four-year renewal (instead of 10)," Price said. "They will continue to work on expanding a court tethering program and act as a repository for our prisoners."

Aug. 4 ballot

Voters will be asked on Aug. 4 to renew the 0.95 mills for jail operations of the Dickerson facility for four years. That will cost

the owner of a \$100,000 home with a taxable value of \$50,000 about \$48 a year.

The proposal will allow Wayne County to use the funds for jail acquisition, construction or operations, including misdemeanor prisoners, juvenile incarceration or detention facilities. It also funds adult penalty options, such as work release, home detention and community restitution with at least one-tenth of the mill used to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender work/training institution.

The millage was approved by voters in 1988.

Price and Kocsis served on a jail millage committee as representatives of the Conference of Western Wayne, a legislative consortium of elected officials from 18 communities. The Wayne County Association of Chiefs of Police also has endorsed the millage.

Compromise

In exchange for the chiefs' support, the county's Department of Community Justice and Wayne County Sheriff's Department will seek cheaper outcounty facilities to house misdemeanor prisoners and ordinance violators; and

expand a tethering program.

Neither chief is certain how the county's role as a central repository will work. Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano said the jail registry employees are examining that issue.

Ficano hopes the misdemeanor issue will be worked out. "You want to send out the right message that if you (commit a misdemeanor), something will happen to you," Ficano said.

Mike Duggan, assistant county executive, doesn't know whether Wayne County will get a better rate for communities, but officials will try, he said. "We'll find

out," Duggan said.

Duggan believes Wayne County's use of the Dickerson Facility is a large part of why major crime has declined in the county.

Felons are being locked up, which has amounted to a 12 percent decline in crime in Wayne County, Duggan said, citing figures from the Michigan State Police. That amounts to a 20 percent average decline of felonies in western Wayne County since 1991, he said. Of those, Canton showed a 13 percent decline; Livonia, 19.6 percent; Redford,

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Learning Center opens fall registration

The Learning Center at Madonna University is accepting applications for fall term which begins Monday, Sept. 21. Enrollment is limited. Early application is advised to allow time for student assessment before classes begin.

The tutorial sessions are designed for students from first through 12th grade who are experiencing difficulty in reading and related skills. Individual or group instruction (two students) is available.

Prior to admission, each student will be formally assessed and a tailored remedial plan will be designed. Instruction is designed to enable the student to be a more successful and independent reader and will include strategies for fiction and non-fiction text, process writing and study skills. Students will develop a portfolio of their work during the session.

The center has assisted thousands of children from public and private school in some 20 school districts in the last 46 years.

For information, call (734) 432-5586 or Sister Mary Duane, director, (734) 432-5585.

Madonna is in Livonia at I-96 and Levan.

SC classes set to start Aug. 27

Schoolcraft College is registering for the fall semester. Classes begin Thursday, Aug. 27.

Registration can be done by phone, mail and in person. Registration forms are available at the admissions office. New students must meet with a counselor before registering.

For information, call (734) 462-4426.

This fall marks the beginning of several new offerings. The mathematics department will offer introductory classes on computers using interactive instruction software (listed in the schedule as CBM) in a redesigned computer classroom.

The first students in the Schoolcraft Scholars Honors Program will begin their studies incorporating community-based experiences.

For the first time, selected language classes will be offered via interactive television.

Schoolcraft College offers 65 career program with specific, job-related skills, ranging from accounting to welding. More than 50 transfer programs prepared students to go on to a four-year university.

Schoolcraft is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads just west of I-275.

Foster families are needed here

Youth Living Centers' Foster Care Program needs caring people interested in becoming foster parents.

Those interested are invited to attend an orientation/overview meeting 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, in Youth Living Centers, 30000 Hivoley, Inkster.

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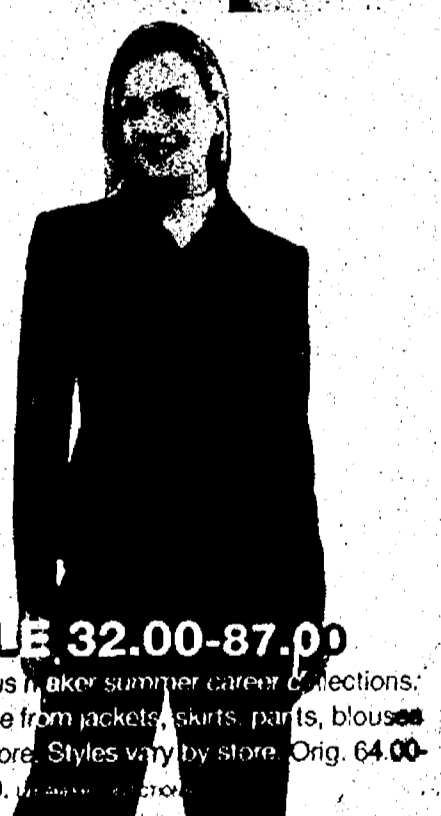
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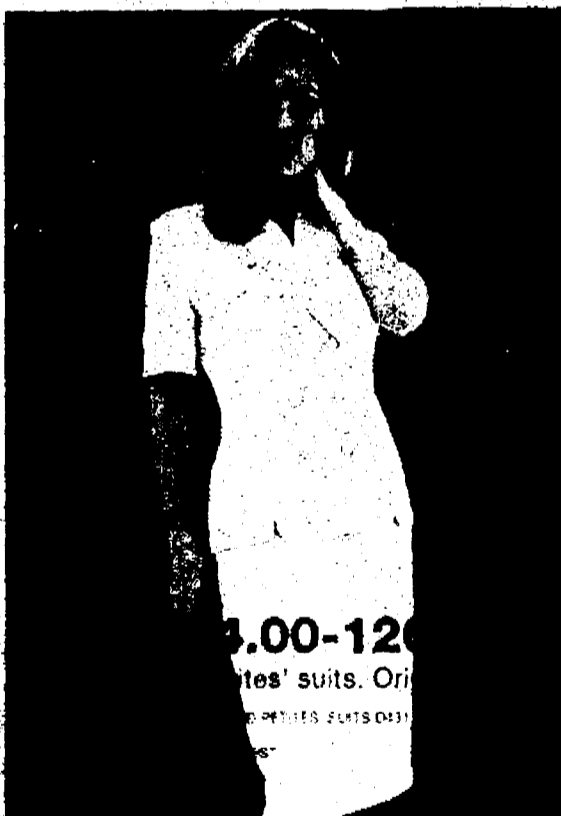
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Westland man suffers skull fractures in fight

A 27-year-old Westland man is in critical condition as the result of a confrontation at a Canton apartment complex early Friday morning.

Mike Belbisi suffered multiple skull fractures after being hit by either an ax handle or baseball bat, Canton police said. He was listed in critical condition at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor after the incident.

Belbisi was involved in an argument with several men at Stoneybrook Apartments on Joy

Road when the incident occurred at about 3 a.m. Township Officer Leonard Schemanske said it's unclear what caused the argument but that it lasted throughout the night.

Belbisi was struck outside of a second floor apartment near the entrance. The original blow caused a fracture to his skull, Schemanske said.

Additional fractures were caused when Belbisi's head hit the cement outside the apartment.

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"It fractured it like an eggshell," he added.

Belbisi was lying in a pool of his own blood when Canton police arrived on the scene.

The 27-year-old was rushed to St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia and later flown to U-M.

Schemanske said police were close to an arrest.

A charge of felonious assault will be sought.

VFW raises money for memorial

Westland VFW Post 3323 recently announced that its membership has raised \$2,649 for the state's proposed Vietnam memorial in Lansing.

That's one dollar for every Michigan serviceman or woman who lost his or her life.

Westland resident Richard Eberhart, the post's service officer and Wayne County captain for the Michigan Vietnam Monument, said donations are starting to pick up. "We're getting larger donations from corpora-

tions and some community grants."

However, the state is several pennies, dimes and dollars away from its \$2.5 million goal. Eberhart said \$657,000 still needs to be raised.

Eberhart, 52, served in Korea but had many friends who died in Vietnam. "My thoughts are their life ended at age 19. I think about all the things I've done in years and wonder about what they would have done."

Donations can be made to the

Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, 611 West Ottawa, 3rd Floor, Lansing, MI 48913 (1-800-492-2649).

As part of their penny-a-life campaign, the Michigan Vietnam Monument committee will send donors a star for every \$26.49 donated.

VFW Post 3323, located at 3323 S. Wayne Road, will hold an update session for county captains and volunteers 9-11 a.m., Saturday, July 18. The public is welcome.

WESTLAND ACHIEVERS

Diana LeBlanc of Westland has been offered a Science & Technology Scholarship. She is a senior at Madonna University.

Several Westland residents have been offered Madonna University scholarships for the 1998-99 school year.

Christy Anthon was offered a Livonia Jaycees scholarship. She is a junior in the long-term care administration program.

Sharlisa Colston, a junior, was offered a \$2,750 Chrysler Minority Scholarship administered by the Michigan Colleges Foundation. To be selected, students must pursue business or teaching careers.

Aaron Cortez, a senior, was offered a \$1,500 Latinos de Livonia Scholarship, which is awarded to students of Hispanic heritage.

Teresa McClung, a nursing sophomore, was offered a \$1,386 Dean's Scholarship renewal.

Erin Phillips, a senior management student, was offered a \$1,250 Livonia Heart Fund/Sharon Jahns Scholarship.

Kelly Provost, a nursing junior, was offered a \$6,336 Presidential Scholarship renewal.

Roberto Vega, a junior, was offered a \$4,530 DeSeranno Scholarship.

A Westland resident is among



Kimina Moore



Toni Marie Bellanger

high school students from throughout Michigan who are gathering at Madonna University in Livonia. The teens, ages 15-17, will be on campus for the 1998 Summer Institute for the Arts, Sciences and Technology sponsored by the Michigan State Board of Education. Kimina Moore of Westland is participating in the Japanese language and culture classes. A student at Wayne Memorial, she is involved in the National Honor Society, human relations committee and Japanese conversation club. After high school, she plans to attend college and major in computer science and business. Participants were selected in April by state review teams based on their interest and/or aptitude.

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Toni Marie Bellanger, 11, of Westland has received the President's Award for Educational Excellence from President Bill Clinton. A student at Lincoln Elementary in the Wayne-Westland school district, she is also in the Talented and Gifted program, a Drug Abuse Resistance Education program graduate, a participant in the regional spelling bee and has an "A" average.

OBITUARIES

LAURANN M. LING

A memorial service for Laurann Ling of Westland will be 7 p.m. on Monday, July 20, in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Road, between Ford Road and Cherry Hill.

Mrs. Ling died July 12.

Surviving are: daughter, Christine; parents, Vincent and Shirley Koster; brother, Christopher Koster; and sister, Lisa Seibold.

LOUIS J. BRIGHTON

A funeral Mass for Louis Brighton, 76, of Farmington Hills was July 10 in St. Gerald Catholic Church with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Officiating was the Rev. Gerald McEnhill. Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

Mr. Brighton, who died July 7 in Farmington Hills, was born in Detroit. He lived in Farmington Hills since 1954 and previously in Detroit. He was employed with Massey Ferguson, retiring in 1983. Previously he was employed with Holiday Inn. He attended high school in Detroit. Mr. Brighton was a member of St. Francis Knights of Columbus Farmington and a Little League coach.

Surviving are: wife of 54 years, Marianna; sons, David of Ohio, John of Farmington Hills, Mark of Farmington Hills, Joseph of Livonia and Robert of Westland; daughters, Diane Cresswell of Romeo and Mary Lou Schiffman of Farmington Hills; brother, Marvin of Mississippi; sister, June Myers of Springlake, Mich.; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made in the form of Mass Cards.

CONNIE POTTS

Funeral services for Connie Potts, 72, of Livonia were July 4 in David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville with burial at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. Officiating was the Rev. John Vaprepsan of Metro Baptist Church.

Mrs. Potts died June 26 in Farmington Hills. She was a sales clerk in retail shoe sales.

Surviving are: daughters, Linda Potts-Jumisco of Santa Rosa, Calif.; Kathleen Hnot of Westland and Diane McClellan-Koepke of El Paso, Texas; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Potts was preceded in death by her husband, John.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society.

3,270-mile walk to raise Alzheimer's awareness

The brother-in-law of a Garden City woman has just started a coast-to-coast walk to raise public awareness of Alzheimer's disease and raise money for his five-month effort.

In training for the past year for the 3,270-mile walk was Donald Stevenson, brother-in-law of Garden City's Nancy Perrault, whose father died of the disease Feb. 26, 1985 after a two-year decline and 19 months in a nursing home.

Stevenson left on his 30-mile-per day trek Monday, June 22, and expects to reach a Portland, Maine, lighthouse on the Atlantic Ocean coast on Oct. 25.

Stevenson, who lives in Auburn, Wash., near Seattle, said in a special newsletter this month to potential donors, that his own father may have been in the beginning stages of it before dying of heart failure. He hopes the trek will increase the national awareness about the disease and encourage people to contribute more to the Alzheimer's Association.

Stevenson plans on walking 30 miles a day, except Sundays. He will be supported by his wife, Margie, who will drive ahead and set up camp each day.

Some four million Americans nationally and 65,000 in the Detroit region have Alzheimer's disease, said the Detroit regional office of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association.

If a cure isn't found soon, an estimated 14 million Americans

will be struck down by the disease before the middle of next century, the association said.

Alzheimer's is a progressive, degenerative disease of the brain and is the most common form of dementia. It always results in death. A spokeswoman for the Detroit Alzheimer's Disease office said that nationally the four million Alzheimer's patients involve 19 million caregivers.

The association also said that the disease impacts 10 percent of the over-65 population and up to half of the 85-and-older group.

"Alzheimer's is the fourth leading cause of death in adults, claiming more than 100,000 lives annually," the association said.

Money to be raised through the upcoming Aug. 22 "Memory Walk" at the Detroit Zoo will be used to provide support and educational services for area Alzheimer's patients and their families. A goal of \$130,000 has been set for the Aug. 22 "Memory Walk."

(Contributions for Stevenson's "Walking to the Light" can be mailed to "Alzheimer's Association, Walking to the Light, 1422 NW 85th Street, Seattle, Wash. 98117-4236. Locally, the Detroit regional office of the association is planning a fund-raising "Memory Walk" on Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Detroit Zoo, Woodward and 10 Mile Road. Registration form are available by writing the regional office, 17220 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 100, Southfield 48076, or calling (248) 557-8277.)

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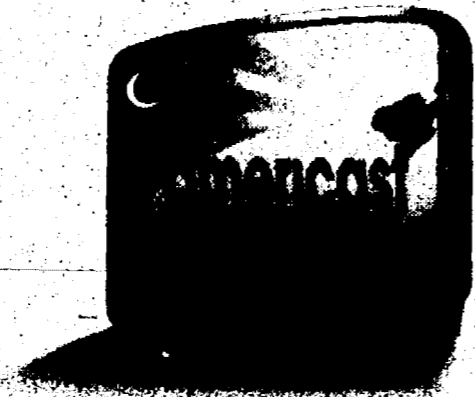
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25 percent and Westland, 43.6 percent. We had 20,000 fewer cases in Wayne County than in 1991. The number of crimes committed was the lowest since 1968. Local police departments are doing a great job." In 1991, 195,880 felonies were reported. Felonies dropped to 173,509 in 1997.

Tether program

Price met with county officials on Monday to discuss the tethering and jail programs. "We discussed what happens if we have no room, what happens if (the prisoner) violates the tether program and where does he go then." Price expects to discuss the program soon with district judges. At \$15 a day, the tethering program could represent a significant savings to communities. Westland pays \$34 a day for housing a prisoner in Isabella County. Wayne County charges \$30 per day, which dropped from

\$68, after a jail use ordinance was passed. Westland has not used a tether program. The county's Department of Community Justice administers a program for non-violent felons, while the sheriff's department has one for 80 misdemeanants and ordinance violators, a far cry for the total in the county. But if the county expands the tether program for non-violent felons, it would free up a bed for another prisoner. The chiefs also are working to revise the ordinance that governs the jail population. Kocsis doesn't know if residents can get their money's worth from the millage. "We will revisit this and see what costs and expenses are there." Ficano hopes residents approve the millage, calling it a "critical public safety issue." "You have a whole facility that depends on that millage," Ficano said.

Area leaders speak out on jail tax

Do residents get their fair share from the county jail millage? Many leaders aren't completely pleased with the millage, but some are taking a wait-and-see attitude and cautiously support it, while others remain opposed. Westland Mayor Bob Thomas, who chairs the Conference of Western Wayne, a legislative consortium of elected leaders from 18 communities, said municipalities were — and many still are — unhappy with the costs of jailing prisoners. "We didn't feel it was a good deal for us. But knowing you have to have a county jail, you have to have a compromise. (The four-year term) gives us a chance to look at things." Thomas added: "For the amount people send to the county jail, we're not getting our money's worth. They're going to try to use leverage to come up with better prices for outcounty

jails." Jails like Alpena's "are begging" for prisoners. "They'll come down and pick them up for \$30-\$35 a day. If we have a county-wide system, who knows, we may be able to use them for \$25 a day." That time may help generate new ideas for communities and Wayne County on jail space issues, Thomas said. Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey expects his city council will remain neutral in its position on the millage. "I suspect the issue is going to pass at the polls. The county has been cooperative with us on roads, and in a number of ways we're being partners. "But I also don't want to support a concept that doesn't help Livonia. "We contribute \$3.5 million, and we don't really use that jail. It costs us \$400,000 to send prisoners to Isabella County. I don't

see anything to be gained by opposing something that's going to be passed anyhow." Even though the millage was a source of debate, and questions were raised over the county's effectiveness in running the jail, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack predicts the county jail millage will be well-received by voters. "There'll be a little more money there for communities from the one-tenth mill," Yack said. That money goes to youth assistance programs for western Wayne County run by Growth Works in Plymouth. "Like any compromise, you walk away wanting more. As part of that compromise, they will look into the contracting the housing of misdemeanor prisoners, where now, we all do our thing." Prison crowding forces the county to house more dangerous prisoners. Prison overcrowding

is a problem that is statewide. "These misdemeanor prisoners are the least dangerous but a nuisance to local communities. There's no room because felons must be housed. Most would rather see felons lock up for their full term," Yack said. Redford Township Supervisor Kevin Kelley believes Wayne County has responded to the suburban concerns. "If we built 100 jails, we'd fill them up," he said. "The negotiations have helped. (The suburban police chiefs) didn't get everything they wanted, but it's a start. "We still use the outstate prison space, but that's a problem for every community." Kelley believes residents should support the millage. "You have to remove dangerous people from the street." Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Plymouth Township supervisor, is

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Clarinet virtuoso

Plymouth man cherishes ethnic music roots

BY GEORGE SARRISIAN
SPECIAL WRITER

His quest for musical perfection has never subsided, and he's Plymouth's secret.

Hachig Kazarian, husband, public school teacher and father of four adult children, is recognized as the most accomplished clarinet player of Armenian and Middle Eastern music in North America.

"He is one of the greatest clarinet players of any kind of music in the world," says Judy Adams, program director at WDET Public Radio in Detroit.

"He is a virtuoso. He is well-rounded. He is proficient in many styles and understands the auditory, aesthetic and historical perspective of the music he is playing," says Adams.

"Not only does he play the clarinet well, but he plays beautiful music. Not everyone can do that," she adds.

A modest, self-effacing man,

Kazarian and his wife, Christine, have lived in Plymouth Township for 23 years.

Link to ancestors

"Music is an identity," said Kazarian.

"People of all ages are looking for their roots," said Kazarian, sitting at the dining room table offering Armenian pastry made by his wife to a guest.

Kazarian recorded the first of his 15 (at least) Armenian albums (he's lost count) at the age of 14. He recorded three albums with jazz flautist Herbie Mann.

He also recorded six albums and completed a series of workshops with University of Michigan folk dance teacher Phyllis Weikart. The workshops are designed to teach music educators.

He sold the rights to some of his Armenian recordings to an American movie producer for use

in the 1997 movie "Wedding Bell Blues," which appeared in art film theaters in California.

He has also contributed to the sound track of the "Hercules" television series.

"I am trying to preserve the Armenian music for my children and grandchildren and the generations that follow them, but I feel as though I have become a dinosaur," says Kazarian.

"Since our Armenian music was such a critical ingredient in the social and ethnic part of the Armenian-American lifestyle that no longer exists, I think Armenian music as we know it will be lost a couple of generations down the road," Kazarian says.

Early life

Kazarian, who turned 57 on the Fourth of July, was born and raised in the Linwood-Davison area on the Detroit/Highland

Park city limits. Kazarian's family came to the United States in 1915 to escape the genocide being carried out in Armenia by the Muslim Ottoman Turks.

His interest in the clarinet started when he was 10 during the daily front porch and kitchen and other neighborhood meetings where ethnic groups gathered to eat, sing and dance after long hours of work.

Greeks, Hungarians, Serbians, African-Americans, Jews and many other Eastern European and Middle Eastern refugees brought with them the songs and dances and foods and customs that had been passed down for generations.

"Music was such an important ingredient of the social part of life during that era," he says.


"All the nationalities gathered in their own small groups, and

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Music master: Hachig Kazarian, 57, of Plymouth Township is recognized as the most accomplished clarinet player of Armenian and Middle Eastern music in North America. Judy Adams, program director at WDET, calls him one of the "greatest clarinet players of any kind of music in the world."

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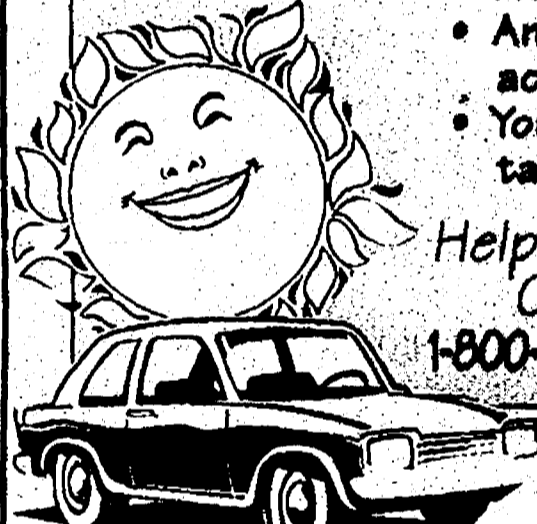
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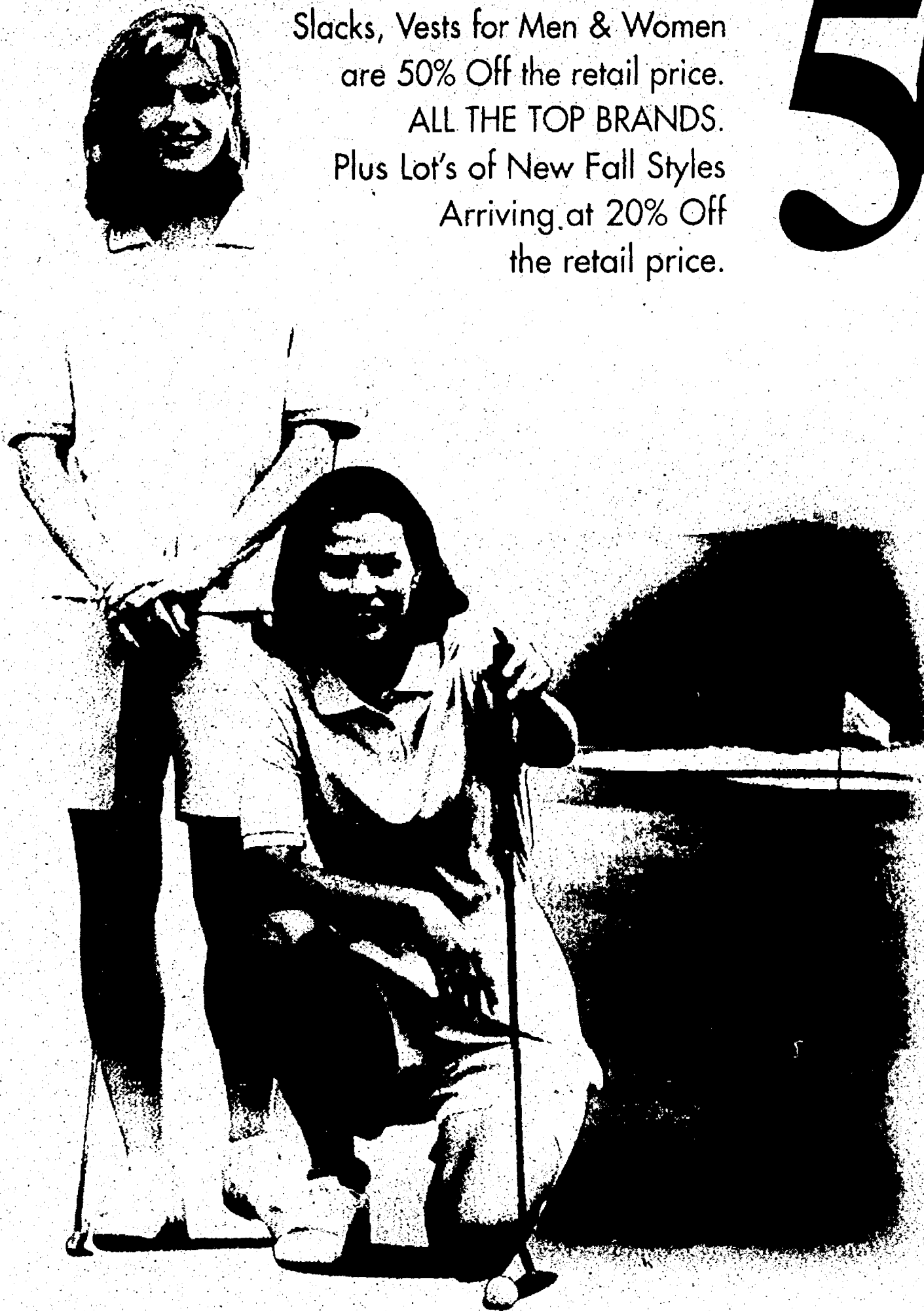
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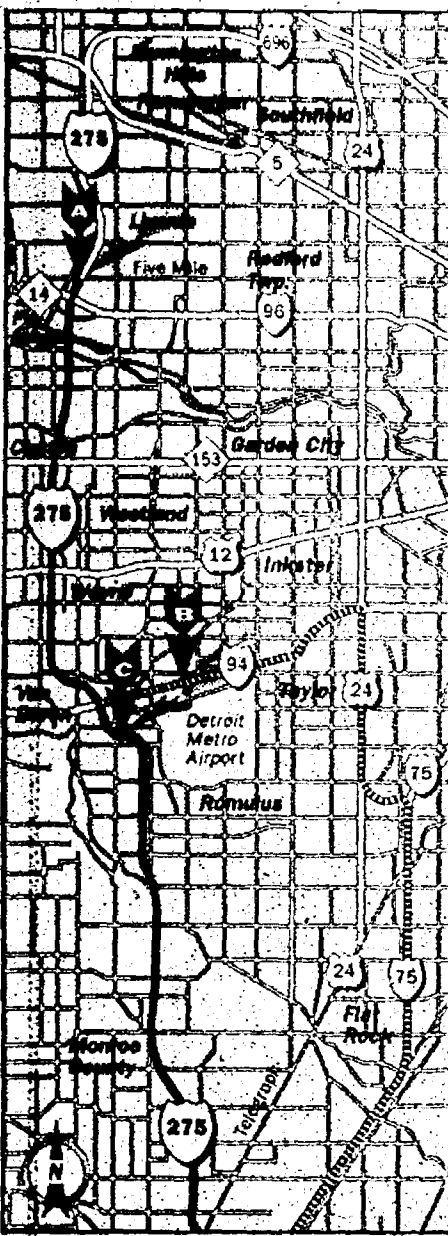
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I-275 repairs expected to take 3 months



Northbound I-275 is closed to northbound traffic from Telegraph Road in Monroe County to the I-94 exit in Wayne County for at least three months while work continues on the freeway's ongoing \$45 million reconstruction and resurfacing project.

Northbound motorists who usually exit I-75 in Monroe County onto I-275 will detour north on I-75 to Telegraph Road and take Telegraph north to I-94 west to I-275 north.

Between I-94 in Wayne County and Telegraph Road in Monroe County, southbound I-275 motorists will cross over to the northbound lanes.

The route is the same detour motorists took last summer. The construction is expected to last at least three months.

Resurfacing of lanes will continue on I-275 north of I-94 and south of Five Mile in both directions. "The northbound lanes should be done within the next few weeks or in early August, then contractors will continue work on the southbound lanes, which should be done some time in October or November," said Robin Pannecoq, spokeswoman for Michigan Department of Transportation.

Western Wayne County residents also will see M-14 reduced

Resurfacing of lanes will continue on I-275 north of I-94 and south of Five Mile in both directions.

to one lane in both directions between Ford and Napier roads. "They should be finishing that work up in late August," Pannecoq said.

Contractors also are completing concrete inlays, where concrete is cut out and replaced.

I-275 Roadwork

(A) Gray line indicates sections of north and southbound I-275 between Northline and Five Mile (just south of I-94 to just north of the I-96/M-14 interchange) currently being resurfaced this summer.

(B) Dotted line indicates detour for motorists who normally travel northbound I-275 from I-75. Starting July 15 until October, traffic will be redirected as follows: I-75 northbound to the Telegraph Road connector (U.S. 24) north in Taylor, Telegraph Road north to I-94 westbound, and I-94 westbound to northbound I-275.

(C) Black line indicates where northbound I-275 will be closed starting July 15 between Telegraph Road in Monroe County and I-94 in Wayne County.

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A summer bird hike also is scheduled for 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. Participants should meet at the Concession Building in the main parking lot on Eight Mile Road.

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as you walked from block to block you could see and hear that they did the same thing as the Armenians did only with their own music and dances."

Always listening

As a young boy, Kazarian was consumed with listening to and imitating the elders of all nationalities who would sing and hum and play on their instruments the simple tunes and melodies of their joys and sorrows of life.

"The more I listened and the more I learned, the more I was able to experience and feel the music. It has to become a part of your soul."

All the tunes and dances from the many countries filled Kazarian's musical mind. He applied the embellishments from the Greek music and the Gypsy sounds from the Hungarians and the improvisations from the African-American jazz masters.

Out of it all came Kazarian's own interpretation of what Armenian music sounded like. Today, his style is considered the benchmark which all Armenian musicians measure themselves throughout North America.

Vocalist Onniak Dinkjian of Boynton Beach, Fla., considered among the Middle Eastern elite in his field, calls Kazarian "certainly the best in North America and perhaps even the world."

"As a vocalist, you must depend on the musicians to complement you. Hachig is a musician's musician."

"The diversity of all his music, from the dance music to the listening music, makes people realize that he is the total musician," says Dinkjian.

Years of study

Kazarian's physical command of the clarinet is reminiscent of

jazz great Pete Fountain, who has become an acquaintance. Together they form a mutual admiration society. His classmates from his undergraduate days at Juilliard School of Music in New York City are now the principle chair clarinetists in many of the most prestigious symphony orchestras in North America.

Kazarian's abilities on the clarinet were formed by his first clarinet teacher, Haig Krikorian, an old country Armenian clarinet player who settled in Detroit.

Krikorian soon realized that Kazarian's enormous potential needed more guidance than he could offer. Local playing greats and teaching clarinetists, Albert Luccini and Vincent Melidon, were the next private teachers Kazarian studied with.

In the early 1970s Kazarian and his Armenian band called the "Hyetones," gathered on the weekends at Sammy G's Nightclub on the corner of Six Mile Road and John R in Detroit.

While a student at Cass Technical High School in Detroit Kazarian also studied with Harry Begian. Begian developed music programs, first at Cass, and then at Wayne State University. He went on to Michigan State University, the University of Illinois and finally Purdue University.

Praise from teachers

"I never heard a finer clarinetist that plays Near Eastern music (Begian prefers the term Near Eastern to Middle Eastern) than Hachig," says Begian when contacted at his retirement home in Hubbard Lake.

"His playing and dissemination is unexcelled," he adds. Kazarian's accomplishments

at Cass earned him a four-year scholarship to study at the famed Juilliard School of Music in New York City. While there, he earned his bachelor of arts degree and master of science in music performance. He earned an additional master's in music literature at Eastern Michigan University with a concentration in ethnomusicology.

In his last few years of school, Kazarian had to decide whether to pursue a sometimes very unstable classical career or settle down and start a family.

Christine had been "the bread winner and his tower of strength" through all the lean years in New York City.

"It was really a non-decision. We needed to have a stable life."

Before that stable life came though, there was nearly a year in Las Vegas playing Middle Eastern music in the hotels there.

Teaming up with some Armenian musicians from California, they opened up the Bonanza Hotel. After that came a gig at the Frontier Hotel.

Teaching others

Working from contract to contract was not a secure lifestyle. The international classical music world's loss was metro Detroit's gain.

Kazarian landed a job in the Melvindale/Northern Allen Park School District Music Department and has been teaching instrumental music for the last 31 years. He is currently the acting department chair.

Kazarian says he is now teaching children of some of his first students and he still loves the challenge of teaching.

Throughout the 40 plus years

that Kazarian has been playing Armenian and Middle Eastern music for the countless local and

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thing remains constant for him. "I still love to play the clarinet."

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not supporting the millage and said her community doesn't use the jail. Instead it sends prisoners elsewhere.

"We're paying again outcounty. That's been an issue for outcounty communities." But she's

glad the millage term is shorter.

McCarthy said prisoners get released early because of a bed shortage. The township recently sued over the prisoner housing costs billed to Plymouth and lost in Wayne County Circuit Court,

a case which is on an appeal.

"All of us are using outcounty facilities," McCarthy said. "We're looking for some equity. We're paying the tax dollars and our citizens should get something for these tax dollars."



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THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1998

Christmas in July Benefit calls on holiday spirit

The holiday season is probably the farthest thing from anyone's mind when it's near 90 and humid, but Christmas in July is just around the corner.

The deadline to RSVP is Friday, July 17, for the Westland Community Foundation's annual Christmas in July event which begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road in Westland.

It's a chance to get a break from the oppressive heat of summer with holiday decorations, the Salvation Army Band and Santa Claus. It's also a chance to help others in the Westland community.

In the past the foundation has raised money to benefit a variety of Westland people and projects:

- More than \$65,000 to the Salvation Army Summer Camp Program and an estimated \$6,000 in food for the Salvation Army food pantry during the past three years.

- Some \$17,000 for Westland Community Foundation Scholarships. Fourteen Westland students will be receiving scholarship awards at the July program for use this fall.

- Helped bring Tom Barrett, a motivational speaker and educator, to speak at a Westland Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

- Sponsored the 1998 Wednesday Night Coffeehouse Concerts at the William D. Faust Public Library Pavilion.

- Sponsored free summer children's series performances at the library pavilion.

Besides the Christmas in July party, the foundation also hosts an annual spring ball fund-raiser.

At the Christmas in July program, donors will get to see where part of their money goes as scholarship winners are given their awards. The scholarships go to vocational education students from Westland.

Also, this year's grants from the foundation will include \$5,000 to the Westland YMCA Camp program, \$5,000 to the John Glenn High School instrumental music program; a \$5,000 matching grant to Taylor Towers for a computer lab; and \$6,000 to Oakwood Foundation's Lincoln and Jefferson-Barns School-based health center.

Party guests are also asked to bring a food donation to put under the Christmas tree to help stock the Westland Salvation Army food pantry.

The minimum donation to attend is \$35. For information call (734) 595-7727.

So ho, ho, ho and season's greetings, it's time to get into the holiday spirit. The foundation has formed with a goal of helping Westland and Westland residents, and the Christmas in July fund-raiser is a chance to help the foundation reach even more people in the community.

Primary too important to miss

A hundred years ago, progressive governors Alike Hazen Pingree of Detroit and later Fred Warner of Farmington fought for direct election of U.S. senators and for primary elections. Their purpose was to give voters more direct power over people who made laws and cut the tentacles of party bosses.

Today we have primary elections. In fact, one is coming up Aug. 4. And what will be the response of Michigan voters? Probably, we fear, a profound indifference to the primary. It's easier to tell jokes about White House interns, cheer a hockey team and discuss which movies should make the top 100 list than to think about partisan nominations.

Who wants to think about college aid, assisted suicide, pathetic charter schools, organ donations, drunken boaters, drunken drivers, and all those (yecch!) issues? Give us talk shows, eh?

Well, the 1998 primary will be one of the most important since primaries were invented. The reason is term limits. Some lawmakers are ineligible to run again and must be replaced. Some of those are seeking higher office. Meanwhile, this will be the last term for the incumbent governor, lieutenant governor and secretary of state, if they're re-elected. We should be looking at those below them for successors in 2002.

Consider the situation in western Wayne County:

- State Sen. Bob Geake, R-Northville, is retiring though he is eligible to run again. His 9th Senate District (which includes Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and Redford) is 60 percent Republican, so the primary will decide it. Three Republicans and two Democrats are seeking their party nomination in hopes of succeeding him in November.

- State Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, has a primary challenge; meanwhile three Republicans are seeking the chance to oppose him, even though the 8th Senate District is 56

percent Democratic.

- State Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, is term-limited out. Her 19th House District (including part of Livonia) is 54 percent Republican. Three Republicans - including a city treasurer and a former legislator - want to succeed her, as do two Democrats.

- State Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, won a cliffhanger two years ago. He has a Democratic challenger in the 16th House District that is 53 percent Democratic and includes part of Redford.

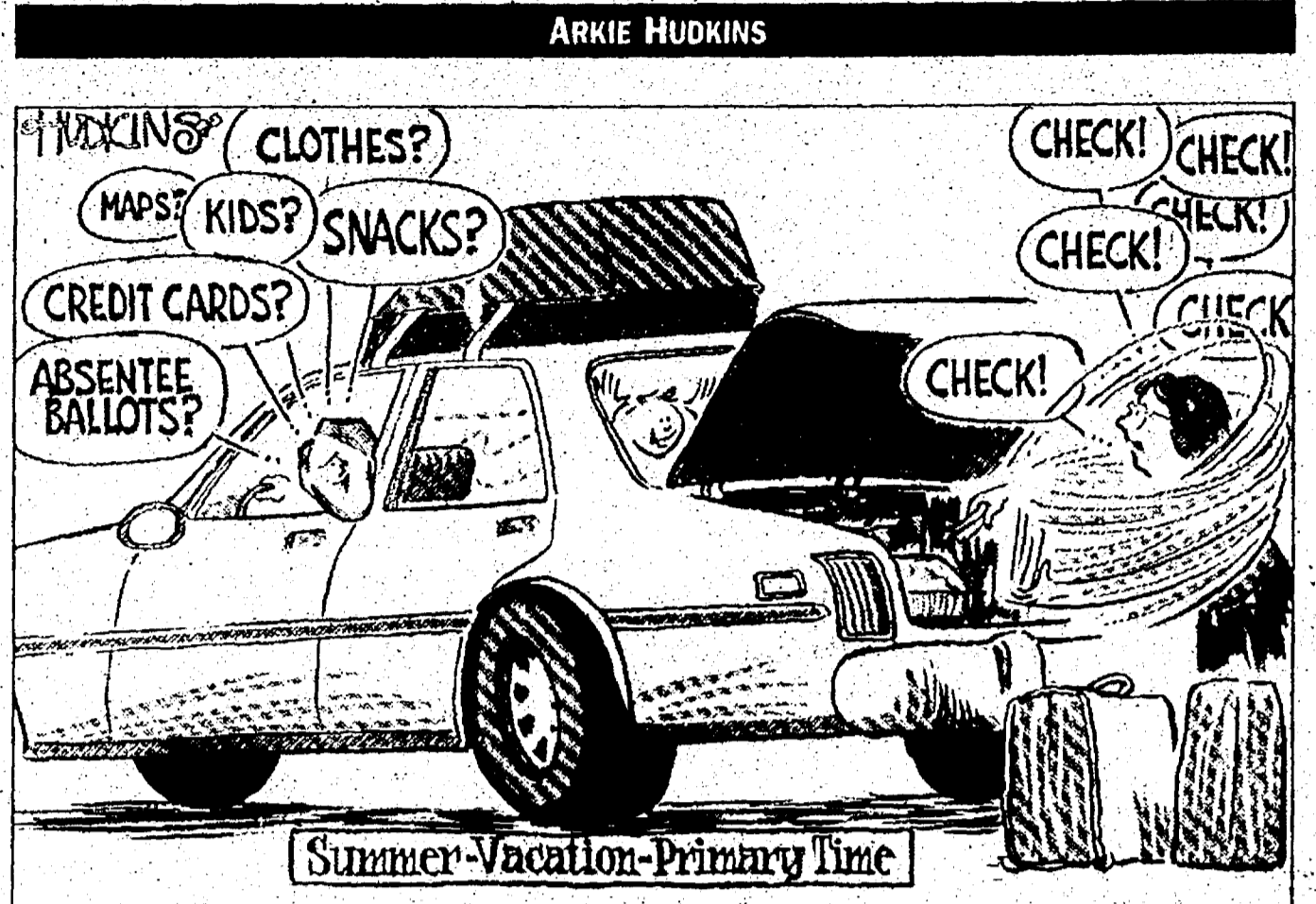
Gov. John Engler should have no trouble winning his primary, but the Democratic battle for a chance to oppose him is up in the air. Labor-backed Larry Owens, political pro Doug Ross, the flamboyant Geoffrey Fieger - who should Democrats pick to put their best foot forward?

County government is no longer a stuffy courthouse downtown but a vibrant player in the economy (Metro Airport) and the environment (Hines Park/Rouge River/Newburgh Lake). CEO Ed McNamara is ahead, but challenger Sharon McPhail won't let him off the hook easily. The county hasn't gone Republican since 1946, when even McNamara was a student, so the winner of this primary is CEO for four years.

Some will be suspicious of this newspaper when we say, "Don't trust TV ads," but it's proper advice. TV commercials tell you virtually nothing about the issues that affect your work and your kids' schools. They are written in "buzz" words designed to make you react emotionally, not rationally.

Read. Read this newspaper. Read campaign literature. Go to candidates' forums and ask questions. Meet the candidates when you can and ask more questions. Michiganians have a right that is rare in the world - not only to elect their officials but to nominate them in the primaries by secret ballot.

Use that right to vote Aug. 4.



LETTERS

Our economic Munich

Historians will call President Bill Clinton's current trip to China our "economic Munich."

Clinton is trying to convince the Chinese dictators not to further devalue their currency which would greatly threaten global capitalist prosperity and the American bubble economy.

But, like Chamberlain in the 1930s giving the Sudetenland to Hitler, Clinton is only buying a little time.

Forgotten is the fact that China's earlier devaluation is what caused the disastrous devaluation in Thailand last summer. Forgotten is the fact that Lenin once wrote that the easiest way to destroy capitalism would be to destroy its currency.

The Chinese Communists now have in their hands the pin with which to prick the capitalist bubble. Pity the poor Russians who tried to do it with an "arms race."

Lenin would be very pleased.

Walter Warren
Westland

Marlene H. Werts
Westland

Refine hub system

I enjoyed Phil Power's June 18 column about Northwest (or is it Northworst) Airlines. I was the victim of cancelled flights in May on a trip from Detroit to Seattle. My May 8 flight was cancelled one week in advance and I was notified and changed to an earlier flight (two hours earlier). My return flight was cancelled.

I learned when I reached the airport out west... and I was changed to a flight two hours earlier. They said they cancelled the flight several days earlier but weren't able to reach me. Since both of these flights were cancelled several days prior to departure...

I doubt they were cancelled for mechanical reasons. I feel they were cancelled because of lost bookings... and NWA was combining two flights to save a flight. They seem to have no concern for the schedule of the paying passengers. I also feel that hubs are OK, and efficient, but I feel they allow one airline to over-dominate any particular airport. I would like to see regulation to the extent that no one particular airline could handle more than 50 percent of the traffic in any airport. That would allow more alternatives when a situation arises like we have at Detroit. I don't know if it would be best to determine the 50 percent base on number of passengers... or on number of flights. Either would be better.

Barry DeChant
Livonia

Unethical arrangement

An open letter to Mayor Robert Thomas: Congratulations on your marriage. I would like to wish you and Mrs. Thomas continuing happiness.

Now that you and Mrs. Thomas are legally married, I would like to suggest that you consider replacing her in the job as city purchasing agent. I have never considered it an ethical arrangement to have the mayor's "significant other" appointed to a position reporting to him. Now that she is your wife that makes the arrangement even more unethical.

I don't know what the city policy is for employment of relatives, however, I am attaching a copy of a human resource policy addressing that issue from the company I work for. As you can see, in this corporation "Individuals shall not be assigned to a position where supervision of work or a reporting relationship is established to a relative who has or may have a direct effect on the individual's work or performance."

Since this type of policy is followed within large companies that employ taxpayers of the city of Westland, I would suggest that Mrs. Thomas step down from her job and assume a different job within the city that does not report to you. You can't be enjoying the criticism which is being directed at you. You were re-elected to office by a large number of people. Don't disappoint us now.

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas, as do your neighbors. That's why we offer this space on a weekly basis for opinions in your own words. We will help by editing for clarity and brevity. To assure authenticity, we ask that you sign your letter and provide a daytime contact telephone number. No anonymous letters will be published.

The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not publish letters that discuss new issues, since last-minute attacks don't allow a chance for rebuttal. Responses to already published issues will be accepted.

Letters should be mailed to: Editor, The Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150; faxed to 734-591-7279; or e-mailed with your name, city of residence and phone number to bjachman@oe.homecomm.net

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What's the best advice your grandmother ever gave you?



"Be humble. Never be proud."
Neal Gangullit



"Not to smoke. We made a promise. She smoked and she quit because she wants to see me graduate from high school and college."
Daniel Rickenback



"She always wanted me to start saving early for my retirement."
William Street



"Always have on clean underwear."
Sue Kruger

We asked this question at the Westland library.

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Have your summer fun and your safety, too

With fresh air, warm weather and free time in abundance, summer should be a healthy and fun time for children. However, the things that make summer so much fun also make it a particularly risky time. The No. 1 threat to children under 14 is injuries from accidents. Knowing the risks and taking precautions can help make summer healthy and safe - without spoiling the fun.

Kids are going to be bike riding, skateboarding, rollerblading - you name it. Make it a family rule that ALL protective gear must be worn EVERY time, especially bike helmets. Studies have shown that at least 80 percent of all head injuries to bike riders could have been prevented with a helmet. All bike riders should ride on the right side of the road, and should

avoid riding at night.

NEVER ride with an unrestrained child in the car. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional injury-related deaths for children, killing 1,400 children and injuring 300,000 each year. Do not place infants in a rear-facing child safety seat in a front seat that is equipped with an air bag. Instead, use the back seat. For older children riding in a child safety seat facing forward, slide the vehicle seat back as far as it will go. Avoid placing items on the back window shelf of a car. In the event of a sudden stop, the items could fly forward and injure passengers.

Small children can't control their body temperatures as well as adults and are at a risk of heat stroke or heat exhaustion. Make sure children are offered plenty of liquids through-

GUEST COLUMNIST



TOM KIURSKI

out the day. You may consider keeping them inside if the temperatures reach the 90s and it is muggy. Watch for signs of heat stroke (extremely flushed, high temperatures with no perspiration and personality changes) and the more common condition of heat exhaustion (pale skin, sweat,

vomiting). If you suspect either condition, bring the child inside and put him or her in a cool bath. In either case, prompt emergency medical care is just a phone call away (911).

When it comes to grilling, the first step is to move the grill away from the house, fence, garage, shrubs and bushes. If you're using a charcoal grill, use only starter fluid made for barbecue grills. If you have a gas grill, turn off the valves when you're not using it and store the gas cylinder outside and in the closed position. No matter which type of grill you have, don't leave it unattended after you light it. Keep the hose nearby and turned on just in case.

Never leave children unattended while they play in the water. At home pools, have motion detectors installed, keep a phone outside, and make sure

an adult is supervising all activity. In the lakes and on boats, have children wear a properly fitted life jacket.

If camping is on your list this summer, start with a flame-retardant tent and keep it pitched well away from any campfire. Inside the tent, use only battery-powered lanterns and flashlights. Clear away all dry vegetation and dig a pit surrounded by rocks for your campfire pit. Before going to bed or leaving the campsite, pour water on the fire or cover it with dirt. Keep a bucket of water and a shovel near the campfire pit for possible problems.

Firefighters hope you have a safe and great summer. Please feel free to contact us about summer safety concerns, or to arrange a tour.

Tom Kiurski is with the Livonia Fire Department.

Personal watercraft pose tricky regulation problem

There are two ways to look at personal watercraft, just as there are two ways to look at cigarettes:

■ A hazard, a problem, a concern to health and safety.

■ A business employing thousands, paying taxes, giving pleasure and making campaign contributions.

I ran into both approaches - from the same party - the other day. It was the same day the national news reported the U.S. Department of the Interior is considering banning personal watercraft - sometimes referred to by the trade name of Jet Skis - from national parks.

The ban is due in some parks immediately. For the Sleeping Bear and Pictured Rocks national lakeshores in Michigan, it's two years away.

My question to a group of Republican state senators was: What should one do to get the same kind of ban on Michigan lakes?

"It has been a concern," said Sen.

Dan DeGrow of Port Huron. "These machines go up to 50 mph. Sometimes 12-year-olds run them. They come near shore." He predicted "someone will get killed" when hit by a PWC at high speed. "I don't advocate banning them. But we need to do some things," he said.

His close political ally, majority leader Dick Posthumus, R-Alto, took a different approach, beginning: "Be careful. Michigan is a tourist state. It's part of the boating industry."

Posthumus thinks in terms of an industry, not operator safety, not swimmers' safety, not noise, not fish spawning bed protection.

Their answer to my question of what restrictions can be imposed, lake by lake, went like this: The Department of Natural Resources can have something to say if there are public launch sites. Otherwise, it's up to property owners and local government.

Sen. Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford, cited one Oakland County lake (of



TIM RICHARD

■ The kids on personal watercraft get the attitude from their dads.

450) that had banned all motorized watercraft. Posthumus cited Lake Geneva at DeWitt where no motors may be more than 5 mph.

Myself, I like Kensington Metropark: no speedboats, no PWCs, no snowmobiles, no off-road vehicles, no all-terrain vehicles.

It's a jungle war zone on many

Michigan lakes, just like on I-696 except there are no shoulders and lane markers.

The kids on PWCs get the attitude from their dads - the ones driving pickups with bumper stickers saying, "My kid just beat up your honor roll student," or the Lake St. Clair boaters who buzz anchored anglers at full throttle and never look back.

Michigan hasn't been totally blind to the PWC problem. The Legislature passed a law (after the Senate watered down the House bill). Beginning in 1999:

■ Persons under 14 would be prohibited from running PWCs.

■ Hours would be 8 a.m. to an hour before sunset.

■ A person born after Dec. 31, 1978, may not operate a PWC unless he or she has obtained a boating safety certificate, effective Jan. 1, 1999. DNR will establish training programs and a system of issuing boating safety certificates to persons who complete the program satisfactorily.

■ PWC operators and passengers

must wear life jackets.

■ Younger passengers must be accompanied by a parent or guardian or designee.

■ PWCs must be kept 200 feet from a shoreline unless operated at a "slow - no wake" speed.

■ Minimum distances must be observed between the PWC and shorelines, docks, swimming areas and vessels.

Will the law work? William F. Buckley, the conservative commentator, is fond of saying that people should exercise self-restraint more and depend on laws and cops less. He would say a dad should teach a kid not to buzz swimmers, fish spawning beds and wildfowl nests.

But I fear Sen. DeGrow may be right: We'll have to wait for someone to be killed, praying it isn't someone from our family, before we think seriously of bans.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047 ext. 1881.

Governments learning to do more with less by cooperating

The language was dry as dust. The typography and graphics weren't much better. But the content was significant, even exciting.

It's a publication entitled "Award Winning Joint Projects," a little booklet put out jointly by SEMCOG (the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) and MAC (the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition). It describes a variety of award-winning joint projects undertaken at the local level in communities around Southeastern Michigan.

Ho hum, you say. How come this stuff is "significant, even exciting?"

Here's why. The historic problem of all governments - whether local, state or even federal - is that they are very good at doing more when they get more revenue. But over the years, governments have proven mostly clueless at figuring out how to do more with less revenue.

Hence the term (thanks to Tim Richard, who covers state and regional government for this newspaper) "Entrepreneurial Government," the idea that governmental bodies ought to think and act like entrepreneurs. Be innovative. Experiment. Try to redeploy existing resources and revenues so as to get a better return. Even take risks.

The "Award Winning Joint Project" publication offers up a whole slew of wonderful examples. As we approach the August primary, they should be at the top of the mind of every candidate for public office and every voter.

A good example comes from the little town of South Lyon, happily perched just off I-96 in southwestern Oakland County.

Turns out that both the City of South Lyon and the South Lyon Community Schools needed new administration buildings. Now the usual relationship in Michigan between local government and local schools is like a dysfunctional family - they occupy the same space at the same time, but nobody's talking back and forth.

They decided to do things differently in South Lyon. In August 1996 the city and the schools agreed to share development costs and use of the same administration building. The school district provided the site for the building, while the city's Building Authority financed the construction with municipal bonds. The \$2,656,105 project cost was divided - 42 percent by the city and 58 percent by the schools.

The taxpayers of South Lyon got a good deal.



PHILIP POWER

They paid no site acquisition costs, because the site was on school district property. Financing was by low-interest, 15-year municipal bonds. Both city and school groups share use of conference rooms, parking lots and lobbies, while overhead costs such as maintenance and repair are reduced. Moreover, folks living in South Lyon gain the convenience of going to a single building to transact their business with both the city and the school district.

Jeff Potter, the mayor of South Lyon, is bubbling with enthusiasm about the award-winning project. "It's bizarre that someone has to give local governments an award to do something like this," he says.

For years, turfing between cities and schools or between differing departments within one governmental structure has been the bane of cost-effective government. Sometimes turfing is disguised as a commitment to local autonomy, going it alone regardless of how cost-inefficient that may be.

Potter provides this example: "You have a joint emergency medical service program and some guy has a heart attack. The team goes to his house and finds him gasping for breath. The guy with the heart attack will never say, 'No; go away. Local autonomy.'"

The joint project in South Lyon is a perfect example to how collaboration between governmental units makes everybody - city, schools, taxpayers - better off. No wonder both South Lyon and Potter won their awards. They deserve them.

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LPHS January Class of 1963, c/o Tom Lamarand, 9230 Grenoble Dr., Milan 48160 or (734) 434-7996

January Class of 1968
Aug. 1 at the Robert Jones Knights of Columbus Hall, Lincoln Park.
(734) 284-4171 or (734) 671-6993

LIVONIA BENTLEY

Class of 1968
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(313) 886-0770

Class of 1978
A reunion is planned for Aug. 7-9.
(734) 591-9509 or (734) 525-7515

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Class of 1978
A reunion is planned for Sept. 18.
(313) 886-0770

Class of 1988
A reunion is planned for Oct. 3.
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LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Class of 1973
A reunion is planned for Nov. 14.
(313) 886-0770

Class of 1978
A reunion is planned for Sept. 5.
(313) 886-0770

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Class of 1978
A reunion is planned for Aug. 15.
(734) 420-2558

MOUNT CLEMENS
Class of 1968
A reunion is planned for Oct. 2.
(313) 886-0770

NORTH FARMINGTON
Class of 1978
Aug. 14 at the Novi Hilton Hotel, Novi.
(810) 465-2277 or (810) 263-6803

Class of 1988
Oct. 3 at the Best Western Hotel, Farmington Hills.
(248) 366-9493, press 5

PLYMOUTH
Class of 1968
A reunion is planned for Aug. 22.

(734) 455-0451 or (248) 363-7643

Class of 1943
Sept. 19 at Cleveland's Water Grill, Plymouth Township.
(734) 453-0448

REDFORD THURSTON
Class of 1973
Nov. 28 at St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia.
Donna Erndt, 33466 Vargo Dr., Livonia, or call (734) 522-9405 or (313) 535-4000, Ext. 412

Class of 1978
A reunion is planned for Nov. 27.
(313) 886-0770

Class of 1973
Nov. 28 at St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia.
(313) 522-9405, (313) 535-4000, Ext. 412, or Donna Erndt, 33466 Vargo Dr., Livonia 48152

REDFORD UNION
Class of 1978
Nov. 28 at Vladimir's, Farmington Hills.
(248) 391-7665 or (248) 473-8979

Class of 1988
A reunion is planned for Nov. 27.
(313) 886-0770

ST. AGATHA
Class of 1978
Nov. 7 at the Bonnie Brook Banquet Center, Detroit.
(734) 397-8766 or by e-mail at www.reunionworks.com

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Class of 1974
A reunion is being planned for later this year.
(734) 729-3320 or (734) 266-3137

Class of 1973
Reunion Mass at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 28, followed by a reception.

Send current name, address and telephone number to Class of 1973, c/o 6905 Gilman, Garden City 48136.

TAYLOR CENTER
Class of 1988
A reunion is planned for Aug. 14.
(313) 886-0770

TAYLOR KENNEDY
Class of 1978
Nov. 7 at Oak Hall in Wyandotte.
(248) 360-7004

TAYLOR TRUMAN
Class of 1978
Nov. 28 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.
(734) 675-0244 or (313) 665-5725

TROY ATHENS
Class of 1973
A reunion is planned for July 24.
(313) 886-0770

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Class of 1983
Sept. 26 at the Roma's of Garden City.
(248) 360-7004, press 1

Class of 1972
Oct. 3 at Roma's of Garden City.
(734) 729-6023

Class of 1988
A reunion is planned for Aug. 8.
(313) 886-0770

Class of 1973
Oct. 3 at Roma's of Garden City.
Terri Laraway, 31035 Barrington, Westland 48186 or (734) 729-6023

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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Violence is large part of TV's formula

Jonathan's eyes grew larger and larger as he watched the horror that unfolded on his TV screen. With the butt of his pistol, the "bad guy" pummeled the woman he just chased on foot.

Blood started oozing from her forehead, but she spun around in an attempt to retaliate. With a severe kick to her chest, he knocked her down and ran with her purse.

As the show broke away for a station break, Jonathan looked at his mom and said, "Is she hurt, mama?" "No, honey. It's only make-believe," she replied. And that was the end of it.

When the program returned, the police talked about the difficulties they had in capturing the robber, but said that the woman had been exceptionally helpful in offering a description of the man.

You and I know that the robber would have been punished for his actions, and that the woman would have been put in the hospital for those kinds of injuries, but 4-year-old Jonathan doesn't. Children, unlike adults, have difficulty understanding the difference between fact and fantasy.

When kids ages 2 through 15 watch violence on television, they often think little about the consequences that come to the victim or perpetrators of violent crimes. Jonathan was not developmentally equipped to link the scenes together and extrapolate from what he saw the consequences the robber would pay for his actions, nor how seriously the woman was hurt.

What we view

Psychologists have said for years that the outcomes of violence on the screen are often glossed over. A new study, conducted by researchers at the Universities of California-Santa Barbara, analyzed 9,000 hours of television programming shown between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. About 2,000 people coded programming on 23 channels, including broadcast networks, independent broadcast, public broadcast and basic and premium cable.

In the study, which was concluded in April 1998, the following facts were uncovered:

- Physical aggression occurs 60 percent of the time, escalating during prime time hours.
- "Good" characters or heroes commit 40 percent of the violent acts
- Seventy percent of the aggressors show no remorse.
- Fifty percent of the conflicts show no physical injury or pain and suffering.
- Forty-seven percent don't show any harm to victims at all.

The above formula is not only prevalent in dramas, but children's cartoons, such as "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" and "The Power Rangers."

The researchers concluded that these programming patterns trigger three things in children: fear, desensitization and role-modeling. We used to say, "This cannot be healthy for kids." But now we can say, "This IS not healthy because we are seeing with our own eyes the repercussions of violence in our schools."

Taking control

Three game plans can change the landscape:

- Turn off the television. Read books, go for bike rides, play games, cook, do anything but watch the plug-in drug.
- Install a V-chip so that your children do not have access to the violent shows that are so readily available.
- Write to the television stations, both locally and at the national level, and tell them your feelings about the violence. When viewership decreases and complaint letters increase, programming changes.

Please see SENSORS, B2

A WHEEL adventure

Bicyclists make trek from Seattle to New York for MS



In the beginning: Jeff Martus of Livonia (left) and Aaron Zima of Mt. Clemens strike a confident pose in Seattle, Wash., where they started their 4,000-mile bike trek to New York City to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

Few facts about MS

Multiple sclerosis is a common disabling neurologic disease of the central nervous system affecting an estimated 350,000 people in the United States with 8,000 new cases reported each year, according to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation Inc.

■ There is no one group of people who "get" MS. Considered a lifelong disorder, MS often strikes between the ages of 30 and 50, and mostly women. For unexplained reasons, MS is most common in Canada, the United States, South America and Europe. Near the equator MS is unknown.

■ MS is signified by more than one area of inflammation and scarring of the myelin in the brain and spinal cord. Myelin is the tissue that covers and protects nerve fibers. When that occurs, nerve "communication" is disrupted. Thus, a person with MS experiences varying degrees of neurological impairment, depending on the location and extent of the scarring.

■ Symptoms may be mild, such as numbness in the limbs, or severe — paralysis or loss of vision — although 20 percent of MS patients with benign MS have no permanent disability, 30 percent have intermittent symptoms with long periods of stability and 40 percent have a slowly progressive form of the illness.

■ In fact, 75 percent of people with MS never need a wheelchair, 40 percent experience no disruption of normal activities and two-thirds of the patients remain functional 20 years after being diagnosed.

■ Of those diagnosed with the disease, 10-20 percent have steady progression from onset and 30 percent with chronic progressive MS stabilize after two years.

But the unpredictable physical and emotional effects can be lifelong. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are giving hope to those affected by the disease.

Multiple Sclerosis Foundation Inc. strives to provide "a brighter tomorrow" for people with multiple sclerosis and others affected by the illness. Founded in 1986, it is the oldest MS support organization that focuses on both complementary and conventional health care options to address the varied symptoms associated with the disorder.

For more information about the disease, call the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation's Program Services Department at (800) 441-7055, by e-mail at support@msfacts.org, or in writing at 6350 N. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309.

Jeff Martus is a man with a mission. He's hoping pedal power will contribute to a cure for multiple sclerosis.

The 24-year-old Livonia resident and second-year University of Michigan medical student is bicycling from Seattle, Wash., to New York City to raise funds for the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Martus and fellow medical student Aaron Zima of Mt. Clemens begin their journey from an island off the coast of Seattle June 3. They plan complete their 4,000-mile trip by early August.

"It seemed more good could come from something like this than working in a research lab for the summer," said Martus, who called from Church's Ferry, N.D., the second week in July. "Three months is not enough to answer questions."

Martus' aunt, Kathleen Payne, was diagnosed with MS 16 years ago at age 35. She continues to fight the disease and is doing well. His grandfather, a handsome and athletic World War II veteran, died of the disease at age 42.

Payne is one of her nephew's biggest fans. She took care of the Martus siblings — Jeff, Jeannette, 19, and Bob, 22 — while their mother worked when they were growing up. Martus said his aunt's son, Christopher, 18, is "like a brother."

"He has all this energy and pizzazz," a proud Payne said of Martus. "He's very special to me."

Payne had no idea Martus intended to turn his bike trip into an MS fundraiser.

"This was a total surprise," she said. "This is an adventure and an adventure with a purpose. This is the only

summer he has off, maybe forever."

Martus believes in the work National Multiple Sclerosis Society does. He said all the new drugs that help MS patients are a direct result of the society's research. He wants to contribute his share.

So far he's collected about \$1,000 worth of pledges from friends. The public can pledge one or two cents a mile, or even a half a penny. Every cent counts.

All money raised by Martus and Zima's trek across the country goes directly to the MS cause. Individuals who pledged support will be mailed information and envelopes addressed to the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

"The one most important thing is that none of the money is supporting us. It's not funding a vacation," said Martus.

Martus said the cost of their trip to date is "obscene." Their biggest expense has been equipment. Their bikes had to have frames and spokes strong enough to cross mountain passes. Martus already has gone through two wheels. He'll pick up a new, custom-made wheel in Devil's Lake, about 20 miles from Church's Ferry. It'll probably cost him \$200.

The men were halfway through their journey when Martus called. They had logged 1,600 miles. It takes a strong back and a pair of strong legs to manage 90-plus miles a day while carrying 70 pounds of gear — bike tools, extra inner tubes and spokes, a small tent, a sleeping bag and pad, waterproof

Please see ADVENTURE, B8

Special kids bring mothers together

When Debbie Vassel was pregnant, doctors warned her and her husband not to get too attached to their baby. Ultrasounds revealed that the baby was "really small," and doctors thought he may have had Down Syndrome.

"They thought he was going to be born dead, or born alive and die shortly after, or if we're lucky, he'd have Down Syndrome," explained Vassel, of Canton Township. "They told us not to get too attached because he's not going to leave the hospital."

Andrew Vassel was born eight weeks early. Doctors sifted through various syndromes and diseases, all of which were fatal.

Now, 6 1/2 years later, the Vassels still haven't gotten an official diagnosis. He has the abilities of a 2-year-old boy.

"He's very slow, his main problem is seizures. When he was younger, he was having up to 100 seizures a day. Now it's down to one or two. He says about 20 words," Vassel said.

It's been an exhausting experience for the family. Stacey Laho of Plymouth has experienced the same frustrations. Her daughter, Alisha, sustained brain damage from congenital cytomegalovirus (CMV), a virus in the herpes family that rarely produces clinically detectable disease except in infants up to 4 months of age. It is transmitted transplacentally to the fetus from a mother with a latent infection.



Helping each other: Debbie Vassel (left) and Stacey Laho don't want to label Mothers of Special Kids a support group. They see the group's focus as what the women can do for each other.

Please see MOTHERS, B2

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Wansor-Moriarty

Keith and Kathy Wansor of Westland announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Melissa Kristene, to Chad Michael Moriarty, the son of Joan Lary and Mike Moriarty of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of John Glenn High School and earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Michigan dental school. She is employed as a dental hygienist by Dr. Blau and Dr. Kirsch.

Her fiancé is also a John Glenn High School graduate and earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Michigan State University. He is employed by EDS.

A July wedding is planned at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville Township.



Northville Township.

Harrison-Lewis

William and Susan Harrison of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly, to William Lewis, the son of Gerald and Jacqueline Lewis of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Garden City High School. She attends the University of Michigan where she is majoring in early childhood education.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Fordson High School and a 1997 graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in computer science. He is employed as an advanced applications engineer for Unigraphics Solutions.

A September wedding is planned at North Congregation-



al Church in Farmington Hills.

Lemley-Ipavec

Lisa Kathlene Ipavec and Christopher O'Neal Lemley were married Oct. 18, 1997, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. The Rev. George Charney officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Bonnie and Bob Meyerand of Canton and Robert Ipavec of Ohio. The groom is the son of Vel and Pam Lemley of Farmington Hills and the late Delores Lemley.

The bride is a 1986 graduate of Royal Oak Dondero High School. She is employed at Taco Bell in Flint.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Farmington Harrison High School and a 1995 graduate of Central Michigan University. He is employed as a certified athletic trainer by Healthrax International in Flint.

The bride asked Lori Moesta to be her matron of honor, with Kim Cummins, Kim Lemley, Amy Downey and Kelly Herscheles as bridesmaids. Lisa Meyerand served as junior bridesmaid, with the bride's



daughter, Hillarie Ipavec, as flower girl.

The groom asked Steve Marcero to serve as best man, with Jeff Lounsbury, Ernie Muntean, Chris Putman, Kent Allison and Rob Meyerand as groomsmen. Christopher Cummins was the ring bearer.

The couple received guests at Roma's Banquets in Garden City before leaving for a weeklong honeymoon in Las Vegas, Nev. They are making their home in Grand Blanc.

Jablonski-Payne

Anthony and Emily Jablonski of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane, to Ronald R. Payne, the son of Jim and Vicki Johnson of Bellevue, Wash.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Garden City West High School and Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. She is an independent consultant in human resources high technology and manufacturing recruitment and staffing.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Sammamish High School in Bellevue. He is employed by The Boeing Company in sales and engineering support.

An August wedding is



planned at the Universalist-Methodist Church of Farmington.

Doyle-Wise

Douglas Patrick Doyle and Deanna Marie Wise were recently married at Laurel Chapel, Livonia by the Rev. Kurt Stutz.

The bride is the daughter of Linda Klotz and John Wise, both of Livonia. The groom is the son of Joyce E. Doyle of Livonia and the late John E. Doyle.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is employed at Livonia Township.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He is employed as a manager at the Franklin Square Apartments in Livonia.

The bride asked Shannon Wise to serve as maid of honor with Lindsay Wise and Laura Klotz as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Tom Shuttle-



worth to serve as best man with Larry Doyle and Timothy Doyle as groomsmen. Daniel Sharma was the ring bearer.

The couple received guests at a reception at Roma Banquets in Garden City. The couple is making their home in Livonia.

Campbell-Orsucci

Patricia and Donald Campbell of Orchard Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Lynn Campbell, to Robert Kennedy Orsucci of Farmington Hills, the son of Dale and Sandra Orsucci of Livonia.

The bride-to-be attended the University of Michigan and is employed by OpenText in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Kalamazoo College. He is employed by Captec in Ann Arbor.

An August wedding is planned



at St. Edith Church.

Haflett-Ogg

Warner and Brenda Adkins of Redford announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Teri Lynn Haflett, to Bryan Steve Ogg of Redford, the son of LaVerle Bundy of San Antonio, Texas.

The bride-to-be is employed as a loan processor for Park Place Mortgage in Plymouth.

Her fiancé is employed as a customer technician for Clover Technologies.

A July wedding is planned at Laurel Chapel.

Holmstrom-Roland

Robert Paul Holmstrom of Livonia and Brandy Roland of Wixom were married April 14 at Sandals Resort in St. Lucia by Kay Jackson.

The bride is the daughter of John and Naomi Gray of Wixom. The groom is the son of John and Ruth Holmstrom of Novi.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. The groom is a 1980 graduate of Livonia Bentley High School. He is employed as a project engineer at Rapistan Systems.

The bride asked Barbara Stavilas to be her attendant. The groom asked Kenyon Octave to be his groomsmen.



After vacationing in St. Lucia, the couple returned to their home in Livonia.

Westover-Christensen

David and Glenda Westover of Farmington Hills, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Kay, to Daniel Lee Christensen, the son of Donald and Karol Christensen of Howell.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and expects to graduate in December from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering. She is employed by Henry Ford Health Systems in Detroit.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of Howell High School and also expects to graduate in December from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in computer engineering. He is



employed by Dynalogue Engineering in Walled Lake.

A December wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church of Farmington.

Oertwig-Witto

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Oertwig of St. Peter, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Cindy Renee, to Gregory Paul Witto, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Witto of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University and Indiana University. She is the senior manager of customer service for Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company in Mattoon, Ill.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Concordia College in Ann Arbor. He serves in the campus ministry at Eastern Illinois University and is the director of young adult ministries at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Charleston, Ill.



A September wedding is planned.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TEEN NIGHTS
Middle school teens are invited to Middle School Kids Teen Nights Tuesdays at the Bailey Center this summer. The cost is \$1. Basketball, crafts, games and special activities will be 7-9:30 p.m. with swimming from 8-9:30 p.m. Participants must have a waiver signed by a parent on file to participate. Register at the pro shop at the Bailey Center. The activity is sponsored by the Mayor's Task Force on Substance Abuse and Violence and Westland Parks and Recreation.

Activities include:
 ■ July 21: Pizza night.
 ■ July 28: Beach Boys night, music by Classic Rock Band.
 ■ Aug. 4: DJ night.
 ■ Aug. 11: Pizza night.
 ■ Aug. 18: Performance by The Earth Angels.

SUMMER SKATING
The Westland Sports Arena is offering a summer open skating schedule through Aug. 18: 4-5:45 p.m. Fridays; 1-2:45 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Admission will be \$2.75 for students and senior citizens and \$3.25 for adults. Skate rental is available for \$2. The arena also offers skate sharpening for \$4.

SUMMER CAMPS
The Salvation Army is holding summer day camps 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2300 Venoy in Westland. The cost of enrollment is \$50 per camper. Summer camps include:
 ■ Explorer camp, July 24-27, for boys going into the first through fifth grades.
 ■ Family camp, Aug. 3-7, for any family with children ages 12 and under. For more information, call (734) 722-3660.

GOLF OUTING
The Independent Carpet One annual Golf Outing is Sunday, July 19, at Fellows Creek Golf Course. Proceeds from all sponsored holes will go to Children's Hospital of Michigan. A \$150 donation will supply the sponsor with a sign at each designated hole. For information, call Cathy Buchanan, (734) 729-6200 ext. 124.

VEGAS PARTY
Liberty Park Senior Community and the Four-midable Group will be hosting a Vegas Party, 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5. RSVP to Dolores by July 22, at (734) 728-8670.

BENNETT TO SPEAK
Marquette House in Westland will host an informal meeting with state Sen. Loren Bennett, who is seeking re-election in the 8th District, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, at 36000 Campus Drive off Marquette Road in Westland. Call (734) 326-6537.

MEET RED WING
Aaron Ward of the Detroit Red Wings will meet guests, answer questions and autograph a photograph, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at Art Van, 8300 Wayne Road in Westland. Only one autograph per person and no personalized autographs.

CUTEST BABY
A cutest baby contest will be held at the strawberry festival at Garden City Hospital 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 26. Babies born on or after Jan. 1, 1997, are eligible. To enter, parents can bring a picture of their baby to the festival. There is no entry fee. Voting will be by donations. Prizes will be awarded. Proceeds benefit the birthing center at Garden

City Hospital. Call (734) 458-3306 for information.

GOLF OUTING
The Westland Police Department D.A.R.E. John "Moses" Reddy Memorial Golf Outing is planned for Wednesday, Aug. 12, at Faulkwood Shores Golf Club in Howell. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Sponsor programs include: \$100 for a sign placed on golf course and a quarter-page ad in the program; \$350 for two green fees, two signs placed on golf course and a half page ad in the program; \$650 for four green fees, two signs placed on golf course, a full-page ad in the program and a framed certificate. Prizes include a trip for two to Atlantic City sponsored by Westland Travel and two hole-in-one contests sponsored by Jack Demmer Ford and North Brothers Ford. For information, call (734) 722-DARE.

SUMMER FIELD TRIPS
Children ages 3-7 who have an impairment may go on five field trips this summer as part of the Westland Therapeutic summer field trip program. Children must attend Wayne-Westland or Livonia schools or live in Westland to attend. Cost is \$2 per child with \$5 additional deposit to hold a reservation, which will be returned at check-in. Parents or siblings accompanied by parents are welcome to attend at no cost. Trips include:
 ■ Nature Center, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 29.
 ■ Detroit Zoo, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5.
 ■ Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19.
 Bring a picnic lunch to all trips. Accessible transportation provided. Program coordinated by a certified therapeutic recreation specialist. Call Westland Therapeutic Recreation Program to register at (734) 722-7620.

BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS
The Westland mayor's office is accepting nominations for the residential and nonresidential beautification awards. The deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. Friday, July 31. Judging of residential nominees will be based on overall appearance of the front and back yards. This includes flowers, color combinations, trees and greenery. Judging of nonresidential nominees will be based on overall appearance of the grounds surrounding the business. This includes any flowers, color combinations, trees and greenery as well as the cleanliness of the business and its property. Condominiums and apartments will be judged under the nonresidential award category. In addition, the home or business will be highlighted on television in a special segment during the Sept. 10 Town Hall meeting. To submit a nomination, call (734) 467-3200 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., or send the nomination to: Mayor Robert Thomas, city of Westland, 36601 Ford, Westland 48185. The residential prizes are: first place: plaque, yard sign and dinner for two with the mayor via limousine; second place: certificate of recognition, \$30 dinner certificate for two at the Alexander the Great restaurant and a yard sign; third place: certificate of recognition, \$35 gift certificate to Westland Shopping Center and a yard sign. The nonresidential prizes are: first place: plaque and a yard sign; second place: certificate of recognition and a yard sign; third

place: certificate of recognition and a yard sign. All winners will receive their awards at the Thursday, Sept. 10, Town Hall meeting at Willow Creek Apartments, 1673 Fairwood, between Cherry Hill and Marquette off Newburgh.

SUMMER CONCERTS

CULTURAL SOCIETY
All concerts are free and will begin at 6 p.m. at the Performing Arts Pavilion behind the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, except the July 19 concert, which will be at Stottlemeyer Park, Dancy Boulevard. Rain location is the Bailey Center.
 ■ July 26 - blue grass appearance by Roy Cobb & the Coachmen.
 ■ Aug. 2 - American jazz show featuring the Phil Gram Combo.
 ■ Aug. 9 - country and western performance by the Waco Country Band.
 ■ Aug. 16 - variety performance, featuring music from the '50s through the '90s, by Detroit Break-down.
 ■ Aug. 23 - to be announced.

CHILDREN'S CONCERTS
Free children's concerts will begin at noon on Saturdays through the beginning of August at the Westland Performing Arts Pavilion behind Westland library. Rain location: Bailey Recreation Center Gymnasium. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

■ July 18 - Chautauqua Express, children's musician Guy Louis.
 ■ July 25 - Gratitude Steel Drum Band.
 ■ Aug. 1 - Clowns Around Redford.
 ■ Aug. 8 - Westland All-Stars.

COFFEEHOUSE CONCERTS
The Westland Community Foundation sponsors a free Coffeehouse Concert Series 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays this summer. Dates include:
 ■ July 22 - Lenaghan-Herald Duo, classical guitar and flute.
 ■ July 29 - Stone Circle Trio, Irish music.
 ■ Aug. 5 - Paul Vornhagen Quartet, jazz.

AT THE LIBRARY
PUPPET SHOW
The Parade of Stories Puppet Theater presents "Three Billy Goats Gruff" and "Three Little Pigs," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, in the Community Meeting Room at the Westland public library. Registration is required. Register in person at the Children's Service Desk or by phone by calling (734) 326-6123.

BOOK DISCUSSION
The Westland library adult book discussion group will discuss O'Henry stories at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 21. The group will discuss picks from 1997 literary magazines at 7 p.m. Tues-



Christmas in July
Foundation fund-raiser: The Westland Community Foundation's annual Christmas in July fund-raiser event is at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland. The event raises money for the foundation's projects including the Westland Salvation Army summer camps, YMCA summer camp programs, scholarships and community improvements. Minimum donation is \$35. Call (734) 595-7727 for information.

day, Aug. 18. The group meets in Meeting Room A. Multiple copies of featured books are available at the library. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway.

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

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

WESTLAND CENTER

SIDEWALK SALE
The Westland Shopping Center Summer Sidewalk Sale is through July 19. More than 60 stores will clear their stores of spring and summer merchandise

making way for new fall fashions.

RECREATION

SWIMMING HOURS
Westland Bailey outdoor swimming pool and water slide is open noon to 3:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m. daily. For lessons, call (734) 722-7620. Birthday packages are offered including two large pizzas, one large pop, paper products, games for the kids and entrance to the pool and water slide. Call ahead for birthday reservations. Discounts are offered for groups by calling ahead, (734) 722-7620.

RECREATION AND FUN
A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled is the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. (734) 722-7620.

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

SCHOOLS

MCKINLEY COOPERATIVE
McKinley Cooperative Preschool, housed in Good Shepherd Reformed

Church, Wayne Road at Hunter, is holding registration. Morning and afternoon classes are available. Call (734) 729-7222 for information.

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S
Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in all classes 18 months through 5 years old. Located in Livonia bordering Westland. Call Michelle at (734) 421-6196.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottlemeyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an Early Intervention Program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a Pre-Primary Impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660 for information.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL
The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in the morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays, other pupils on Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. Call (734) 728-3559.

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL
St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Avenue in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3 and 4-year-olds. Registration for the 1998-99 school year has begun. Call (313) 274-6270.

YWCA READINESS
The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is at 26279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (313) 561-4110.

CHARTER SCHOOL
The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves kindergarten through seventh grade. The school emphasizes a basic education with business and entrepreneurial skills. The school offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with access to the Internet. Call (734) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

LITTLE LAMBS
Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is accepting registration for the 1998-99 school year. Classes meet Monday, Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. For information, call (248) 471-2077.

FRANKLIN PTSA
The Franklin High PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and community, and members aren't required to have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy in Livonia 48150.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM
A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, is for students ages 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Leau'Retta Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE
Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool at 9601 W. Chicago, has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds. To enroll or for more information, call Donna at (734) 266-8185.

HISTORY ON VIEW

WESTLAND MUSEUM
The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. Call (734) 326-1110.

DRESSES ON DISPLAY
The Westland Historical Museum is currently displaying wedding dresses and accessories. The items are from the 1930s, 1950s and 1960s. The museum is located at 857 N. Wayne Road and is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays.

FRIENDS MEET
Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meets 7 p.m. on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads. For information, call President Jim Franklin, (734) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

CLUBS IN ACTION

CHADD
CHADD of Northwest Wayne County meets the first Thursday of the month throughout the school year at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. CHADD is a nonprofit, parent-based, volunteer organization whose aim is to better the lives of individuals with attention difficulties. Call (313) 438-3099.

T.O.P.S.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly MI#28, a support group for sensible weight loss, meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. For more information, call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

MOMS CLUB
The newly formed MOMS Club of Westland will hold its next meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 15, in the Brayman Lounge located in the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road. The club will be holding an organized discussion group on summer activities. Members will also discuss forming play groups and a monthly MOMS night out. The MOMS Club is a national support group for mothers who stay home with their children, including those who have home-based businesses or who work part time but are home with their children during the day. The groups offers activities, including programs for mothers, play groups for children, and get-togethers for the whole family. The MOMS Club also performs service projects benefiting needy children in the community. Children are welcome at all club activities. For more information, call (734) 266-2919.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) urges people who want to learn the art of public speaking to attend the club's weekly meetings at 6 p.m. each Thursday at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road next to Westland Shopping Center. For more information, call John Elbe at (734) 326-6419, anytime.

CALENDAR FORM

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

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Clairvoyant says people should trust their intuition

Learning process: After working in business administration for 20 years, Camille Procassini of Ann Arbor now is teaching people intuition development and dream interpretation.



There's no such thing as women's intuition.

"It's people's intuition. Women trust their intuition because they're more open. Men are just as intuitive," said clairvoyant and certified hypnotherapist Camille Procassini of Ann Arbor.

Procassini is hosting "Using Intuition in the Workplace" as part of the West Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Career Women's monthly networking meeting and luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, July 21, at Ernesto's Restaurant in Plymouth.

The meeting/luncheon is open to the public at a cost of \$18. For more information, call Tracy at (734) 420-3508.

Like everybody else, business people are not deficient in intuition, according to Procassini. They simply rely too much on their left-brain logic.

"They think, did I make that up? It doesn't make logical sense. It's a blip," said Procassini, who worked in business administration for 20 years.

Besides doing personal consultations and business seminars,

Procassini teaches intuition development and dream interpretation classes at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Her classes are always full and always include some skeptics. Their conversion is all the more sweet.

At the beginning of her class, "Developing Your Intuition: Practical Tools for Practical People," Procassini asks students to write down how they feel about the color of their shirt.

It is a question with a purpose: What does the color of my shirt say about me?

As the class progresses, students apply their developing intuition to problems in work, relationships and family life.

"It is most enjoyable to watch people get it, to see the 'ah, ha! I should've had a V-8' kind of moment," she said.

Procassini's message to everyone is simple and clear: Always trust your intuition. It's the center of the unfiltered, innocent truth. It existed long before authority figures — parents, teachers, institutions — wore it down with threats of guilt and fear.

"Most people build blocks at the intuitive level because we have been told feelings don't count," Procassini said. "Intuition should be the guiding rule. If you fine-tune your intuition and learn to trust it — but not coming from desired outcome or want, just pure feeling — you will not make a mistake."

Logic, however, is not just a five-letter word. It has its place in the scheme of cognition, but it is the end point, not the beginning. In a dangerous situation, for example, the impulse to flee is first felt in the gut.

"You take it up to the heart, what's this fear, then you take it to the brain and the brain tells you to get out of here. The gut is always the center point," Procassini said. "The intuition to know when danger is near is not fear."

"You should always pay attention. Even if it makes no logical sense, but your thought is 'I need to exit,' get out of there."

Procassini believes everyone is born with intuition, but some remain more 'open' than others. "It's called an energy field,"

she said.

She has demonstrated her own energy field to clients several times by standing against a wall and asking them to stare at her forehead. After a few minutes she steps away as the client continues staring at the wall.

Procassini's energy field is imprinted against the wall. Most of time, people see a white or gold aura outlining her form, she said. Sometimes they see shadings of purple. Everybody has an energy field.

Procassini has used her intuition kinetically to scan a person's body for medical problems. Sometimes she experiences a sympathetic headache. When she was a child, these physical sensations scared her.

"I didn't always understand why I didn't feel well," she said. "I could have been pulling someone else's energy."

Procassini also has worked with police departments in Chicago and Ann Arbor in solving crimes. It's not her favorite task — "I prefer not to do it because I have to go into the victim's space."

As a clairvoyant, Procassini said she gets information about clients in "slightly different ways. I'll see their energy, where there's blocking."

However, Procassini doesn't claim to corner the market on intuition.

"There isn't a person on the planet who can't do what I do," she said. "Everybody has access to it if they trust it."

NEW VOICES

Timothy and DeeAnna LaBell announce the birth of **Chase-Lyn Marie Watson** April 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Patrick, 7. Grandparents are Richard and Linda LaBell of Fenton, and Dee and Patricia Tatum of Westland.

Todd and Angie Loop of Westland announce the birth of **Alexis Paige** May 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She has a sister Kayla Rene. Grandparents are Jim Loop of Westland, Cheri Urban of Westland and Dennis Moore and Janet Moore of Ladoga, Ind.

Beth Reindl and Jim Dougherty of Canton announce the birth of **Bailey Elizabeth Dougherty** April 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital.

Michael and Elizabeth Lapum of Westland announce the birth of **Blake Aaron** May 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He has a brother, Brent. Grandparents are Vernon and Janet Sigourney of Westland and Darlene Lapum of Novi and

George Lapum of Seminole, Fla.

David and Ronna Llamas of Westland announce the birth of **Matteo David** April 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Keith and Cindy Story of Westland and Guadalupe Soria of Detroit.

David and Jennie Blair of Westland announce the birth of **Emilie Marie** April 30 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Robert and Shelly Dillingham of Dearborn Heights and William and Kathryn Blair of Winter Garden, Fla.

John and Jennifer McBain of Garden City announce the birth of **John Travis** April 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are John and Jennie McBain and Laurie and Gary Garlough, all of Wayne.

Shawn and Sharon Fisher of Wayne announce the birth of **Sarah Marietta and Olivia Ann** May 8 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. They have two brothers, Adam and

Michael. Grandparents are Marie Ha Fisher of Dearborn Heights and Pat and Don Ulivi of Garden City.

Stacey Marie Rohde of Redford announces the birth of **Jasmine Marie** April 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital.

Angie Wolf of Garden City and **Jimmy Rellinger** of Dearborn announce the birth of **Chelsey Rose Rellinger** April 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Byron Wolf and Jim Rellinger, both of Garden City.

Lawrence and Sharon Conklin of Canton announce the birth of **John Patrick** April 4 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He has two sisters, Jeanette Marie, 7, and Caitlin Elisabeth, 2½, and a brother, Daniel Joseph, 5½. Grandparents are Edmund and Sally Conklin of Shelby Township, Jeanette Chermiside of Apopka, Fla., and the late John J. Chermiside. Great-grandparents are Marion and Lawrence Bielman of Palm

Springs, Calif.

Todd and Tracy Rhodes of Livonia announce the birth of **Dalton James** April 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Brandon, 8. Grandparents are Betty and James Duvarard of

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David Pompa and Lisa Pinazza-Pompa of Livonia announce the birth of **Jordan David** April 22 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

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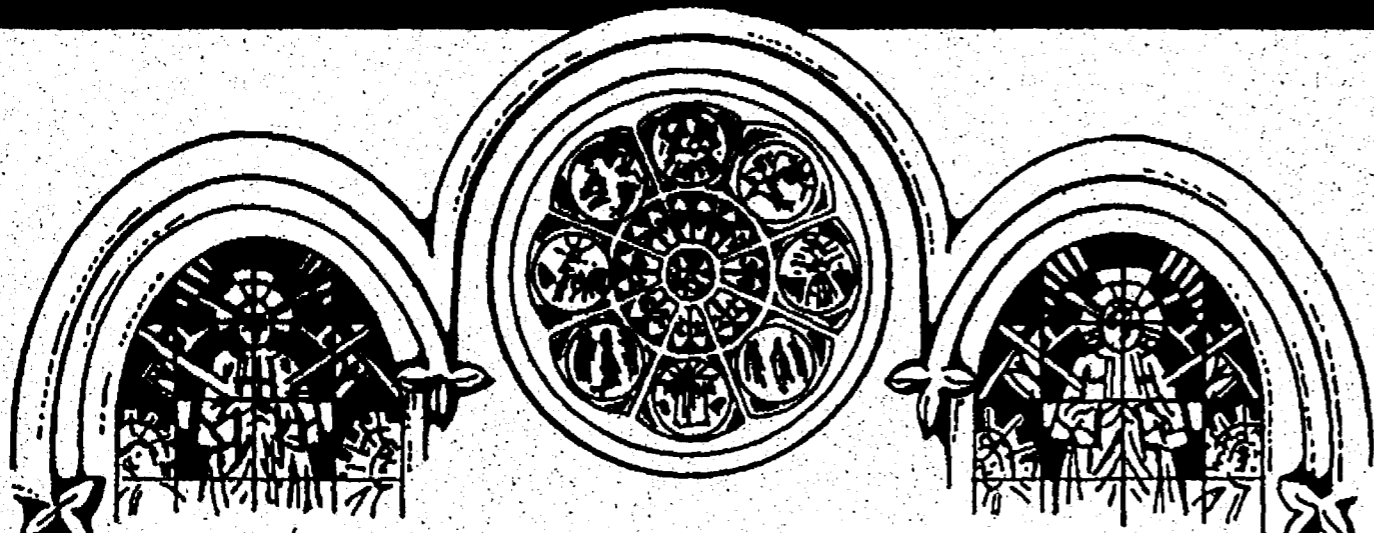
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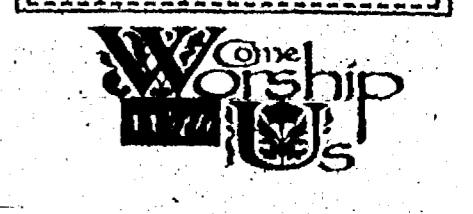
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clothes, a camp stove and a pair of shoes and sandals.

"We're getting a lot stronger," said Martus. "Climbing the Cascades (mountains in Washington state) was harder than the Rockies. We were in better shape by the time we reached the Rockies."

Martus figures he and Zima burn about 300 calories an hour, maybe more. They're eating well, stopping at a grocery store every day. They've abandoned making oatmeal for breakfast. Now, it's bagels - quick, easy and portable.

Some good stories

Besides raising money for MS, Martus' trip will provide good stories for his grandchildren. He'll tell them about the pods of orcas - killer whales - he saw swimming off the coast of San Juan Island near Seattle. And he will describe his harrowing trip biking the Sun Road through Logan Pass in the Rockies at 6,600 feet. Martus and Zima biked the last five miles of the pass through cold, fog and rain.

"You knew there was a sheer drop off there, but it was just white," he said, adding that the road was closed shortly afterwards.

Then there was the trek through Montana facing 20-mile-an-hour headwinds - "It was like

going uphill all the way," he said.

However, their biggest adventure to date came in Culbertson, Mont. They were biking through the rain along U.S. Highway 2 about 25 miles from the North Dakota border on July 4 when a state trooper pulled them over to warn of a tornado sighted 30 miles to the east.

Martus and Zima took refuge in a city park, secured their bikes, and climbed into their tents wearing their raincoats. The winds picked up and the rain came down harder.

"The winds were ripping through at 60-70 miles an hour," said Martus, adding that they took refuge in a cement restroom. "We kept peeking out. It was marble-size hail. We figured the roof would come off, and we closed the door. The woman from across the street sent her son to knock on the door."

The street was a river of knee-deep water, and the 16-year-old youth helped rescue their tent and bikes.

Martus and Zima spent the night with Paul and Lily Finnicums, but what a night it was. Their hosts' basement began to flood with sewer water and the two men became part of a bucket brigade. That night they slept soundly on the living room floor.

The kindness of people Martus and Zima have met along the way is another legacy of the adventure. Martus said a bike shop owner on South Whidbey Island near Seattle spent six hours fixing their bikes and only charged them \$30.

"A lot of great people helped us out, told us where to camp, warned us where not to camp," said Martus.

Originally, Martus and Zima planned to reach the East Coast by Aug. 1. Weather and other unexpected delays have put them behind schedule. Zima has another commitment on Aug. 8, so he may end his journey at Port Huron, and Martus will continue to New York City alone.

That's OK, he says. It's a chance for more adventure, and more importantly, it's a chance to raise more money for MS.

Individuals interested in pledging or contributing to Jeff Martus' fund-raising effort can contact Kathleen Payne at (734) 591-1559.

As for MS patients, a support group meets 7:15-8:15 p.m. Fridays at the Livonia YMCA, Stark Road north of Schoolcraft. A water exercise program from 6-7 p.m. precedes the group meeting.

"We have been successful from the word go," said Payne. "Because we meet so frequently we really care about each other."

The group was founded by Doris Colling five years ago for MS patients and their spouses. It's supported by St. Mary Hospital, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and Livonia Family YMCA. It has about 80 members, 60 of whom have MS.

Colling's husband, Emerson, said two physical therapists volunteer their time every Friday for the water exercise program. The Y charges \$2 per person.

Colling added that the Livonia group is the only MS support group in Michigan that meets weekly. The group is open to everyone, no matter the degree of disability. "We sometimes get a little crowded, but we have no intention of excluding anybody."

For additional information, call the Collings at (248) 380-8523.

Arbor Hospice offers grief support groups

No matter what your age is, if you are dealing with grief following the loss of a loved one, Arbor Hospice has a support group that can help.

It's B'Tweeners group for widowed men and women who are still in the workforce meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

For people dealing with a loss due to suicide, Arbor Hospice has a group that meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at Risen Christ

Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

It also has a group for young widows and widowers who are under age 46 that meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, Plymouth.

For more information about the groups and other age and loss specific programs for adults and children offered by Arbor Hospice, call (800) 783-5764 or the Arbor Center in Northville at (248) 348-4980.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Indians get bid

The Michigan Indians 10-and-under Willie Mays-level baseball team, based in Plymouth, has received a bid from the American Amateur Youth Baseball Alliance World Series, Aug. 1-8 in St. Louis. The Indians posted a 36-9 record this season. Other teams competing in the Series will be from Illinois, Missouri, Mississippi, Virginia, Tennessee and Texas.

Members of the Indians are David Carey, Shawn Little and Craig Post (from Canton); Kyle Gendron and Greg Mrrone (Plymouth); Eddie Duggan and Stephen Merlo (Livonia); Shawn Dunford (Westland); Craig LaPlante (Whitmore Lake); Nathan and Nick Sarkissian (South Lyon); and Garrett Ruthig (Brighton). The team is coached by Jim Gendron, Dave Sarkissian and Nick Marrone.

The Indians are currently seeking any corporate or individual sponsorships to help defray the expenses associated with participation in the World Series. Those wishing to help should contact Nick Marrone at (734) 459-0695 for details.

Blind athletes excel

Shawn Donaldson of Livonia and Joe Hamilton of Wayne are among 50 athletes named to represent the United States at the 1998 World Championships for the Blind beginning today and ending July 26.

Donaldson, 24, and Hamilton, 19, each compete in Goalball. Donaldson was a 1996 Atlanta Paralympian who was a national champion in 1997 and Hamilton won the 1996 Junior National Championships.

Goalball is a team sport developed for the blind by the Germans as an athletic activity for returning soldiers rendered blind during World War II. The game consists of two teams of three players to a side that alternate rolling a basketball size ball which contains bells inside back and forth within a standard 18 meter volleyball sized court.

A combination of soccer, softball and bowling, the object of the game is to forcefully roll the ball into a goal that stretches the length of the end line.

All players must wear a blindfold regardless of vision and the length of the game consists of two halves seven minutes each.

Meteor soccer tryouts

The Livonia Y Meteors II, forming a new Under-17 team to compete in the Little Caesar's Open Division, needs one to two more players with birth dates between 8-1-81 and 7-31-83.

Interested players should contact (734) 462-6169 to schedule a tryout.

Coaches wanted

Livonia Ladywood HS is looking for coaches for its varsity and junior varsity tennis teams, a junior varsity field hockey coach, and an assistant varsity swim coach. Those interested should call the Ladywood athletic office at (734) 591-2323 for details.

New hockey team

A new Squirt A hockey team, the Canton Crush, is now forming. The Crush will compete in the Little Caesar's Travel Hockey League. All District 4 players are welcome to tryout.

The final conditioning skate will be from 7-8 p.m. July 22, with tryouts slated for 7-8 p.m. Aug. 3, 4 and 5 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. For more information, call Jeff Lajoie (981-0884), Joe Moore (495-0137) or Wally Hill (451-1538).

Cobras claim Classic

The Plymouth-Canton Cobras, a first-year 11-year-old travel baseball team, made their trip north to compete in the Ithaca Classic last weekend worth their while.

The Cobras defeated the Okemos Chiefs (a 12-year-old travel squad), plus 12- and 13-year-old all-star teams from Mount Pleasant and Ithaca, on Saturday. On Sunday, they beat Okemos a second time to claim the Classic championship.

Bobby Pollard, Steve Williams and Nate Rzeppa each hit two home runs over the fence to pace the offense. Brian Whiting and Rzeppa were pitching winners, with Alex Enright earning one save while closing out three wins.

Other team members are Eric Byrne, Sean Downey, Chris Drabicki, C.J. Greenwell, Buddy Musa, David Scherbaty and Andrew Shumaker. Coaches are Ron Rzeppa, Don Shumaker, Troy Greenwell and Tom Byrne.

Combined teams closer to reality

Based on Monday's vote by the South Redford School Board, the Redford Thurston Hockey Committee is one step closer to its goal of starting a cooperative program this year with Redford Union.

The seven members voted 6 to 1 in favor of "pursuing the issue farther," according to South Redford superintendent John Graves.

The vote calls for the two administrations to proceed with more planning and to bring back the official "resolution for board action," Graves said.

"The Michigan High School Athletic Association requires a very specific resolution," Graves said. "This is certainly a significant step, but not a final step. There are a number of important details to work out."

A final vote of approval, which would require a majority of the seven board members, could be held at the next board meeting, July 27, or the one following, Aug. 10.

Thurston hockey proposal earns early board approval

Aug. 15 is the deadline to inform the MHSAA of districts' intentions to combine programs, Graves said. The MHSAA Executive Committee must approve the cooperative program.

The South Redford administration, including assistant superintendent Bill Weber, Thurston athletic director/assistant principal Bob Sickles and Thurston principal Jim Finn, has recommended delaying the start of a cooperative program.

Its position was stated in a letter dated June 16 from Finn to Graves, the new superintendent.

"There are a number of priorities in the athletic department and expansion of hockey, no matter the mechanism, is not a priority now," said Graves,

relaying the administration's stance. "It's not based on the opposition to hockey, it's based on our understanding of the needs of the (athletic) program at this time."

RU athletic director Jim Gibbons has said RU would welcome a cooperative program and handle the administrative end, including scheduling and selection of coaches. Costs would be minimal for the South Redford district since the cooperative program would be funded mostly by the RU extracurricular task force and fund-raisers, sources say.

Scott Sellin, a member of the Thurston Hockey Committee, said at least 20 people showed up to give their support of the cooperative program.

"There were a bunch, 20 people, maybe more," Sellin said. "We had as many or more RU people there. The RU people who showed up helped us explain to the board how it worked, how it was funded, what

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Tompkins wins Classic

Tompkins also makes cut for Junior Amateur

GOLF

It's been another busy and successful summer on the golf course for Westland resident Chris Tompkins, who will be a senior in the fall at John Glenn High School.

Tompkins won the High School Division of the Traverse City Junior/Collegiate Classic on July 7 and 8 at Schuss Mountain Golf Club.

Tompkins had a two-round total of 153 (77-76) to finish two strokes ahead of second-place Nick Abbruzzese of Okemos. Tompkins' total would have earned him 12th in the College Division.

Plymouth's Gregory Bores, a Henry Ford Community College student, was 24th in the College Division with a two-round total of 158 (84-74).

Tompkins returned to the links on Tuesday and recorded earn one of 11 berths to the Michigan Junior Amateur Championship in a qualifier at The Links of Whitmore Lake. Tompkins' score of 77 gave him 10th place in a 48-player field.

Competing well but missing the cut were Plymouth Township's Evan Currie and Redford Township's Steven Elliot, who fired 82s, Westland's Anthony Fotiu with 92 and Livonia's Chris Jarvis, 98.

Mixed reviews

MU coach hopes impressive recruits offset loss of Sisung

The outlook looked exceedingly bright for Madonna University's volleyball team — until the last two weeks.

That's when coach Jerry Abraham got some bad news: Karin Sisung, his 6-foot-9 star outside hitter, probably will not return for her senior season.

The reason is her academic schedule. The classes she needs to take are at night, and on nights the Lady Crusaders play on.

"She's one of the best outside hitters I've ever had here," said Abraham of Sisung, who was named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the year and was a second-team NAIA All-American for Madonna, which finished 34-15 last season, losing in the NAIA Regional semifinals.

The loss of Sisung and two other outside hitters who could have returned for one more season, 5-11 Nicole Scharer and 5-10 Vicki Toth (from Redford Union), has dimmed Madonna's prospects for the upcoming season — particularly after such a promising recruiting harvest.

"Seniors are seniors," Abraham said of the unanticipated losses. "It's hard



Nice hardware:

Chris Tompkins, who will be a senior in the fall at Westland John Glenn, earned the right to take home this trophy after winning the High School Division of the Traverse City Junior/Collegiate Classic July 7 and 8 at Schuss Mountain Golf Club. Tompkins had a two-day total of 153 (77-76), two shots better than the second-place golfer.

Livonia-based team targets Sylvan Lake

HYDROPLANES

If you missed or didn't get your fill of the hydroplanes at last weekend's Spirit of Detroit Thunderfest, there's another chance Sunday with the return of the 81st annual Sylvan Lake Regatta.

The race, organized by the Oakland County Boat Club, Inc., starts at noon and is free to the public.

Seven classes will compete during the day, with between eight to 10 boats per class.

Among the competitors in the 2.5 litre modified class will be the Linn Racing entry out of Livonia. The boat is owned by Randy Linn of Livonia and driven by his younger brother Steve Linn of Farmington Hills.

Mechanical problems plagued the team most of last year, resulting in a fourth-place finish at the 1997 Sylvan Lake race.

Linn managed a second-place finish at the 1997 Summer Nationals in Hampton, Va. and this year has hit the water flying, winning all four of the events he's entered.

Linn's boat is powered by a highly-modified Alfa Romeo automobile engine, the only kind in use on the American Power Boat Association circuit. Randy Linn has done 90 percent of the development work himself.

Although Steve Linn does the driving he's quick to point out this is a team sport. Another key member of the team is Race Engineer Jim Sechler of Farmington Hills.

"Randy is tireless when it comes to the boat," Steve Linn said. "He is always thinking of new ways to improve it, even during a perfect 4-0 start. I've threatened to take his keys to the shop so he'll leave the boat alone."

"Randy has great development skills but Jim is the best race day mechanic I've seen. His ability to think quickly and handle the high pressure adjustments on the boat is amazing. He also has a great calming effect on the radio for me during the race because I tend to get pretty intense when I drive."

Linn said his boat can reach speeds of 130 miles per hour but this weekend probably not surpass 105 because "Sylvan Lake is a small course with big turns."

Sylvan Lake is located near the intersection of Telegraph and Orchard Lake roads. For more information, call the APBA at (810) 773-9700.



Key addition: Livonia Ladywood graduate and Plymouth resident MaryLu Hemme will be a "big plus for us," according to Madonna coach Jerry Abraham.

to replace them with new kids." But the five newcomers Abraham has joining the team could make the

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Look of success: The Garden City Pee Wee Reese travel baseball team finished 12-8 during the regular season and travels to Macomb for district action this weekend.

Garden City Reese successful

The Garden City Little Caesar Pee Wee Reese travel baseball team (12-under) has won one tournament, finished second in another and fourth in a third.

The team, coached by Dave Cain, Bob Murray and Laura Noonan, finished 12-8 in the American Amateur Baseball Congress Little Caesar Division. It plays in the Macomb District this weekend with hopes of advancing to the regional the last weekend in July in Oregon, Ohio.

SANDLOT

The regional champion advances to the AABC World Series in Puerto Rico.

Garden City was second at the Flushing Tournament on June 19-21, despite winning four consecutive games and scoring an eye-popping 53 runs.

The championship game was rained out, meaning the winner was determined by the first tie-breaker — fewest runs allowed.

In the Fourth of July Tournament held in Howell, Garden City scored 50 runs in six games and lost in the semifinal.

Garden City won the Brighton Tournament last weekend, beating Warren Steele's in the championship game. Garden City erupted for 57 runs over five games.

The team batting average was above .400.

"The kids have phenomenal work ethics," Noonan said. "The kids have a lot of heart and hustle. Team is the big thing, '13 always become one."

Members of the team include: Kenny Bain, Scott Cain, Chris Cappelli, Troy Eden, Greg Hocking (Farmington Hills), Gary Humenay, Jason Lind, Jimmy May, Dustin McGowan, Brian Montgomery, Shaun Murray (Redford), Dominic Noonan and Kyle St. Charles.

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transition much easier. "This is a good recruiting class," he said, "and we needed it. I have high hopes for this class. I'm very excited. All of the freshmen could contribute as freshmen. And none of them are kids that are not going to play."

The biggest of the Madonna recruits is 6-foot middle hitter Nicole Burns, a transfer from NCAA Division I Coastal Carolina University, where she was a starter at outside hitter. Burns "decided to leave after two years," Abraham said; a native of Fort Wayne, Ind., she was given the names of several schools to look at by her club team coach, Steve Fleagle, who coached at Spring Arbor College. Madonna was one of them.

"She's a big recruit for us," Abraham said. "She's a hard worker with a positive attitude."

There are no sure things prior to the preseason, especially for a newcomer, but Burns is about as close as one could get. Abraham admitted "she appears to be a starter at middle hitter for us. We're hoping she can be an impact player. We're hoping she can take that position to another level."

Even with the loss of Sisung, Scharrer, Toth and outside hitter Erin Gregoire (who graduated), the Crusaders still have seven returnees — and four of them are 5-11 or better. With Burns and 5-11 sophomore Brandy Malewski (from Redford Thurston), 6-1 junior Stephanie Uballe and 5-11 sophomore Kelly

Artymovich, Madonna should be tough in the middle.

Thing is, there's more. Also signed was 5-10 Livonia Ladywood graduate MaryLu Hemme, who was all-Observer and all-Catholic League as a middle hitter. "She's a very versatile athlete," said Abraham, who envisions Hemme playing outside hitter for the Crusaders. "She can play on the right side or in the middle. And she can be a primary-type passer. I don't know what position yet she'll play, but she'll be a big plus for us."

Hemme, who had 88 kills as a senior co-captain for a Ladywood team that was loaded with sizeable talent, was singled out by Blazer coach Tom Teeters for "her ability to be a primary passer and middle hitter as a combination (which) gave our team a player essential for its success."

A third front-line player signed by Abraham is 6-1 middle hitter Donna Birkenhimer, from Dearborn Edsel Ford. Initially viewed as a "diamond in the rough" by the Madonna coach, Birkenhimer has improved markedly, causing him to alter his views: "I've seen a ton of improvement," Abraham said of Birkenhimer, who played for the Crusaders AAU junior 18 elite club team.

"She's strong, with a lot of raw talent. She's got size, and she hits the ball with a lot of velocity. She's progressed with a lot of hard work. She could contribute this year for us."

That is precisely how Abra-

ham sees all his recruits — no projects, all versatile players with the ability to play more than one position.

One recruit he hopes to develop quickly is 6-0 Jennie Wind, a Birmingham Groves standout as an outside hitter who Abraham wants to use as a back-up to junior setter Deanne Helsom. Wind was a regular at Abraham's summer camps at Madonna; for her, there wasn't much doubt what college she would attend.

"She's a combination player," he said. "She has good hands and a good court sense, and she has improved each year."

Abraham bolstered his recruiting class last week with the signing of 5-10 outside hitter Heather Adams, from Lakeland HS. "I saw her at camp last week, and was very impressed," he said. Adams, it seems, was overlooked by most college coaches because she didn't play volleyball her sophomore and junior years of high school.

"She's young, skill-wise," Abraham said. "But she seems to be a good athlete. She has very good backcourt skills, she's versatile and has a nice serve."

It all adds up to a promising class, one that fills most of the holes — although Sisung's possible absence leaves a rather large gap. "We're going to be younger than we were two weeks ago," said Abraham.

But still a team with loads of potential.

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the pluses and minuses were. Of course, on my side there are no minuses. They gave us every opportunity to explain our position, our reasonings. I would say most of the board members were accepting."

The loan board dissenter was against the plan because South Redford has traditionally been behind sports that are considered lifetime activities, and hockey is not, the person theorized.

Sellin was confused by that assumption because he believes hockey is one of the more popu-

lar sports played by men over 40 — Finn and Gibbons counted among them.

Michigan Amateur Hockey Association representatives Harold Pagel and Larry Johnson, who have students in the RU district, presented the board numbers to back hockey's popularity.

"I explained that I've played hockey with a goalie who is 75 years old," Sellin said. "Besides bowling, golf and softball, hockey has a bigger participation level over 40 than any sport."

Sellin appreciates how Graves

has taken a neutral stance, yet is willing to listen and cooperate upon the board's approval.

"If this thing goes through he is more than willing to jump in with both feet and help us," Sellin said.

The meeting became long and emotional, according to Sellin.

"One woman got up and said if this does not go through I'm moving," Sellin said. "It was pretty emotional. The (cooperative) program can only do good things for the school. I think the board saw what hockey parents are like."

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Four members of the Under-13 Michigan Hawks girls soccer team placed first at the sixth-annual Channel 7-ABC Warehouse 3-on-3 Soccer Shootout at

Birmingham Groves. Team members included Melissa Dobbyn, Whitney Guenther, Jill Kehler and Marissa Sarkesian. This was a first-place three-peat for Dobbyn.

SPARKY'S SIGNING
Sparky Anderson, former manager of the Detroit Tigers, will sign copies of his new book "They Call Me Sparky" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 21 at Costco, 2343 S. Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 972-4399 for more information.

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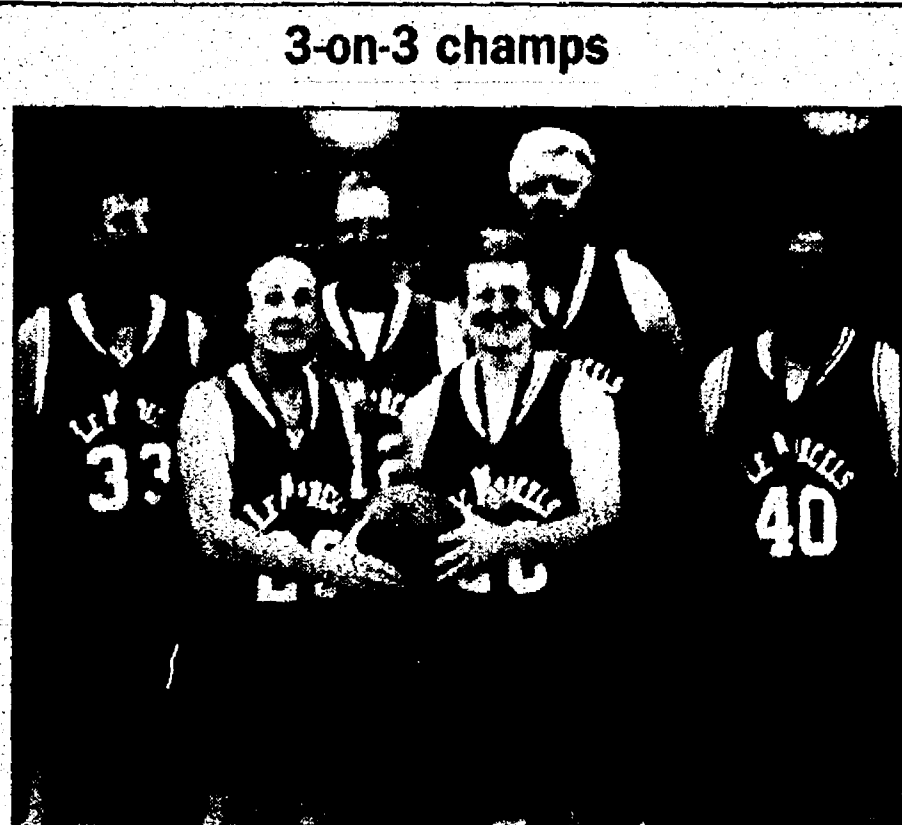
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C'ville wins Flag City meet



3-on-3 champs
Still kickin': The Livonia-based Le Marcel's 3-on-3 senior basketball team swept all three games in the Senior Olympic Tournament held earlier this month in Frankenth. The title qualifies the team to play in the 50-54 age division at the National Senior Olympics in October of 1999 at Orlando, Fla. Members of the Le Marcel's include (left to right) Dan Coop (Plano, Tex.), Jan Chapski (Livonia), Marty Nowak (Plymouth), Dale Alton (Livonia), Bill Lawson (Westland) and MVP Ken Dersey (Plymouth).

The Clarenceville Swim Club defended its championship at the 25-team Flag City Invitational Long-Course Swim Meet held last month in Findlay, Ohio. A pair of relay teams set meet records. The boys open 800-yard freestyle relay team of Michael Porth, Joe Bublitz, Nick Sosnowski and Keith Falk was a record-setter with a winning time of 8:27.83. The 10-under girls foursome of Courtney Green, Chrissy Fleck, Kathryn Kusuplos and Monica Pauza set meet records in the 200 freestyle relay (2:20.83) and 200 medley relay (2:40.95). Following is a listing of top-10 event finishers in each age group among Clarenceville swimmers:

free (40.50), 100 free (1:35.79); second, 50 back (51.36). 10-and-under girls: Courtney Green, first, 50 breast (42.38); second, 100 breast (1:37.96), 50 free (34.60), 100 free (1:18.35), 50 fly (36.61), 100 fly (1:25.56); fourth, 200 IM (3:15.91); fifth, 50 back (42.84). Monica Pauza, second, 50 back (40.68); 100 back (1:27.94); third, 100 breast (1:41.51); fifth, 200 free (2:55.65); sixth, 50 fly (41.31); seventh, 100 free (1:21.20). Kathryn Kusuplos, fourth, 50 back (41.11); fifth, 50 free (35.38), 100 free (1:20.66), 100 back (1:31.67); sixth, 200 free (2:56.88); ninth, 200 IM (3:31.37); 10th, 50 fly (42.38). Charon Parham, sixth, 100 free (1:20.85); eighth, 50 free (36.25), 200 free (3:00.26); ninth, 100 breast (1:50.90); 10th, 50 back (44.36), 200 IM (3:31.50). Chrissy Fleck, seventh, 100 fly (1:37.69), eighth, 50 fly (41.92). Carly Burgo, fourth, 200 free (2:54.44). 11-12 girls: Julie Ward, second, 50 breast (41.28); third, 100 breast (1:32.12); seventh, 200 IM (3:01.58); eighth, 50 free (33.14); 10th, 100 fly (1:28.32). 11-12 boys: Brendan Cummings, ninth, 100 free (1:15.88). Billy Navas, ninth, 100 fly (1:51.68). 13-14 girls: Lindsay Dolin, second, 100 back (1:15.40). Stephanie Cummings, third, 200 back (2:42.52); seventh, 200 IM (2:48.47); eighth, 50 free (31.10). 13-14 boys: Ed Lesnau, first, 100 breast (1:21.68); second, 50 free (28.46); third, 100 free (1:03.67), 200 free (2:29.52), 200 IM (2:43.93); fifth, 400 free (5:16.72). Brett Meconis, first, 100 back (1:14.69), 100 fly (1:08.58); second, 200 free (2:20.10); fourth, 50 free (29.18), 100 free (1:04.81); fifth, 200 fly (2:36.77). Justin Ketterer, second, 100 free (1:21.72), 400 free (4:50.96); fourth, 100 fly (1:15.28). Joe Burmeister, third, 100 back (1:21.72); seventh, 400 free (5:31.03), 200 IM (3:01.23); ninth, 200 free (2:38.77); 10th, 50 free (33.43), 100 free (1:13.54). 15-16 girls: Megan Lesnau, third, 400 free (5:00.65); fourth, 1,500 free (19:50.83), 200 IM (2:44.12), 100 free (1:04.81); fifth, 200 free (2:20.10). Kourtney Dweley, third, 100 free (1:08.05); 10th, 50 free (31.52). 15-16 boys: Joe Bublitz, first, 100 back (1:06.30), 200 IM (2:23.20); second, 50 free (27.54), 200 back (2:25.91), 100 free (59.62), 200 free (2:10.82), 100 fly (1:04.76); fourth, 100 breast (1:21.64). Michael Porth, first, 50 free (27.04), 100 free (57.30), 200 free (2:05.70), 400 free (4:27.21), 100 breast (1:17.30); second, 200 breast (2:44.59). Michael Nemer, fifth, 100 breast (1:23.14); eighth, 100 fly (1:14.98), 200 IM (2:39.99), 200 free (2:27.83); ninth, 200 breast (3:00.07). Senior girls: Becky Noechel, first, 100 breast (1:25.42); second, 400 IM (5:37.55); third, 200 free (2:22.35), 200 IM (2:41.73); fifth, 400 free (4:57.76), 100 fly (1:14.37); sixth, 200 breast (3:06.02). Kelly Carlisle, first, 100 fly (1:09.26), 200 fly (2:33.18), 200 IM (2:38.55); third, 50 free (31.37); fourth, 100 back (1:17.09); eighth, 100 free (1:08.18). Senior boys: Keith Falk, first, 200 fly (2:18.09); second, 400 free (4:25.29); third, 200 free (2:07.30), 1,500 free (17:51.76), 100 breast (1:16.36), 100 fly (1:04.20); fourth, 50 free (27.81), 100 free (59.31). Nick Sosnowski, second, 200 free (2:06.72), 100 back (1:06.99), 200 IM (2:24.69); third, 400 IM (5:07.87); fourth, 200 back (2:28.15); fifth, 400 free (4:34.09). Ted Burmeister, first, 200 breast (2:43.90); second, 100 breast (1:15.82); 10th, 200 IM (2:36.06). RELAY WINNERS 10-under girls: 200 medley (Carly Burgo, Kristina Navas, Jill Fleck, Kieran Dolin), sixth place, 3:20.46; 200 freestyle (Kristina Navas, Jill Fleck, Kieran Dolan, Carly Burgo), fifth place, 2:47.37; 200 freestyle (Emily Navas, Alicia Grant, Alyssa Borth, Marisa Gordon), 10th place, 3:17.29. 11-12 girls: 200 medley (Katelyn Riley, Julie Ward, Allison Goldsmith, Katie Fleck), third place, 2:39.63; 200 freestyle (Katie Fleck, Julie Ward, Katelyn Riley, Melissa Riley), sixth place, 2:26.31. 13-14 boys: 400 medley (Brett Meconis, Ed Lesnau, Justin Ketterer, Jon Burmeister), first place, 5:08.56; 400 freestyle (Ed Lesnau, Brett Meconis, Jon Burmeister, Peter Bublitz), first place, 5:00.71. Girls open: 400 medley (Lindsay Dolin, Becky Noechel, Kelly Carlisle, Megan Lesnau), first place, 4:58.13; 400 freestyle (Kourtney Dweley, Becky Noechel, Meghan Lesnau, Lindsay Dolin), second place, 4:28.80. Boys open: 400 medley (Nick Sosnowski, Ted Burmeister, Keith Falk, Michael Porth), first place, 4:24.97; 400 freestyle (Michael Porth, Nick Sosnowski, Joe Bublitz, Keith Falk), first place, 3:52.68.

OTHER C'VILLE FINISHERS

8-and-under girls: Jill Fleck, first place, 50 free (41.90), 100 free (1:33.61), 50 back (50.23), 50 fly (51.29), 200 free (3:32.57); third place, 50 breast (58.86). Emily Navas, first, 50 breast (55.85); second, 100 free (1:42.04), 50 back (51.71), 50 fly (56.39); 200 free (3:39.41); third, 50 free (44.38). Alyssa Borth, eighth, 50 free (52.54). 8-and-under boys: Jeff Pauza, first, 50

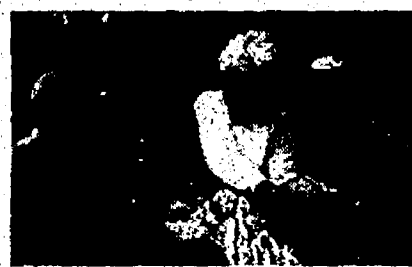
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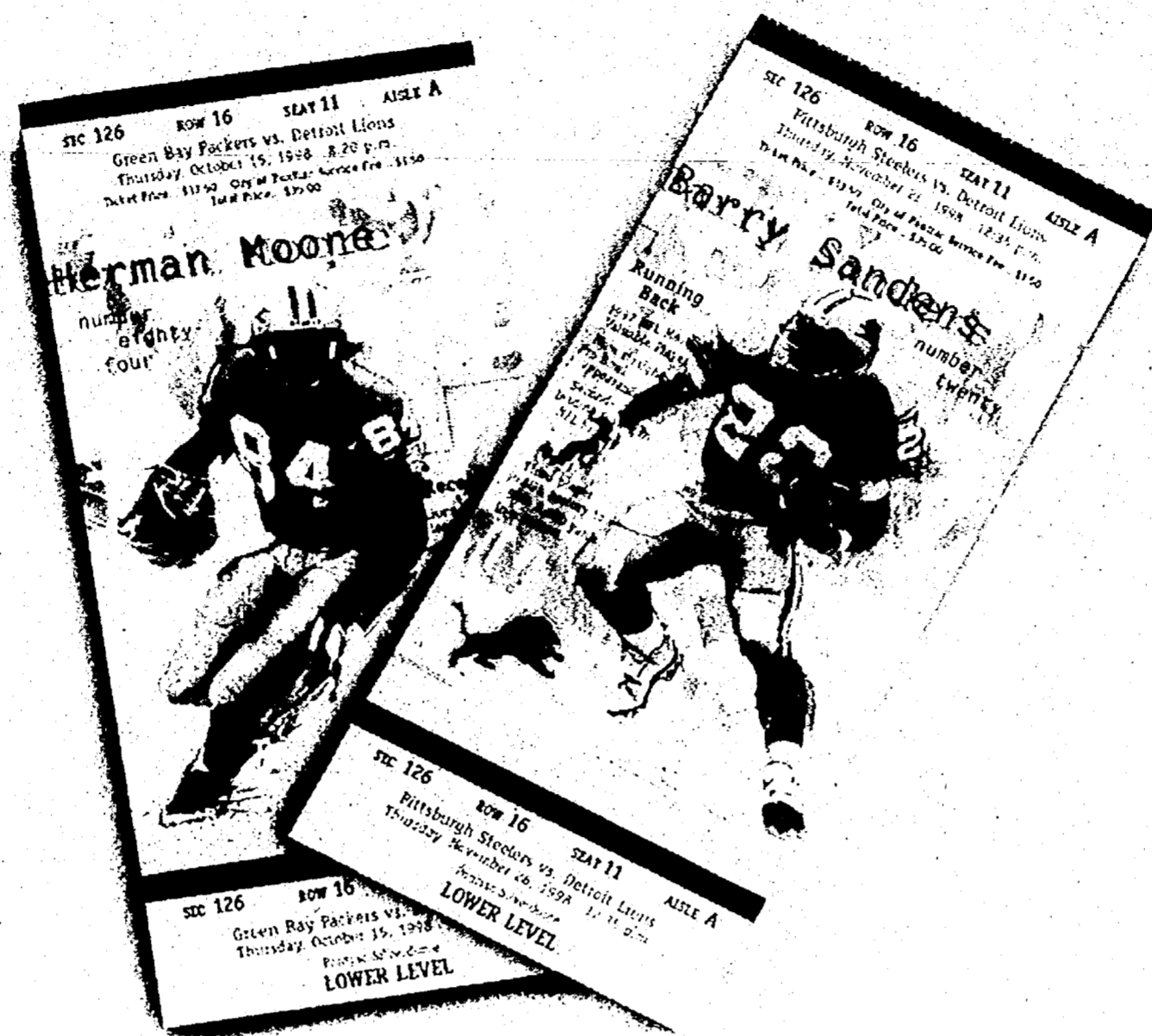
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The Senior Girls 18-under Slow Pitch Softball League had its all-star game Wednesday night and each of the eight teams had four representatives.

The National Division roster included players from Westland No. 2, Garden City No. 1, Wayne Champion Rack and Little Bill's Trophy in Wayne. The American Division was represented by players from Westland No. 1, Garden City No. 2, Westland No. 3 and Livonia-Westland No. 4.

The two all-star teams will enter the Interlakes Commerce State Tournament July 18-19 in Wixom.

Joining the National Division's roster from Westland No. 2, which has enjoyed a 10-0 record and resides in first place in the regular season race, were Chelsea Busch, Sarah King, Jesse Timmer and Mickey Van Goff. Westland No. 2 also had a standout on the pitching mound, Holly Deedler.

The National Division all-star team also included Tasha Russell, Barb Scharfranck, Amanda Davis and Amanda Sturgeon, from Garden City No. 1; Kristin May, Jessica Wenz, Lisa Beninzo and Beth Myers from Wayne Champion

SOFTBALL

Rack; and Samantha Looney, Nicole Looney and Lisa Rich from Little Bill's Trophy in Wayne. The fourth player's name as unavailable.

Westland No. 1, which is in second place in the league with an 8-2 record, placed Melissa Watkins, Jessica Watkins, Tonya Robertson and Patty Hammon on the American Division.

Nicole Berg was the pitcher, being caught by both Krysten Malloy and Jenny Detloff.

Rounding out the American Division all-star roster were Michelle Bradshaw, Mary Beth Casey, Allison Chambers and Amy Floethe of Garden City No. 2; Katie Provot, Karen LaFave, Anne Machowicz and Melissa Nichols of Westland No. 3; and Kristyn Barrons, Julie Gohedotte, Catherine Kruk and Genie D'Annunzio of Livonia-Westland No. 4.

The league playoffs start July 29 and the championship game will be played at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3 at Anderson Field in Wayne.

The Westland teams will meet each other again at 9 p.m. July 22 at J.C. Park.

Late-inning woes

Jimmie's stumbles in last inning of final

MEN'S SOFTBALL

Jimmie's, a men's slow-pitch team out of Westland, placed second at the 30th annual Kira-cofe NIT played on July 11 and 12 in Kalamazoo.

Jimmie's lost to Pace/TPS of Rochester, N.Y., in the finals, 16-15, surrendering a two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

It was the third consecutive game the two teams played in the double-elimination format with Pace winning two of the head-to-head meetings.

Four players from Jimmie's, also sponsored by Varsity Athletics, Easton and Que's Sportswear Apparel, were named to the all-tournament team: center fielder Johnnie Simpson, catcher John Sampson (Westland), right fielder Tom Lengyel and second baseman Brian Donehue (Westland).

Donehue led Jimmie's with a .684 batting average (13 for 19). Simpson batted .619 (13-21), Lengyel .611 (11-18) and nine RBI and Sampson .571 (12-21) with a team-high 13 RBI.

Scott Janack had an on-base percentage of .750 with eight RBI. Scott Hille (Livonia) led Jimmie's in home runs and was second in RBI with 12.

3-4 and combined for eight RBI. Janack hit two homers and had five RBI and Scott Nastally was 4-5.

Jimmie's reached the final four with a 19-15 win over Pace, scoring 13 runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Hille hit a grand slam in the fifth inning and finished 3-4 with six RBI. Riggs was 3-4 with three RBI and Sampson and

Donehue each went 2-3. In the semifinals, Pace recovered from the previous loss by scoring four runs in the seventh to rally for a 14-11 win.

Mark Matchalat (Redford) hit a three-run homer to score Riggs and Lengyel and tie the score in the sixth. Jimmie's gained a brief lead when Donehue doubled and scored on a single by Randy Windham.

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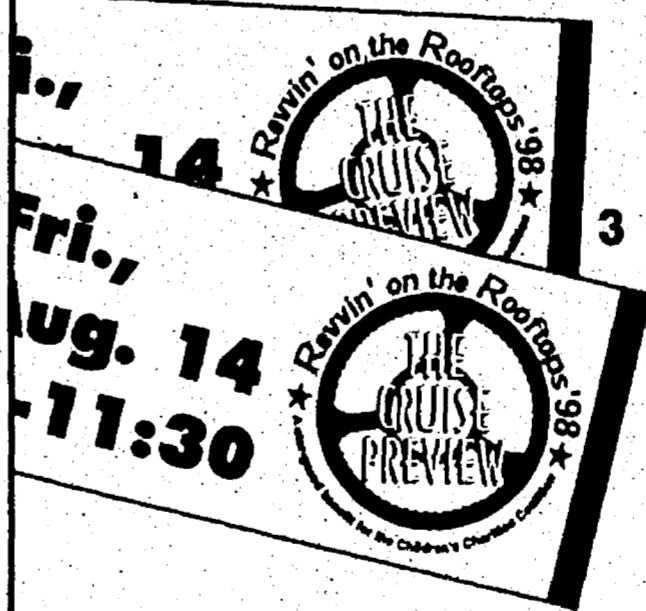
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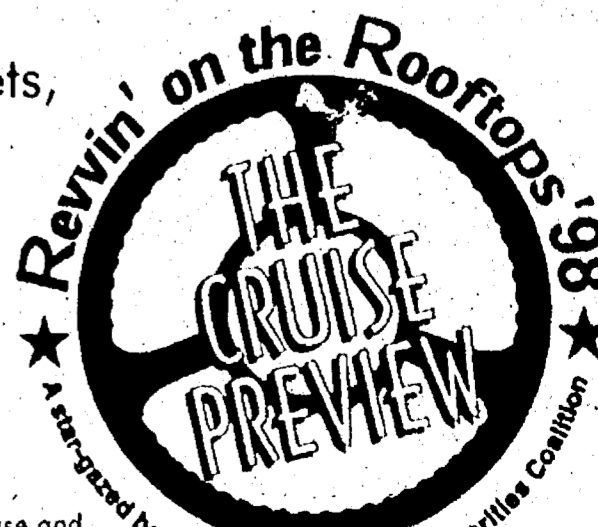
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World wind: Marcus Belgrave, considered a jazz institution by many in metro Detroit, is a featured performer, along with the R.I.K. Reunion Band at the Birmingham Jazz Fest. In background, bassist Dan Kolton and keyboardist Buddy Budson.

B'HAM JAZZFEST

A showcase of homegrown musicians bebops 'Straight Ahead'

On an early July evening with a clear blue sky, a mild breeze and a sense that autumn will never arrive, there's a Hall of Fame gig going on inside an unlikely venue, the Polish Century Club on Detroit's eastside.

The R.I.K. Reunion Band features legendary trumpeter Marcus Belgrave and saxophonist George Benson.

Anyone who has mistaken the sugary sound of "smooth jazz" for the school of dissonant phrasings from Bird, Miles, Monk and Coltrane is about to get an education.

This gig, as these musicians who make up the R.I.K. Reunion Band are fond of saying, is all about straight-ahead jazz. Authentic. Spontaneous. From the soul. Not a preset channel on the melodic dial.

For the most part, it's the type of jazz that distinguishes next week's sixth annual Birmingham Jazzfest where the R.I.K. Reunion Band will perform during the second of three nights on the main stage in Shain Park.

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Hall of fame: Marcus Belgrave, left, performs with local legendary jazz artists Ursula Walker and George Benson in the R.I.K. Reunion Band.

Birmingham Jazzfest

WHEN: Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25.

WHERE: Shain Park downtown Birmingham, south of Maple Road (between Henrietta and Bates Streets). Participating restaurants are located in or near downtown Birmingham. A trolley will be making regular rounds to each restaurant Friday and Saturday night.

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Shain Park Schedule

THURSDAY, JULY 23

■ 7:30-9 p.m. - Alexander Zonjic and Friends

FRIDAY, JULY 24

■ 7:30-8:30 p.m. - The R.I.K.'s Reunion Band featuring Marcus Belgrave, George Benson & Ursula Walker.
■ 8:45-9:45 - The Sun Messengers

SATURDAY, JULY 25

■ noon to 1 p.m. - The Paul Ventimiglia Group
■ 1:15-2:15 p.m. - Orquestra Fuego
■ 2:30-3:30 p.m. - The Wayne State University Big Band
■ 3:45-4:45 p.m. - SCool Jazz PRime
■ 6-7 p.m. - The Judie Cochill Ensemble featuring vibraphonist Robert Pippo
■ 7:15-8:15 p.m. - Millie Scott & The Dream Band featuring Perry Hughes on guitar
■ 8:30-9:30 p.m. - Straight Ahead

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

■ 6:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, July 24 on the steps of Birmingham City Hall, 151 Martin - "Summer in the City" featuring Madcat and Kane
■ 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 25, Shain Park - Chautauqua Express

At the Restaurants - Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25

- Alban's Restaurant, 35064 Woodward, (248) 258-5788 - Sheila Landis 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday.
- Bad Frog Tavern, 555 Old Woodward, (248) 642-9400 - Robert Penn 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday.
- Bates Street Cafe, 380 S. Bates, (248) 644-5832 - David Myles & Mylestones 9:30-11:30 p.m. Thursday; 9 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday.
- Big Rock Chop & BrewHouse, 245 S. Eton, (248) 647-7774 - Larry Nozero 8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday-Saturday; Jazodity 6-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, and 7-11 p.m. Saturday.
- Dick O'Dows, 160 Maple (248) 642-1135 - The Distractions 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday; Company of Strangers 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday; Odd Enough 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday.
- Edison's, 220 Merrill, (248) 645-2150 - Gary Schunk 8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday; Sandra Bomar 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday; Dwight Adams 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday.
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'Polish Wedding' full of controversy

Director Theresa Connelly's suite at The Ritz-Carlton is fit for a queen. Mouth-watering tortes are displayed atop silver serving trays. The strawberries burst with color so much that you'd swear they were injected with red dye. Step back to the window, near the table boasting several flavored coffees and the Renaissance Center stands majestically beyond the war-torn Southfield Freeway.

Still, reclining on an embroidered couch, Connelly is uncomfortable.

The media have just reported that the Anti-Bigotry Committee of the Pol-

ish American Congress is unhappy with Connelly's portrayal of a Polish family in her debut film "Polish Wedding," which opens Friday, July 17. Committee chairman Frank Milewski called it blasphemous, offensive and "a deplorable depiction of the Polish-American community." Reviewers have also called it "schmaltzy and immoral."

"Polish Wedding" tells the story of Polish immigrant parents Jazia and Bolek (Lena Olin and Gabriel Byrne) and their rebellious daughter Hala (Claire Danes), a high school dropout who becomes pregnant by a Hamtram-

ck cop Russell (Adam Trese).

"I'm still wondering if it is not one person who constitutes this organization. It's amazing that I've never been contacted," Connelly said, speaking as fast as an out-of-control speeding train.

"I'm quite chagrined about what was written in the Chicago Sun Times. The word that really bothered me was 'immoral.' I would expect to weather (a storm) of outcry if I had made an immoral movie. But since when is making love, conceiving a baby, getting mar-



Director Theresa Connelly

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MUSIC FESTIVAL

After hitting gold with 'Rock Spectacle,' Barenaked Ladies join H.O.R.D.E.

With innocent-looking crystal blue eyes, jet black goatee and affable style, Ed Robertson is ready to pick a fight.

Detroit and Windsor music listeners have long prided themselves as the biggest fans of Robertson's just-as-affable pop band Barenaked Ladies. But that may soon change.

"Detroit is certainly one of our biggest places. It was our biggest place. New Year's Eve was the biggest show we've ever done. But Boston's eclipsing you guys now," singer/guitarist Robertson said slyly awaiting a response.

Well, he got his answer when Robertson and the rest of his Toronto-based band pulled up to Harmony House in Farmington Hills on Tuesday, July 7, for an in-store performance.



Pulling a "Stunt:" The Ladies - including, from left, singer Steven Page, bassist Jim Creegan and singer/guitarist Ed Robertson - celebrated the release of its latest album "Stunt."

More than 1,500 people with umbrellas in hand were waiting in a line that snaked in front of Harmony House, around Knatt's Garden area and down the side of the building. Another 500 who picked up special laminate passes were inside.

"It was great," an obviously thrilled Robertson said in the store's storage area shortly after the Barenaked Ladies set. "We're trying to get to all the places that traditionally have the biggest fan base for us."

Yes, Boston is included in that list. Barenaked Ladies fans have two more chances to show their enthusiasm for the band on Saturday-Sunday, July

THE H.O.R.D.E. FESTIVAL takes place from 2:30-10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 18-19, at Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets, \$33 pavilion and lawn, are still available. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.pafacenet.com>

THE LINEUP (subject to change)

- On the main stage:**
- Surfin' Pluto 2:30-3 p.m.
 - Alana Davis 3:50-4:30 p.m.
 - Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals 5-6 p.m.
 - Blues Traveler 6:30-8 p.m.
 - Barenaked Ladies 8:30-10 p.m.
- On the second stage:**
- Fighting Gravity 3:20-3:50 p.m.
 - Chris Stills 4:30-5 p.m.
 - Huffamoose 6:30 p.m.
 - Gov't Mule 8-8:30 p.m.

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Jazzfest

In addition to the band of legendary musicians, the Jazzfest also features the bluesy attitude of The Sun Messengers, the raw energy of the well-traveled Straight Ahead and the ethereal sound of flutist Alexander Zonjic.

Amid a diverse program in this year's Jazzfest, there's an unmistakable common home-grown feel. But, while the musicians may have a metro Detroit address, there's no pigeonholing their music.

Accessible jazz

"It's a community event, so why not keep it in the community," said Robert Pipho, musical director of the Jazzfest.

"That's an approach born from necessity as much as tradition."

In the last five years, the Jazzfest has continually reinvented itself. In 1993, the festival began with an indoor concert featuring the Johnny Trudell Band at the former Birmingham Theater.

But in recent years, the festival had looked to artists on the national jazz scene to compete for audiences in the busiest concert season of the year. Last year's show featured international recording artists Kevin Mahogany and alto saxophonist

Kenny Garrett.

This year's Jazzfest, however, is clearly on familiar and accessible jazz, said Pipho.

That's due in part to a slightly smaller budget, fewer corporate sponsorships and the desire of the participating restaurant owners to increase attendance.

"We have more mainstream and commercial music," he said. "The reasoning is that it might bring in more people."

While the emphasis is on creating more of a party atmosphere than a traditional celebration of jazz, Pipho said there will be more than a passing nod to the "straight ahead" jazz heritage of Belgrave, Benson and other longtime musicians.

"There are jazz purists who won't acknowledge any other form of jazz," said Pipho. "But there are simply many types of jazz. We have everything from the Chicago blues sound to the music of Monk, Cole Porter and Sinatra."

Higher register

The annual Jazzfest has become much-anticipated, not only by jazz enthusiasts, but by local restaurateurs.

Over the three-day festival, some restaurants have recorded a 25 percent increase in business, according to Bill Roberts, president of the 14-member Birmingham Restaurant Collection.

Apparently, there's a greater intangible benefit than keeping the cash registers ringing.

"This is a significant image event for us," said Roberts. "This brings folks to town who may have been to Birmingham in some time."

"Of course, (the Jazzfest) can only be so big. This isn't Montreux. We want this to be a community event."

Based on the ethnic and racial composition of the audiences in past years, the Jazzfest will be appreciated by a multicultural community.

"Jazz just lends itself to diverse audiences," said Leslie Drolet of The Community House in Birmingham, coproducers of Jazzfest.

"This makes Birmingham a destination point and adds to our image as a happening place."

Anytime Belgrave, Benson and their bandmates Buddy Budson and Ursula Walker share a stage, the gig ain't routine.

By sheer force of personalities, perseverance and longevity, Belgrave and Benson are much more than established musicians. Through their playing, teaching and inspiration, they, as much as any two jazz artists in recent history, embody the gritty spirit and never-say-die attitude of many area jazz musicians.

"It's an education every time I play with them," said Budson, a keyboardist in R.I.K. Reunion

Band and a regular along with Walker at Birmingham's Forte's. "Their quality is on the level of musicianship anywhere in the world."

Perusing the musical biographies of Belgrave and Benson is like taking a stroll through the history of American jazz over the last five decades. Belgrave has toured with Ray Charles, Ella Fitzgerald, Charles Mingus, Bud Powell, Aretha Franklin, Sammy Davis, Jr., and Dizzy Gillespie. Meanwhile, Benson has played with Tommy Flanagan, Yusuf Latef, J.C. Heard and performed on many Motown recordings.

While their contemporaries chose paths to other large cities where recording contracts were more lucrative, and opportunities to perform with headlining artist were more plentiful, Belgrave, Benson, Walker and other world-class jazz musicians chose to stay in Detroit.

And next week, the R.I.K. Reunion Band will remind audiences that world-class musicians are not only from Detroit, but live and perform in the area.

At the end of the early July concert, Benson twisted the mouthpiece from his gold-plated saxophone, and placed it in his case.

At one time, he worked seven days a week, playing gigs in halls and nightclubs. For a night, he's shown those at the Polish Club in Detroit why his sound continues to resonate.

Benson smiles as he lays his sax comfortably in its sculpted case.

"It's all in a day's work." But he and Belgrave sure make it seem timeless.

Controversy

ried and keeping your baby immoral?" she defiantly added. "Polish Wedding" has its fair share of controversy, however. Danes' character, Hala, does shots of vodka while she is pregnant.

"She doesn't drink as much as the girl in 'The Snapper,'" Connelly said of the Irish movie, a sequel to "The Commitments."

"This is life. She smokes also. I don't know what to say. What do you want me to say, 'My mother gave me vodka when I was pregnant?' Plus, it's only a little toast," she added with a smile.

The words "pierogi" and "dumplings" are used interchangeably. There is no on-screen Polish wedding. After a deep sigh, Connelly admitted that she hasn't learned to "toughen up."

Not all the reviews have been bad, Connelly added.

"I happen to have spoken to Polish people. Women practically mobbed me. They loved the portrayal of the mother. I did not make a movie about being Polish. I made a humanistic drama," she said.

Connelly was born to a Polish mother and Irish father. After briefly residing in Hamtramck, Connelly and her family moved to the Six Mile Road area of Detroit and then settled in Royal Oak where she graduated from Dondero High School.

"Glenn Frey (of The Eagles) used to mow our lawn. It was nice to see this big, hunky guy mowing our lawn. Actually back then all the guys used to mow the lawn with their shirts off," she explained.

In "Polish Wedding," Connelly shares her love of shirtless men, especially with Trese. The idea behind "Polish Wedding" began with her mother's funeral where a stranger told her that he had been in love with her mother for most of his life.

"Everybody in my neighborhood is a butcher, baker, policeman or factory worker; people who seem to live very simple lives. But what I suddenly realized is the epic level of life that goes on behind the appearance of simplicity - lives with great loves that have gone unfulfilled, with children that have been given up, with all kinds of poignancy, ironies and truly poetic beauty. All of it so rarely captured on film," she explained.

Connelly, who lives in Vermont with her husband and children, also explained that she wanted to capture the innocence of Michigan.

"Back then you could drive into a gas station and some kid would come over with his overalls, and he would be wearing a

baseball hat. Suddenly, he would pull up his vest and expose these incredible, blue eyes and beautiful face. In Michigan, there's unsupervised every-where."

In 1994, Connelly submitted the "Polish Wedding" script to Sundance Writers' Lab. She was accepted and the Lab made its way to producer Steve Chasman and Geoff Storer. Connelly said she was thrilled that her first choices - Olin, Byrne and Danes - agreed to do the film.

"I wanted a Polish Sophia Loren and Marcello Mastroianni. I considered a lot of American actresses. There's not many American actresses who wish to be portrayed as a mother," she said.

Connelly explained that Olin was perfect for the part because she, like most European women, isn't afraid to "let it all hang out." Therefore, it was important to find a strong male counterpart.

"If you have a lot of woman, you have to have a lot of man," she said with a chuckle.

Working on a shoestring budget, Connelly called upon her family to help with props and extras. Her aunt owned the closet-full of pickles that Olin and Danes munch on. Her sisters chose the furniture.

The cast learned to love the Detroit area as much as Connelly. Byrne, while staying at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, frequented the nearby Toss-Ups and visited Dick Cavett's.

According to Connelly, the cast learned to love each other, as well.

It wasn't all pirogies and pierogies, however. The making of "Polish Wedding," which was filmed in the summer of 1996 in Hamtramck and Detroit, was a struggle. In an effort to avoid going too far over budget, "a lot of the script was cut." Still, she said, the spirit of the movie remained.

Recently, Connelly did an interview with Entertainment Weekly and subsequently, the magazine printed that she was unhappy with the film. Connelly said she was upset with the article.

"There were some parts that I wanted to stay in but that is hardly a thumb down on my own movie," she said.

Connelly is working on two movies, "Neurotica" and "Days of the Dead."

But for "Polish Wedding," she said she wishes the complaints would stop.

"I resent it. It has caused unfortunate pain in my family."

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18-19, when it performs as part of the H.O.R.D.E. Festival at Pine Knob. Also slated to play are Blues Traveler, Alana Davis, Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals, Detroit's Surfin' Pluto, and Huffmoose among others.

Unlike the rest of the three-month tour, the Barenaked Ladies will swap places with Blues Traveler and headline the shows.

The in-store performance celebrated the release of the Barenaked Ladies' fourth and best studio album, "Stunt" (Reprise). "Stunt" features the best of the Barenaked Ladies - seamless raps ("One Week"), bouncy melodies ("Alcohol"), lush harmonies ("It's All Been Done," "Told You So"), and whimsical lyrics ("One Week," "Who Needs Sleep?").

Busy Ladies

Incessant touring since the 1996 release of "Born on a Pirate Ship" (Reprise) postponed the making of "Stunt."

"We've been touring our asses off," Robertson said with a laugh.

"We were just on the road constantly and the fact that that sort of success just kept building and we couldn't seem to go away. There were always shows we had to play and just when one place would go over the top, we'd go and play there and hear that another city was going nuts."

To satisfy the fans' need for new material, the Barenaked Ladies released "Rock Spectacle" (pronounced Rock Spectack, the French pronunciation), a collection of live songs recorded in Chicago and Montreal.

"We didn't even want to put it out. It was more sort of a fan and management pressure to make a live record. So we were sort of bowing mostly to management who really wanted to get something out there. It was a long time in between 'Born on a Pirate Ship' and what would end up being 'Stunt,'" Robertson explained.

As the band - which also includes bassist Jim Creeggan, drummer Tyler Stewart, singer Steven Page and keyboardist Kevin Hearn - began piecing the album together, it realized it

wasn't such a bad idea.

"We thought maybe we'll just do a maxi single with a couple of live songs. Then we started listening to the tapes and we thought 'These sound really good.' We tried to pick two songs and then that wouldn't have rounded it out enough. Then it was four and then five and then six and then 12."

The Barenaked Ladies finally took time off in fall 1997 to write the songs for "Stunt." The first single, "One Week," took much longer than that to write, Robertson said.

"I tried to write the song 'One Week' for weeks. I was working on it and working on it. I was sitting down and laboring over these rhyming schemes and trying to get it to really flow well. Finally I thought, 'I make up better stuff than this on stage every night. I started freestyling stuff and kept the stuff I liked. After four weeks, I finally wrote the final 'One Week' in about five minutes."

Freestyle rapping has been a staple of Barenaked Ladies' performances since the band formed

in 1988. Robertson even threw it in Tuesday at Harmony House, rapping about Northwest Airlines losing his luggage.

Fans at the Barenaked Ladies sold-out New Year's Eve show at The Palace of Auburn Hills got a preview of "Stunt" with the songs "It's All Been Done" and "Never is Enough."

The charm of "Stunt" is that it shows all sides of the Barenaked Ladies. There's endearing songs like the ballad "Light Up My Room" where Robertson sings "If you question what I would do/To get over and be with you/Lift you up over everything/To light up my room."

"Alcohol" is the best tribute to drink since Howlin' Maggie's song of the same name. With mock dramatic resolve, Page sings: "But now I know that there's a time and there's a place where I can choose/To walk the fine line between self-control and self-abuse." Listening to it conjures up images of Hearn joggling in place behind his keyboards.

"I think that for some reason, a lot of artists are afraid to show

all of their sides. Maybe they don't think about those other things. Right from the beginning, we've been very conscious to write about everything that we think, whether it be really serious, whether it be a song about sexual violence and the horrible trapped feelings in a relationship, or whether it be the extreme of 'One Week,'" he said.

"We think about all of those things so why not write about all of those things. Maybe they're worried that their audience won't get it. We have the best audience in the world. We play a pretty eclectic group of songs every night and we do freestyle rapping. We hack around and play cover songs and some really serious songs. That's a fortunate thing."

Fans were just as frenetic at Harmony House. Sandy Bean of the Harmony House corporate office in Troy said 1,220 copies of "Stunt" were sold in the Farmington Hills store alone on Tuesday. She added that her organization was impressed with the well-behaved crowd.

As the Barenaked Ladies took the stage at Harmony House, one man yelled "Merci beaucoup." A girl in the front row wore a homemade shirt that said "Steven Page's Yoko Ono," in reference to the song "Be My Yoko Ono."

After a hackneyed version of Neneh Cherry's "Buffalo Stance," and during rousing rendition of "If I Had \$1 Million," the Barenaked Ladies joked about the heat that filled the store.

"If I had \$1 million, maybe I could buy an air conditioner," Page sang. The song broke down as Robertson welcomed the audience to the "sauna and bath house. The big lineup outside is for a Swedish massage."

Robertson responded, "That means you get a massage by members of ABBA or Roxette."

Fans listening via loud speakers outside in the rain laughed and those inside roared with enthusiasm confirming to Robertson, who later affirmed that Detroit has the best rock fans.

Musician overflows with Latin rhythms

Jim Stefanson sits intently at a computer. Everyday he works on composing and arranging new works for his Latin Jazz Combine. So much music that it seems to overflow.

"I've got so much music to play," he said.

Though he is reluctant to talk about it, or to make an issue of it, Stefanson has had to make some adjustments in his life and his music.

Multiple sclerosis has confined him to a wheelchair and he's had to replace his saxophone for a chromatic harmonica. But for Stefanson, the music comes first and he never stops creating.

The Jim Stefanson Latin Jazz Combine will perform at the Michigan Jazz Festival at the Botsford Inn in Farmington, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 19, on the patio stage. The concerts are free.

The current group started in 1988 and has performed at seven

Montreux Detroit Jazz Festivals and other gigs. But Stefanson has been performing since he was 15 with a variety of different groups.

"I fell into it," he said. "I always loved jazz."

His first influence was Charlie (Bird) Parker, the legendary bop sax player.

"He was my biggest inspiration. But I was also attracted to exotic rhythms. I studied Afro-Cuban for a lot of years from a friend from South America," he said.

He became co-leader of a salsa band, La Combinacion or The Combination, which played for years around Michigan and Ohio.

Despite Stefanson's love for jazz and Latin music, when asked to name his favorite composers he mentions Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and modern composers Stravinsky and Bartok.

"I can't pinpoint any arrangers that influenced me, they all have. Arrangers are the unsung heroes, they don't get much mention," he said.

The move from saxophone to harmonica, an instrument usually associated with blues and folk music, hasn't been easy, but it was necessary.

"I try to play it like a sax," Stefanson said. "I can't play it as fast, but I'm just glad I can play something. I don't have the dexterity needed to play the sax. For the harmonica you don't need fingering."

He has listened to some jazz harmonica players like Howard Levy and, also, to the great blues players.

"But I just try to play straight jazz. We do blues, but it's a jazz blues," he said.

Stefanson's group on Sunday will include some of the best

area jazz performers. The group includes Russ Miller on alto sax, Steve Wood on tenor sax, Bob Mohica on trumpet, Sven Anderson on piano, Paul Keller on Bass, Tom Brown on drums and Al Nacif on congas.

"Everybody in this band is an excellent soloist, and I like to give them room for solos. Everybody gets a chance to put in their improvised conception," he said.

Playing festivals is fun, but Stefanson wants a more permanent setting for his voluminous compositions.

"There are a lot of places popping up in Birmingham and Royal Oak," he said. "I wish I could get a once a week gig."

Toward that end, the Latin Combine will be recording a CD later this year.

"Once you get a CD, that's your calling card. Hopefully, this will get me more concerts."

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JOHN MONAGHAN

I know what you're going to say: It's supposed to be stupid. The problem is, "There's Something About Mary" isn't all that funny. The latest from the Farrelly Brothers, the team that brought you "Dumb and Dumber" and "Kingpin," offers much of the same.

The same means that the movie relies on the most juvenile humor imaginable. Ten excruciating minutes are spent while the main character (Ben Stiller)

struggles in the bathroom with his member trapped in a zipper as his date's father, mother and even the local fireman pop in for a look.

And this is when the movie still shows promise. Stiller and Cameron Diaz are surprisingly winning as teenagers in 1983. His Ted is an average guy with a helmet of bad hair and a mouthful of metal who somehow scores a prom date with Mary, a fox with a long mane of blow-dried blonde locks and tight jeans.

The zipper fiasco not only cuts their prom date short, but Ted's too embarrassed to speak to her. It's 15 years later and he still can't get Mary out of his mind, so he hires a slick claims investigator (Matt Dillon) to do a little

after hours snooping.

Truly funny moments pop up in "Mary," but, like many Hollywood comedies, they are all revealed in the trailer. It's no secret that Dillon's investigator falls for Mary and, in trying to impress her, overdoses her nasty little dog with sleeping pills. While Mary is in the kitchen, he administers mouth-to-mouth and employs a frayed light cord to revive the dog with electroshock.

It's a truly manic, funny, and sick moment, and it's what the Farrellys do best. Then, knowing that this kind of humor grows tiresome after while, they attempt something different by actually trying to make us like these one-dimensional charac-

ters.

The ubiquitous Cameron Diaz (she has appeared in something like five movies in as many months) is mostly up to the task. A fairly breezy comedienne capable of some depth (remember the embarrassing karaoke scene in "My Best Friend's Wedding"?), she portrays in Mary what most guys will think is the perfect woman.

She drives a trendy 4 by 4, follows football, doesn't necessarily care about looks and money, and spends most of her free time on the driving range. And, most importantly, she's a babe, as evidenced by a pair of stakeout scenes where she drools at her window, further proof that the filmmakers are influenced far more by "Porky's" than Preston Sturges.

And sometimes you do feel for everyman Ben Stiller, who plays straight man to a string of "wacky" characters that cross his path, including a cranky guy in a wheelchair, a moronic hitchhiker and Mary's mentally retarded brother. Few afflictions remain unscathed.

Jonathan Richman, the college-circuit songwriter, appears with acoustic guitar and drummer on the street, in a tree, whenever we need a break from the action. He wrote the music for the film and its self-conscious dippiness ("Love isn't nice," one of his ditties reports) fits the



GLORI WATSON/TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX
Vying for affection: Pat Healy (Matt Dillon, left) tries to worm his way into the affections of Mary (Cameron Diaz, center) and her friend Magda (Lin Shaye) in "There's Something About Mary."

comedy's quirky mood well.

Perhaps the biggest surprise in "There's Something About Mary" is Matt Dillon's often hilarious turn as the gumshoe whose investigation of Mary gives him a leg up on what she likes in a guy. How does he spend his spare time? "I work with retarded," he tells her, knowing that Mary's brother is mentally challenged.

OK. Thinking back on it, there

were more than a couple of funny moments. Compared to the antiseptic romantic comedies out now (most starring a cast member from "Friends"), there are worse ways to fritter a night away than with the hit-and-miss "Mary."

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SCREEN SCENE

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

Abbey Theatre - 14 Mile at I-76, Madison Heights. Call (248) 588-0881 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students/seniors; \$3 twilight)

"The Last Days of Disco" (USA-1998). Another talkfest from Whit Stillman, director of "Metropolitan" and "Barcelona," set in the late 1970s. Here a group of young twentysomethings ponder their future at the end of the Disco era.

Magic Bag - 22920 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information.

"Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" (USA-1998). 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16. The year's first movie destined for cultdom takes you into the warped mind of Gonzo journalist Hunter Thompson (an impossibly over-the-top Johnny Depp) as he travels to Las Vegas with a briefcase full of hallucinogenics. Directed by Terry Gilliam, who proved, in his earlier "Twelve Monkeys" and "Brazil," how adept he is at portraying other worlds on screen. (\$2)

"Spike and Mike's Sick and

Twisted Festival of Animation. Tuesday, July 21 through Sunday, Aug. 2 (call for showtimes). An encore presentation of the festival, highlighted by the unaired "South Park" pilot episode, "The Spirit of Christmas." Also on the bill: "Smoking," "Fast Driver" (a gay take on "Speed Racer"), and "Sloaches Fun House," which earns its title as "grossest cartoon ever made." (\$6)

Main Art Theatre - 118 N. Main (at 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students/seniors and matinees; \$3 twilight)

"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.

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

"The Hanging Garden" (USA-1998). An offbeat drama about a 25-year-old gay man who returns home to his seriously dysfunctional family after a 10-

year absence.

"Buffalo 66" (USA-1998). In this update of an old "screwball" premise, Vincent Gallo plays an ex-con who hatches a preposterous plan to impress his uncaring parents. With the help of a kidnapped Christina Ricci, he assumes the role of upstanding husband and family man. Starts Friday.

Midnight movies - "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," "City of Lost Children," and "The Beyond" are the cult films playing at the witching hour Friday and Saturday nights.

Maple Art Theatre - Maple at Telegraph, Bloomfield. Call (248) 855-9090 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 before 6 p.m.)

"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, including Jessica Lange, Elizabeth Shue, and Bob Hoskins.

"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.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, July 17

"THE MASK OF ZORRO"
Romantic adventure of love and honor, of tragedy and triumph, set against Mexico's fight for independence from Spain. Stars Antonio Banderas, Anthony Hopkins, Catherine Zelta Jones.

"POLISH WEDDING"
Romantic comedy of maternal mishaps about a working class family who never allow life's triumphs, tragedies and forces to interrupt the cycles of love and creation.

"NAPOLEON"
An all-animal cast is featured in this live-action adventure of a 10-week-old golden retriever's unexpected balloon ride into the outback.

Scheduled to open Friday, July 24

"SAVING PRIVATE RYAN"
A story based on the true events of six U.S. Army soldiers on assignment behind enemy lines to save one private. Stars Tom Hanks, Edward Burns, Tom Sizemore, Matt Damon.

"MAFIA!"
Organized crime is the target of this spoof of mob movies. Stars Lloyd Bridges.

"DISTURBING BEHAVIOR"
A horror thriller of a small town's nefarious process of transforming its rebellious teens. Stars James Marsden. Scheduled to open Wednesday, Aug. 5

"HALLOWEEN: H2O"
It's been twenty years since the first pumpkin was carved by Michael Myers...would you like to know what every-one else is up to now?

Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 7

"EVER AFTER: A CINDERELLA STORY"
Fresh spin on one of our most beloved tales. Stars Drew Barrymore, Anjelica Huston.

"THE NEGOTIATOR"
Story of a maverick hostage negotiator who becomes the victim of a police frame up. He turns the tables by taking the chief of internal affairs hostage and finds an ally in the negotiator assigned



RECO TORRES/TRISTAR PICTURES
Hero: Antonio Banderas plays Zorro, the gallant bandit-turned-hero who saves his people from the hands of the evil Don Rafael Montero in "The Mask of Zorro."

to the situation he's created. Stars Samuel L. Jackson and Kevin Spacey.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Aug. 12

"HOW STELLA GOT HER GROOVE BACK"
Based on the best seller by Terry McMillan, the story of a 40-year-old African-American woman who takes a spur of the moment trip to Jamaica and meets the man of her dreams, except he's only half her age. Stars Angela Bassett, Whoopi Goldberg.

Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 14

"AIR DUB: GOLDEN RECEIVER"
Buddy, the talented dog, continues his adventures when he becomes a kidnap target. Stars Kevin Zegers.

"THE INVENCIBLE"
The unflappable duo of John Steed and Emma Peel are united again. This time to stop a diabolical scientist with plans for world domination. Stars Ralph Fiennes.

STREET SCENE

Alana Davis influenced by jazz



Celebrating release: The Hope Orchestra is having CD release party for its latest album "Gift" Friday, July 17, at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

Hope Orchestra has a 'Gift' for its fans

Music is something for which Asta Jurgutis will fight. Even as a teenager living in England, Jurgutis wasn't about to leave her first rock concert early.

"I went to Hyde Park to see Queen. My mom gave me permission to take the train into the city with my friend. So Queen is playing 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and my friend says 'We gotta go. We gotta go back to my girlfriend's apartment,'" Jurgutis explained.

"To put it down on paper and to share it is more of a salve. When emotions are that strong, you have to do something. Running really fast doesn't help," Jurgutis said.

"Miguel," she explained, is one of her favorite songs on the disc because she gets to sing in Spanish.

"We also have a horn section that's amazing. It is Walter White who played for, oh, that guy who sings like Frank Sinatra. Harry Connick Jr."

The Hope Orchestra's sound was colored with guest performances by keyboardist Louis Resto of Was (Not Was), and conga player Al Berdayes of the Lidettes.

The three founding members — Jurgutis, lead guitarist George Schuster of Royal Oak and rhythm guitarist Gary Sosnick of Detroit — write most of the songs although each takes a somewhat different approach.

Sosnick and Schuster record their songs to tape and bring them to rehearsal. Jurgutis prefers the chemistry of writing with a partner.

The band also includes bassist Joe Stover of Pontiac, drummer Charles Miller, and fiddler Jim Flynn of Dearborn, formerly of the rock band The Opaque.

Jurgutis, a first-generation American, was born to Lithuanian parents in Detroit. Her family moved to England and then returned to Michigan settling in Farmington Hills. English is her second language.

"I always love to sing. Lithuanians are a very musically oriented culture. Lithuanian is my first language. I went to Lithuanian school on the weekend. I was in the Lithuanian Girl Scouts, choir, dance group. I was always singing," she explained.

Jurgutis was introduced to the nightclub scene through a woman she met in college whose brother was in a band.

"We did duets and I decided that I really liked doing this in front of people," she explained.

Now, she and her band have sold more than 5,000 records. She chalks it up to The Hope Orchestra's relentless performances.

Life is rough for Alana Davis. At the end of her last six-week tour in support of her debut "Blame It on Me" (Elektra), Davis became a little too excited and broke her foot.

"I was being rambunctious and acting half my age. I was jumping around in an airport acting like a fool and I broke my foot."

She got worse news when she returned home to New York. Besides nursing a broken foot, Davis found herself taking care of her sick cat.

"I left my everything and my whole world started crashing down around me. I just want to hold him all the time. I hope he gets better before I have to leave again. I'm not sure if taking him out on the bus is the best thing. Life is not a simple thing," Davis said sadly.

The 16-year-old mother of her 12-year-old sick kitty recently died.

"It's weird. This is what my life used to be. I see how it's changed. There's always something that's a little different. I thought it would wait for me," she said.

"But I'm glad it happened while I was going home to a vacation. It's not the way I intended to spend it though."

Davis is hoping to be completely cast-free by the time the



Alana Davis

Chevrolet-sponsored H.O.R.D.E. (Horizons of Rock Developing Everywhere) Festival comes to Pine Knob Music Theatre Saturday-Sunday, July 18-19.

Jazz influences

Davis was born and raised in New York City's Greenwich Village with parents who were "pretty musical" — a father who is a noted jazz pianist and a mother who sings.

"Music has always been a very real part of my life," she said.

Her jazz background, she said, is what makes her unique. It comes across in her smooth vocal delivery of songs like "Love and Pride" and her reworking of Ani DiFranco's "32 Flavors."

"The more that I see of the other artists, the 'thing that I begin to think that's unique is my influences. I mainly grew up listening to jazz, straight ahead and standard," Davis explained.

"Not too many people seem to come from that place. My music doesn't come off as straight-ahead jazz. It's just the state of mind in which I write."

"Blame it on Me" sways between playful, finger-snapping songs ("Love and Pride"), reflective, lush tributes ("Turtle"), and the weary ("Weight of the World").

Being a self-described rookie to the music business, Davis said she's sometimes not sure how to handle fan comments.

"I don't know if it's because of the kind music that I write. My stuff is really honest and vulnerable. But people come up to me and feel as though I was honest with them they want to give me the same," she said.

"I get these stories that are just beautiful. One guy walked up to me and told me his girlfriend brought the record to his house to listen to and said 'I think you'll like it.' He told me how he learned about her through the record. Then he said, 'If only she was here tonight. We were getting closer and closer and then she got into a car accident and died just as I

was about to propose."

Davis was stumped. "All he was asking for was a damn autograph. What the hell does that give him back? There's a lot of pain out there. Stuff like that, I don't know exactly how to deal with it."

Long tour

Davis said she was thrilled when she signed to do every date of the H.O.R.D.E. Festival which began July 9 in St. Paul, Minn., and ends Sept. 6 in Portland, Ore.

"Lilith Fair offered me two weeks on their second stage, the same week, and the H.O.R.D.E. offered me the whole tour on the main stage. That was kind of a no-brainer."

"I heard I was the first girl that they asked. There's only been a couple ladies there. That's awful flattering," she said.

Davis explained that she is looking forward to many aspects of the H.O.R.D.E. Festival.

"I'm hoping for a lot of things to come out of it. There's a camaraderie thing I'm looking forward to. As terms of the job that I'm doing, I'm kind of freaked out. It's not the gig that most people have. It would be nice to relate to some other people doing the same darn thing."

"And maybe I can find a boyfriend."

Here's the summer deal on Backstage Pass

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

It's been about two years now that I've been collaborating with the folks at Detroit Public Television on the big Backstage Pass program. What a learning experience it's been.

Coming into the show, my background was in radio. In radio, you sit in a booth, play some songs and maybe talk every once in a while. End of story.

There's a bit more to television, right down to the planning (they call it "pre-production"). Take the special summer season of Backstage Pass, which we're about midway through. I haven't yet explained in this space the deal with the summer season, and I don't want us lumped together in your minds with the scads of other shows that simply go into a bunch of reruns. Mental note: Backstage Pass never just airs reruns. That wouldn't do enough to get you out the door and into the arts.

For starters, none of the musical material in these summer shows has ever aired before.

That's because every time we have a musical guest on the show, we ask them to stick around afterwards to put some extra music on tape. What the heck? The hard stuffs all done at that point — the cameras are all there, the drum kits set up — so to play another tune or two is usually no problem.

So right there, we've defied the stale rerun paradigm. And sometimes you even get lucky with the timing of the extra song, like with Edwin McCain. When he first appeared on Backstage Pass, he performed his current hit "I'll Be" as his extra song after the show taping, since it was the second single off his current CD. Nobody had really heard of it then, but by the time we aired it in the summer it was all over the radio. Sure, it was coincidence — we were actually just holding the song until he came back into town so we could promote a live event — but it sure made us look smart.

Complementing the music are looks back on some of the highlights from the past season. Of course, we always give you updates on what the artist or venue is doing next. So even when we look back, we're giving you the information you need to go to current festivals, exhibi-

tions, and live performances. And all our video billboards highlighting openings and ongoing shows around town are updated every week.

Take tonight's show as an example of the summer season: we'll hear never-before-aired music from blues artist Larry McCray, about whom the blues critics are raving. Britain's Sunday Times wrote that Larry "manages a skillful stylistic summary of the three Kings. McCray bends and sustains like B.B., swoops about the fretboard like Albert and slams out rock riffs like Freddie." We'll also enjoy the soul-searching lyrics and musicianship of Detroit rocker Stewart Francke. Do we just hear the song. Of course not! We also let you know that Stewart will be performing Saturday at Greenfield Village. There's a show you can go see.

We'll take another look at Gerry Craig's visit last January to the Center for Creative Studies' Center Gallery for "White," a ceramics exhibit in which all the works displayed were (you

guessed it) white. It's a beautiful segment, but we don't just admire it, we tell you what next at the Center Gallery: it's Michigan Ceramics '98, a juried exhibition celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Michigan Potters Association. The exhibit opens September 11 and runs thru October 30. That's plenty of lead time, so mark it on your calendar now as an event to attend in the fall.

When we look back at a hilarious scene from the recent Hilberry Theatre production of "The Complete Works of Wilm. Shkspr. (abridged)," do we just laugh and move on? Nope. We tag it with information about the Stratford Festival. It's a wonderful 2-1/2 hour road trip away from the Detroit area.

The summer season is still about what Backstage Pass is always about: encouraging you to get out and support the arts. So take a break from the barbecue to tune in to Backstage Pass tonight at midnight, repeated 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, at on Detroit Public Television.

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DINING

Friendly Vic's Diner serves good, homemade food

JoAnne Ketchum has been to Vic's Diner in Garden City about half a dozen times. "It has a quiet comfortable atmosphere," she said as she sipped on her coffee.

I love their Sunday morning breakfast, especially the ham. I like everything about it."

Ketchum who introduced her friend Joe Martin of Farmington to the diner, fears she might have to come earlier if word gets out. Vic's Diner is one of Garden City's best kept secrets.

"Getting back to their breakfasts, "the eggs are done just right," said Ketchum. "I like 'em over medium. I want the white cooked, and the yellow creamy. I don't want it giggly where the eggs look half alive."

Besides good breakfasts, Ketchum says the prices are fair, they give good portions, the cooking is good, and the waitresses are pleasant.

Sounds a lot like home, and that's just the way the owners want it.

"We try to treat customers like family," said Tony Grabanica. Vic's is family-owned and operated. Grabanica's cousin Bekim Ndrejaj is the cook.

Tony and Bekim are "big time" Red Wings fans and pictures of the team decorate the walls near the counter.

Bekim's wife, Kim, who also works at the restaurant and attends Schoolcraft College in Livonia, is sitting at a booth doing homework.

"There's no tension here," said Kim. "Everyone enjoys working together. When a customer has a complaint we're more than willing to fix it. We don't serve any attitude."

Good food, homemade with care, is what Vic's Diner serves. It's a small place, mostly booths, that seats 94 people, but there's ample parking on both sides of the building making it easy to

Vic's Diner
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Reservations: For parties of six or more
Credit Cards: Not accepted, cash only.
Highlights: Children's menu for 12 and under. Senior citizen discounts offered Monday-Friday.
Carry-out: Available.

get in and out. Grabanica moved to Farmington from New York City. He's been working in restaurants since he was 15. "I found a better life for my children in Michigan," he said.

Vic's Diner offers two homemade soups daily. Order a sandwich or dinner, and you can help yourself to unlimited soup at the soup bar. Dinners also include choice of coleslaw or tossed salad.

In addition to regular menu items, Vic's offers two or more sandwich and dinner specials daily. Check the board to see what's on special. Breakfast specials are served 7-11 a.m. Monday-Friday. Lunch specials 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Top sellers on menu include corned beef sandwiches, ribs and chicken, and stuffed peppers. Last Wednesday's sandwich specials included Stacked Corned Beef \$2.99, and Patty-Melt, \$3.15. The dinner specials were Stuffed Cabbage \$3.99, Stuffed Peppers \$3.99, Pork Chop with Mushroom Gravy \$5.25, Braised Short Ribs \$5.95, and Chicken Kabob with Rice \$4.95. On Fridays they serve all you can eat fish, and homemade clam chowder.

Vic's offers a variety of sandwiches, Greek and chef salads, hot sandwiches including meat-loaf and turkey, served with mashed potatoes, gravy, soup and vegetables. You can get a hot dog, Italian sausage sandwich, or even a steak. Regular dinner menu items include chicken, baked ham, pork tenderloin, pork chops and steak. There are some Greek items - shish kabob, chicken kabob and spinach cheese pie, and Italian - spaghetti, lasagna and mostaccioli. Seafood offerings include fish and chips, shrimp and chips, scallops, fried smelt, and catfish.

"It's the best food you can ever eat for the price," said Bekim who lives in Livonia. "This is a clean place, a friendly place. There's always a smile for the customers."

Bekim has been cooking in restaurants since he was 16. "Cooking is the only thing I like doing," he said. "I look forward to seeing customers happy."

Making blueberry milkshakes is one way Bekim makes his customers smile.

Vic's doesn't have a liquor license, but in addition to coffee



At your service: Tony and Pat Grabanica (center) and their crew work hard to please customers at Vic's Diner.

and tea, they serve a variety of soft drinks, juice and homemade milkshakes made to order with ice cream. Strawberry and vanilla are other often requested flavors.

In a couple of months, Vic's will offer cappuccino.

Dessert options include ice cream, homemade rice pudding and assorted fruit pies.

Finishing a dish of ice cream, Joe Martin of Farmington tells me that there are two ways you can tell a good restaurant -

clean windows and clean lavatories.

Vic's Diner has both, and good food besides.

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