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## Parks plan: upgrades, rec center



**A parks and recreation master plan calls for new baseball fields, skating pathways, basketball courts, playground equipment and numerous other citywide parks improvements plus a recreation/aquatic center.**

An ambitious new plan for upgrading city parks and building a new, upscale recreation center drew support Monday from the Westland City Council.

The five-year parks and recreation master plan calls for new baseball fields, skating pathways, basketball courts, playground equipment and numerous other citywide parks improvements totaling \$2.1 million.

The plan also includes a \$14 million

recreation/aquatic center that city officials hope to build on Central City Parkway, near the Westland public library.

"I think overall it's a great plan," council President Sandra Cicirelli said.

But the 57-page plan still faces revisions, and some council members indicated they will back away from a recreation center unless the city launches an independent survey proving that

residents want it.

"I'll be listening to the constituents who are going to be paying the maintenance of that building and using that facility," Councilman Glenn Anderson said.

Some council members also indicated their support may hinge on whether the city addresses recreation needs such as soccer facilities and a second ice rink.

Mayor Robert Thomas, who proposed a recreation center and took a seven-member city delegation on a tour of upscale Colorado facilities, said he won't unilaterally try to impose his wishes on the plan.

"I'm committed to building what the community wants - not what I want," he said Monday.

A new recreation center would be built using Tax Increment Finance Authority dollars - revenues generated in a special taxing district north of Ford Road.

The new parks plan emerged from several months of community study, sessions, workshops, small group meetings and unscientific surveys - all led by parks and recreation officials with help from The Strader Group Inc. consulting firm.

Please see **PARKS, A4**

## It was a dark and stormy night



Electric avenue: Lightning and headlights light the sky as strong storms moved through Westland Tuesday evening.

## Trees, power take hit in strong storms

Heavy storms pounded Westland Tuesday evening, touching off fires, toppling trees and causing widespread power outages.

Despite some damages, police and fire officials and Mayor Robert Thomas said they hadn't heard of any serious injuries to people.

"We were kind of lucky," Thomas said.

He predicted that public services workers will continue to work for several days to remove trees and other debris that littered city streets.

"I'd say we've got at least three or four days of work," Thomas said Wednesday morning. "Everybody's out working on removing trees and branches. What they're going to hit first are the trees that fell on houses.

"They've been working around the clock, and I'd say we probably will be working all the way through the weekend," he said.

Firefighters battled six fires Tuesday night, reporting some of the worst damage inside an upper-story residence at Westland Park Apartments on Tami Circle.

Firefighters evacuated residents

and controlled the flames before they could spread to other apartments, emergency medical services coordinator Michael Reddy said.

"The firefighters put a really good stop on that one," he said.

Investigators were trying to determine how the fire started, Reddy said.

Please see **STORM, A3**

## Drunken drivers targeted

Westland police Friday will start clamping down even harder on drunken drivers by beefing up patrols, particularly along Wayne and Ford roads.

Police officials, Mayor Robert Thomas and city prosecuting attorneys unveiled the sobering program Monday during a press conference outside the Westland Police Department.

"If you're driving and drinking in this town," Thomas warned, "then you're probably going to get caught and get into trouble."

Please see **DRIVERS, A2**



Sgt. Peter Brokas

## Archaeological dig to unearth city's past

Dig this. A Westland historical site will be excavated during an archaeological project that should provide a glimpse of the city's past.

And local volunteers will get to join the fun.

Starting in mid-September, University of Michigan student Jane Eva Baxter will head the project as she earns her doctorate.

She will lead a two-month excavation on Westland Historical Museum property on Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Marquette.

Baxter will be helped by six to 10 Wayne State University students she is teaching this summer, but she also

plans to involve local volunteers such as scouting organizations.

By carefully digging holes no more than 3 feet deep, she hopes to uncover information about those who lived and worked on a former 80-acre cherry farm where a house - the current historical museum - was built in the mid-1850s.

She'll be looking for fragments of glassware, medicine bottles, domestic trash and other artifacts used by former residents.

Westland Historical Commission member Richard LeBlanc finds the project fascinating.

"What I hope it will bring to our com-

Please see **DIG, A6**

## Couple takes leadership reins at local Salvation Army post

They're not in Kansas anymore, but Charles and Betty Yockey don't seem to mind.

These Sunflower State natives are too busy running Wayne-Westland area Salvation Army programs to get homesick.

Lieutenants in rank, the Yockeys took charge of their first Salvation Army posts July 1 after completing a two-year officer training college in Chicago.

They replaced Capts. Mark and Sue Welsh, who ended a four-year stint in Westland with a new assignment in Rochester, Minn.

The Yockeys enjoyed a two-week furlough in

Kansas before coming to Westland with their three sons, Danny, 13, Matthew, 10, Christopher, 9, and only daughter Michelle, 8.

The children became hockey fans while living in Chicago, so they welcomed the move to Red Wings country.

"They're real excited about being here," Charles Yockey, 39, said as he and his wife, 35, sat in their office Monday.

Like their children, they, too, are excited about



New positions: Charles and Betty Yockey took charge July 1.

Please see **ARMY, A2**



# Army from page A1

their new home, although for different reasons. A former car salesman, Charles Yockey welcomes the opportunity to help society's less fortunate.

"I couldn't serve mankind with my regular job," he said.

Hoping to ease the homeless problem, the Yockeys are eager to hire a U.S. Housing & Urban Development case worker who will help homeless families and battered women find the services they need to start anew.

"It's a new HUD program, and the contract should be signed any day," Charles Yockey said Monday. "I think this will help us bridge a gap."

The case worker will work out of the same Salvation Army center as the Yockeys, on Venoy Road south of Palmer.

The Yockeys also hope to start an evening hockey league for local youngsters this fall, in addition to continuing a wide array of other Salvation Army programs already in place for youngsters.

"We're not going to be eliminating anything that I can see," Charles Yockey said.

The couple's training in Bible studies, psychology, counseling and business administration has prepared them to address a wide range of local needs. Both of them will be involved in pulpit

responsibilities at the Salvation Army church.

Betty Yockey said she came from a family of Salvation Army "soldiers," and she helped lead her husband into a life of serving mankind.

"She invited me on a Sunday night to a family meeting," Charles Yockey said.

Settling into their new roles, the Yockeys will be meeting a lot of community leaders today (Thursday), when they attend a Christmas in July event sponsored by the Westland Community Foundation. The Salvation Army is one of the organizations helped by the foundation.

Already, an October bowling fund-raiser is being planned at Westland Bowl to benefit the Salvation Army.

The Yockeys' first Army appointment has been made easier by the Welshes, who left behind extensive written information about the Wayne-Westland Army and the community it serves.

"I've hit the ground running," Charles Yockey said. "Capt. Welsh did a wonderful job in setting up the change of the guard. I knew a lot within 30 minutes of entering the building here."

Already, the Yockeys are beginning to feel at home, even if they're not in Kansas anymore.



Press conference: Westland Police Chief Emery Price explains a new program that will target drunken drivers in Westland.

# Drivers from page A1

Every Friday and Saturday from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., two officers will watch exclusively for drunken drivers as the city launches its new Alcohol Enforcement Team.

"Those are our busiest times as far as drunk driving goes," Sgt. Peter Brokas, head of the police traffic bureau, said.

A study of alcohol offenses showed that Wayne and Ford roads have more than their share of problem drivers - a distinction that Brokas attributed to the number of liquor establishments along the two main arteries.

"We're going to concentrate our efforts every weekend on those two thoroughfares," Brokas said.

Alcohol patrol officers will be pulled from their duties only

when they are needed for other police emergencies, Police Chief Emery Price said.

The city's Alcohol Enforcement Team mushroomed from long-time discussions among city leaders and Westland 18th District Court officials, Price said.

City prosecuting attorneys pledged during Monday's press conference that they will aggressively pursue court actions against drunken drivers.

"We will take these offenses very seriously," attorney James Plakas said.

The city already has agreed to approve budget amendments to pay for possible overtime costs for patrol officers, Price said, but expenses are expected to be offset from court fines.

Brokas called the new program "a remarkable step"

toward getting drunken drivers off the roads.

Thomas said most residents know of a friend, family member or acquaintance who has been affected by a drunken driver.

Brokas said Westland already has one of the best track records in the state for battling drunken drivers, even though the number of arrests has declined in recent years.

Westland police made 262 arrests involving drunken drivers in 1997, down from 348 in 1996 and 409 in 1995, Brokas said.

Brokas cautioned that those statistics should be interpreted with caution, however, because the number of accidents involving alcohol has actually increased in recent years.

Moreover, he estimated that 40 percent to 50 percent of the city's traffic fatalities involve

alcohol. Westland recorded six traffic deaths in 1997, compared to eight in 1996 and six in 1995.

Westland District Court actually processed 627 alcohol-related traffic offenses in 1997, including 18 felonies, court administrator David Wiacek said.

The court handles not only city police cases, but also those from other agencies such as the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, he said.

Thomas commended the latest effort to crack down on drunken drivers who still haven't gotten the message that their actions won't be tolerated.

He compared them to "weapons who kill people."

## PLACES AND FACES

### Career workshop

Kaylan Maye, a student at John Glenn High School in Westland, attended a week-long "Teaching as a Career" workshop at Central Michigan University recently.

The workshop focused on the need to increase the number of minority teachers. Students explored reasons to select teaching as a career option and examined the skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary for becoming teachers.

Maye, 14, is the daughter of Clarence and Gloria Maye.

### Moose donation

The Loyal Order of Moose Westland #2143 has donated \$200 to the city of Westland for the upkeep of Tot Town, according to Bob Downing, community services director for the Moose. Local Moose Gov. Harold Suer presented the check to the city on Monday. Part of the money was raised at a Memorial Day picnic.

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**Toppled:** An unrooted tree came to rest on a house on Sandra Lane in Westland during Tuesday's storms.



**Lights out:** Tuesday night's storm cut power to many traffic signals in Westland. Temporary stop signs were placed at many locations.

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said. Apartment manager Leah Spears said the fire marked her first as manager.

"It was self-contained," she said. "I've never had a fire in the 10 years I've been here."

Reddy reported five other structure fires - some involving garages - on streets such as Mackenzie, Hugh and Rolf.

"There were no personal injuries that we know of," he said.

Thomas and some of his directors toured the city in the wake of the fierce storm, and the mayor said he saw downed trees leaning against some houses.

Police Chief Emery Price estimated that the storm toppled or snapped 40 trees, in some cases obstructing streets.

"Our officers assisted the DPS (Department of Public Services) and firefighters," Price said. "We had downed wires and trees obstructing some streets. Some of them were moved by hand."

"We lost power here (at the police station) for a while. The calls were coming in so fast; I'd say we had close to 100 emergency runs," Price said. "Some people got perturbed because we couldn't respond to calls that were non-emergency, but we had to deal with the emergencies first."

Police officials called in some off-duty night officers to help as on-duty officers responded to calls.

"Everybody was just swamped with the initial onslaught of this thing," Price said of police officers, firefighters and DPS workers. "Everybody did an excellent, excellent job."

Price said he and other resi-

dents in the area of Joy and Hix roads remained without power Wednesday.

"I didn't have phone service, either," Price said.

Price reported power outages at some traffic lights and said officers placed temporary stop signs in intersections.

Mayor Thomas said power outages seemed to be sporadic, though widespread across the city. Tuesday evening, businesses along commercial strips such as Cowan Road had closed their doors early.

Some falling trees and branches took power lines with them.

"We don't have a ton of full trees down, but we've got a lot of big branches down," Thomas said. "I saw one tree leaning over on a roof on Sandra Lane. The whole tree fell on the house. On Benson there was a tree that just covered the whole front of a house."

"We also had some power line poles on fire - probably a dozen or so," Thomas said, adding that firefighters doused the flames.

While touring the city's far southeast end, he said he saw one tree that had fallen and blocked Dancy Street. He said the city will try to get its trash contractor to work this weekend to pick up debris.

One resident of Mackenzie estimated that nine trees had fallen in his neighborhood, near Farmington and Joy.

"Some of them split, but about six of them were uprooted," he said, asking not to be named. "Some of them fell on houses. One tree hit the front of my next-door neighbor's house, but I don't think it did any damage."

**OBITUARIES**

**COREY LEE STEWART**  
Funeral services for Corey Stewart, 20, of Westland were July 18 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. Officiating was Mr. Rocky Sarven.

Mr. Stewart died July 13 in Napanee, Ind. He was an assembler.

Surviving are: parents, Timothy Stewart and Jody Powers; brother, Douglas; grandparents, Bill and June Stewart; and grandmother, Jean Kibash.

**CHARLES LONGTIN**  
Funeral services for Charles Longtin, 65, of Westland were July 20 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Knollwood Cemetery, Canton. Officiating was the Rev. Bob McDonald.

Mr. Longtin died in Bronson Hospital. He was an assembler.

Surviving are: son, Charles, Jr.; daughters, Tina Patrick of Westland and Patricia Longtin; brothers, Salis, Pat, Norm and Tillis; sister, Mickie Smith; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**BERNICE M. DUNKLEE**  
A funeral Mass for Bernice Dun-

klec, 69, of Westland was July 15 in St. Bernardine Catholic Church, Westland with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Ronald Sayes. Arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home, Canton Chapel, Canton.

Mrs. Dunklee, who died July 12 in Westland, was born in Detroit.

Surviving are: husband, John, Jr.; sons, John III of Livonia, Keith of Canton, Philip of Canton and Dennis of Garden City; daughter, Cathy Dunklee of Livonia; and 12 grandchildren.

**FRANKLIN D. GLANCY**  
Funeral services for Franklin Glancy, 64, of Westland were July 21 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Officiating was the Rev. Bob McDonald.

Mr. Glancy died July 18. He was a production supervisor.

Surviving are: wife, Beverly; son, George; daughters, Marie and Dawn; brothers, Ernest, Carl, Donald, George and Ron; sister, Doris Karol; and two grandchildren.

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**Parks** from page A1

**Plan lists project timetable**

Council members adopted the plan Monday to beat an Aug. 1 deadline for submitting parks projects to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for possible grants during the next year.

"That's why we need this program intact," Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski said.

The vote followed a public hearing that sparked comments from residents such as John Spaeth, who implored officials to upgrade Corrado Park and address declining conditions.

"Our parks should be an asset to the community, not an eyesore," he said.

Council watcher Dorothy Smith criticized the parks plan for receiving input from the Wayne-Westland school district while ignoring other districts that serve portions of the city.

"We were left out - and that I resent," she said. Smith lives in an area of Westland served by Inkster schools.

Resident Arthur Warren urged officials to survey residents in the city's far southeast end before deciding on features for a new park planned in the Carver subdivision - an area already seeing some revitalization.

Most council members warned Monday that they won't support a proposal to eliminate Tot Town - a cluster of small buildings that children enjoy in Tattan Park near Carlson and Ford.

Rather, the council prefers to renovate Tot Town and make it accessible to disabled children.

"I know my grandchildren - that's the first place they want to go is Tot Town," Councilwoman Sharon Scott said.

Councilman Charles Pickering called for a second indoor ice rink to accommodate increasingly popular hockey and figure skating programs. He suggested that a new recreation center might accommodate two ice rinks, freeing up an existing facility in Jaycee Park for possible indoor soccer.

Cicirelli noted that women's hockey programs are becoming more popular, forcing local groups to travel as far as Monroe to find ice rinks that aren't already leased.

Pickering indicated that his final support for a recreation center will hinge not only on compromises, but also on whether land for the facility is affordable.

The new study shows that Westland has 2,200 acres of park land owned by the city, the county and school districts. Seventeen municipal parks account for 235 acres.

Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin stressed Monday that the new master plan is merely a blueprint for possible changes.

"It's not carved in stone," he said. "It can be changed in the future."

Tucked near the end of a 57-page parks and recreation report is a five-year timetable for specific projects.

To pay for the proposals, city officials hope to use money from a variety of sources such as state grants, federal Community Development Block Grant funds, local tax dollars, private donations and fund-raisers.

Here's a year-by-year glance at what's included, although the plan is subject to revision.

**For 1998:**

■ **Recreation/aquatic center:** Move ahead with a \$14 million facility, subject to a survey that city officials want to conduct of local residents to determine needs. The report states that the current Bailey Center "does not meet demand."

■ **Curtis Woods/Kiwanis Park:** Install a walking path, replace old playground equipment with a play structure and improve landscaping near parking lots. Cost: \$95,000.

■ **Corrado Park:** Replace old playground equipment with a new play structure. Cost: \$25,000.

■ **Cayley Park (east and west):** Replace playground equipment. Cost: \$20,000.

**For 1999:**

■ **Jaycee Park:** Study feasibility of second ice rink, although some city officials suggest building two rinks elsewhere. Improve ventilation and install new matting at ice arena. This facility, according to the report, "does not meet existing demand (and) a large number of participants are turned away." Cost: Not listed.

■ **Carver neighborhood:** Develop a park with benches, bike rack and waste containers near the planned new fire station at Annapolis and Irene. This area has no park. Some officials also support a "commons" area with pending new Carver development. Cost: \$66,800.

■ **Corrado Park:** Construct a hockey area and in-line skating pathways. Cost: \$40,000.

■ **Central City Park:** Remove three tennis courts, resurface remaining courts, install hockey area and a new pavilion, relocate gazebo or, some suggest, build a second one. Cost: \$73,000.

■ **Merriman Park:** Construct one basketball court and install a picnic shelter, two grills, four picnic tables and waste containers. Provide small parking area. Cost: \$34,000.

■ **Tattan Park:** Install gazebo and pedestrian path, modify parking and create a greenbelt, construct two basketball courts and remove Tot Town. Cost: \$70,000. (The Tot Town plan

already has met strong city council resistance.)

**For 2000:**

■ **Voss/Civitan Park:** Remove deteriorated tennis courts, create pedestrian walkways, improve landscape near parking lots and install "tot-lot" near Palmer Road parking area. Cost: \$70,000.

■ **Northgate Park:** Install a bench, two picnic tables, a grill and six shade trees. Cost: \$6,000.

■ **Rotary Park:** Improve signs and provide bike rack, benches and waste containers. Cost: \$9,200.

■ **Hubbard Park:** Construct a basketball court to enhance picnic facilities and play structure. Cost: \$8,000.

■ **Westland Youth Athletic Association property:** Build three baseball fields with parking, bleachers and fencing, and create an internal pathway system connecting to adjacent neighborhood. Cost: \$800,000.

**For 2001:**

■ **Central City Park:** Add an additional soccer field and "reorient" existing field, add waste containers and improve landscape. Install new signage. Cost: \$40,000.

■ **Dorsey Park:** Construct two basketball courts and

improve landscape. Cost: \$36,000.

■ **Stottlemeyer Park:** Install restrooms and picnic shelter, resurface two tennis courts and two basketball courts. Cost: \$58,000.

■ **Public Park:** Remove old play equipment and install new play structure, improve landscape and build two new basketball courts. Cost: \$41,000.

**For 2002:**

■ **Hix Park:** Construct pathways, install a shelter, enhance picnic facilities and improve landscape. Cost: \$202,000.

■ **Voss/Civitan Park:** Construct a basketball court, install waste containers, improve landscape and add new signage. Cost: \$36,000.

■ **Corrado Park:** Install waste containers, new signage and enhance landscape. Cost: \$28,000.

■ **Westland Youth Athletic Association property:** Install entry kiosk, a play structure, new concession/maintenance facility and waste containers, and improve landscape. Cost: \$230,000.

■ **Central City Park:** Construct restroom facility. Cost: \$128,000.

**MILITARY NEWS**

**Basic training**

David J.G. Williams has joined the U.S. Army. He will receive his basic training in Fort Jack-

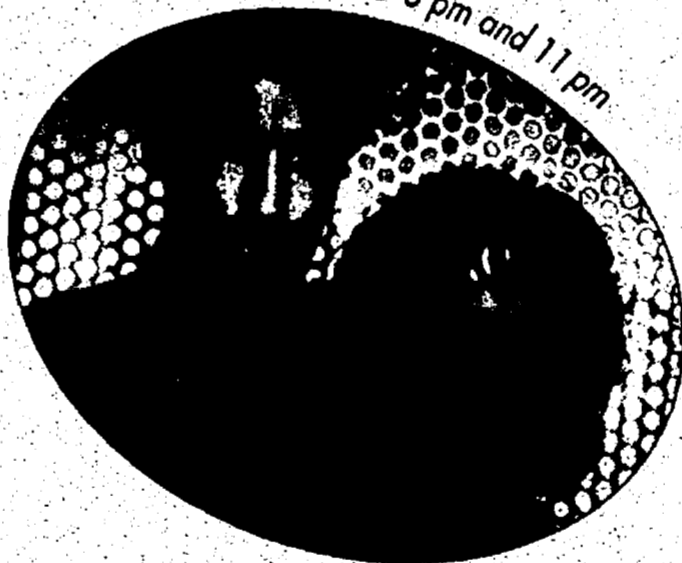
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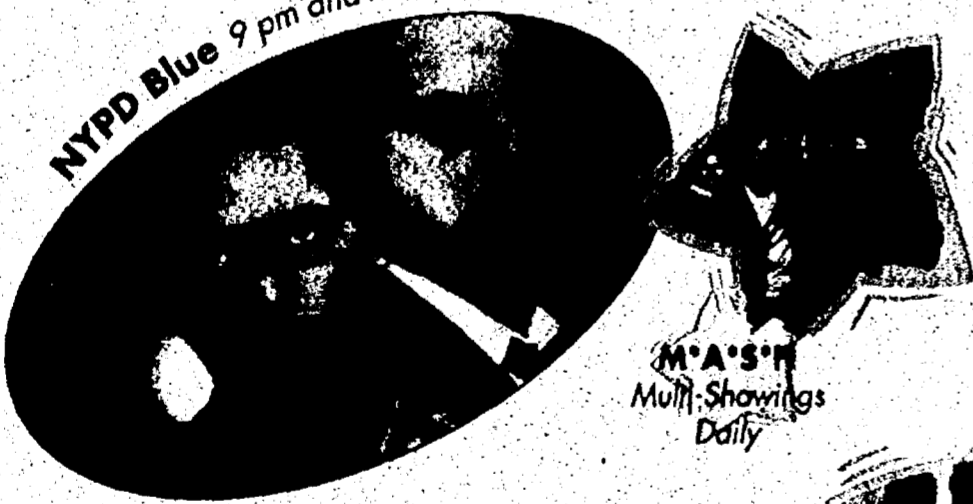
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (Telephone: 734-525-8814) on or before AUGUST 5, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. for the service of removing and replacing concrete and drive approaches as follows:

ESTIMATED QUANTITIES:	(5-1/2 SACK CEMENT, 3,000 PSI)
8,000 to 12,000 sq. ft.	4" concrete
8,000 to 12,000 sq. ft.	6" concrete
200 to 1,000 sq. ft.	7" concrete
100 to 200 lineal ft.	Curb and gutter

The above described quantities are located at approximately 220 different locations.

Specifications and bid forms will be available at the Purchasing Office on Friday, July 24, 1998 at the above address.

This contract will be governed by the Prevailing Wage Ordinance.

Bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a sealed envelope with the bidder's name and address at the upper left corner "CONCRETE REPLACEMENT AND DRIVE APPROACH INSTALLATION".

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities when deemed in the best interest of the City.

ALLYSON BETTIS  
City Clerk - Treasurer

Publish: July 23, 1998

**CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID**

**Marquette Street paving Project, Westland SAD 98-P-1 Job Number 135-98-0051**

Sealed proposals for the Marquette Street paving Project, Westland SAD 98-P-1, will be received by the City of Westland at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, until 10:00 a.m. local time on Wednesday, August 5, 1998, (no exceptions will be made) at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The approximate quantities for major items of work are 2,550 ft., concrete curb & gutter, 600 tons MDOT 1,100, 20AA bituminous pavement, 1,325 sq. yds., concrete pavement, non-reinforced, 6" (driveways), 2,000 tons 21AA aggregate Base under bituminous, 8".

The project involves the paving of an existing gravel road in the City of Westland. There is an existing storm sewer system that will require some structure adjustments. The road will be 27 foot wide from back of curb to back of curb, with a total paving length of approximately 1,200 feet. All driveways will be replaced with 6 inch concrete to the right-of-way line.

Contract Documents may be examined at the City of Westland Engineering Division Offices, 37095 Marquette Road, Westland, Michigan, 48185; Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34935 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150; Dalley Construction Reports Plan Room, 25229 Dequindre Road, Madison Heights, Michigan 48071-4221; the area office of Dodge Reports, 10 Oak Hollow, Suite 330, Southfield, Michigan 48304; and Construction Association of Michigan, 1625 S. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-3204.

Contract Documents may be obtained after 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 1998, at the City of Westland Engineering Division Offices located at 37095 Marquette Road, Westland, Michigan 48185. A non-refundable charge of thirty dollars (\$30.00) will be made for each set of Contract Documents.

Each proposal shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked with the name of the bidder and shall be plainly marked on the lower front, left-hand corner "Proposal-Marquette Street paving Project, Westland SAD 98-P-1, bid opening on Wednesday, August 5, 1998, 10:00 a.m." Proposals must be addressed to the City of Westland, Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185-2298 and delivered to the Purchasing Agent's office on or before the time specified above. Bidders are responsible for submitting proposals before the stated closing time. Any proposal received after the stated closing time shall not be accepted and no exceptions shall be made.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid and be payable without condition to the City of Westland as security for acceptance of the Contract. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive informalities, or accept any bid it may deem in the best interest of the City. All bonding companies must be listed in the Department of Treasury's Federal Register of Approved Sureties Listing.

This project, per City of Westland Ordinance Number 240, requires Contractor's and sub contractors to pay employees the prevailing wages and benefits as stated in the most recent survey of the Michigan Department of Labor for prevailing wage determination, under Act 166 of the public acts of 1965, as amended.

Questions regarding this project should be directed to Charles J. Haas, Project Engineer for Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment at (313) 622-6711.

JILL B. THOMAS  
Purchasing Agent  
City of Westland

Publish: July 23 1998



# Exec contender focuses on airport, roads, job cuts

Wallace Serylo knows he has an uphill battle in his quest to become the next Wayne County executive.

The 72-year-old secretary for Temporary Housing in Redford Township and retired material control supervisor at Ford Motor Co. is a definite longshot in the Democratic primary election. Serylo is running against County Executive Edward McNamara and former Detroit mayoral candidate Sharon McPhail, both candidates with strong name recognition.

So why is Serylo running?

"McNamara is not doing a very good job," Serylo said. I think (Assistant County Executive Mike) Duggan is the person running the county and McNamara shows up for the pictures."

Serylo, who is moving from Detroit to Redford, wonders how much Wayne County spends in tax dollars on Christmas lights in Hines Park. He calls the airport "a mess" and lists the airport, roads and job cuts as the three most important county issues.

## WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Serylo's staff, Serylo said.

Serylo wants to see a light rail system connecting the airports and downtown Detroit. He thinks the bus transportation system "stinks" in southeast Michigan. "I also want to see SMART and D-DOT merge," Serylo said, "I'm sorry, but the unions are going to have to recognize that we're in the 20th century and work to merge the two systems."

Wayne County. "We spend too much time and gas at lights ill-timed or operating when not needed." He would like to see highway signs announcing road improvements without the county executive's name.

He wants the current access to Metro Airport redesigned to eliminate horrible traffic jams.

Serylo wants to reduce property taxes and increase the personnel count of the Wayne County

Sheriff's Department. He prefers not to accept endorsements from unions or groups as he "only wants to be beholden" to voters and taxpayers.

Serylo is opposed to a regional millage to support the arts and cultural institutions of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. "It should be self-supporting."

Serylo supports "some privatizing," but said he would have to study the issue further.

Serylo is a current member of the Detroit Police Chiefs Crime Advisory Committee. Serylo was

a board member on the former 16th Precinct community relations group. Serylo joined the board at the 6th Precinct, serving in many capacities, the last as treasurer.

Serylo is a board member and president of the Detroit Outdoorsmen, and a board member and district field representative with the Michigan United Conservation Club. He is also a member of the Train Collectors Association, National Model Railroad Association, North Central Region and the Michigan Railroad Club.

## Golf outing to benefit students

Madonna University in Livonia invites everyone to tee up for 18 on Friday, Sept. 18, at its third annual Scholarship Golden Classic Golf Outing at the Links of Novi.

Proceeds go to the Madonna University Scholarship Fund.

Check-in is at 11:30 a.m. Shotgun start at 1 p.m.

The awards banquet will begin at 7 p.m. and feature prizes and a silent auction of sports memorabilia.

Celebrity guests include former president of the PGA Warren Orlick "Mr. Rules," former New York Yankee Bill Stafford, and former Detroit Tiger pitcher Milt Wilcox. Honorary chair is Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara and the Rev. James L. Hayes, friend of Madonna University, will serve as honorary alumnus. General chairs are Peter Ventura, CEO of Ventura Properties, and Gary Whitener, PGA professional.

Cost for golf and dinner for a foursome is \$600; for an individual the golf and dinner is \$150. Dinner is \$50 per person.

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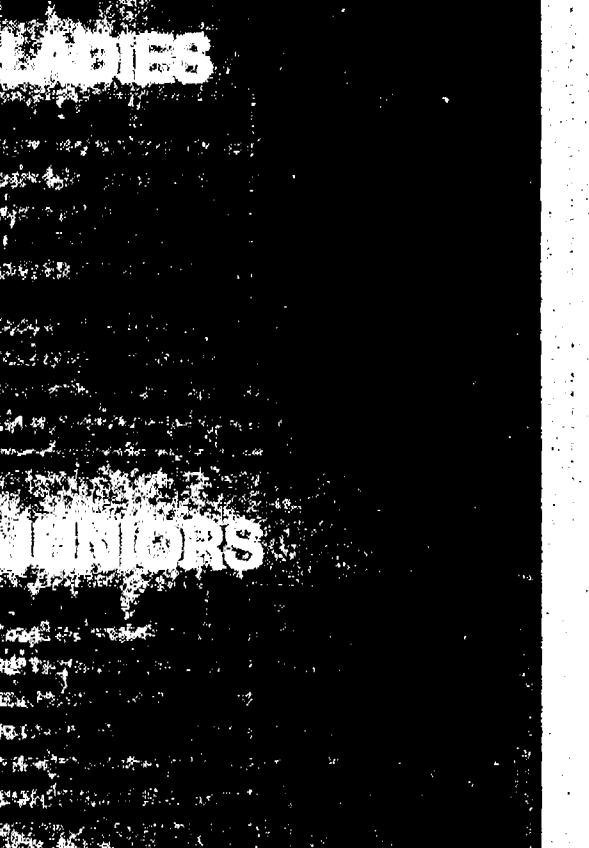
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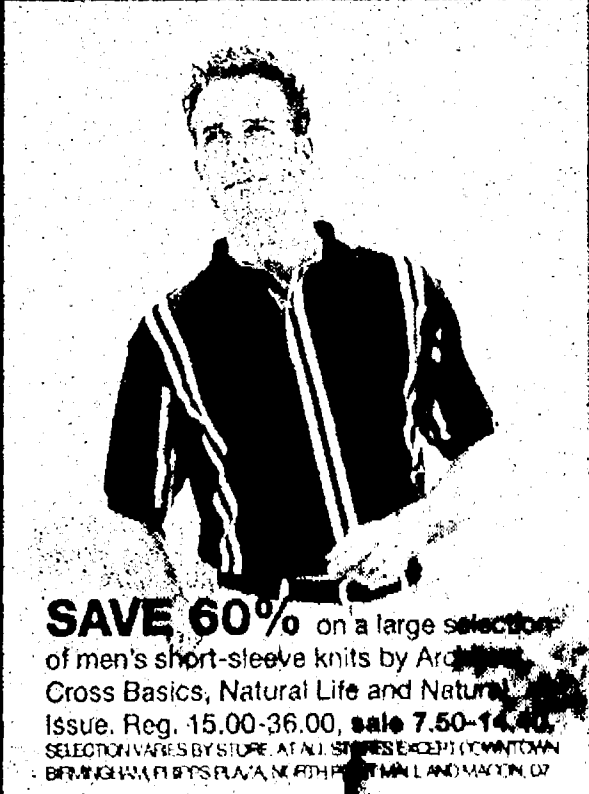
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munity is a sense of the lifestyle that that (historical) house and that area has enjoyed," he said.

LeBlanc said findings of dishes and other artifacts should reveal information about the area's past.

"Hopefully we will learn what these people ate, how they lived, what they planted and what they discarded," he said. "Back then you didn't have (municipal rubbish hauler) Painter & Ruthenberg to pick up your trash, so people dug a hole or burned it."

Baxter's work will occur on Saturdays and Sundays through mid-November. It will help document local history, create an awareness about archaeology and encourage community involvement.

"On Sundays I would like to work with groups of volunteers, such as scouting organizations, and allow them to volunteer at the

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archaeological excavations," she said in a handout explaining her project.

LeBlanc commended Baxter for involving the community.

"This will allow residents to participate in the excavation, and it's not costing us a penny for any of this," he said. "There will be some minor disruptions, but the fact is we

hope to get information from it, learn from it and have a good time."

Baxter said her dissertation research includes studying how children and adults interacted with their environment or, as she put it, "how they used the space around them."

The project will help reveal what the historical site looked like, and it could uncover information that may be missing or misrepresented in historical records.

All artifacts excavated will become the property of Westland and may form the basis for a historical museum exhibit.

Baxter praised the Westland Historical Commission for allowing her to conduct the project.

"They're so supportive," she said. "They've done a wonderful job for me. It makes it a nice research partnership."

# Local fund-raiser to benefit man

A local fund-raiser dinner and raffle are planned to benefit a man battling a rare type of brain tumor.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner starts at 7 p.m. at Knights of Columbus, 28845 Joy Road in Westland to benefit Bill Stone.

Stone, of Wayne, was diagnosed with the tumor in March, according to his wife, Colleen Stone, who grew up in Westland.

He has health insurance and is undergoing chemotherapy and radiation here, but the fund-raiser is preparing for the possibility he may need experimental treatment in another state, she said.

Stone's friend and co-worker Donnie Turner of Romulus is organizing the benefit.

"It's great. It's my opinion - it's true friends," Colleen Stone said of Turner's help.

An account has been set up at

First of America in New Boston in the name of Friends of Bill Stone. Donations can be sent in care of Donnie Turner, 5826 Culbert, Romulus MI 48174.

Raffle tickets will be sold during the party for \$1 for items such as a TV, cooler and gift certificates, Turner said.

Turner hopes the benefit will help ease the financial burden for Stone, with whom he's worked for eight years.

Other fund-raisers have already been held including rummage sales, a cake raffle and 50/50 drawings. More than \$4,500 has been raised so far, Turner said.

The goal is around \$20,000, he said.

Tickets for the dinner are \$25. Those interested can call Turner at (734) 955-7423 or Colleen Stone at (734) 641-1085.

# Tinkham honor roll listed

The honor roll for the sixth marking period of the 1997-98 school year at Tinkham Alternative includes:

Eddie Gordon, Johnnie Johnson, Jason Keomany, Joel Klossner, Catherine Mijal, Jennifer Potter, Jenni Valdez

# Animal Planet Rescue to visit Westland Center Saturday

Westland Shopping Center, MediaOne, and the American Humane Association Disaster Relief will be hosting Animal Planet Rescue, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 25, in the parking lot of Westland Shopping Center.

The event will feature an 80-foot tractor-trailer with colorful animal graphics and will be open to the public for guided tours.

There will also be interactive events, live animal demonstrations, face painting and trivia games with prizes. Animal Planet Rescue is an outreach effort launched by Animal Planet, the American Humane Association and cable companies to educate the public, animal shelter personnel and rescue professionals about protecting animals during disasters.

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**CITY OF WESTLAND**  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The City of Westland will hold its Public Accuracy Test on the United Patriot voting equipment for the August 4, 1998, General Primary election on Friday, July 31, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. at Westland City Hall, Council Chambers, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballot results count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS  
Westland Acting City Clerk

Publish: July 23, 1998

**CITY OF WESTLAND**  
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185-2298, on or before **Thursday, July 30, 1998, at 10:30 a.m.** for the following:

**SIGN MAKING EQUIPMENT**

Complete specification packages may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. For further information pertaining to specifications, please contact Robert Tolliver, C & M Superintendent, for the City of Westland. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

JILL B. THOMAS  
Purchasing Agent

Bid Item No: 463-73098  
Publish: July 23, 1998

**CITY OF WESTLAND**  
GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a General Primary election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, August 4, 1998 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time candidates for the office of Governor, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, County Executive, County Commissioner, Delegates to County Convention, 2 Judges of Court of Appeals (1st District, Regular Terms, Incumbent Positions), 2 Judges of the Circuit Court (3rd Judicial Court, Regular Terms, Non-Incumbent Positions); and the following Wayne County Proposals: Proposition "A" - Amending Section 3.115(19) of the Wayne County Charter, Proposition "J" - Jail Millage Renewal Proposal and Proposition "S" - Wayne County Transit Authority Millage Renewal.

List of polling place locations:

PCTS.	LOCATIONS
1-18	Madison School, 1075 S. Carlson
2-32	Kettering School, 1200 Hubbard
3-7	Stottlemeyer School, 34801 Marquette
5-29	Edison School, 34505 Hunter
6	Adams Jr. High, 33475 Palmer
8	Patchin School, 6240 Newburgh
9	Jefferson School, 32150 Dorsey
10	Lincoln School, 33800 Grand Traverse
11-23	Elliott School, 30800 Bennington
12-25-35	Whittier School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trl.
13-18	Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell
14	Marshall Jr. High, 35100 Bayview
15-41	Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct.
16	Holliday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain Blvd.
17-37	Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix
20	Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood
21	Lowell Jr. High School, 8400 Hix
24	Lutheran High School-Westland, 33300 Cowan
28-33	Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman
27-38	Nankin Mills School, 8100 Hubbard
28	Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Horn
30-31	Hayes School, 30600 Louise Ct.
34-38	Dyer Social Services Center-Senior Wing, 36745 Marquette
39	Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview
40	Divine Savior Parish, 39375 Joy
41	Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct.

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are wheelchair accessible.

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS  
Westland Acting City Clerk

Publish: July 23 and 30, 1998

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY**  
PUBLIC HEARING AND  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 6, 1998

**PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:15 P.M.**

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. Absent none.

Solicitation of Public Comments on the Parks & Recreation Part-Time Salary Ordinance.

**PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:20 P.M.**

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. Absent none.

Solicitation of Public Comments on the PR, Public Recreation District.

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. Absent none.

Also present were City Manager Bayless, City Clerk-Treasurer Bettis, and City Attorney Cummings.

- ◆ **Item 07-98-319** Moved by Dodge; supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of June 29, 1998. AYES: Unanimous.
- ◆ **Item 07-98-320** Moved by Briscoe; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts Payable, as listed.
- ◆ **Item 07-98-321** Moved by Wiacek; supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To amend the Accounts Payable to remove the following payments from the Accounts Payable list: Page 2 Garden City Ace Hardware, Check No. 68508; Page 8 Sherwin Williams, Check No. 68607; Page 15 Home Depot, Check No. 68519; Page 20 National Ready-Mix Inc., Check No. 68576. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmembers Dodge and Briscoe. Motion passed.
- ◆ **Item 07-98-320** RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts Payable, as amended. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmember Dodge. Motion passed as amended.
- ◆ **Item 07-98-322** Moved by Briscoe; supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To approve the appointment of Councilmember Lynch as the Michigan Municipal League Delegate and Mayor Barker as the Alternate. AYES: Unanimous.
- ◆ **Item 07-98-323** Moved by Briscoe; supported by Waynick: RESOLVED: To remove from the table the Lot Split for 30406 Bock, Item No. 06-98-307. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, and Wiacek. Motion passed.
- ◆ **Item 06-98-307** RESOLVED: To approve the Lot Split for 017-01-0449-000 and 017-01-0447-004 described at Lot 449, Folker's Garden City Acres, Subdivision No. 2 and the North 1/2 of Lots 447 and 448, Folker's Garden City Acres, Subdivision No. 2 (common address of 30406 Bock, northwest corner of Henry Ruff and Bock). (TABLED)
- ◆ **Item 07-98-324** Moved by Briscoe; supported by Waynick: RESOLVED: To table Item No. 06-98-307. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Lynch, Wiacek, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmembers Dodge and Kaledas. Motion to table passed.
- ◆ **Item 07-98-325** Moved by Lynch; supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To remove from the table, Item No. 06-98-310, the FY99 Budget. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmember Wiacek. Motion passed.
- ◆ **Item 06-98-310** RESOLVED: To approve Ordinance #A-98-018, which adopts the Budget for the City of Garden City, Michigan, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1998 and ending June 30, 1999.
- ◆ **Item 07-98-326** Moved by Dodge; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To amend the budget to include one (1) Dispatcher in the Police Department by increasing the Police Department Budget, \$42,058.00, from the Contingency Fund. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmember Wiacek. Motion passed.
- ◆ **Item 07-98-327** Moved by Wiacek; supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To amend the Budget to reduce the CHP Future Projects, Account No. 401-401-332-014, by \$30,000.00 and to establish Line Item 4, District Court Renovation in the amount of \$30,000.00. AYES: Mayor Barker,

Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmember Kaledas. Motion passed.

- ◆ **Item 06-98-310** RESOLVED: To approve Ordinance #A-98-018, which adopts the Budget for the City of Garden City, Michigan, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1998 and ending June 30, 1999, as amended. AYES: Unanimous.
- ◆ **Item 07-98-328** Moved by Dodge; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve the Parks & Recreation Part-Time Salary Ordinance #A-98-019, effective July 1, 1998. AYES: Unanimous.
- ◆ **Item 07-98-329** Moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek: RESOLVED: To approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission to rezone Garden City Park, Marquette Park, Kiwanis Park, Helen Park, Arcola Park, Florence Park and the eastern 1/2 of Moeller Park from R-1, One Family Residential to PR, Public Recreation District. And to rezone Manor Park Soccer Field and the western 1/2 of Moeller Park from M-1, Light Industrial to PR, Public Recreation District. AYES: Unanimous.

The Mayor with Council approval suspended the rules to allow discussion without a substantive motion on the floor. After discussion the Council resumed normal rules of order and the following motion was offered.

- ◆ **Item 07-98-330** Moved by Dodge; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve the date for a Workshop for setting City Council Goals as Tuesday, July 14, 1998, 7:00 p.m., at Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, Michigan. AYES: Unanimous.
- ◆ **Item 07-98-331** Moved by Wiacek; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To award the bid to B & J Parking Lot Maintenance in the amount of \$26,140.00 plus \$59.50 for special events for city sweeping.
- ◆ **Item 07-98-332** Moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek: RESOLVED: To table motion 07-98-331. AYES: Councilmembers Dodge and Wiacek. NAYS: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. Table motion failed.
- ◆ **Item 07-98-331** RESOLVED: To award the bid to B & J Parking Lot Maintenance in the amount of \$26,140.00 plus \$59.50 for special events for city sweeping. AYES: Councilmembers Lynch, Wiacek, and Kaledas. NAYS: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Briscoe, and Waynick. Original motion failed.
- ◆ **Item 07-98-333** Moved by Dodge; supported by Waynick: RESOLVED: To approve payment to MacDermott Roofing, Inc. Payment #2 in the amount of \$18,495.00, for the Garden City Civic Arena, Account #401-401-332-365. AYES: Unanimous.

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items: 1. DPS - Annual Purchases. a. Black Dirt. b. Miscellaneous Aggregate (limestone/concrete). c. Mason Sand. d. 60/40 Gravel. 2. Management Audit. 3. Garden City Family Fest License Agreement. 4. Final Payment - Pavilion Roofing and Masonry Repairs.

- ◆ **Item 07-98-334** Moved by Dodge; supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To award the consent agenda bids, as recommended by Administration, Items B-1-a through B-1-d. a. To award the bid for Black Dirt to Wolverine Contractors at \$7.49 per yard, in the amount of \$3,000.00, Account No. 693-740. b. To award the bid for Miscellaneous Aggregate to Williams Trucking Service, Inc., in the amount of \$8,000.00, Account No. 493-777. c. To award the bid for Mason Sand to Hayes Excavating Co., Inc., at \$8.65 per ton, in the amount of \$1,730.00, Account No. 594-780. d. To award the bid for 60/40 Gravel to Williams Trucking Service, Inc., at \$9.92 per ton, in the amount of \$2,300.00, Account No. 693-740. AYES: Unanimous.
- ◆ **Item 07-98-335** Moved by Dodge; supported by Waynick: RESOLVED: To approve LIDS Payment Application #1 (and final) for the pavilion roofing and masonry repairs, in the amount of \$4,006.00, Account No. 401-401-332-368. AYES: Unanimous.
- ◆ **Item 07-98-336** Moved by Briscoe; supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To go into closed session to discuss personnel matters (Manager's Evaluation) and confidential legal opinion (MMRMA Claim). AYES: Unanimous.

The council returned from Closed Session and the meeting was then adjourned.

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**OBSERVER NEWS ROUNDUP**

**CANTON**

**POWER OUT AFTER STORM**

High winds and heavy rains that whipped through Plymouth and Canton Tuesday night lasted only about a half-hour, but it was enough to inconvenience many people for 12 hours or more as power outages darkened many neighborhoods.

Canton Township firefighters appeared to be the busiest in the area, handling 65 weather-related calls. Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher said they were all for downed power lines. He said there were no injuries or EMS runs related to the storm.

Detroit Edison spokesman Scott Simons said the utility recorded a peak of 309,000 customers without power, which was down to 250,000 by Wednesday morning. That included 2,700 customers in Canton, and another 1,800 in the Plymouth area.



**Storm damage:** Residents along Fredrick Street in Livonia survey the damage after a giant tree fell on a house.

**GARDEN CITY**

**TRAFFIC SIGNALS OUT**

The eastern portion of Garden City was particularly hard hit in Tuesday's storm.

Garden City public service crews were busy on tree cleanup detail Wednesday morning. In Garden City Park at Cherry Hill and Merriman several damaged

trees were lying on the ground waiting to be removed by DPS workers.

Motorists driving through Garden City and other areas had their own headaches to contend with. Non-functioning traffic signals at major intersections caused confusion and created extra work for police officers.

"We set up a lot of four-way

stops and let traffic take care of itself," Lt. Michael Carr of the Garden City Police Department said.

About 215 storm-related problems were reported to police Tuesday night. About two-thirds involved downed wires and about one-third involved downed trees.

No injuries were reported dur-

ing the storm, according to Carr.

**LIVONIA**

**SOUTH END HIT HARD**

Southeast Livonia was one of the hardest hit areas in the city from the storm that hit the Detroit area about 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Because of a power failure at 6 p.m., the big baking ovens stopped dead at Awrey's Bakeries Inc., 12301 Farmington Road, turning the bakery complex into a dark ghost town. Employees were sent home.

Everything baking in the oven was thrown out, and owner Betty Jean Awrey spent Wednesday donating the rest of the baked goods in the bakery to local charities, churches and even Edison crews out working on the power lines.

At the bakery, only two lights and the switchboard powered by auxiliary systems were working Wednesday. "Electricity was not expected to come back on until Friday," Awrey said.

The hardest hit area was between Plymouth and Joy, Wayne and Inkster.

After the storm hit, Livonia firefighters handled 40 runs that were directly related to the storm, but no one was injured, said Fire Chief Ron Engle.

**PLYMOUTH**

**LAW SUIT CONTINUES**

Jerry Vorva told the Plymouth Canton Board of Education that he will end litigation preventing the sale of \$79.6 million dollars in bonds and, in effect, the construction of a new elementary and high school, if school officials hold a special election.

If not, it's all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, school district officials say "no thanks." School officials plan to sell the bonds even if Vorva gets to the highest court in the land.

Vorva is fighting the election, claiming 716 people were denied their fundamental right to vote when a new touch-screen voting system failed to record their votes.

A three-judge state Appeals Court panel ruled earlier this month in favor of the school district. Vorva has said he will either ask for a rehearing or take the case to the Michigan Supreme Court. He needs to file either appeal by July 31.

**REDFORD**

**STORM CLEANUP**

Redford crews spent Wednesday cleaning up from Tuesday's violent storms that caused

dozens of downed power lines and branches in the township.

There were no reported injuries in Redford.

The winds knocked down 50 to 100 power lines in the township, Redford police said. No fires were reported from the downed wires, Fire Chief Leonard Sobieski said.

There have been about 40 calls for fallen trees and branches, said Leo Snage, director of Public Services.

**WESTLAND**

**POWER OUT, TREES DOWN**

Heavy storms pounded Westland Tuesday evening, touching off fires, toppling trees and causing widespread power outages.

Despite some damages, police and fire officials said they hadn't heard of any serious injuries to people.

Firefighters battled six fires Tuesday night, reporting some of the worst damage inside an upper-story residence at Westland Park Apartments on Tami Circle.

Five other structure fires — some involving garages — on streets such as Mackenzie, Hugh and Rolf were reported.

Police Chief Emery Price estimated that the storm toppled or snapped 40 trees, in some cases obstructing streets.

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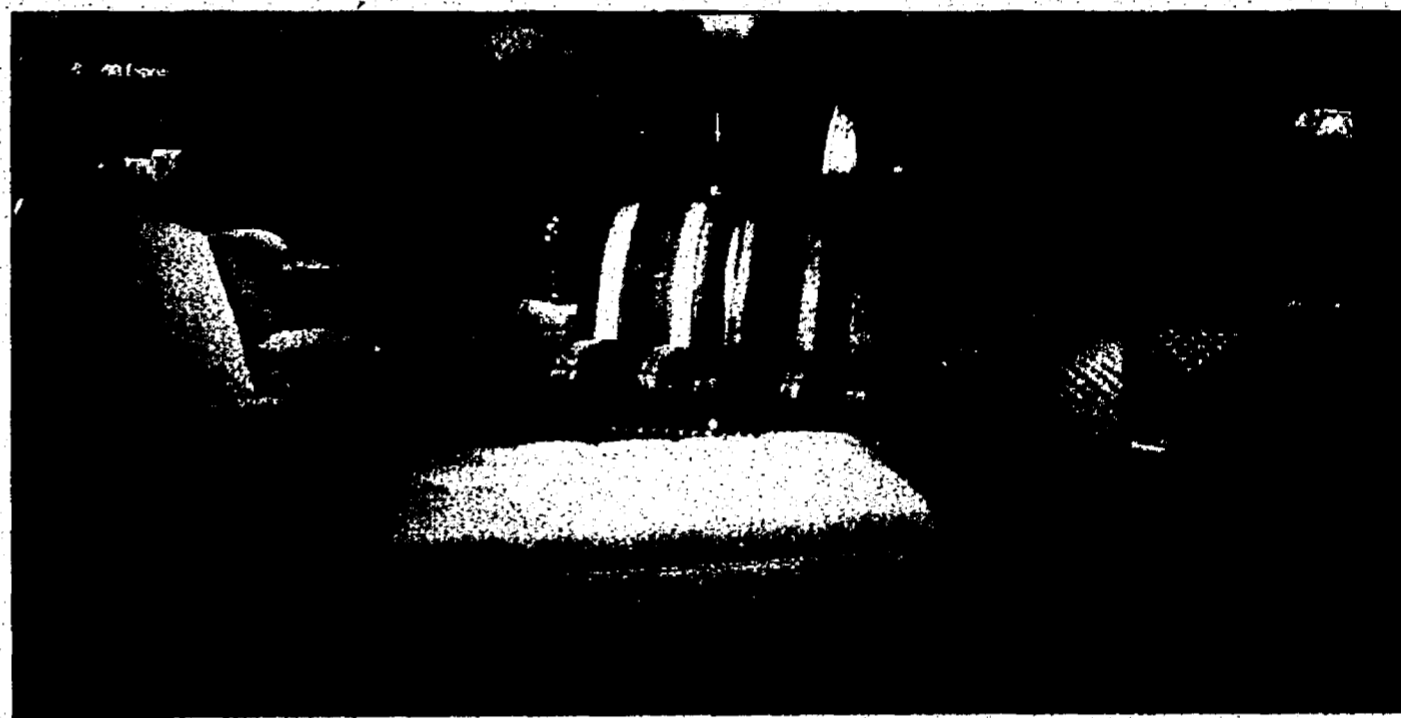
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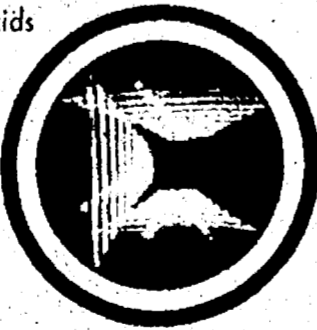
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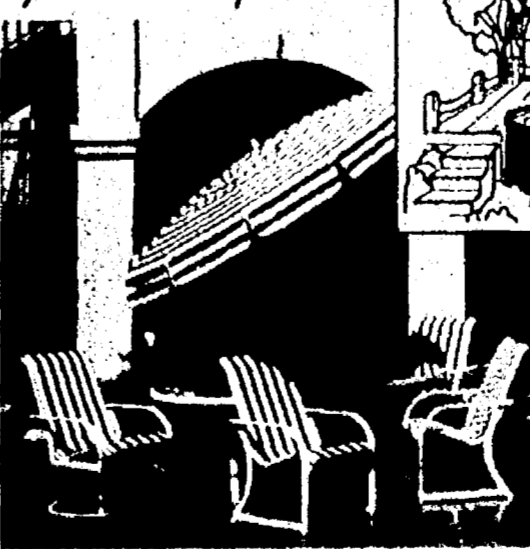
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# Reps discuss road money, tobacco tax, foreign policy

A suburban audience usually hears one U.S. representative at a time.

So the listening becomes all the more interesting when you hear two.

The first was Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Township, a third-term member who serves on the Appropriations Committee that writes spending bills. He talked in his Farmington Hills office. His 11th District covers southwestern Oakland County and Redford Township and three-fourths of Livonia in Wayne County. He had been in the insurance business.

Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, also is a third-term member who serves on the Budget, Science and Corrections committees. She spoke from her Congressional office in Washington D.C. Her 13th District contains portions of Wayne and Washtenaw counties, including one-fourth of Livonia, Garden City, Plymouth and Westland, and Canton and Plymouth townships.

**Q. Tell us about TEA-21, the new federal highway funding act. How did Michi-**



Knollenberg

gan get so lucky, after being shafted for decades, as to get \$309 million a year more — beyond the \$200 million goal set by Gov. Engler?

**Knollenberg:** "A lot of hard work by a lot of people. In 1997 I voted against taking transportation out of the budget and was criticized for voting against money for Michigan roads. I did that because it would have killed the balanced budget agreement

we had just signed.

"There was a consortium of midwest states that hung together. We said we don't have rail or underground transit. But we have bridges, and we drive. Massachusetts had been getting \$2, \$3 or \$4 for every \$1 paid in." He gave much credit to Engler as well as representatives and senators from both parties.

**Rivers:** "We didn't get lucky relative to the other states. We didn't get rid of the equity formula.

"While Michigan got more money, we didn't get more money in relation to the other states. It was a victory because Congress got more money, and everybody got more money."

**Q. Every day on the TV news, tobacco companies have commercials saying, "Write to your congressman" to oppose billions in proposed tobacco taxes. Are your constituents writing? And what is your view?**

**Knollenberg:** "I can tell you how I feel, and my constituents say the same thing. I oppose tax increases, period, whether it's on

beer or cigarettes. I've been looking to reduce taxes.

"This tobacco bill was supposed to have been a done deal last year, at \$368 billion. Then the politicians got hold of it — Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.). They kicked it up from 368 to \$516 billion. That's pure tax. Here's the hypocrisy of it: These people were salivating at the money. They said it's for the children; we want to keep them from smoking. Children will smoke if you charge \$10 a pack.

"You don't get any revenue unless people smoke. They want people to smoke. They're raising taxes on the lowest percentile of workers. Something should be done about curbing teen smoking. It (new revenue) is in the administration's budget, not in ours (Congress).

"When's the last time you heard Clinton say anything about drugs? ..."

**Rivers:** "Yes. A lot of them are responding to the tobacco ads and saying, 'I can't afford the taxes.'"

"We don't know what the bill is going to look like in the House. I imagine we'll know more when we return in



Rivers

August...

"I don't have a problem with the tobacco companies paying for the liabilities and costs associated with their activities. If we ask the tobacco companies to change its advertising strategy, I don't have a problem with that either.

"What I have a problem with is a general tax on cigarettes and the money is spent on programs directed to the general population, such as child care

programs or an educational building. I'm not very comfortable when a smoker — who tends to be a low income person — is financing something directed to a higher income person. I have problem with tobacco revenue becoming another revenue stream for government. I don't think that's correct.

"What costs are imposed on tobacco companies will be 'pass-through' costs onto consumers, whether it is taxes, losses or civil liability. That will be paid for with price increases on tobacco products."

**Q. At any time, people are floating a dozen ideas for constitutional amendments. In March 1992 Gov. Bill Clinton told us he favored a line-item veto. Congress put it in a statute (not a constitutional amendment), and the U.S. Supreme Court struck it down.**

**Is a line-item veto amendment a good idea?**

**Knollenberg:** "Bill Clinton rarely used the line-item veto when he had power to do it. I

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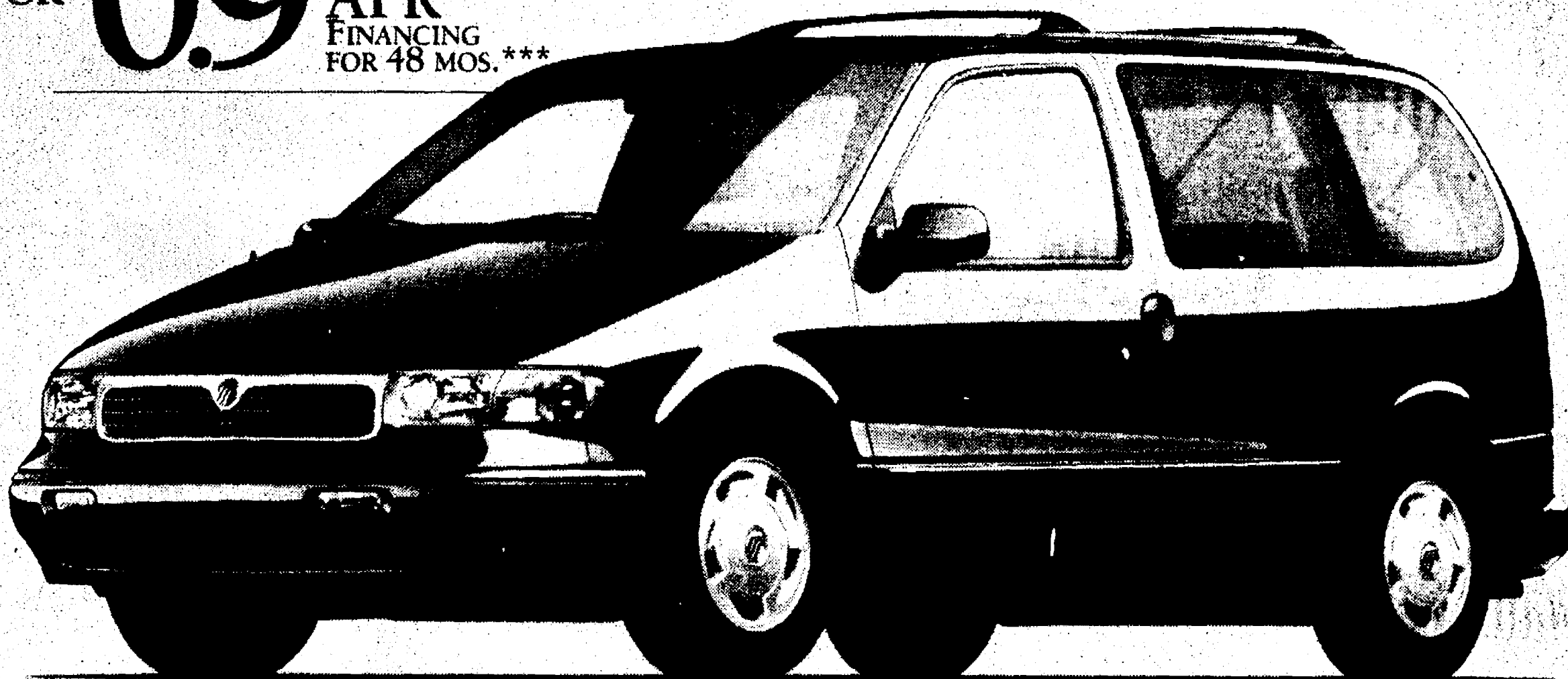
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Dialing 734 has been optional since the 734 area code was placed in service Dec. 13. Beginning July 25, callers who do not use the 734 area code when

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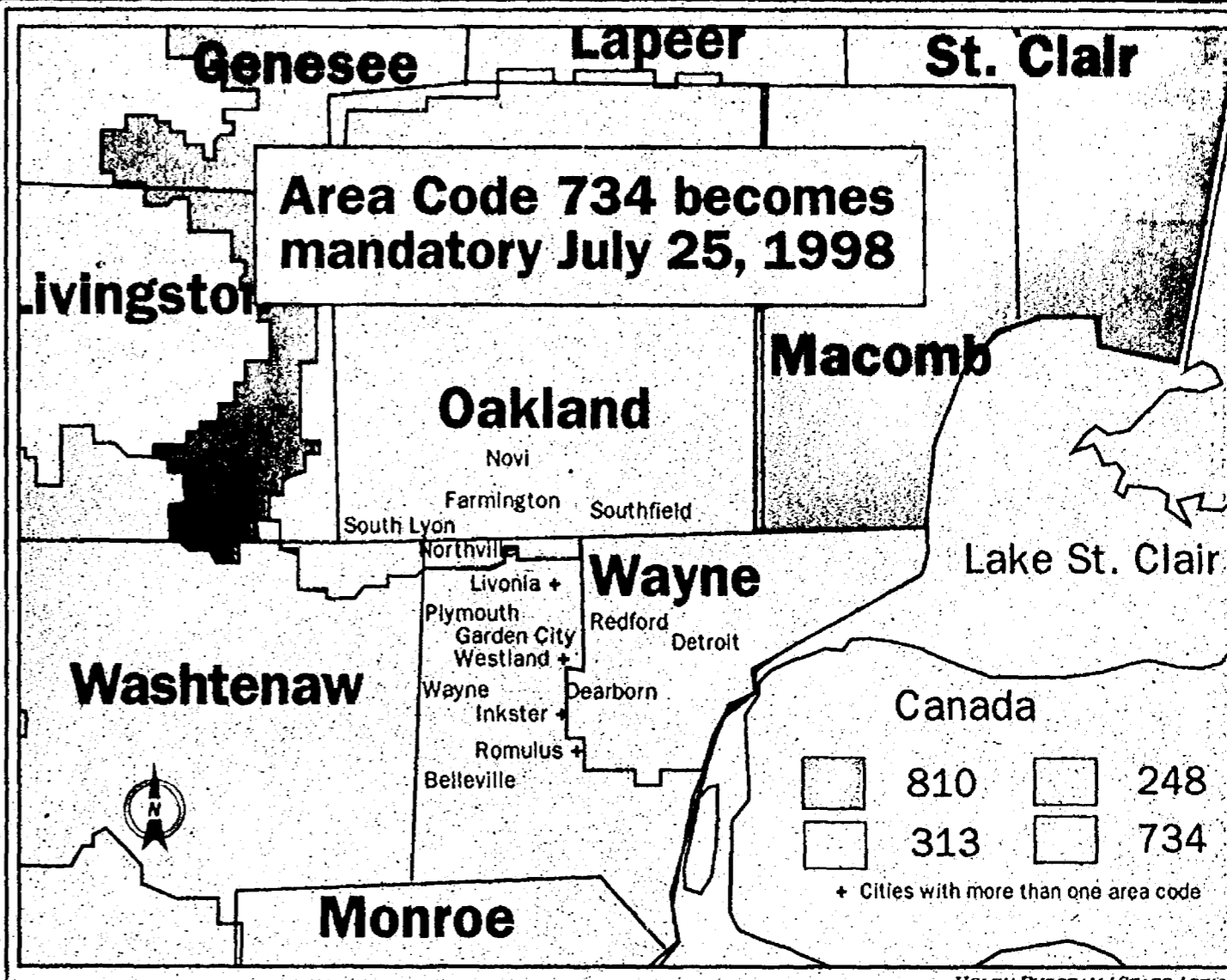
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For information about the new area code, customers can call 1 (800) 831-8989.



**On the court:** Ben Maibach III, chairman of the board of the YMCA of Metro Detroit, is a Redford Township native and 20-year-resident of Farmington Hills. He has been a YMCA member for the past quarter century, and he still still plays racquetball weekly at the Farmington YMCA.



## Maibach eyes strong role for Metro Y

As in his professional life as president and CEO of Barton Malow, Ben Maibach III, chairman of the board of the YMCA of Metro Detroit, has a master plan for that organization, but he's keeping the particulars under wraps.

"I do have ideas, but I'm using discretion putting together a strategic plan," said Maibach during an interview in his Southfield office in the American Center Building.

Barton Malow, one of the biggest construction contractors in the country, generated \$750 million worth of business in more than 20 states last year. Its imprint locally is everywhere from the Joe Louis Arena in downtown Detroit to Royal Oak's William Beaumont Hospital.

One gets the impression that big things are also in store for the metro YMCA during Maibach's tenure as board chairman, a two-year commitment he assumed last April.

**'Many people still equate the Y to swimming and athletics. It's so much more now. Our programs have expanded for youth, teens, and in the daycare area. It's really a community-driven organization.'**

*Ben Maibach, chairman, YMCA Metro Board of Directors*

"Strong kids, strong families, and strong communities." That's the motto of the YMCA," said Maibach, a Redford native and 20-year-resident of Farmington Hills.

A member of the YMCA Board of Trustees for 15 years and various executive committees the last half dozen years, Maibach has been a YMCA member for the past quarter century.

He still plays racquetball weekly at the Farmington YMCA, often with Kevin Bush, executive director of the branch on Farmington Road north of 12

Mile. And Maibach likes the Wellness Center there.

"When I first got on the board, I got insight on what was going on at that time. The 'Y' is 145 years old nationally, and always has been fairly strong in Detroit. In the past few years, a lot of positive things have happened.

"Many people still equate the 'Y' to swimming and athletics. It's so much more now. Our programs have expanded for youth, teens, and in the daycare area. It's really a community driven organization."

The Metro Detroit YMCA is

growing. This past year, two independent operations, the North Oakland (Rochester) and the Mt. Clemens branches, joined the metro group.

"Independents don't have the resources we do," said Maibach, adding that the metro consortium now includes 18 operations in three counties: Oakland, Macomb and Wayne.

The old downtown Detroit YMCA building brought the organization \$5 million in a sale to make way for the new Tiger Stadium. A new building will be erected somewhere downtown.

"We will be working with (Detroit) Mayor Dennis Archer and (Wayne) County Executive Ed McNamara once the casino issue is settled," Maibach said. The YMCA board of directors doesn't want to be neighbors with a gambling institution, he said.

"We grossed \$21.2 million last

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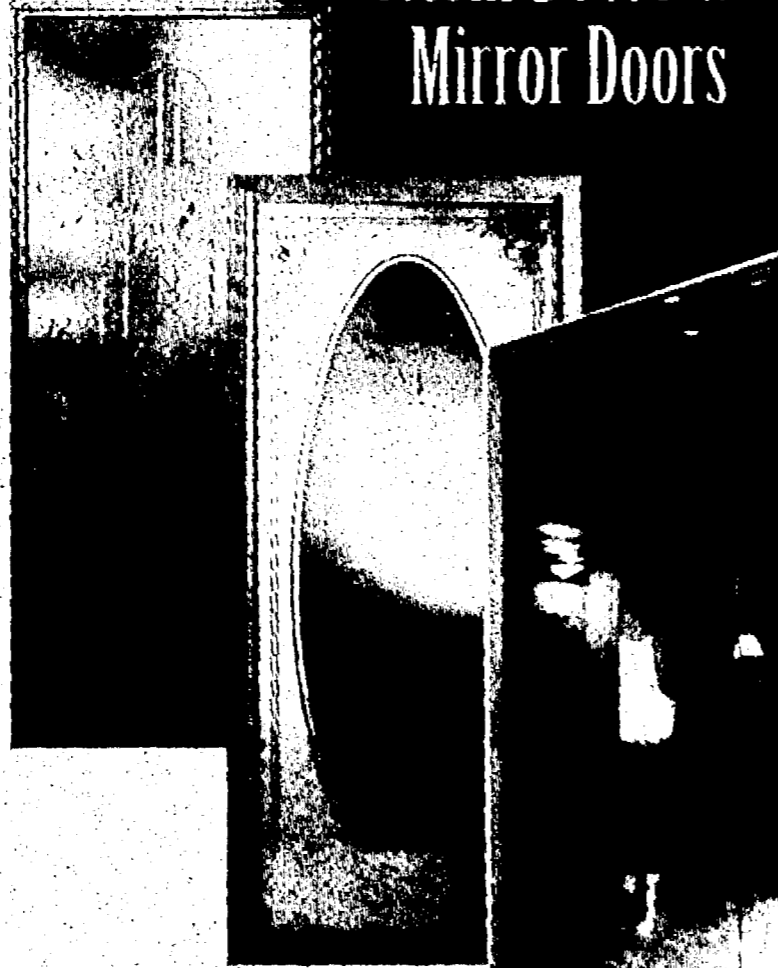
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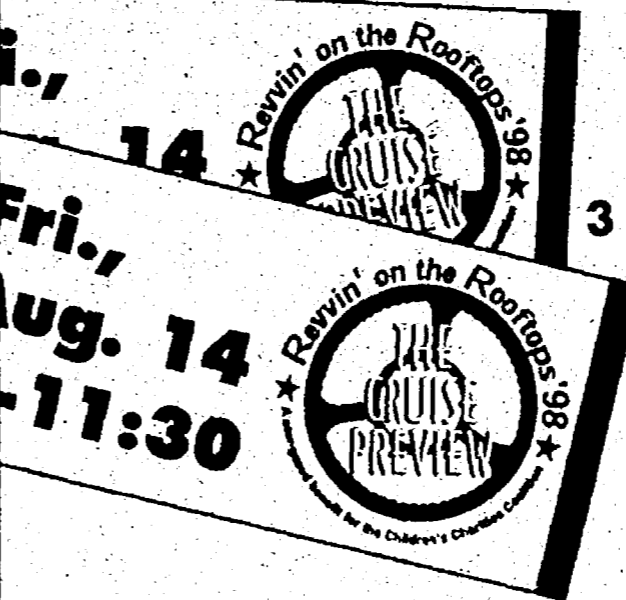
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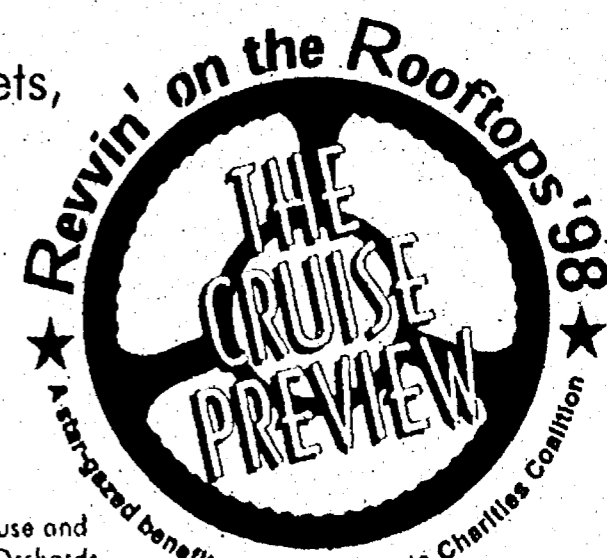
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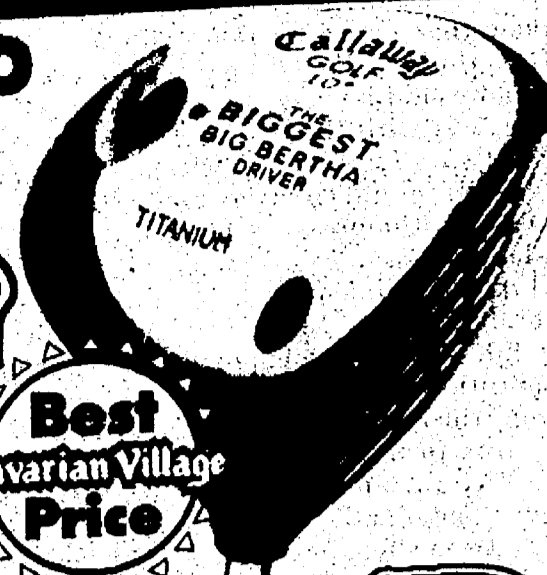


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don't know that he's even relevant to this thing.

"The road would be very, very uphill because, with the budget balanced, there's reduced reason for it. As long as there's a Republican-led Congress, you'll see it balanced.

"Of all the amendments, a balanced budget is my favorite, knowing full well that amending the Constitution is very difficult.

"Clinton, the lamest of lame-ducks, wants to increase taxes by \$150 billion, spending by \$125 billion and add 85 new programs. That's the here and now."

Rivers: "I voted for the statute to see if it would stand up in court..."

"Actually I am exceedingly conservative with the Constitution... I think our founding fathers got it right, there would have to be a real compelling reason to go into this sacred document."

Q. Michigan has passed a set of laws against human cloning. The argument was made in the Legislature that the federal government should pass a national law. Should Congress pass an anti-cloning law?

Knollenberg: "Well, we did. (The House-passed bill is in the Senate.) It was Vern Ehlers' (R-Grand Rapids) bill."

Rivers: "I serve on the Science Committee and heard some testimony from the National Ethics Committee. Given the propensity for abuse, we need government guidelines..."

"I don't have a problem with a ban. I was concerned that a ban may stop other research... I have a staffer in a wheelchair who heard testimony on a ban for any tissue-related research. He was flabbergasted..."

"I agree we should have a ban on cloning, but we should be careful with tissue research. There may be opportunities out there."

Q. We've heard talk of a 0.08 percent blood alcohol content test for drunken driving. Do you favor it?

Knollenberg: "I voted against

it. They're letting drunk drivers back on the road and pick up two, three violations. If they (other states) allow that, we're missing the mark. We've got to keep the drunk driver off the road.

"It should be a state issue. Fifty states have a lower BAC level right now. They ought to enforce the laws they've got."

Rivers: "If I was in the state Legislature, I would support it. We should leave it to the states and we shouldn't deprive states from doing it."

Q. U.S. News & World Report said in alarm that in 1987 there were six congressional ethnic caucuses; today 15. In 1988 there were 20 ethnic-oriented PACs (political action committees); last year, 51. There are stories how Clinton is responding to ethnic concerns - the reason we're considering bringing three eastern European countries into NATO is that the mayor of Chicago and his constituents want it; and the reason we're paying attention to Northern Ireland is that Irish constituents in our cities want it.

Do you see this happening to our foreign policy? And is it bad or good?

Knollenberg: "It's been going on for some time. The Irish thing is more recent. What do you do about the India-Pakistan thing?"

"In this community we have a huge number of ethnic groups, a lot of diversity. They tend to be affluent, well educated, and they have links to home. As a president, you have to appeal to their Americanism first."

"Clinton has tried to appeal to everybody. His foreign policy, I think, is flawed... He's trying to be seen as a peacemaker."

Rivers: "I haven't felt any undue pressure from any ethnic group. I'm not sure what the U.S. News article was about, but there is an interest in Northern Ireland across the country and what spillover it might have. Any time there is a political hotspot, you have people paying attention."

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year in revenues," Maibach added. "We've seen good growth, and there will be more with expansion of programs. Things are going very well for the 'Y.' We have bridged the transition from multiple issues to one key issue. It's truly a community-driven organization."

What started out as the Young Men's Christian Association was primarily known for providing hotels for transient young men in stately downtown buildings across America during the 1920s and 1930s. The YMCA has metamorphosed into an active force of community life in the 1990s, emphasizing activities for men, women and children in every age group. Many programs are offered off-site. The YMCA works with many agencies, such as the Police Athletic League and community parks and recreation departments.

"We have strong behind-the-scenes partnerships. Our mission is different today than it was years ago when we had the large residential facilities which would be costly to run. Today we

serve our communities better. We are now in a position to move strongly forward."

In a joint effort with Chrysler Corp., a new YMCA building will be constructed in Rochester this year. The city of Milford also has plans to build a YMCA facility soon.

Overseeing Barton-Malow construction projects in fields as varied as automotive, health care, sports and education requires a great deal of fore-

thought and planning. Maibach brings that same dedication to his service to the YMCA board.

"It's hard to switch gears and not be yourself," he said.

In addition to the YMCA, Maibach is a director of the American Red Cross and a

trustee of New Detroit, Inc. The father of Ryan, 24, a Barton-Malow project engineer, Maibach has received awards from the Boy Scouts of America, the Engineering Society of Detroit, and an honorary doctorate of engineering from Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

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## OPINION

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THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1998

### County executive McNamara, Scott best choices

On Aug. 4 voters will nominate candidates in the Democratic and Republican races for Wayne County executive. Given the current political demographics in Wayne County, the Democratic primary is tantamount to election.

The Democratic race features incumbent **Edward H. McNamara**, former mayor of Livonia, and challenger **Sharon McPhail**, an attorney and unsuccessful candidate for Detroit mayor in 1993. Also on the Democratic ballot is **Wallace Serylo** of Detroit.

In the Democratic race, we recommend that voters return McNamara to a fourth term to finish the job he started nearly 12 years ago.

The McNamara Administration has been the engine for economic growth and fiscal responsibility in Wayne County. It has improved the parks system (western Wayne County taxpayers need only to travel along Hines Drive to see the positive results), been an advocate for a cleaner environment (Rouge River cleanup and Newburgh Lake restoration) and a champion of public transportation.

McNamara offers voters a proven track record of getting the job done. Unemployment is at a record low, and crime is down. He has put the county on a solid financial track. He has surrounded himself with, and delegated responsibility to, a diverse, dedicated, hard-working group of people.

He has, however, some unfinished business with airport expansion and renovations and deserves to be returned to office to finish what he started. What happens in the next four years will be his political legacy, and we're confident that he won't disappoint the residents of Wayne County.



Edward McNamara

Herb Scott

McPhail, McNamara's most viable opponent, is critical of his management or lack thereof at the airport, jail and morgue. Her criticisms may have a certain ring of well-researched fact. However, it's not hard to find fault with someone who has been in office for 12 years.

McNamara has the experience, vitality and vision to lead Wayne County into the 21st Century.

In the Republican race, the Observer recommends **Herb Scott** of Canton Township. Scott, vice president of Major Pharmaceuticals of Livonia, serves as treasurer for the GOP in the 13th Congressional District. Scott knows the issues and offers Republicans a credible, intelligent candidate for county executive.

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). Be a player; don't get left on the sidelines. Take time to vote on Tuesday, Aug. 4.

### Jail millage merits renewal

Observer area voters will decide on Aug. 4 whether to renew 1 mill for Wayne County jail operations, juvenile detention facilities and youth assistance programs for four years.

The millage renewal is a key to continuing the fight against crime in Wayne County and merits voter support.

The mill costs the owner of a \$100,000 home with a \$50,000 taxable value \$48 annually.

Over the last year, the millage received a lot of attention from the Conference of Western Wayne, a legislative consortium of elected officials from 18 communities, including Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Redford, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Westland.

In February 1996, police chiefs from Garden City and Westland complained misdemeanor prisoners were often released early from the Wayne County jail facilities. They reported to the CWW that communities were not receiving what they believed was a proper return in prisoner housing on the millions sent down by communities each year through the millage.

In fact, it was costing communities more money to send misdemeanor prisoners out-county, because the county had no room for them and because county jail facilities were housing a larger number of felons.

The chiefs went so far as to oppose the 10-year millage unless the county would help them cut their prisoner housing costs. Plymouth Township remains embroiled in a lawsuit over the issue.

Last year, many communities also complained because a new juvenile facility had not

been built. Since then, the facility has been finished and is scheduled to open in the fall.

County officials also have compromised somewhat with the chiefs and the CWW communities. Wayne County has agreed to act as a central repository for ordinance violators and misdemeanor prisoners and seek a lower out-county prisoner housing rate.

The county also will examine a tether program where first-time, non-violent offenders, such as shoplifters or drivers with suspended licenses, can serve a 60- or 90-day sentence. That should help cut prisoner housing costs.

While the communities are not getting all their jail needs fulfilled, the compromise is a good start.

In weighing the millage question, voters should consider this: The criminals are being locked up. In 1996, the Dickerson Detention Facility in Hamtramck detained 6,033 inmates from Wayne County suburban communities and townships, including 1,116 sentenced felons, 3,782 sentenced misdemeanants and 1,098 ordinance violators.

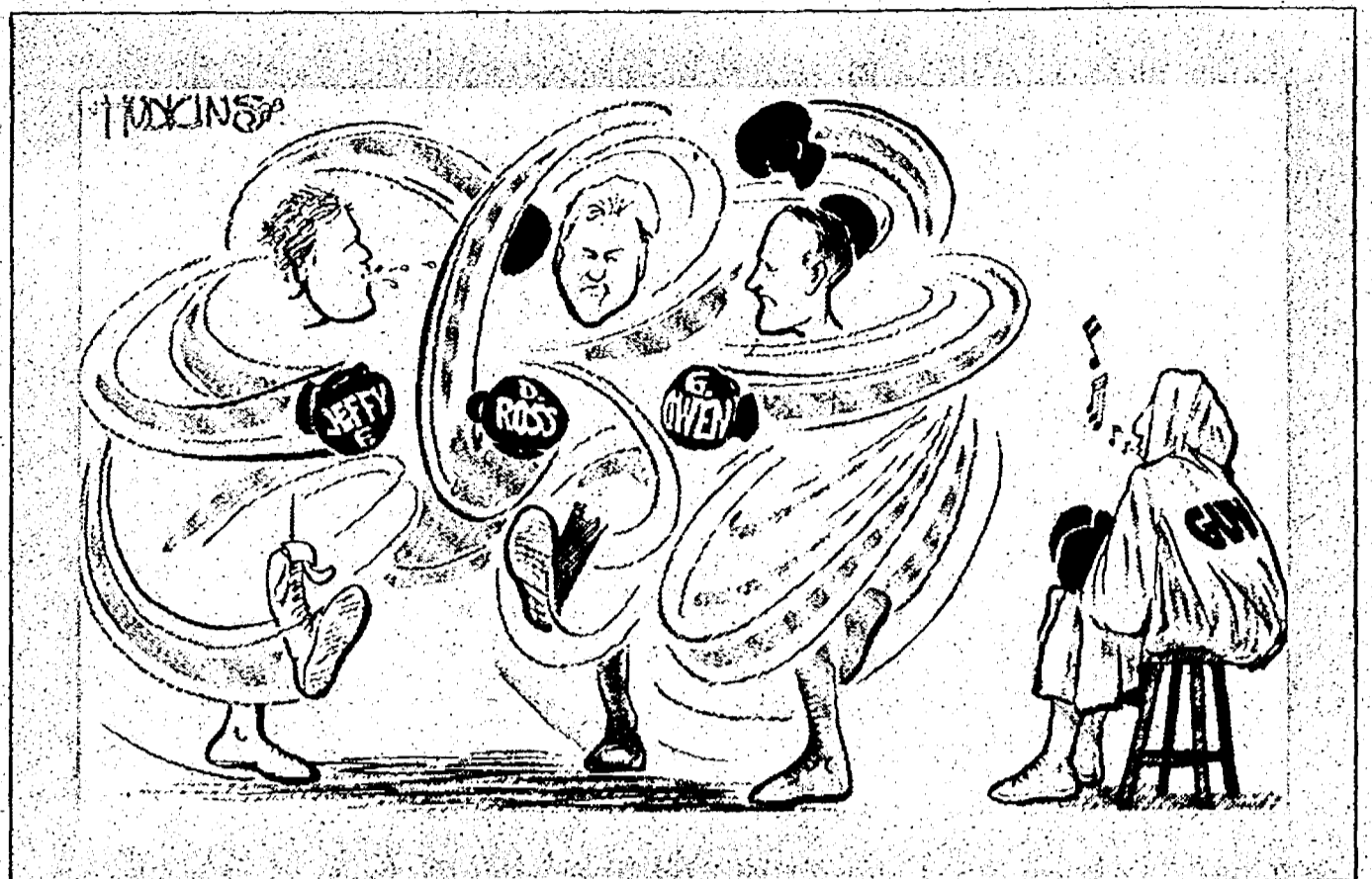
County officials say they have more than delivered on the millage, delivering 2,724 beds in cells for prisoners after promising 1,220.

Although we recommend that voters approve the millage, county officials also need to follow up on promises made to the CWW.

The four-year time period is enough time to review prisoner tether programs and decide where prisoners should be housed.

Public safety is key to healthy, strong, economically viable communities. The 1-mill renewal will continue to build on the successes in battling crime. Vote yes on Proposal J.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

#### Attack on president

After private network consultations, examining facts and opinions, utilizing common sense and common judgment, I have concluded the average thing said and done by President Bill Clinton is attacked with the intent to damage and harass him. It is predicated on the idea of stop the messenger then the message won't be delivered; continuously degrade and harass him then few if any will believe and support his methods in bringing us together.

The foundation was laid approximately five years ago and to view it is like watching a gentle breeze blow into a hurricane.

Shortly after the 1994 election when the Republicans gained a majority in the House of Representatives, a newspaper issued a release with a headline - "The angry white male voters" - revealing it was these voters who gave the Republicans such majority. As it went such anger was explained as "the president didn't keep his promise" he promised to be a "new Democrat," he broke his promise. My belief is no, no, no, that was not the reason for such anger then and none of the reasons given today are genuine reasons.

Let's face it suspicion, suspicious circumstances, surmise and speculation are not sufficient to convict. The state has the burden of removing any reasonable doubt concerning the guilt of the accused. The fact that you have fallen into the clutches of the law does not raise the assumption that you are guilty. Why? Because the presumption of innocence is one of the oldest principles of our common law and one of the better protections against improper verdicts and this presumption exists until a verdict is found against the accused. The effect is to place the burden upon the government to prove the guilt of the accused. The accused is under no compulsion to prove his innocence.

It is my opinion, the media, the press, the talk shows, the Republicans, some Democrats, the racists and the bigots have already found the president guilty and have expressed their opinions over and over again. It is my further opinion, since the innocence or guilt of the president is for the Congress or a jury to decide, it is in their minds that doubt has effect.

Let us not be so fast in giving our opinions on personal transactions between the male and the female. Let an honest legal authority handle it. It should not be done by Ken Starr because I believe he is sold out to the mean-spirited ones who are out to bring down the president because of his method and effort in bringing us together.

Finally, I believe this investigating the president will drag out indistinctly leaving

sufficient grounds for a case of malicious prosecution. Maybe then these mean-spirited people will get a meaningful life for themselves. The country saved will be America.

In the end I believe it behooves us all to go to the ant and get some knowledge, consider her ways and be wise for there's wisdom in little things.

John Franklin  
Westland

#### Richard clueless

Columnist Tim Richard purports to care for Michigan's children, yet he feverishly opposes any attempt to allow parents more options for improving their children's education.

Tim rejects all forms of school choice, from charter schools to vouchers. He erroneously claims that the Mackinac Center "is pushing vouchers, hard."

Tim needs to rent a clue. The Mackinac Center has proposed a tuition tax credit, not a voucher. There is no transfer of public funds to private schools, as Tim maintains; parents and businesses simply get a credit against their own tax liabilities when they pay a child's school tuition with their own money.

Rather than belittling parental involvement in their children's education, Tim should check his ideological agenda at the door and embrace school choice as a real way to improve education.

Steven P. Schaller  
Clawson

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Do you think the problem of drinking and driving is getting better or worse?

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"From what I see on the news I'd say it's getting worse."

Stefanle Grosnickle



"I think it's getting worse, just from the headlines and what you hear."

Brenda Verhines



"Better. The laws are getting stronger."

Patricia Fox



"Worse. I just heard some statistics on TV about it."

Cathryn Pumper

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POINTS OF VIEW

# Retraining program great for older drivers

I don't know if you remember Mildred, the 76-year-old woman who I thought should no longer be driving the roads of metro-Cleveland where she lives.

First, her friends called to complain about her poor driving. And last December when we visited, she drove into oncoming traffic without looking when my daughter, granddaughter and I were passengers in her car.

But Traffic Improvement Association President Frank Cardimen persuaded me otherwise. "I lost my father last year," Cardimen told me for a column I wrote in February. "But I really lost him about seven years ago when his license was pulled. He stopped living. This issue goes beyond just the safety question."

What Cardimen suggested was getting her to take a retraining workshop

designed for mature drivers, like the ones the TIA reinstated last year around our towns from Plymouth all the way to Rochester.

So I called Mildred's son to propose it. She didn't respond to the idea. But then another relative experienced a similar near-accident as a passenger in her car.

That broke the impasse. Because this time when she was approached about taking such a class, her response was: "Why I was just thinking about doing that."

Frankly, I'm still not sure I would drive with her again. But, a visit to a TIA-sponsored course held in Farmington Hills reassured me that the 12 women and four men taking the workshop are better drivers for it.

Studies show that older drivers are four times more likely to be involved



JUDITH DONER BERNE

in traffic accidents. In studies by population and miles driven, they experience an inordinate number of crashes and fatalities.

In fact, two members of the class had been involved in recent accidents. Both said they were not at fault.

"Some dude backed into me," described Ione Schuster of Farmington.

Tressa Jasko's "first accident in 40 years" actually motivated her to take the retraining. "A woman sideswiped me as I was driving along Eight Mile Road," the 76-year-old Redford Township resident said. "It made me a little nervous. I want to feel more at ease when I'm driving."

Over two four-hour sessions utilizing a series of videos, two instructors review: The effects of aging on driving, physical limitations, effects of medication and alcohol on driving, current traffic laws, automobile technology, defensive driving skills and crash preventative measures.

Jasko was proud of how well she did. On her road test, she learned that "I probably should watch a little closer to the right side." Overall, she said: "I really got a lot out of it."

An offshoot of the retraining was

meeting new people. Dolores Ferguson of Farmington Hills and Gail Perrin, her former next door neighbor, introduced me to their new acquaintance, Jewel Cooke. The Farmington Hills woman, at 89, was probably the oldest person taking the class.

Perrin gave Cooke the supreme compliment for this westside Oakland County community: "Our new friend drives Orchard Lake Road."

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is former managing editor of the Eccentric Newspapers. Upcoming mature driver retraining workshops are scheduled for Sterling Heights, Pontiac, Waterford, Dearborn, Ann Arbor, Bloomfield Hills, Southfield, Rochester, St. Clair Shores and Romeo. Cost runs about \$20. Call Joan Rich at (248) 334-4971 for information.

# Large schools often perform better than small ones

The latest claptrap emanating from the right wing of the State Board of Education has to do with big school districts versus small schools. The rationalization (it's not reasoning) goes like this:

The poorest MEAP scores come from the biggest school districts.

The smallest schools are public school academies, alias "charter schools."

The way to raise educational proficiency is to charter more little academies that are close to the parents, the way rural schools were organized in our idyllic past.

Ideologically, it's great, as long as you don't let facts get in the way.

But let us consider some of the facts from this spring's eighth grade science tests.

### Wayne County

Detroit's 9,549 eighth graders scored 9.9 percent proficient in science and 41.6 percent failing ("not yet novice," in the jargon then employed). In the Caesar Chavez Academy, with

14 tested, zero scored proficient and 64.3 percent flunked. Meanwhile, in Livonia - second largest district in the county and one of the 10 largest in the state - the 1,347 eighth graders scored 29.5 percent proficient with 10.1 percent flunking.

### Kent County

Grand Rapids, with 1,395 eighth graders tested, is the second largest school district in the state and the largest in Kent County. Its scores were 11.4 percent proficient, 37.2 flunking.

Second largest in the county is Rockford, whose 600 eighth graders scored 35.7 percent proficient and 6.8 percent flunking.

At the West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science (remember, this is a science test), 28 took the test with 7.1 percent proficient and 42.9 percent flunking - not as good as Grand Rapids, far worse than Rockford.

### Genesee County



TIM RICHARD

Flint is third largest in Michigan and largest in the county. Its 1,339 eighth graders scored 2.1 percent proficient and 57.7 percent flunking. Pretty bad, so let's move to the second largest in the county, Grand Blanc, where 425 kids scored 35.1 percent proficient and 7.3 percent flunking. Little Westwood Heights' 67 eighth graders scored 3.0 and 49.3, almost as bad as Flint, far worse than Grand Blanc. (No charter school showed an eighth grade score.)

### Washtenaw County

Largest in the county and eighth largest in the state is Ann Arbor, with 1,082 eighth graders who scored 40.3 percent proficient and 8.3 percent flunking. Smallest public school district is Manchester, with 82 tested and scoring 40.2 and 4.9 percent, respectively - little different from Ann Arbor's. Central Academy, with only eight pupils, scores 12.5 and 12.5 - too small a base for a good comparison.

### Livingston County

Brighton is the largest with 485 eighth graders scoring 32.2 percent proficient and 9.9 percent flunking. The Livingston Academy tested six pupils with 16.7 percent proficient and 33.3 percent flunking - too small a base for a good comparison.

### Macomb County

Utica is the county's largest and the state's fourth largest with 1,811 tested, a proficient score of 32.2 percent and a flunk rate of 9.9 percent. Smallest is New Haven with 65 stu-

dents scoring 7.7 percent proficient and 36.9 percent flunking - far worse than Utica's.

In sum, there's little evidence to support any ideology about big versus little schools.

Keep in mind that four of the largest districts in Michigan aren't big-city urban schools but suburbs: Utica, Livonia, Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland.

As for charter schools, many - not all - continue to be an embarrassment. The state should be thinking in terms of closing the many weak ones.

So what makes a school good? Back in the 1960s, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, then employed by the Nixon Administration and now a U.S. senator from New York State, said: "Schools don't count. Families do."

Backed up, I would add, by inspired teachers.

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

# Focus:HOPE still going strong

It was 30 years ago, when the ashes of the riots in Detroit were still smoldering and people were still looking at each other in shock, that I first started hearing the rumors.

There was this Catholic priest, prematurely gray but with fire in his eyes and quicksilver on his tongue. And there was his sidekick, a soft-spoken woman who seemed much, much bigger than her 5-foot-4 height when she started organizing things.

Together they were supposed to be doing something to rebuild a city that the riots had revealed as a hollow shell. Doing something to bring the races together. It had an odd name and odder punctuation.

I had just started the company that owns this newspaper, and even from a suburban perspective I was horrified and dismayed at what was happening to a once-great city. So it was only logical a little later that I should sit down with Father William Cunningham and Eleanor Josaitis to talk about what they were doing.

In the beginning, Focus:HOPE was little more than its logo, a white hand and a black hand reaching out but not yet touching. But Father Bill and Eleanor soon gathered a cadre of earnest and well-intentioned folks, attracted by the idea of doing something practical at the grass-roots level that would provide some measure of, well, hope.

In 1971 they established The Commodity Supplemental Food Program to provide free monthly food rations to pregnant women, post partum mothers, children up to the age of 6 and seniors more than 60. When I visited Focus:HOPE back then, it was pretty scruffy but effective; lots of surplus food was being gathered and distributed, efficiently and compassionately, to a whole lot of folks who needed it.

Time passed. I was busy with other things. I saw Father Bill and Eleanor from time to time, always filled with hope and optimism, always brimming over with new projects. By then, Bill was certainly the best salesman in Michigan, reaping wealth and help from the mighty, while Eleanor toiled along in the background, cleaning up after the messes that great salesmen always leave behind.

And then the day came when I was serving as chair of the Michigan Job Training Coordinating Council and trying to design a job training system that would provide Michigan workers with the skills and productivity to get and keep good-paying jobs. We had given some grants to Focus:HOPE, and I thought I'd better go down to their headquarters to have a look at what they were doing with our money.

I never will forget the shock of walking into the complex Father Bill and Eleanor had built. The Focus:HOPE I entered was modern, high-



PHILIP POWER

tech, lime green and gray, complete with new machine tools and computers and classrooms and filled with earnest young men and women.

Today the Machinist Training Institute provides up-to-date training in precision machining and metal working for more than 300 students. Since it was started in 1981, it has a 100 percent placement record for the more than 1,500 graduates whose skills are in short supply in area businesses.

And today's Focus:HOPE has a bewildering variety of offerings ranging from the Center for Advanced Technologies (granting accredited degrees in manufacturing, engineering and technology) to First Step (a four-week program upgrading math, communications and computer skills) so graduates can enter Fast Track (to prepare students to enter the Machinist Training Institute).

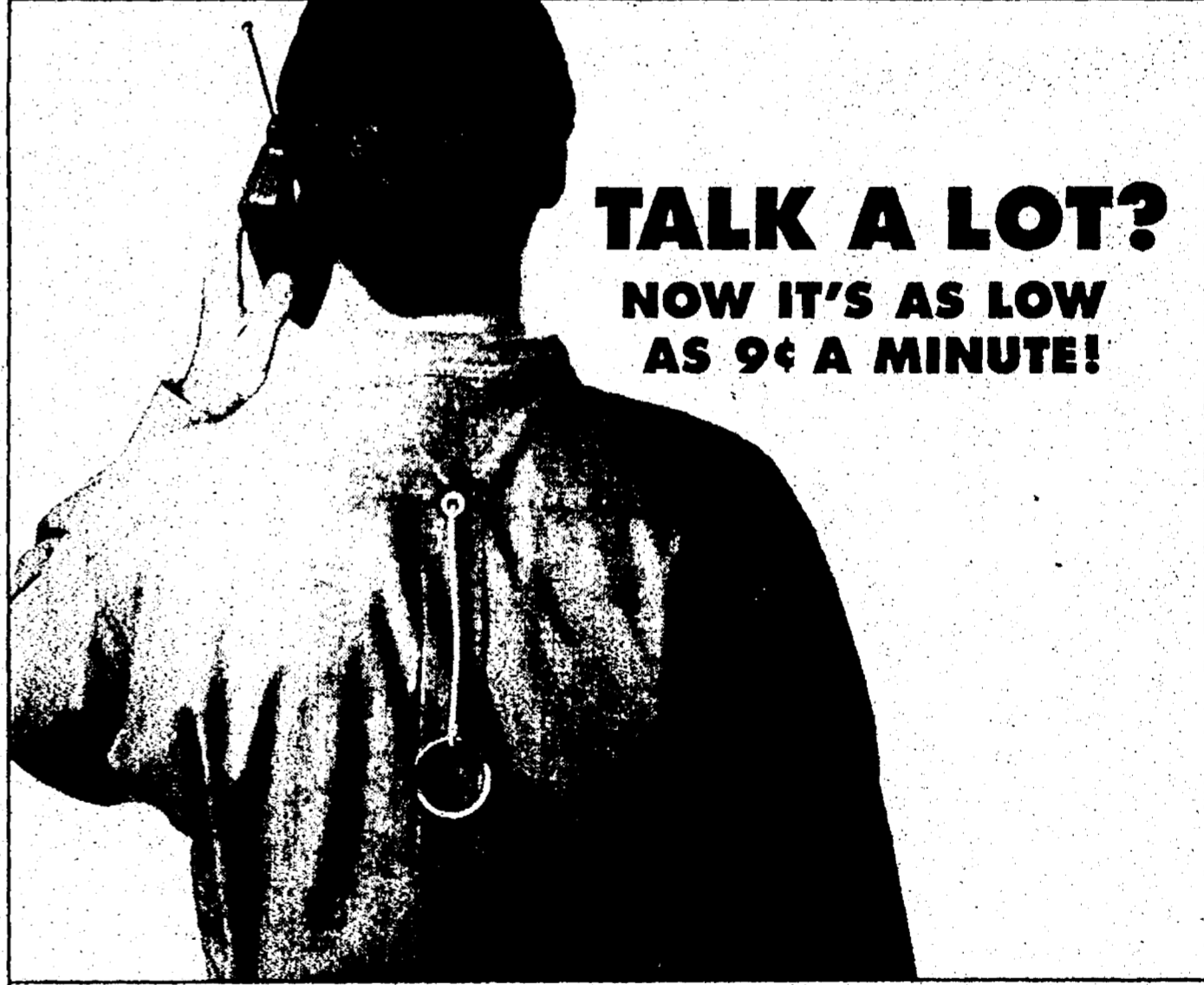
Today's Focus:HOPE is big business, with a \$62.5 million budget, one million square feet of space on 40 acres, 786 staffers and 49,000 volunteers, participants and contributors.

But last year, Father Bill Cunningham died of cancer, and a tornado roared down Oakland Boulevard, ripping a chunk out of the Focus:HOPE campus. Eleanor Josaitis stepped forward into big shoes and started filling big holes.

This Saturday, Focus:HOPE is celebrating its 30th anniversary, just a little bit later than the actual anniversary date of March 8. "There has just been too much grieving for Bill," explained Eleanor. "But we hope everybody will come on down and see what we've built."

The celebration runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 25, at 1355 Oakland Boulevard, Detroit.

In my view, what they've built is nothing less than a monument to hope. Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@oceanline.com



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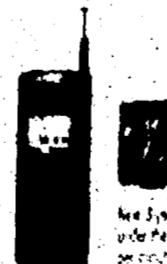
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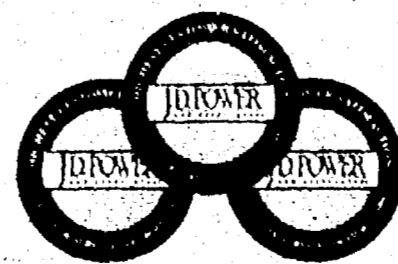
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# Metro airport gets \$1 billion for midfield terminal project

Wayne County received \$1 billion recently on behalf of Detroit Metro Airport, completing the largest bond sale in the history of U.S. airports. Proceeds from the sale will be used primarily for Metro Airport's new 74-gate midfield terminal project. The \$1 billion check was presented to Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara by representatives of Salomon Smith Barney, lead underwriter for the bond sale. The underwriting group also included Merrill, Lynch & Co., Seibert Brandford Shank & Co., and a number of Michigan-based and national financial institutions. Several local, minority-

owned firms were also principal members of underwriting and selling teams. The \$1 billion bond funding will contribute primarily to the construction of Metro Airport's new midfield terminal, scheduled to open in 2001. Proceeds from the sale will also be used for other airport projects, including construction of a sixth runway, a new 12,000-space parking garage, renovation of the existing terminal complex and continuation of the airport's noise program. The 30-year bonds will return a maximum interest rate of 5.33 percent tax-free, according to John Reagan, director of Salomon Smith Barney. While

most of the bonds were sold to institutional investors, about \$90 million of the issue was sold to individuals, most of whom were Michigan residents, Reagan said. The securities offering was rated AAA — the result of a bond insurance policy provided by Municipal Bond Investors Assurance, Inc. The insurance reduced the interest cost to be paid by Detroit Metro Airport. The bond issue received an A rating from Fitch Investors Service, AAA from Moody's Investors Service and A- from Standard & Poors. Two of those ratings — from Fitch and Moody's — were upgrades.

# SC wins grant for business program

Schoolcraft College has won a \$169,000 business and international education grant from the U.S. Department of Education to develop an international trade certificate program for companies interested in exporting their goods and services. The certificate program will include courses and seminars featuring experts on international topics who will share current information about entering foreign markets and maintaining a competitive edge, according to Katrina VanderWoude, assistant dean of continuing education services. "We will organize networking events where companies, particularly small firms and their employees, can meet experts and glean informa-

tion from them," VanderWoude said. Program components will examine the culture, language, currency and business practices of targeted countries; customs laws; the role of brokers and development bankers, trade consultants and international laws. "Schoolcraft has a long history of providing special seminars, workshops and community forums to a variety of audiences for professional development and personal enrichment," said Richard McDowell, college president. "Our ability to train individuals and groups is second to none." VanderWoude said the program will focus on entrepreneurs, small businesses and women and

minority business owners. Representatives of southeastern Michigan's education, economic development and international trade communities will join with Schoolcraft in the venture. Partners include Michigan State University's Center for Canadian Studies, the Michigan Small Business Development Center, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, the Michigan Jobs Commission, the Edward Lowe Foundation and Comerica Bank. Funding begins in September, and classes are expected to be offered in 1999. For information, contact Continuing Education Services at (734) 462-4448.

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## COMMON SENSORS



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### Helping kids reframe envy as admiration

If you pay attention to your subconscious thoughts, you will be surprised at what is just below the surface. I'm not proud of it, but envy lurks in my subconscious.

As I walked into the grocery store last week, my thoughts meandered around aimlessly until I spotted HER. She stood in the vegetable aisle. She was attractively thin and looked like she exercised frequently. Judging by the care she took in picking out the fresh produce, she obviously ate healthy foods, and it showed.

And wouldn't you know, not two minutes later, another woman pops into my line of sight, and darn it, if she wasn't about the same age as me, dressed in a colorful shorts and shirts combination, again enviably thin.

I would not say that I am a person who spends a great deal of time envying other people, but I'll candidly admit, I do envy thin people. The thing that really ticks me off about them is that permanently thin people don't have any conception as to how hard other people work to stay reasonably thin.

My problem is I am a medium-sized person with a very fat mind. If it weren't for the enormous amount of time I spend exercising each week, my fat mind would grow to be a 200-pound body. It is always difficult for me to maintain or lose weight, and I'll tell you right out - I spend way too much time thinking about it.

#### A common feeling

We've all felt envy at times, wishing we had someone else's qualities, possessions, achievements or luck. But let's face it - envy is destructive and, in the worst case, can be the root cause of other destructive behaviors.

I will never have a skinny person's thin-thinking mind, so I need to GET OVER IT, be content with what I have and thankful that I can control my weight to the degree that I can.

So how does envy apply to our children? Is it natural for them to be envious of others? Envy is common to the human race and we mistakenly think that in order to find contentment, significance and fulfillment, we have to act on our envy.

By contrast, persons who get control of their envy can reframe it as admiration. Then they are in a position to support and encourage other people instead of having to work so hard to gain an edge. They move from selfish to selfless, a much more desirable trait.

Envy can push children and teens into unhealthy behaviors. You've no doubt heard your children talk about other kids. They might talk about a smarter classmate in a disparaging way, gossip about an attractive friend, or they might go so far as to vandalize a schoolmate's new bicycle, destroy their sibling's favorite toy, or tattle to get their friend in trouble.

#### Dealing with envy

We can help our kids with envy in three ways. One, acknowledge their feelings. If they tell you that they feel mad about their friend getting chosen to the all-star team when they didn't, let them know that it is OK to have that feeling - "I know you're feeling bad that you weren't chosen and Jason was because you probably think you were just as qualified."

Letting them have the feelings is not the same as allowing them to act on them.

Two, our integrity shows when we're down. Remind them that it's easy to be kind and generous when things are going your way and you're feeling good, but that the true test is to be kind and admiring when you're feeling bad - "It's not about Jason's success that makes you mad, it's about you not getting on the team. I know you think that Jason got on the team because the judge is his dad's best friend, but to say that makes you look selfish. You're not a failure; Jason was just fortunate to get

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Suzi Helmbaugh and Shelly Manville  
Plymouth

Best friends, there's nothing like them. They have broad shoulders, big hearts and unbreakable funny bones. They challenge and accept us ... and sometimes annoy us.

Best friends listen more than they talk, and they seldom ask what's wrong. They already know.

"She's always there when I need her," said Marilyn Griffith, 66, of Livonia about her best friend, Beverly Hogue, 65. "She's the kind of person who does things for you and wants no credit for it."

"She knows instinctively what you need."

Those are the same sentiments expressed by 33-year-old Laura Zain about her best friend, Kristin Senne, 27, of Northville.

The Livonia resident met Senne 13 years ago. Zain's son had just been born with his intestines on the outside of his body. Kyle, now 13, wasn't expected to live. Many of her friends dropped out of sight.

But not Senne, who lived across the street. She shared Zain's bedside vigil.

"She stuck it out with me, and I got so much from this 14-year-old kid," said Zain. "I became her big sister, and she was my big sister even though she was little."

Senne saw Zain through a divorce; earlier this year, Senne's boyfriend died.



Terry Masek and Lisa Mausolf  
Redford



Chelsea Washko and Amanda Rummel  
Redford

"Laura was right there by my side," said Senne, a scholarship student at Madonna University.

Both women were born on Aug. 28, and every year they try to outdo each other's birthday surprise. Sometimes they don't wait until their birthdays. This June Senne surprised Zain with two tickets to the final game of the Stanley Cup championship. She also had two airline tickets to Washington, D.C.

"Oh, she couldn't believe it until I went there and spent the night before we left for the airport," said Senne.

When Senne leaves for Europe this August for a much needed vacation, it will be the second time in 14 years they've been apart on their birthdays.

"Everything about her is like me," said Senne. "It's like we're connected. It's weird, but it's in a good way."

#### Girl next door

Barb Dempkowski, 49, of Garden City is married with three daughters. Her best friend, Jerri Allen, 55, of Dearborn Heights is single. Both have younger brothers.

"I tell my daughters, Jerri and I had to adopt each other to fight our brothers," said Dempkowski. "Jerri loves animals, kids, flowers. She loves everything."

"Barb is always happy, always has a smile," said Allen.

The two women met 33 years ago when Dempkowski's family moved next door to Allen's family in Dear-

born Heights. Both families were active in the Lions Club's Blind Bowlers. They became best friends when they shared a hotel room two years later during a Blind Bowlers meeting in New York City.

Allen still lives next to Dempkowski's mother and father, who is now blind, and helps out a lot, including taking them out to dinner.

Dempkowski's daughters adore Allen - "She is their best aunt. Aunt Jerri is right up there with God." - and they "are my nieces," according to Allen.

Dempkowski and Allen routinely blow up at each other to let off steam, but they've never had a serious argument.

"I can't imagine getting in a fight with Jerri," Dempkowski said. "I can't imagine her fighting with anybody."

Allen said they're more like sisters than friends - "We like the same things. We do the same things."

A while ago, Allen's brother asked her to move out to Colorado, where he lives. Allen assured Dempkowski she wasn't going to do that. "We don't want to think about it."

"Jerri truly is a person from God," said Dempkowski. "She is more than



Jenny Burgess and Amy Cerullo  
Livonia

a sister could ever be."

Eight-year-old Chelsea Washko and Amanda Rummel are second graders at Douglas Elementary School. They met in first grade.

Other than swimming, making beaded necklaces and selling toys they don't want anymore, Chelsea and Amanda haven't experienced much of life together.

But there's plenty of time for life. Meanwhile, they're friends for the simplest and best of reasons:

"She shares with me and she is always with me," said Chelsea.

"Well, she's really nice and we like to share," said Amanda. "And she makes funny faces."

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Laura Zain and Kristin Senne  
Livonia



Kate Keim and Mallory Urban  
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Redford



# Hospices team up to offer children's bereavement camp

Did you dream of going to camp, but never had the opportunity?

Well, you can experience camp life now as a volunteer for the fifth annual Camp Phoenix, sponsored by Community Hospice and Home Care Services and Hospices of Henry Ford Health System.

Some 40 volunteers are needed to work with the anticipated 70 children who will attend the three-day camp Friday-Sunday, Aug. 21-23, at Camp Tamarack in Ortonville.

"We really need men, and we're looking for teens age 15 and up," said Kathleen Dattolo,

CHHCS director of social work. "The teens are great. They play with the younger children when they're not in their sessions and are there in the cabins, but they're not seen as authority figures."

Camp Phoenix is designed to facilitate a healthy grieving process for children age 5-17 who have experienced a significant loss due to death in the past 24 months.

The camp staff includes the trained volunteers, social workers, counselors and child life specialists. It offers comprehensive training and a job stipend related to the job duty at a

camp for all volunteers, said Dattolo.

The ratio of volunteers to children depends on the age group. For the 5-8-year-old campers, the ratio is one adult for every two children. For 9-12-year-olds, it's one adult to three children and one adult for three to four teens.

"The camp offers so much to children who are grieving the loss of someone loved," said Peggy Nielsen who manages the "Sand Castles" children's bereavement program for Hospices of Henry Ford Health System.

Activities include group

interactions, art, music and play activities. Children are assigned to small age-specific groups to encourage the sharing of feelings with the ultimate goal being the development of coping strategies for dealing with grief.

Teens also work on a high rope challenge that's good for team building and self-esteem, while the 9-12-year-olds work on the low ropes challenge that focuses a lot on team work. For the young children, it's hayride to a petting farm.

There also will be skits and a memorial service on Saturday evening, according to Dattolo.

"Giving children an opportunity to be with their peers helps normalize the grief experience," said Jean Butrice Cooper, child life specialist for Hospices of Henry Ford Health System. "The child may not know other children who have experienced a loss, so our program can help a great deal."

The children's parents or guardians attend an informational meeting before the camp and are invited to a family picnic on Sunday when they pick up their children. Last year more than 200 attended the picnic.

This is the second year the

two agencies have teamed up to offer Camp Phoenix. By sharing resources, the camp can now accommodate up to 100 children and has expanded the financial commitment.

Such funding has allowed the agencies to offer the camp free of charge. However, there is a \$20 registration fee due at the time of application. Scholarships are available.

For more information or an application, call CHHCS at (734) 522-4244. The deadline for registering is July 31.

## Friends from page B1

As with many friendships, hardship brought Livonia residents and neighbors Rhoda Bogros, 75, and Joanne Mateer, 65, closer together. Rhoda and her husband Albert, 80, lost their 51-year-old daughter to cancer a few months ago.

"They were right there for us," said Boros.

When Albert had a heart attack last April and recent surgery for skin cancer, the Mateers were there, going to the hospital with Boros and bringing Albert home.

"It's people like this who help us carry the load that allows us to carry one," said Boros. "It's exceptional people like this who deserve recognition."

Boros sometimes wonders about her friend's broad shoulders. While Boros was coping with her daughter's death, Mateer was dealing with her own mother's serious illness.

"While I was crying on her shoulder about our daughter, she was waiting for word on her mother, who died," said Boros. "I've always said she was my guardian angel, and she truly is."

Abe Barroga of Canton has two best friends who help "keep my

feet on the ground" - Mike Smokavitz and Chris Skoglund. All three men are 20 years old and have been friends since middle school.

"Mike is the dreamer, Chris is spontaneous, and I'm the organizer," Barroga said. "I make it possible to do things, to make it flow easily."

In other words, Barroga supplies the car and cash at times. That's OK with Barroga because best friends don't keep tabs on favors or money.

"Just as long as they're going to be there when you need them," he said.

Men the age of Barroga's father have "buddies" who come over and watch football games. But buddies are not best friends, according to Barroga.

"A friend and a best friend are two different things," he said. "You don't really share all the intimate things you tell a best friend. You don't think about best friends criticizing you."

Carol Napier of Garden City counts Art Stump and Lavelle Jenkins. Napier gets a lot of help raising her 8-year-old grandson from them.

"He helps me with my grand-

son, Allen, and is always around when I need a helping hand," she said of Stump. "Lavelle is always buying Allen things. She's always here for me."

Redford resident Terry Masek met her best friend Lisa Mausolf more than 10 years ago at Ladywood High School.

"We had the same personality; she was just as bubbly as I am," she said. "It started there and slowly grew."

Canton teenagers Mallory Urban and Kate Kerm, both 13, are best friends. Why?

"Because I can trust her and tell her everything and rely on her," Mallory said.

"She's always there," Kate said. "She's always helping me when I need help. I can tell her secrets. We're always doing stuff together. She's my movie buddy, and we drool over the same men."

Livonia residents Amie Cerullo and Jenny Burgess graduated from Stevenson High School this year and have been friends since ninth grade.

"Through high school we've been through everything good and bad... Boyfriends who came between us, vacations," said Cerullo. "We have different interests, but we still have time for each other."

"When she has a problem, I'm there for her. When I'm having a problem she's there for me."

### Lasting friendship

Westland resident Bertha Row-

den said Rosa Rupp has been her best friend since they met in the fourth grade more than 60 years ago.

"We talk about things we don't even tell our sisters," Rowden said.

Plymouth resident Nancy Chapman has been best friends with Barbara Rydeski of West Bloomfield for more than 40 years.

"When we get together we tell the same stories, laugh at the same things," Chapman said. "Days go by and weeks go by, but when we talk, we just pick up where we left off."

Plymouth resident Susan Heimbaugh and best friend Shelly Manville see each other four times a week.

"We both thought that being friends was cheaper than going to therapy," Heimbaugh said. "I never had a sister, but this is different."

Redford resident Kathy Kitzmann has been best friends with Nancy Borden since their parents bought homes back-to-back in 1950 when they were born.

"She knows me better than anybody," Kitzmann said. "Our lives have taken different paths, but we're always able to come back and pick up on our friendship."

Redford resident Kathy Lloyd met her best friend Laurie Harris when both were 7 years old and Lloyd's family moved into Harris' neighborhood.

"Mom made me take her a Kool-Aid," Lloyd said. "You don't need to detail things out (with her). We're on the same wavelength."

Livonia resident Pam Caraher met best friend Sharon

on the job six years ago. They went to Ireland together three years ago. And Caraher loves Urso's thoughtfulness and gentleness.

"I just can't explain what a good friend she is," Caraher said. "She's soft-spoken, generous. She's just incredible. She had a sweet smile. I'd go home and say 'Ma, I met the nicest person in the world today.'"

"She's just the best friend anyone could dream of having. I mean it from the bottom of my heart, she's something else."

### Close to home

But best friends can be more than the kid next door or a school chum. For some, their best friends are as close as a family member or spouse.

"She knows all my secrets," said Livonia resident Kathy Combin about her sister Bridgett. "Sometimes we buy things at different stores and find out later we bought the same thing."

For Nancy Andersen of Canton, her best friend is her father, Tedd Grakawski of Auburn Hills.

"He is my No. 1 all-star, confidant and picker-upper. He is the wisest man I know," said Andersen. "He insists that I call him

when I get home after visiting him. He is a role model, a hero."

Garden City resident Debbie Likeric said her best friend is her husband, J.B., whom she met in 10th grade more than 20 years ago.

"He just accepts the ups and downs we go through," she said. "I'm never afraid to tell him anything. We have no secrets from each other. I'd rather spend time with him than anybody else."

Diffo for Mary Beth King of Canton, who's best friend is her husband Jeffrey.

"We just had a baby six months ago and I've had trouble dealing with it," she said. "He's been unbelievable. It's been unbelievable for the past four years."

Canton resident Nancy Phalin and husband Randy Phalin, married for four years, are best buddies on the go.

"We go biking, inline skating, scuba diving, church, shopping, Jazzercise and weightlifting," she said. "We just have fun together. He's the best friend anybody could have. We do everything together. Buddies should always be together."

Phalin said they hesitated about getting married because Randy is considerably younger than she.

"Then we said, 'No, age doesn't matter.' It's just gotten better since we've gotten married."

### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, July 28, 1998, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
85	DODGE	LANCER 4DR	BLUE	1B3BX48DXFN219175
82	TOYOTA	2DR	BLUE	JT2RA64L3C6023763
72	FORD	TANKER TRAILER	BLUE	F60CCP65198
86	FORD	TEMPO 2DR	RED	1FABP193AGK242003
86	PONTIAC	FIREBIRD	GRAY	1G2FS87S2GN215876
88	PONTIAC	SUNBIRD 2DR	BURG	1G2JD11KQJ7572410

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

83	CADILLAC	FLEETWOOD 4DR	BLUE	1G6AB6982D9243310
81	CHEV	CHEVETTE 4DR	GREEN	1G1AB6898BA248894
86	FORD	ESCORT 2DR	BLUE	1FABP3193GW363702
85	BUICK	SKYLARK 4DR	GRAY	1G4XB69R0FW490180
83	DODGE	ARIES WGN	BLUE	1G3BD49C7DF147969
67	OLDS	DELTA 4DR	GREEN	386697M337653
84	BUICK	SKYLARK WGN	GRAY	1G4AS35P8EK622839
85	PONTIAC	SUNBIRD 4DR	RED/BLUE	1G2JB6904F7614412
81	MERCURY	MARQUIS 4DR	BLACK	1MEBP85F6B2626035
88	CHRYSLER	NEW YORKER 4DR	WHITE	1C3BU6634JD221651
85	FORD	ESCORT 4DR	RED	1FABP1444FW229199

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

### 30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after August 23, 1998, unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

88	FORD	STATION WGN	RED	1FAPP2891JW156710
77	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	BLUE	XL751007750

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picked."

Three, life is sometimes not fair. We often don't get what we deserve. All we can find joy in is doing our best - "You know that you did your best, and maybe next time you will be chosen. We'll practice together."

Sometimes we mistakenly play into our child's envy by permit-

ting the child to get away with comments or actions that are destructive. If the child gripes that Jason only got on the all-star team because of who his dad knows and you play into it by agreeing, you are doing a great disservice to your child. Your child will never learn "frustration tolerance" and will continue

to have to put others down in order to feel good about themselves. Just remember that children who spend lots of energy resenting other people's advantages will be least liked by their peers and most often rejected. As the following anonymous quote says, "Happiness consists of not long-

ing for the things that make us happy."

If you have a question or comment for Jacque Martin-Downs, a special projects coordinator for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and private therapist, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, 48150.

### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE TO THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND

Absent voter ballots are available through the Westland City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan for those persons that are physically unable to attend the polls or are 60 years of age or older. An application for ballot must be completed by the voter prior to the issuance of a ballot.

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Saturday, August 1, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote absentee may vote in person in the City Clerk's office up to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 1998.

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS  
Westland Acting City Clerk

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### CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before Wednesday, August 5, 1998, at 10:30 a.m. (no exceptions) for the following:

#### JANITORIAL SERVICES

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Bid Item No. 299-08598

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**ENGAGEMENTS**

**Donica-Lowe**

Joseph and Christine Donica of Canton announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sandi Beth, to Robert Alan Lowe, the son of Robert and Carol Lowe of Menomonee, Wis.

The bride-to-be is a graduate from the University of Michigan School of Business. She is employed as an advertising account executive.

Her fiancé is a graduate from the University of Michigan School of Business and is a doctoral student of business and public policy at the University of California at Berkeley.

A July wedding is planned at St. John Newmann Catholic Church in Canton.



**Couts-Hadyniak**

Robert and Linda Couts of Garden City announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Cassandra Lynn, to Brian Michael Hadyniak, the son of Charles and Catherine Hadyniak of Romulus.

The bride-to-be is a Garden City High School graduate and is employed by the Ford Motor Co. in Wayne.

Her fiancé, a Romulus High School graduate, attends Eastern Michigan University. He is employed by Ford Motor Co. in Wayne.

An August wedding is planned at St. Anthony Church.



**Hurley-Pfenning**

Elaine Hurley of Farmington Hills and Dennis Hurley of Detroit, both formerly of Redford, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Elaine, to Les A. Pfenning, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pfenning of Denver, Colo.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree and a graduate of Michigan State University with a master's degree in business administration. She is the director of business development for Before You Move Inc.

Her fiancé is a builder/develop-



oper and real estate broker with Re/Max. An August wedding is planned in Denver.

**Drobyszewski-Philippon**

Eddie and Susan Drobyszewski of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynette Ann, to Carl Philippon, the son of Carlos and Sarah Philippon of Alma.

The bride-to-be graduated from Plymouth Canton High School in 1989 and University of Michigan Dearborn in 1995.

Her fiancé graduated from Alma High School in 1987 and Hope College in 1991.

An August wedding is planned



at St. Kenneth Church.

**Curcuru-Ayers**

Serafina Curcuru of New Baltimore announces the engagement of her daughter Providenza Marie to Jason Allan Ayers of Canton, the son of Mona Ayers of Indianapolis, Ind.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late Filippo Curcuru, is a graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed by Livonia Public Schools.

Her fiancé, the son of the late Marc Ayers, is a graduate of Southfield Lathrup High School and is enrolled at Schoolcraft College. He is employed as a design engineer at Chrysler Corp.

A September wedding is



planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth.

**O'Donnell-Whelan**

Dr. and Mrs. Patrick M. O'Donnell of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerie Catherine, to Sean Mark Whelan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael R. Whelan of Roanoke, Va.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a special education teacher in the Wyandotte Public Schools.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan. He is employed as a finance analyst at the Ford Motor Company in Dearborn.

An August wedding is planned.



**Announcement forms available**

Forms to announce weddings, engagements, births and anniversaries are available at our offices in Livonia - 36251 Schoolcraft - and

Plymouth - 794 S. Main St. They also are available by calling Sue Mason at (734) 953-2131 or Tiffanie Lacey at (734) 459-2700.

**Methodist Children's Society needs volunteers**

The Methodist Children's Home Society of Redford is in need of volunteers to help serve families in foster care and adoption services.

Volunteers are needed 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to transport children and families to appointments, assist with clerical work and as holi-

days approach, assist with holiday preparations.

People interested in volunteering can call the foster care and

adoption departments at (313) 531-4060. Methodist Children's Home Society is at 26645 W. Six Mile Road, between Inkster and Beech Daly, Redford.

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# CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**RUMMAGE, BAKE SALE**  
The Community Hospice Rummage and Bake Sale is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, at the hospice office, northwest corner of Warren and Venoy roads. Proceeds are designed for the grief and healing center to open this fall. Call (734) 522-4244.

**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 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.

**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) 468-3306 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, 36801 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.

**CLOWN WEEK**  
Local events are planned as part of National Clown Week:  
• Noon Saturday, Aug. 1, skit and balloon animals at Westland Library.  
• 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, Pirate Point Adventure Golf, balloons and face painting at Sport-Way, 38520 Ford Road, Westland, west of Hix Road.  
• About 9 p.m., Tuesday,

Aug. 4, an after golf snack, 35705 Ford Road, Westland, west of Wayne Road.

## 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. 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 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 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 picks from 1997 literary magazines at 7 p.m. Tuesday, 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

## Campaign



**Democratic club: Geoffrey Fieger, a candidate for governor, will speak to the Westland Democratic Club, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, one block east of Venoy, between Palmer Road and Michigan Avenue. Fieger, who is known for his legal defense of Jack Kevoorkian's assisted suicide cases, has appeared as a guest on programs such as Good Morning America, the Today Show, CNN Morning Show, Larry King Live, Face the Nation, Nightline, CBS Evening News, NBC Nightly News and ABC Nightly News.**

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.

## 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.

## 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.

## FOR SENIORS

**TRAVEL GROUP**  
The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents, \$12.50 for non-residents. On Thursday, July 30, the group will attend a Tigers vs. Orioles game. Departure from the center is at 11 a.m.; game starts at 1:05 p.m., with return between 5 and 5:30 p.m. On Friday, Aug. 28, the group will attend a Tigers vs. Devil Rays game. Departure from the center is at 5 p.m.; game starts at 7 p.m., with return between 11 and 11:30 p.m. Register at the front desk or call the Friendship Center for more information, (734) 722-7632.

**DINNER THEATER**  
A trip to a performance of "Phantom" at Cornwell's Dinner Theatre, \$40 cost including lunch and show, is planned for Tuesday, Oct. 6. Departure from the Westland Friendship Center at 9:30 a.m. Arrive at Cornwell's 11:30 a.m. for lunch. Show time is 2 p.m. Return to the center between 6 and 6:30 p.m. Open to the first 19 paid

members. A trip to a performance of "Hooray for the Holidays" at Cornwell's Dinner Theatre, \$40 cost including lunch and show, is planned for Tuesday, Nov. 10. Departure from the Westland Friendship Center at 9:30 a.m. Arrive at Cornwell's 11:30 a.m. for lunch. Show time is 2 p.m. Return to the center between 6 and 6:30 p.m. Open to the first 19 paid members.

**CARD GROUP**  
The Friday Variety Card Group at the Westland Friendship Center meets at 2 p.m. People play euchre, pinochle, bridge, Uno, rummy and poker. Light refreshments are served. Call (734) 722-7632 for information or just show up to play cards. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh.

**MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE**  
The Wayne Ford Civic League for people 50 and older schedules its senior meal 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road two blocks south of Ford. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to Big Band music and door prizes. Call (734) 728-5C10.

**WORK REFERRAL**  
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**DEMS' BINGO**  
The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy east of Middlebelt. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army and the School for the Blind. Call (734) 422-5025 or (734) 729-8681.

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Westland Jaycees host bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Three jackpots paying \$250, \$300 and \$300, progressive. Call the Jaycee Information Hotline, (734) 480-4984.

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**CRAFT SHOW**  
Space is available for a craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 23, 24 and 25, at the Ramallah Club, 27484 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Table rentals are \$30 for one day or \$60 for all three days. For more information, call Nona at (734) 462-2936 or Nadia at (734) 522-4208 after 5:30 p.m.

**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.

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Take Off Pounds Sensibly #MI28, 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.

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Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Ladies Auxiliary Grand River Post 1519, is open. Relationship to a veteran of combat on foreign soil will ensure eligibility. Make reservations by calling membership recruiter Dolores M. Griffin at (734) 427-2791. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 27555 Grantland in Livonia. Current Post 1519 Ladies Auxiliary members include individuals from Westland, Livonia, Redford, Detroit and surrounding areas.

**CALENDAR FORM**

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# Polish dance instructor has right moves for 'Wedding'

Susan Marzec and her Stoneleigh Village neighbors are about to rename their Livonia neighborhood "The Polish Connection."

"There's so many people in the subdivision who are Polish. I've found people who are from my childhood. It's 'The Polish Connection' now," Marzec said with a chuckle.

Quickly, however, she changed the name.

"It's going to have to be the 'Famous Stoneleigh Village Polish Connection.' People walk up to me and they say, 'You're not the ...' (She responds) 'Yes, I am.'

The 44-year-old Marzec, the choreographer for the Polish dance troupes Radomianie and Centennial Dancers, has made a name for herself as a choreographer for the movie "Polish Wedding."

"Polish Wedding" tells the story of Polish immigrant parents Jadzia and Bolek (Lena Olin and Gabriel Byrne) and their rebellious daughter Hala (Claire Danes), a high school dropout who becomes pregnant by a Hamtramck cop named Russell (Adam Trese). The movie, directed by Royal Oak Dendero High School graduate Theresa Connelly, opened Friday, July 17.

Marzec almost missed the chance to work on the movie. She had just returned from studying in Poland, when she heard a message on her answering machine asking if she would perform in "Polish Wedding." Believing it was just another wedding gig, Marzec didn't return the call.

"Then I got a phone call from a person in our dance troupe who works at the Athenum (hotel in Greektown) where they were staying; she said they wanted us to dance in the movie. I had no idea this was entitled 'Polish Wedding.' I didn't know it was a film," Marzec said.

Marzec walked into her interview in an old warehouse "so overdressed." The clothing of choice for her interviewees was jeans and T-shirts. Three interviews later, they explained the scene to her and asked her to suggest music. Upon suggesting a "real romantic dance," she got the job.

"I walked out of there scream-



**Her connection:** One room of Susan Marzec's Livonia home is filled with those things that connect her with her heritage. She calls it her Polish room.

ing. 'What a fool I was.'"

### Teaching others

The first day of her eight-week job, she walked in and the stars were waiting for her. They listened to Polish music and Marzec began her lessons. When the actors and actresses had down time, Marzec was reached via a cell phone or pager to return to the set to teach dance.

Byrne, Olin and other participants in "Polish Wedding" also came to the Centennial Dancers' practice at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Livonia.

"Gabriel was very nervous at first," Marzec said. "Toward the end, I asked him 'Do you indulge in any type of alcoholic type of activity? Or work out? I think you need to loosen up.'"

"Finally, during the taping I told him to act like you're dancing and I'm just going to dance around you. We must have done the shot 20 times," she added with a laugh.

Connelly was interested in hiring Marzec's sons, Ken, 21, and Jason, 19, former football players for Detroit Catholic Central High School who now play for St. Norbert College in Green Bay, Wis. They said thanks, but no thanks.

"They said, 'We dance for you but don't make us give up foot-

ball for this.' They said, 'You being in it and you doing it is good enough for us,'" said Marzec who also has a son, Gregory, 4. "Still I make them Polish dance. They went to Poland with me and I'm hoping they go with us in June to perform," said Marzec.

Her husband, Ken, however, appears in the movie dancing with Olin during one of the climactic scenes.

For the movie, Marzec chose adult dancers from both of her groups, the Centennial Dancers and Radomianie, including Brad Platek of Livonia, who dances with Olin.

Not only did she introduce the actors and actresses to Polish dance and her dancers to movies, she made them try some of the cuisine.

"They tried the food. Although Lena and Mili (Avital, who plays Sophie) didn't eat that much, they were very accommodating," she said. "It was like a dream in a sense."

Marzec's friend, actress Nancy Kendall, said she couldn't believe that Marzec made it into a film, to which she responded "I knew I didn't have to go out there (west) to make a film. They were going to come to me."

Although she saw the movie on Friday, she returned to the

theater with the dance troupe on Sunday where they cheered when her name flashed on the screen during the credits.

"It was nice to get this respect from people; it's a nice way to end everything."

The weekend didn't start off that well, however. The Polish American Congress asked her to boycott the movie because it believes that the movie is "a deplorable depiction of the Polish-American community." She reserved opinion until she saw the film.

"I wanted to see the movie to comment on it," Marzec said. "I would not want to do anything to disgrace my heritage or my family. I don't know why there's such an outcry from the Polish American Congress. Everybody has their opinion. I'm Polish and I'm Catholic and everybody makes mistakes in their family."

"It's like seeing 'Moonstruck.' The story line is very real. She (Danes' character) is 17 years old. Seventeen-year-olds act like this. There's a lot of peer pressure."

Marzec said she has gotten phone calls at home from Polish folks commenting on the film. Despite the controversy, Marzec said that she, along with her mother and mother-in-law suggest that every teenager see this movie.

"Here are two people who speak the language," she said. "I was kind of embarrassed with some of the scenes, but it doesn't

matter what nationality you are, your family has problems."

"I thought the movie was well done. You see all this garbage today. Look at movies like 'Toy Soldiers' and 'Lethal Weapon' that have no storyline. This is a pure, simple movie. For a low-budget project, she did a wonderful job."

### Dreams of dancing

Marzec's aspirations didn't involve film at all. Her goal was to earn a degree in Polish folklore dancing. She took up dancing 31 years ago, inspired by her father, who was born in Poland.

"He wanted me to start dancing, and I've been dancing all my life," she said.

For 18 years, she has taught creative dance at the YMCA, the last four years at the Livonia Family YMCA.

During the summers of 1988-1992, Marzec worked to accomplish her dream by attending Marie Currie Sladowska in Lublin, Poland. It was a rigorous

schedule. Studies and dance rehearsals were held from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. with a two-hour break in the afternoon.

"I would come home and my hands are swollen and my feet are swollen, but I love it. I look at my job not as a job because I enjoy it."

After graduating in 1992, she returned the following year with her group Radomianie as the choreographer. They performed in front of 4,000 people and received a standing ovation.

Marzec's dance troupes rehearse 8-9:30 p.m. Mondays at either St. Paul Lutheran Church in Livonia or West Middle School in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 427-8640.

While she doesn't speak the language every day, her goal is to keep the Polish tradition alive.

"It's very hard in America. We don't have it like we had before. If we can keep it a little alive, they will be proud to say they're Polish."

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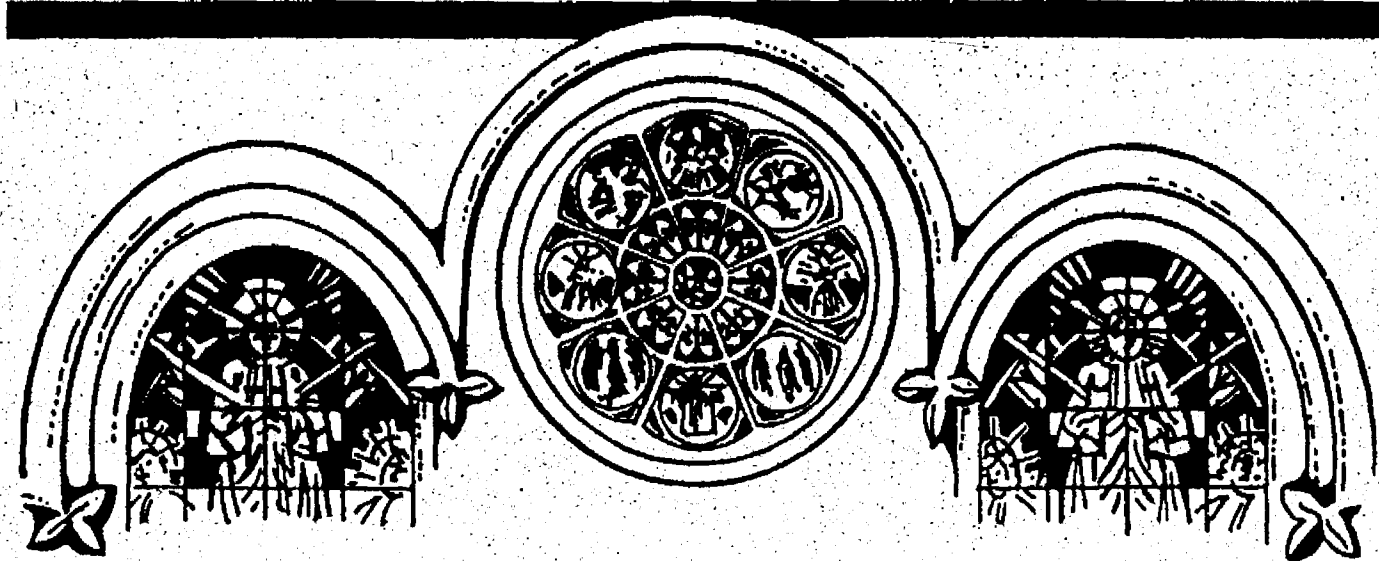
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SIDEWALK SALE

The Tried and True Thrift Store will participate in the city-wide sidewalk sales in Wayne Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25. Free coupons and hourly drawings will be held at the store, 35004 W. Michigan Ave. There also will be grab bags filled with surprises. Store hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

SCHOOL OPENINGS

St. Michael Christian School at 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton, is accepting registration for new students in kindergarten-third grades. The school offers low student/teacher ration, experienced Christian teachers and state certified facility. For more information, call the school at (734) 459-9720.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries members will meet at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville, and ride to Northville via I-275 bike trail and Hinds Drive on Saturday, July 25.

On going events include "Talk it Over," which meets 7-9:30 p.m. the second and fourth Fridays of the month in Knob Hall; outdoor volleyball at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Rotary Park on Six Mile Road between Farmington and Merman roads, Livonia; and outdoor tennis 4:30 p.m. until dark on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 p.m. Saturdays, and 1-5 p.m. Sundays at Rotary Park.

For more information about any of the events, call the Single Point office at (248) 374-5920.

REVIVAL SERVICES

Christ Lutheran Church will have revival services at 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, at the church, 14350 Wormer at Acacia, Redford. The speakers will be P.L. and Pat Pearson of the New Creation Christian Center. They have pastored at New Creation for 20 years and have had a Christian academy there

for 17 years. The Pearsons also will speak at the Sunday, July 26, worship service at 10:15 a.m. For more information, call the church at (313) 634-3482.

REVELATION REVEALED

The Rev. Michael Van Horn of Trinity Church in Livonia is offering a fresh perspective on the most mysterious book of the Bible, "Revelation Revealed: The Last Word," at 10:45 a.m. worship services now through November.

If you are curious about all the "doomsday talk" as the year 2000 approached, then you will find the study of the book of Revelation enlightening and discover that the Apocalypse has relevance for everyday life.

Trinity Church is at 14800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 425-2800.

CHORAL SYMPOSIUM

The Rev. Gary Matthews, minister of music at Highland Park Baptist Church, is hosting three Sacred Choral Music Symposiums for church choir directors,

accompanists and singers at the church, 28600 Lahser Road, Southfield, Friday-Saturday, July 24-25. Special guest composers and clinicians will include Doug Besig, Nancy Price, Gene Grier, Carolyn Banta and Lowell Everson. The registration fee is \$25. For more information, call Music Unlimited in Clarkston at (248) 625-7057.

IN CONCERT

Eternity, one of the country's leading contemporary Christian music artists, will be in concert at 8:30, 10 and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 26, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville. For more information, call the church at (248) 374-7400.

SUNDAY LESSONS

Church of Today West-Unity meets at 10 a.m. Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road south of 13 Mile Road. The July 26 lesson will be the second part of minister Barbara Cleverger's "What's so amazing about Grace."

The church offers Thursday Night Study Group, led by Cleverger, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Novi Public Library, 10 Mile Road west of Novi Road. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit its Web site at http://www.cotwest.com.

RUMMAGE SALES

Timothy Lutheran Church and AAL, branch 3233, are hosting a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, south of Ann Arbor Trail. Call (734) 427-2290 for more information.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will have its annual rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 30-31, at the church, 37775 Palmer Road, west of Newburgh Road, Westland. Proceeds will benefit local charities.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, will have an

alumni dance at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 1, at St. Robert Belarmine Catholic Church, West Chicago and Inker roads, Redford. The charge will be \$8 and includes refreshments. Dress will be casual. Call Rose at (734) 464-3325 or Nita at (734) 261-9123 for more information.

SOCCER CAMP

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will hold a soccer camp for children ages 5-11 6:30-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Aug. 3-6, on the Canton Campus, 46001 Warren Road, west of Canton Center Road.

The camp will help beginning and intermediate soccer players develop proper skills and knowledge of the game. Small group instruction, under the supervision of coach Bill Friend, will allow individual attention for each player. A camp fee of \$15, payable at registration, includes instruction, snacks, materials, a water bottle and soccer ball. For more information, call (734) 522-6830.

WEIGH DOWN

The Weigh Down Workshop will meet 7-9 p.m. Mondays in the library of Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon Road, Canton. A free orientation session will be 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3. Regular classes begin Aug. 10.

First-time participants will receive 12 audiocassettes for home study and a manual. The classes include videotapes, group discussion and prayer.

The fee for first-timers is \$103. For more information, call Barbara Johnson at (734) 981-1576.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Table rentals are available for the Mom to Mom Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The sale will feature gently used children's clothing, toys, furniture, equipment and maternity clothes. Admission will be \$1. For more information, call Kayla at (734) 595-6712 or (734) 425-4462.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

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GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN

Geneva Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. July 27-31 at the church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton. The program is for children age 4 through completion of the fifth grade. The offering is \$5 per child, with scholarships available. To register or for more information, call (734) 459-0013.

LAKE POINTE BIBLE CHAPEL

The Lake Pointe Bible Chapel will have its vacation Bible school, "Amazing Science and Wonders," 9:20 a.m. to noon July 27-31 at the church, 42150 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Co-sponsored by AAL Branch 1733, it will feature games, songs, crafts and refreshments. For

more information, call (734) 513-2810 or (734) 420-0515.

PLYMOUTH BAPTIST

Plymouth Baptist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "Amazing Science and Wonders," 9:15 a.m. to noon July 27-31 at church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Children ages 4 through sixth grade will learn Bible truths through the stories of famous scientists who believed the Bible. The school will include songs, crafts, games, snacks and puppet shows. The closing program and carnival will be at 6 p.m. Aug. 2. For more information, call the church office at (734) 453-5534.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

The First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth will have its vacation Bible schools, "God's Kids Pray - H.O.P.E. World Tour," 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 3-7 at the church St., Plymouth. Children who have completed preschool through sixth grade are welcome. There will be songs and music, recreation, snacks, puppets and storytelling. Cost is \$5 per child. For

more information, call the church office at (734) 453-6464.

UNITY OF LIVONIA

Unity of Livonia will hold a children's summer camp, "God's World," beginning at 9 a.m., Aug. 3-7 at the church, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Children ages will participate in music, crafts, games, lessons, prayer and fellowship. The registration fee is \$5. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-1760.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will have its vacation Bible school 6-8 p.m. Aug. 10-14 at the Canton campus, 46001 Warren Road, west of Canton Center Road, Canton. The program is for children ages 4 through the sixth grade. Students will set sail daily on "The Lighthouse Adventure," featuring crafts, Bible-based messages, music and an ice cream social. To register, call the church at (734) 522-6830.



Starring role: When Trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth Township had its Space Bible Camp last month, it lined up a guest for its family night program - former astronaut Jack Lousma, who was aboard the space shuttle Columbia in 1982.

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**CRAFTS CALENDAR**

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**ST. DAMIAN**

Space is available for St. Damian's craft show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 10 at the school, 29891 Joy Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman roads, Westland. Table rentals are \$25. For more information, call Caroline Steck at (734) 421-6130.

**ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE**

Crafters are wanted for a craft show Oct. 24 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford, sponsored by the St. Jude Circle. For more information, call Joann at (313) 937-0226 or (313) 522-2963.

**HENRY FORD COLLEGE**

Crafters are wanted for the Henry Ford Community College Alumni Association's 13th annual holiday arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 on HFCC's main campus at 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn. Applications are available by calling the Office of Student Services at (313) 845-9610. Applicants must provide photographs of items they plan to sell at the show. The cost is \$45 for 36- by 72-inch table and two chairs or a 36- by 72-inch space with two chairs but no table. For more information, call (313) 845-9610.

**MADONNA UNIVERSITY**

Crafters are wanted for Madonna University's 14th annual arts and crafts showcase from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 7-8 in the Activities Center on campus, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, at Levan Road, Livonia. Booth space (9 feet by 6 feet with two chairs and 6-foot by 8-foot table) costs \$50 for either Saturday or Sunday, or \$90 for both days. Booths with electricity are limited and are an additional \$5. For more information, call (734) 432-5603.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON**

Crafters are needed for Livonia Stevenson High School's Holiday Happening craft show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 7 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. 10-by-10-foot or 6-by-16-foot spaces cost \$50. Chairs are available on request and limited electricity at no additional charge.

There will be a bake sale and concession foods will be available throughout the day. Admission will be \$1, children under age 12 free with an adult. For an application or more information, call (734) 464-1041 or (734) 478-2395.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN**

Crafters are wanted for St. Paul's Lutheran Church's 11th annual holiday craft show 9 a.m.

to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 at the church, 20805 Middlebelt at Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. Tables cost \$25 each. For more information, call (248) 478-0841.

**FAIRLANE CHRISTIAN**

Fairlane Christian School has space available for its arts and crafts fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 at the school, 24425 Hass in Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 565-9800.

**St. SIMON AND JUDE**

St. Simon and Jude Church is seeking crafters for its 16th arts and craft boutique from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 14 at the church, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland. There will be free door prizes every hour, snack food, bake sale, and crafts of all kinds. For information about tables, call (734) 722-8098 or (734) 722-1343.

**All in the family**



At MDA camp: When 19-year-old Jason Mayes (from left) of Garden City went to the Muscular Dystrophy Association's summer camp in June, he was joined by brothers Joshua, 18, and Jeff, 17. In existence since the 1950s, the camp offers a wide range of activities specifically designed for young people who have limited mobility or use wheelchairs as the result of neuromuscular diseases. Activities range from outdoor sports like swimming, boating, baseball and horseback riding to arts and crafts and talent shows.

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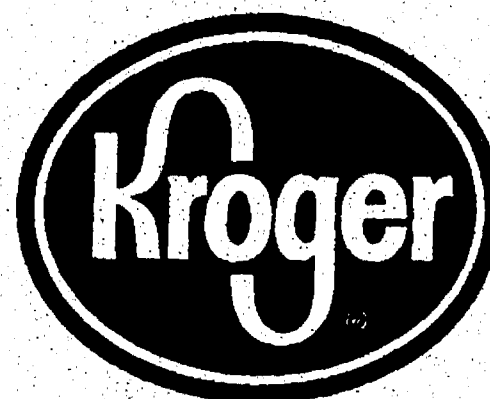


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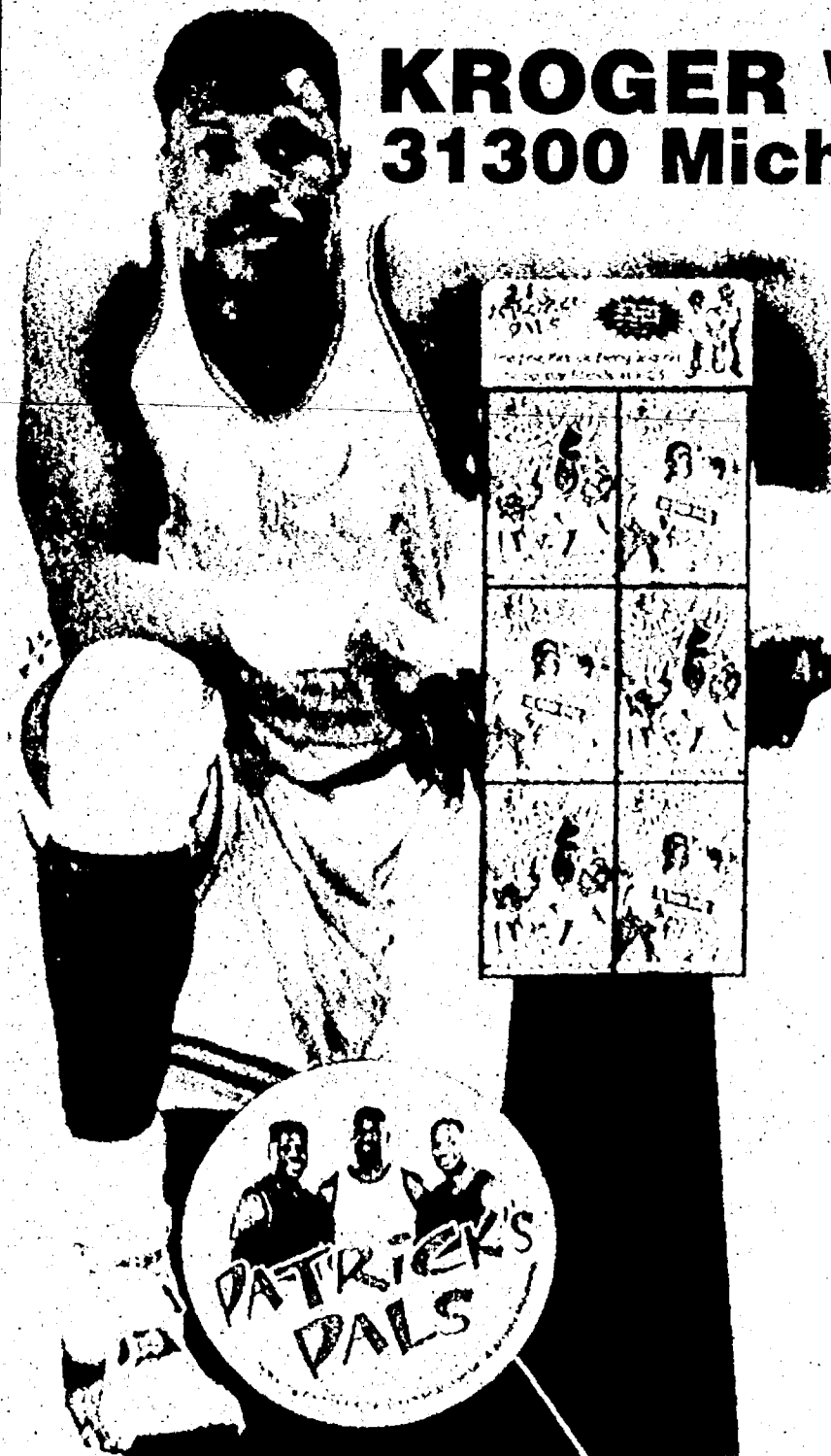


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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Twisters open season

The Wayne County Twisters semi-pro football team opens its season against the Zanesville (Ohio) Fury at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at hold Inkster Cherry Hill High School, located on Avondale between Middlebelt and Inkster roads.

Cherry Hill will serve as home field for all five of the Twisters' home games this season.

Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. Children 10 and under (accompanied by a paying adult) and seniors 60 and over will be granted free admission. Refreshments and restrooms will be available.

The Twister Football Club is a local, non-profit organization which was formed and chartered to foster and support local, national and international amateur sports competition.

Other home games are against: the Toledo (Ohio) Tornados, 3:30 p.m. Aug. 8; the Fremont (Ohio) Stallions, 3:30 p.m. Aug. 22; the Putnam County (Ohio) Lightning, 3:30 p.m. Sept. 12; and the Motor City Cougars, 3:30 p.m. Oct. 3.

### Peters Re/Max big hitter

Rob Peters, a member of Harrison Sports Long Drive Team, recently finished first at the Re/Max National Long Drive sectional qualifying event in Clarion, Pa. with a winning drive 349 yards, 1 inch.

Peters also captured firsts in Lincoln, Neb. (365 yards) and Chicago, Ill. (328 yards).

Additional sectional qualifying will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9 at Highland Golf Range.

For more information, call (248) 889-2050.

Sectional qualifiers advance to district competition at Augusta Pines in Ypsilanti. District winners will then compete in the National Finals at Oasis Pointe Country Club, Oct. 21-24, in Mesquite, Nev.

The total purse for the finals is \$250,000 with the winner receiving \$75,000.

At the July 12 Michigan Challenge held at Mulligan's Golf Center in South Lyon, Peters took first with among a field of 37 and earned one of three district qualifying berths with a drive of 362 yards, 12 inches.

The event was hosted by John Lindeman, five-time national long drive finalist and member of the Yonex long drive team. He finished second at 359 yards, 2 feet and 1 inch. Pat Sall took third with 331 yards, 1 foot and 2 inches. Both reside in South Lyon.

### Area golf divots

Michigan State Amateur runner-up Steve Polanski (Livonia), Chris Tompkins (Westland), Adam Wilson (Plymouth) and Derek Fox (Farmington) will play next week in the Golf Association of Michigan Junior Amateur 17-and-under division next week at Bay City Country Club.

Tompkins finished fourth last week in the MaxFlj PGA Junior Championships (ages 16-17) with rounds of 72-80 at Bedford Valley Country Club in Battle Creek.

Scott Carlson of Brighton was first at 144 followed by Casey Lubahn (Sand Lake), 148; Mike Sherman (Grand Rapids), 149; and Tompkins, 152.

Larry Snapp of Livonia defeated Stuart Young, 1-up on the 19th hole, to win the third annual Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association Match Play Tournament, July 12, at Eagle Crest Golf Club in Ypsilanti.

### Stevenson golf outing

Tee times remain available for the annual Friends of Livonia Stevenson High School golf outing Sunday, Sept. 13 at Fellows Creek in Canton.

Golf and dinner is \$90 per person. Coffee and doughnuts will be served at 7:15 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. A raffle and auction will be held after the 2 p.m. dinner.

For more information, call (734) 523-9417.

### Fairway club hosts meet

Fairway Farms Swim Club will host the 1998 Summer Independent Swim League Championship meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

The one-day event is expected to attract a crowd of nearly 1,500 in a meet for ages 6-18.

Also vying for the league title along with host Fairway Farms are two other swim clubs from Livonia, Newburgh and Burton Hollow, along with Plymouth-Colony and Northville.

Fairway Farms is located on Levan between Five and Six Mile roads.

# Ladywood shows Teeters the door

Divorce, Livonia Ladywood style.

The apparent happy 12-year marriage between varsity volleyball coach Tom Teeters and the administration ended last week because of irreconcilable differences.

Teeters, whose contract was not renewed Wednesday after a meeting with athletic director Sal Malek, leaves Ladywood with a 532-97-14 record. His record ranks among the top five winning percentages among active coaches in the state.

Under his direction, Ladywood won back-to-back state Class A championships (1988-89) and seven consecutive Catholic League A-B Division titles (1992-98), including 10 in 12 seasons. He led the Blazers to a Class A runner-up finish in 1990 along with eight district and regional crowns.

Teeters also coaches the women's volleyball team at Schoolcraft College, where he is 437-169 entering his 14th year this fall. His 1988 team captured the National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament.

Ladywood principal Sister Mary Ann Smith said she supported Malek's decision to fire Teeters.

"If Tom was going to stay, he had to agree to all our terms," Sister Smith said. "The decision was made by our total administration along with our athletic department."

Sister Smith said Teeters' firing was "more difficult" than when she made the decision to let go basketball coach Ed Kavanaugh in 1994.

"Tom's a good man, but it was time for him to move on," Sister Smith said.

Two major issues surfaced, leading to the acrimonious parting.

•The two sides clashed over how to

### TEETERS' RECORD AT LADYWOOD

1998: 53-9-1  
1997: 52-7-0  
1996: 48-9-0  
1995: 41-9-0  
1994: 42-8-2  
1993: 34-8-4  
1992: 42-10-5  
1991: 41-11-0  
1990: 47-10-2  
1989: 48-5-0  
1988: 52-2-0  
1987: 32-9-0

State championships: 2  
State runner-up: 1  
State semifinals: 1  
Regional titles: 8  
District titles: 8  
Catholic League titles: 10



run the freshman and junior varsity programs.

Teeters wanted to remove both his JV coach Larry Wyatt, and his freshman coach, Amber Wells (who played for Teeters at Schoolcraft College), for the upcoming season.

•The parties also differed on moving players up and down from the freshman, JV and varsity levels.

"I was told that one kid could not be on the varsity team," Teeters said. "And the parent of that kid didn't object to being moved up."

"I was told at the end of the meeting

that the job is going to be posted, and that I'm not fired. I have been told I would have my choice of coaches. I've always had a choice in the past, but for some reason this coming year I did not."

Sister Smith, however, disputed Teeters' claim.

"Tom recommended those people, then he didn't want to work with them," the Ladywood principal said. "He gave us input all those years as far as who would be good for the program. But there were always others interviewed, but we had the final say."

# Brothers formidable in hydroplane class

In one respect, the timing for what happened to the Linn Racing team Sunday in the 81st Annual Sylvan Lake Regatta couldn't have been worse.

Then, again, maybe it wasn't. Brothers Steve and Randy Linn had been undefeated in 1998, having won all four previous races in the 2.5-litre modified class.

Their victory streak came to an abrupt end Sunday when their engine malfunctioned for the first time this season during a pre-race test run.

"It didn't even last two laps," said Steve Linn of Farmington Hills, who does the driving. "We had a rod bearing spin on us, and the engine seized up."

"There's nothing really wrong with it; we have to do some minor reworking of the engine. We have to rebalance the crank shaft and replace a piston. We have enough parts to get ready for the next two weeks."

Steve and Randy, a Livonia resident and the boat owner, along with race engineer Jim Sechler of Farmington Hills had just finished putting the engine together Saturday afternoon.

"We did a test run on the boat Saturday when we had it on the trailer, but you don't start producing a load on the boat until you put it in the water," Steve said.

Unfortunately for the Linns, the Sylvan Lake race is the only one in Michigan, and they had about two dozen friends and family members in attendance Sunday.

But aside from disappointing their following, Linn said that was the race in which to have something like that happen.

"We didn't have to spend all weekend" — most races are two-day events — "and the expense of going away to find out we weren't going to be able to race," he said.

The day was not a total loss, however.

Steve Linn, 31, also drove a boat owned by Terry Collins of Westland and won the 1.5-litre class race. It was a combined race that include 2.5 stock boats; Linn was third overall but first in his class.

"I got a good jump and held off the bigger boats for three laps until they finally caught up to me," Linn said, adding all races are five miles long and the Sylvan Lake course is a one-mile oval.

Furthermore, when the Linns were unable to go in the 2.5 modified class, they lent a propeller to Bob Dabrowski of Farmington Hills, and he won the race.

Despite a lack of success on Sylvan Lake in recent years, the Linns have fared well, otherwise, as evidenced by their 4-0 start this season.

"Last year we had a pretty powerful engine," Linn said, adding they turned it back a little bit. "It's not as high-powered but has given us more consistency and reliability."

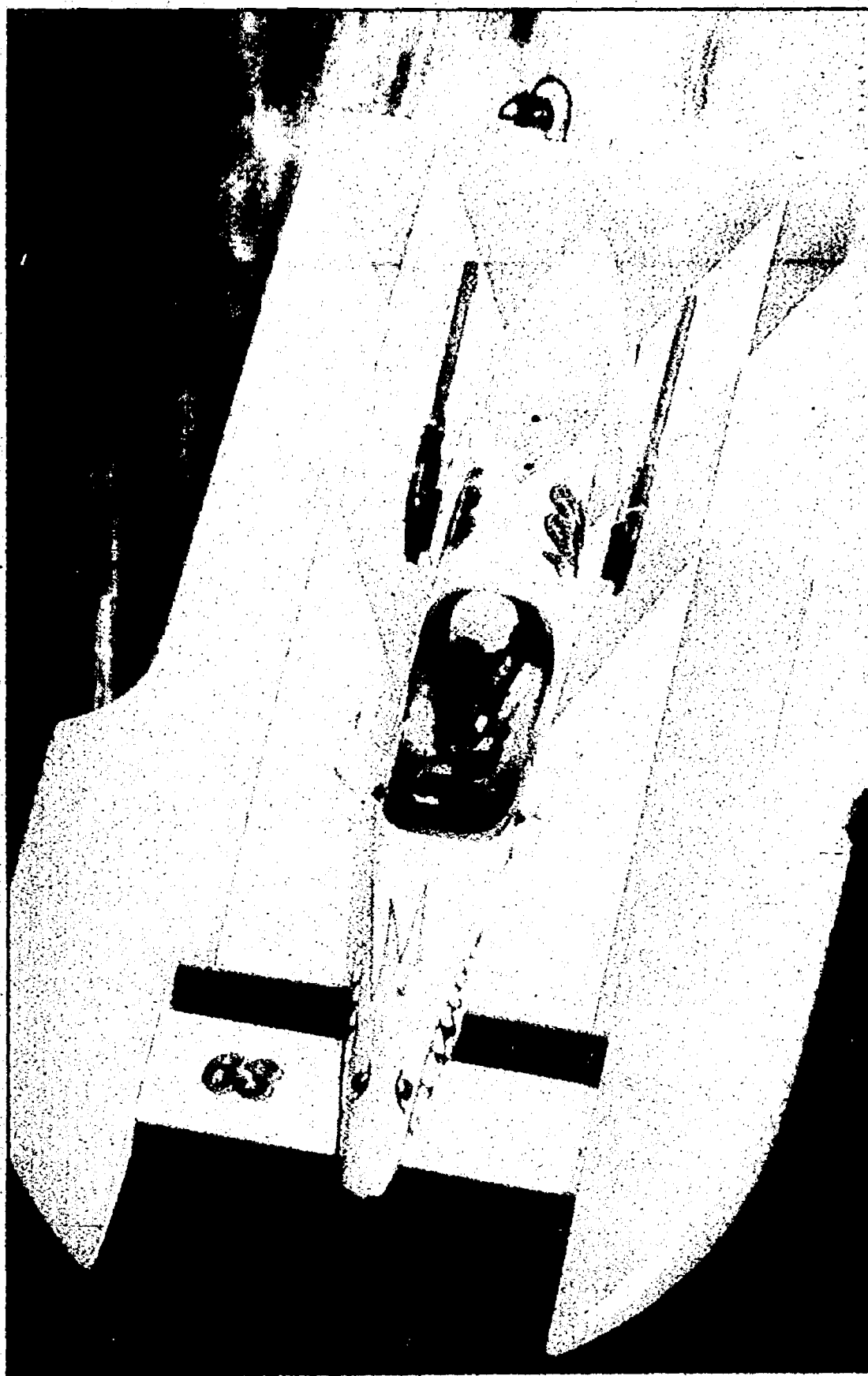
"It was a matter of taking a few steps backward to make a bigger leap forward."

Linn remains the Region 6 point-leader in the Mid-America Championship Hydroplane Series in the 1.5 and 2.5 classes. He won the title as a rookie 10 years ago but hasn't won it since then.

Linn Racing hopes to be back in action in two weeks for the Thunder at the Bowl in Dayton, Ohio. Then comes the prestigious Summer Nationals next month in Hampton, Va.

"We're pretty confident we have what it takes to put (the engine) together," Linn said. "If we can get some consistency out of it like we have, we think

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Making waves: Driver Steve Linn, with the help of his brother, is the Region 6 points leader in the Mid-America Hydroplane Series in two different classes.

# Holowicki gets cold feet, turns down Allen Park

Bernie Holowicki apparently is staying as men's basketball coach at Madonna University and will not take a boys high school varsity head coaching job at Allen Park.

Allen Park Schools Supt. William Kiefer had recommended the hiring of Holowicki and the school board voted July 1 to support the decision.

Holowicki held a couple of open gym sessions at Allen Park Middle School, but never submitted a letter of resignation from Madonna.

Holowicki's move to Allen Park apparently hit a snag earlier this week when three major Detroit media outlets reported that Joseph Dougherty,

father of a Jaguar junior varsity player, had initiated a petition drive to recall five school board members.

Dougherty is upset with the fact that the Allen Park board bypassed Michael Wilkinson, JV coach the past 18 years, for the varsity job. (The petition request will be heard before an election commission on Aug. 3.)

Holowicki, working the nationally-renowned Five-Star Basketball Camp in Pittsburgh, Pa., was unavailable for comment.

"I heard all kinds of things, but he (Holowicki) has never officially resigned," Madonna athletic director Ray Summers said. "I talked with his

wife this morning. She had talked with Bernie and he told her he had no intentions of taking the Allen Park job."

"The only thing I knew is that he told me he was considering the position, and that was it."

Allen Park assistant superintendent Dan Danosky was caught off-guard by the recent turn of events.

"Bernie called us this morning (Wednesday) and said he will not take the position," Danosky said. "I'm disappointed, but not surprised, especially after it became public and it was on Channel 7."

"I'm not disappointed with Bernie, just the whole situation in general."

Holowicki, a longtime successful coach at Redford Catholic Central before being fired in 1994, spent the next year as an assistant under Wayne Memorial's Chuck Henry before being hired by Madonna.

Replacing Bill Sharpe, Holowicki's team finished 7-23 during his first season with the Fighting Crusaders (1995-96).

Madonna then improved to 9-20 in 1996-97, best in school history, before slipping to 4-26 last season.

Holowicki spent 20 seasons at CC, winning the state Class A championship in 1976. He has more than 600 career high school wins.



# Roadrunner Classic attracts talent

Both the defending men's and women's champions are expected to return Saturday for the 15th annual Roadrunner Classic in downtown Northville.

Paul Aufhammer, who recently moved to Redford, will try to defend his 8-kilometer men's title.

The 1997 Michigan Runner of the Year has won the event three of the past four years. He won last year's race under the sweltering heat in 26 minutes, 16 seconds.

Also expected to challenge for the men's title is Keith Stopen of Farmington Hills.

Stopen recently earned a spot in the U.S. Olympic marathon trials by running 2:21:35 at last month's Grandma's Marathon in Duluth, Minn. Stopen shaved five minutes off his previous personal best.

He is coached by Roadrunner Classic race director Doug Kurtis, the Livonia Stevenson High product who holds the world record for most sub-2:20 marathons.

"Keith made a big breakthrough at Grandma's," Kurtis said. "He's upped his mileage. He's running more comfortable miles and is just more consistent. And he's pacing himself better."

Four-time women's champion Laurel Park, who ran 29:21 last year, is also expected to return.

Her competition could possibly come from three others who have yet to commit

to the race.

Among those who may enter include Ann Boyd, 1998 Michigan Runner of the Year and Free Press Marathon winner; Jodi Beck and Cindy Barber-Keeler, the 1998 Boston Marathon women's masters (over-40) winner.

The 40-year-old Keeler, a Lincoln Park native who now resides in Lake Worth, Fla., was the second American at Boston with a personal best of 2:39:37.

Defending men's masters winner Tim Emmett of Redford, fighting a back injury during last weekend's 258-mile Toyota Great Lakes Relays, may also return.

Some elite runners, however, may have backed off because the \$3,800 in prize money given away last year was eliminated after chief sponsor First Finance pulled out six months ago. (Gold sponsors include the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Jack Demmer Ford.)

"I don't think it will change the field much at all," Kurtis said. "Last year was the first year we offered prize money."

The Roadrunner, however, is more than just an 8K race for elite runners.

It's considered one of the most popular races in the Detroit area.

"We've increased our participation every year by five to eight percent," Kurtis said. "Last year we had 1,300 including the

party.

"Normally 65 percent of our participants show up on race day."

Race day fees for the 8K run, which starts at 7 p.m., and 5K walk, which starts at 7:15 p.m., are \$15. (Age group awards will be given to the top three finishers.)

The 1-mile Classic Junior Series, for youngsters 14-and-under, begins at 6:30 p.m. (cost \$5 includes gifts for all). The 1-mile fun run (15-and-up) also starts at 6:30 (cost is \$8 with ribbons to all finishers).

And don't forget the party afterwards (\$5 only for food, refreshments and prizes). Joy Ride, Detroit's up-and-coming dance band, will perform at 7:30 p.m. (through 11 p.m.)

There will also be a series of speakers and performers with the band Superdot opening the festivities at 1 p.m.

Buck, a physical therapist, and Boyd will also speak at 4 p.m. with Mitch Albom, WJR Radio host and New York Times No. 1 best selling author "Tuesdays with Morrie" doing a signing at 5 p.m.

At 6 p.m., Karen Newman, Hockeystown's anthem singer, and Richard Fitzhugh, renowned watercolorist from Washington, D.C., will autograph race T-shirts.

Pre-registration check-in is from 4-6 p.m. For more information, call Running Fit at (248) 380-3338.

# Prestige emerges 1st

## MEN'S SOFTBALL

Prestige/Calvert of Taylor stole the show last weekend in the 22nd annual Leonard J. Anderson Softball Tournament, featuring some of the Midwest's elite men's slow-pitch teams.

Host Jimmie's, which fell 27-22 to Prestige in the championship final of the double-elimination tournament, finished second. Metro Glass of Westland was third.

The tournament, which drew nearly 600 fans Friday night in Wayne, also included the Anderson Hall of Fame induction ceremonies.

David Gibson and Wade Evans were enshrined into the hall, sponsored by Central Distributors of Beer, Inc., presented by Kevin Niemiec, Special Events Coordinator.

The tournament, co-sponsored by the City of Wayne Department of Parks and Recreation, was named in honor of Leonard J. Anderson, a Wayne police officer killed in the line of duty.

Prestige was led by tournament MVP Pat Wayne, a pitcher who was joined on the All-Tournament by teammates Dale Dorton, Bruce Woods and Todd Wallace.

The champions won five straight games en route to the title including victories over Journeymen (23-11), Plumbers & Pipefitters (22-21), Expert (30-25) and Jimmie's twice (17-15 and 27-22).

Jimmie's also sponsored by Varsity Athletics, Que's Sports and Easton, had three players named to the all-tourney team including Scott Janack, who led the all hitters with a .773 average; Scott Hille and Tom Lengyel.

David Ballentine and Mike Urban made it for Metro Glass, while Andy Peterson and Jason Broyles, who had tournament best 10 homers, took individual honors for Plumbers & Pipefitters.

"This year's crowd was able to see some of the finest softball in the country," tournament director Larry Quartuccio said. "The weather really made it nice this year."

"In the past, we've had our share of rain on this weekend, but we finally got a great pay-

back from Mother Nature.

"My assistant director Rick Powell and his wife Debbie really helped me keep things running smoothly for another great tournament."

"And as always, the City of Wayne Parks & Rec did a great job in helping co-sponsor the event."

Eighteen teams started tournament play.

Roger Breeding homers, doubled and singled in the championship final. Dale Dorton added four singles, while Bill Kostich had three.

Janack and Hille each homered twice in the loss, while Lengyel tripled.

Scott Nastally suffered the loss.

In Game No. 29, Jimmie's eliminated Metro Glass, 22-21, as Jason Riggs homered twice and John Simpson collected four hits.

Urban had a pair of homers for Metro Glass. Tom Hannah added three hits, but it wasn't enough as Jimmie's scored the game-winning in the top of the eighth.

In Game No. 27, Prestige handed Jimmie's its first loss, 17-15, as Wayne homered twice and doubled. Wallace also had three hits including a homer as Prestige got three runs in the bottom of the sixth to overcome a two-run deficit.

John Samson singled three times for Jimmie's, while Lengyel had three hits, including a double and homer.

Prestige beat Expert in Game No. 21 in a wild 30-25 shootout.

Wallace collected four hits, two for homers. Bruce Wood singled, double twice and homered. Breeding added three hits with a homer.

Gene Capaldi singled four times in the loss.

Prestige also edged Plumbers & Pipefitters, 22-21, as Joe Gerdes clubbed two homers.

Broyles had four homers and eight RBI in a losing cause.

In a 23-11 win over Prestige, Dorton hit for the cycle with five RBI, while Bob Stewart contributed two homers and four RBI.

## AREA ROAD RUNNING RACE RESULTS

### 20th ANNUAL 5-MILE RUN RESULTS

Hosted by Canton Parks and Recreation Services July 11, 1998

1. Paul Poborsky, 28:55; 2. Michael Webster, 29:02; 3. Rick Armes, 29:08; 4. Tom McMahon, 29:11; 5. Larry Bostwick, 29:35; 6. Tom Gerou, 30:01; 7. Fred Heldmeyer, 30:12; 8. John McCallum, 30:16; 9. Rick Straub, 30:20; 10. Steve Zacharias, 30:28; 11. John Tarkowski, 30:42; 12. Stan Polkowski, 30:54; 13. Maury Dean, 31:05; 14. Daryl Jerks, 31:12; 15. Tim Quaintance, 31:18; 16. Jeff Fedewa, 31:45; 17. Uldis Vitins, 32:25; 18. Cornell Osler, 33:09; 19. Craig Skalski II, 33:29; 20. Roger Luckhardt, 33:33; 21. Eric Mirjk, 33:45; 22. Ron McFly, 33:47; 23. Ruth Quaintance, 33:49; 24. Eric Forster, 33:55; 25. Tara Shamy, 34:18.

Reesor, 37:18; 48. Rick Newsom, 37:25; 49. Jack Hamilton, 37:32; 50. Laura Moyers, 37:38.

51. D.J. Berlin, 38:07; 52. Nanette Martin, 38:09; 53. George Kerr, 38:12; 54. Ted Phillips, 38:24; 55. Lynn Ronewicz, 38:40; 56. Connie Scaparo, 38:41; 57. Drea Cooney, 39:06; 58. Bill Perry, 39:08; 59. Barb Figurski, 39:12; 60. Marie Rataj, 39:17; 61. Larry Miller, 39:20; 62. Pin Wu, 39:23; 63. Kerry Ankenbrand, 39:32; 64. Rita Kingsbury, 39:42; 65. Jill Dahak, 39:44; 66. Jim Alberty, 39:54; 67. Jeremy Martin, 39:55; 68. Amy Campau, 39:56; 69. Amy Chlebek, 39:57; 70. Harvey Johnson, 39:58; 71. Roman Osinski, 40:02; 72. Charlie Pierson, 40:03; 73. Carol Brockschmidt, 40:04; 74. Marianne Bayne, 40:06; 75. Evan Baker, 40:11.

76. Lisa Weyer, 40:15; 77. Erin Wallace, 40:24; 78. Luke Skywalker, 40:27; 79. Paola Motta, 40:31; 80. Dan Saunders, 40:38; 81. Molly Noonan, 40:40; 82. Norm Freda, 40:55; 83. Jerry White, 41:04; 84. Cheryl Evans, 41:05; 85. Penny Dunn, 41:08; 86. Ann Figurski, 41:10; 87. Rebecca Figurski, 41:10; 88. Michelle Randall, 41:24; 89. Jerome Solomon, 41:24; 90. Christine Coleman, 41:30; 91. Robert Ledesma, 41:38; 92. Chuck Little, 41:45; 93. Steven Howard, 41:50; 94. Holly Bowen, 41:51; 95. Steve Lang, 41:53; 96. Craig Skalski, 41:55; 97. Linda Cunningham, 41:56; 98. Tammy Perry, 42:16; 99. Paul Morrison, 42:17; 100. Spiro Karras, 42:20.

101. Joseph Bellovary, 42:21; 102. Bonnie Gretzner, 42:25; 103. Tim McCary, 42:30; 104. Donald Kelm, 42:40; 105. Robert Biaganski, 42:43; 106. Robert Lembach, 42:45; 107. Jessica Hayden, 42:55; 108. James Florenzi, 42:56; 109. Sunny Sackett, 42:56; 110. Craig Packard, 42:59; 111. Dave Karras, 43:13; 112. Diane Himebaugh, 43:18; 113. Linda Rains, 43:30; 114. Kelly Pritchard, 43:34; 115. Timothy Griffin, 43:34; 116. Keith Roeder, 43:54; 117. Bob Turner, 43:55; 118. Tom Sterling, 43:57; 119. John Coleman, 43:58; 120. Cindy Zemanski, 44:10; 121. Jennifer Lemieux, 44:25; 122. Don Kearney, 44:28; 123. Mike Korenchuk, 44:34; 124. Andrew Schaecher, 44:45; 125. Stephen Alberty, 44:55.

126. Brooke Smith, 45:00; 127. John McAuliffe, 45:18; 128. Harrison Hensley, 45:25; 129. Angie Barclay, 45:29; 130. Cory Bachus, 45:33; 131. Greg Greene, 45:36; 132. Gordon L. Jones, 45:41; 133. Daniel Gretzner, 46:02; 134. Debbie Murphy, 46:15; 135. Ray Joquin, 46:15; 136. Lisa Coleman, 46:23; 137. Ronda Burroughs, 46:40; 138. Rih Kasputis, 46:47; 139. Sarah Reese, 47:02; 140. Kelly Yeager, 47:15; 141. Steve Paplinski, 47:46; 142. Lisa Ferreyra, 47:55; 143. Ann Harrington, 47:57; 144. George Douglas, 48:05; 145. Ben Brockschmidt, 48:08; 146. Patty Turner, 48:38; 147. Beverly Hamilton, 48:42; 148. Mary Pierce, 48:48; 149. Inga Vitins, 49:01; 150. Kirk Hornburg, 49:01.

### FARMINGTON FOUNDERS FESTIVAL 4-MILE RACE RESULTS

Saturday, July 11, in Farmington

Men's 17-under: 1. Dan Jess, 22:27.72; 2. Jon Digrovanni, 23:24.19; 3. Charlie Stamboulis, 24:31.79.

Men's 18-29: 1. Jared Bielecki, 22:20.69; 2. Tim Grotelueschen, 22:23.68; 3. Shane Leach, 25:00.45.

Men's 30-39: 1. Kevin Wood, 22:53.42; 2. Sam Quairate, 24:45.54; 3. Graham Henckel, 24:52.41.

Men's 40-over: 1. Alan VanMeter, 21:58.54; 2. Terry Eisey, 22:41.14; 3. Chuck Block, 23:05.32.

Women's 17-under: 1. Katie Lynn Mason, 33:58.52; 2. Heather Derwinski, 35:37.08; 3. Becky Lidgley, 35:39.39.

Women's 18-29: 1. Sydney Pounds, 25:18.07; 2. Bridget MacKinnon, 26:20.48; 3. Theresa Derwinski, 27:43.47.

Women's 30-39: 1. Michelle Groechel, 27:55.49; 2. Rhonda Emery, 29:40.27; 3. Petra Thomas, 30:41.51.

Women's 40-over: 1. Lauren Bowman, 31:37.60; 2. Debra Paige, 31:40.81; 3. Grace Tocco, 33:34.76.

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# New recruits bolster Lady Ocelots

It won't be a big team, in size or numbers. But it will be a Tom Teeters team, which means it will be competitive throughout the season.

In his 15 seasons at Schoolcraft College, Teeters has guided the Lady Ocelots to one NJCAA championship (1988) and to four other top-five finishes in the NJCAA Tournament. Can his 1998 team match that?

Well, Teeters will have a nice blend of experience and incoming talent to work with. But he won't have much of it, not in numbers, anyway. He has four returnees — Stacey Campaign, Megan McGinty (from Livonia Churchill), Melissa Plave and Donna Logedon (Plymouth Canton).

Joining that nucleus are five newcomers: Kathy Aschenbrenner, a 5-foot-9 middle hitter at Pinckney HS who graduated from high school in 1997; Danielle Wensing, a 5-6 outside hitter at Livonia Franklin;

## COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Cindy Maloof, a 5-8 outside hitter who graduated from Coventry HS (located outside of Akron, OH) several years ago; Kelly Johnston, a 5-7 outside hitter at Plymouth Salem who graduated in 1995; and Breanne Toppa, a 5-5 defensive specialist from Canton Agape Christian Academy.

The Ocelots came on strong after a rough start last season to post a 19-20 record, going 7-3 in the Eastern Conference and finishing in a tie for second.

Can they improve upon that this year? Gone are 6-1 middle hitter Sara Gregerson, to Eastern Michigan; 5-6 outside hitter Mindy Sullivan (Livonia Churchill), to University of Michigan-Dearborn; 5-6 outside hitter Janet Hinz, to Concordia College; 5-5 setter Amber Wells (Plymouth Canton); and 5-5 defensive specialist Jennifer Smith (Westland John Glenn).

Which means Teeters will

have to groom at least a few of his newcomers to be starters, come September. It's not a new task for the long-time coach, nor an unfamiliar one.

"All players are challenges," he said. "I probably take on more challenges than other coaches don't."

A good example, in his current recruiting class, is Maloof. Teeters discovered her in one of his adult volleyball classes at SC, which Maloof was taking with her husband. "She said she was a student at Schoolcraft, that she had been pursuing her degree, and that she played a lot," Teeters said, even if it wasn't on a collegiate competitive level.

Teeters could see that Maloof had talent. "She has good high hit position, and a good serve," he noted. So he talked her into taking a full credit load and playing volleyball for him.

Another long-time recruit was Johnston, the '95 Salem grad whom Teeters knew from his days at Livonia Ladywood

coach (Johnston attended Ladywood for two years). "I've been trying to get her to come out for the last year-and-a-half," he said. "She was a strong defensive player — we're hoping to get that back. She'll have a good chance at outside hitter, depending on what we need."

Wensing is another of those players with all the stuff Teeters looks for in his recruits: "She has speed, she gives a strong effort all the time, and she's a very positive player," he said. "We may try to turn her into a setter. She's probably the quickest player we have, with the highest jump on the team."

Toppa is a player with solid credentials from high school, including all-conference. "She's left-handed, with quick feet," said Teeters. "And she's very comfortable playing defense. She doesn't mind making the quick digs."

So how good can these players be? Who knows? As Teeters said: "Time will tell."

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ousted in the state quarterfinals for the third straight time by longtime nemesis and eventual state-champion Temperance Bedford.

"What I'll miss at Ladywood is the kids and the parents," Teeters said. "And I've always enjoyed working for the Felician Order."

"The most important thing is the kids first. The experience I've had at Ladywood has been a very rewarding one for me."

Where Teeters may end up is anyone's guess, but two premier prep jobs are open — Plymouth Salem and Birmingham Marian.

Teeters said he has not spoken with Sister Smith since the decision was made by Malek on Wednesday. He hoped to have at least one more meeting with the principal.

"If Sal says she supports his decision, then I guess I'm gone," Teeters said.

When reached on Tuesday, Smith reiterated that Teeters would not return.

"All three coaches were spoken to at one time, this is the end decision," the principal said. Jenny Young, a 6-foot-1 senior-

to-be who made first-team All-Observer last spring, was somewhat stunned by the news.

"I don't know what's going on," she said. "I haven't heard officially. Nobody has told me anything, but if it's true, I'll be very disappointed because he's such a good coach. It's been fun having him as a coach."

Young, an honor student who will probably sign sometime later this year with a Division I school, credits Teeters with much of her volleyball development.

"He's very knowledgeable and he knows the game," Young said. "And he doesn't yell. He's always very calm. As I prepare to go off to college, I'm looking for a coach a lot like Tom."

"I think it would be hard to get used to a new coach. I don't want a new coach. I want him back."

Malek said Wyatt is free to apply for the job, along with any other interested coach.

"Larry, from what Sal has told me, is not interested and satisfied where he's at, but I guess he could apply like anyone else," Sister Smith said.

# Swider's 9 goals shatter summer hockey game record

It is, quite likely, the highest scoring game in the history of the Metro Summer Hockey League. And the Bulldogs were the winners.

Building a 9-2 lead after one period wasn't enough. The 'Dogs (8-2) added seven more goals in the second period, and nine in the third to outdistance the Falcons 25-15 Tuesday at Plymouth Ice Arena.

Ferris State's Kevin Swider (Livonia) must've threatened, if not shattered, the single game scoring record by netting nine goals and assisting on nine others.

"I certainly can't remember anything like this," said MSHL commissioner Keith Pietila. "Our games can be high-scoring, but not like this."

Pietila said the inclement weather was the likely cause, since neither team had its full complement of players.

Ben Blackwood added four goals and eight assists for the 'Dogs, who also got five goals and four assists from Corey Swider (Livonia); two goals and 11 assists from Eric Bratcher; three goals and one assist from Mike Schmidt (Livonia); and two goals and one assist from Andrew Domzalski (Livonia).

Scott Goleniak led the Falcons (2-8) with four goals and five assists. Paul Goleniak added four goals and three assists, with Paolo DeCina (Canton) getting three goals and three assists, Mike Mattila adding two goals and an assist, and Kevin Telep and Brad Yonemura (Garden City) each scoring one goal. Yonemura also had three assists.

Bob Harrison was in goal for the Bulldogs. Matt Wierzbza played in the net for the Falcons.

•**HUSKIES 9, WOLVERINES 8:** The Huskies (8-1-1) trailed 6-2 with less than nine minutes left in the second period, but battled back to beat the Wolverines, thanks to three goals by Jesse Hubenschmidt (Redford) and two

more from Sean Kass Tuesday at Plymouth.

Hubenschmidt also had two assists, while Kass had three. Other goal-scorers for the Huskies were Jeremy Sladovnick, David Scott (Canton), Bobby Davis and Tony Guzzo. Guzzo also had four assists.

The Wolves (3-7) were led by Bill Trainor (Canton), with three goals and two assists, and Dan Trainor (Plymouth), with two goals and two assists. Other goals were scored by Jim Wheaton (Plymouth), Jason Lawmaster (Westland) and Brent Bessey (Canton). Bessey also had two assists.

Ed Souilliere (Livonia) was in goal for the Huskies. John Trainor (Canton) was in the net for the Wolverines.

•**HUSKIES 7, BULLDOGS 6:** Dan Hunt (Livonia) scored three goals — including the eventual game-winner — and assisted on two others as the Huskies edged the Bulldogs Sunday at Plymouth.

The game featured two of the MSHL's top three teams, with the top team in the Eagle Conference falling to the Huskies, second place in the Bakes Conference.

The 'Dogs did have the early advantage, leading 2-1 after one period and 3-1 on Ben Blackwood's second goal of the game with 10:13 left in the second period. But the Huskies rallied, scoring the next four goals (two of them by Hunt) to go in front, 5-3.

From that point on, it was a dog-fight. The Bulldogs' Matt Grant (Livonia) narrowed the margin to 5-4 in the final seconds of the second period, but

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a Bobby Davis' goal early in the third pushed the Huskies' advantage back to two. After Chad Theuer again drew the 'Dogs to within one (6-5), getting a goal with 12:26 left, Hunt got the game-winner with 10:53 remaining, keeping the Huskies in front, 7-5.

Blackwood got one more goal for the 'Dogs, with 6:30 to go, but Huskies' goalie Ed Souilliere (Livonia), who shared time in net with Ryan Davis, frustrated the Bulldogs the rest of the way.

Other goal-scorers for the Huskies were J.P. Hunt (Livonia), Pete Mazzoni and Kevin Huggard (Redford). David Scott (Canton) had three assists.

The 'Dogs' other goal came from Kevin Haggerty. Eric Bratcher had two assists.

J.J. Weeks was in goal for the Bulldogs.

•**BRONCOS 16, SPARTANS 5:** A nine-goal second period gave the Broncos (4-5-1) all the cushion they needed Monday at Plymouth.

Nick Smyth led the winners with three goals and two assists. Keith Pietila, Glenn Pietila, Eric Heltunen and Dwight Helminen each had two

goals, with Helminen getting five assists. Matt Langley added a goal and six assists, with Darrin Sylvester getting a goal and three assists, Frank Bourbonais a goal and five assists, Corey Almas a goal and Lewis Lanway a goal.

The Spartans (1-9) got scores from Mike Hendrie, Joe Kustra, Craig Petser, Mark Pietila and Brian Halas (Canton). Mark Pietila and Halas each added two assists.

Kevin Brady (Livonia) was in goal for the Broncos, while Mark Lavender played in the net for the Spartans.

•**WOLVERINES 12, FALCONS 8:** The majority of the first period was a tightly-played, defensive game Sunday at Plymouth. Then Shaun Harrington (Livonia) erupted for the Wolves, scoring four goals in a 2½-minute span, and the Falcons never recovered.

Harrington finished with five goals and two assists to pace the Wolverines. Dan Trainor (Plymouth) added three goals and an assist, and Dennis Schimmelpfennig (Canton) had two goals and an assist. Other goal-scorers for the Wolves were Daryl Schimmelpfennig (Canton) and Brent Bessey (Canton). Bessey also had five assists, while Daryl Schimmelpfennig and Dave Street added two assists apiece.

For the Falcons, who put together a four-goal rally in the third period — three of them by Scott Goleniak — to narrow the Wolves' lead to 10-8, Mark O'Connor added two goals and Josh Shuryan, Scott Kale and Vic DeCina (Canton) scored one apiece. Goleniak also had three assists, while Rick Field, Vic DeCina and Paola DeCina contributed two assists apiece.

John Trainor (Canton) was in goal for the Wolves. Casey Osting and Matt Wierzbza split time in goal for the Falcons.

•**WILDCATS 13, SPARTANS 6:** After a slow start Sunday at Plymouth, the Wildcats (5-5) caught fire and buried the Spartans with a 9-2 burst over the last two periods.

Tom Taylor led the 'Cats with four goals and three assists. Kyle McNeilance (Livonia) added three goals and two assists, while Matt Henderson (Livonia) accounted for two goals and six assists. Other Wildcat goals came from Troy Taylor, who also had four assists; Brian Caika (Livonia); John Brodun (Livonia), who also had two assists; and Shaun Davis.

The Spartans scored the game's first three goals, two by Mike Swistak. Swistak and Mike Hendrie accounted for all the Spartan goals in the game, each getting three. Chris Regner added two assists.

Chuck Schervisch was in goal for the Wildcats. Mark Lavender played in the net for the Spartans.

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we can do pretty well. "We've gone up against some of the faster boats in the country and done well."

Linn added the 2.5 modified is the most diversified class in the country. Of the 12 boats at Hampton last year, there were 12 different engines in use. The Linn's use a highly-modified Alfa Romeo automobile engine.

"Some have a little less of an engine and a better boat, and others have a little less of a boat and a better engine," Linn said. "It just depends on your philosophy of things."

At one time all five Linn brothers were involved in racing boats. Now it's just Randy, the oldest, and Steve, the youngest, who remain as part of the team. "Randy has been in it since I was a kid; he's been doing it about 25 years," Steve said. "I grew up watching the boat until I was old enough to actually drive. It started as a family thing. Now it's just my brother and me."

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# Final Decision suits 1st-place intentions

Livonia D.C.I. improved its hold on first place in the Collegiate Division of the Adray Metro Baseball Association with a 5-3 win over Downriver Adray on Monday at Livonia's Ford Field.

D.C.I. is 13-7-1 for 27 points, three points ahead of the second-place Michigan Lake Area Rams (11-11-2), with three games in hand.

To overtake D.C.I., the Rams have to win all three of their games and hope D.C.I. loses at least five of its remaining six games.

The winning pitcher was ace John Stieger, who went the distance.

Bill LaRosa (Rochester Adams/University of Michigan) had three of the five D.C.I. RBI.

Jason Brooks (Taylor Center/Henry Ford Community College) had an RBI single.

**RAMS 10-3, HINES PARK 0-7:** The Michigan Rams earned a double-header split on Sunday, beating Livonia Adray, 10-0, and losing to Hines Park, 7-3.

Aaron Lawson (Farmington Hills Harrison/Wayne State) hit the first home run of the season for the Rams and added a single and triple, just missing the cycle in the first game.

He didn't get a chance to finish the

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cycle since he only batted three times. The game was called after five innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Tom Willeher was the winning pitcher, giving up one hit and walking one with seven strikeouts in going the distance.

Lawson led the Rams with four RBI. Matt Pike was 2-for-3 with three RBI and Lance Slegwald 2-for-2 with two runs scored.

Kevin Prader finished 1-4 with an RBI and Todd Miller (Farmington Hills/Madonna) 1-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored. Luke Humphreys (Redford Union/St. Mary's College) had a triple in two at-bats.

The Rams led 3-0 in their second game before Hines Park erupted for six runs in the sixth off losing pitcher Josh Axelson. Dave Wampler (Livonia Franklin/Wayne State) pitched in relief.

Miller was 2-for-3 and Humphreys 1-for-3 with an RBI to lead the Rams.

Ryan Rumberger (Plymouth Salem/U-D Mercy) was 2-for-4, including a two-run double, for Hines Park. Josh Colvin delivered a two-run single, Bill Styles (Plymouth Salem) was 2-for-3 with a run scored and Mike Daguanno (Detroit Catholic Central/U-D Mercy) was 2-for-3 with an RBI and run scored.

Nick Latra (Farmington/Central Michigan) pitched the first four innings for Hines Park before Nick Reeder finished up and earned the win.

# DCI on Johnstown watch

Mike George is happy having Livonia Decision Consultants Inc. as a sponsor again for his Adray Metro Baseball Association team.

But at times he must feel tempted to put Twist 'n Shake, the ice cream store he owns at 10 Mile Road and Meadowbrook in Novi, across his players' jerseys.

D.C.I. is 13-7-1 overall and leading the Collegiate Division of the Adray Metro Baseball Association, making the slumping sales at his new store the only downer of the summer.

George surprisingly points to the muggy weather for declining sales.

"I love the hot weather, but it's almost too hot, people don't come out of the house, and when they do (the ice cream) melts," said George, the former Madonna University baseball coach. "It's better if it's 75 and sunny, no humidity. We'd be rocking all day long, like we were in May."

George said he's lost 40 pounds since the store's opening and it's not because he smokes again.

"I don't go out anymore," he said. "It's like 12 hours of aerobics every day."

Players come over from time to time for an ice cream treat, George said. Once earlier in the year, after a practice at the nearby Sports Academy in Novi, George had the whole team over.

"They got a team discount, like all the little leagues - it was just like being back in little league again," George said. "Our strength has been our pitching and defense and the fact that these guys get along very well. It's a very close group of kids for a summer team. They're a real competitive team, fun to be around."

The champion of the Collegiate Division receives an automatic bid to the All-American Amateur Baseball Association national championship in Johnstown, Pa.

It would be the perfect topping to the regular season for D.C.I., which last went to Johnstown in 1995, the year George brought a team into what was then the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League.

D.C.I. placed second in 1996 and was eliminated in the Altoona, Pa. regional before slumping to a 9-18 record last year. George hit the recruiting trail hard this year, inviting only a handful of players back, and bringing a large contingent of Henry Ford College players aboard.

Infielder Ron Blackmore (Livonia Churchill/Henry Ford Community College), pitcher Ryan Andrzejewski (Plymouth Salem/Henry Ford), leftfielder Storm Kirchenbaum (Country Day/Detroit Country Day) and first baseman Andy Maki (Wyandotte Mt. Carmel/Henry Ford) are back for a second season.

"I'm happy for the kids we brought back who stuck it out," said George, who is assisted by Jim Solak and Frank Corej. "We appreciate (Henry Ford coach) Stu Rose sending his kids our way. We have seven or eight of them and all of them do a good job."

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Said Blackmore: "I think the guys on the team this year love playing baseball. Last year we had guys show up here and there. And we've heard about Johnstown, how much fun that is. Everyone wants to go to a tourney. Coach George is disciplined but he lets you play, swing on 3 and 0 and stuff like that."

The ace of DCI's pitching staff is John Stieger (Webberville/Michigan State University). Stieger drives nearly an hour to and from his home, which says something about his loyalty to DCI since the Lansing league is much closer.

"Whether he's throwing or not he's there," George said. "If he's not the best pitcher in the league, he's one of the top two or three."

Tim Miller (Livonia Franklin/Wayne State) has been D.C.I.'s second most reliable hurler. Miller played for Livonia Little Caesars last year.

"He's really improved for us this summer," George said. "He doesn't throw quite as hard as Steiger, but has a decent fastball, good curve and throws a change-up."

Andrzejewski (Salem/Henry Ford) Matt White (Willow Run/U-D) and Jake Mathison (Walled Lake Central/Henry Ford) also have been used starting rotation.

The catcher and cleanup hitter is Chuck Vanrobby (Adams/Henry Ford), who will be attending Oakland University next. Vanrobby leads D.C.I. in RBI.

"He's had some very timely hits for us," George said.

Blackmore, who has signed with the University of Detroit-Mercy, and Billy LaRosa (Rochester Adams/University of Michigan) give DCI a strong double-play combination. Both have played shortstop and second base and contributed offensively.

"They give us a pretty good combination," George said.

The starting third baseman is C.J. Ghannam (Farmington Hills Harrison/U-M) and Maki and Anthony Jones (Newport/Southern Illinois) split time at first base.

Patrolling centerfield is Jamie Linton (Wayne State), while Jason Brooks (Taylor Center/Wayne State) and Tim Donohue (Adams/Henry Ford) split time in rightfield and Kirchenbaum is in left.

The team also has received a boost from Ryan Kravetz, perhaps the youngest player in the league. Kravetz will be a senior in the fall at West Bloomfield High School, where George coached in 1997.

He resigned last spring because of his business endeavors and Pat Watson, the former junior varsity coach, took over, leading the Lakers to a 20-win season.

Kravetz has filled in for Vanrobby on occasion. "He's done a great job for a high school kid playing in that league," George said. "The kids like him and he's playing very well."

## YOUTH SOFTBALL

# Devon-Aire marks 40th with picnic

Three All-Star games are on the docket Saturday as 2,500 are expected to celebrate the Devon-Aire Softball League's 40th anniversary.

Wayne County Commissioner Thad McCotter will deliver the ceremonial first pitch at 8 a.m. as the Junior Boys (ages 7-12) take the field behind the Devon-Aire Ice Arena, located at W. Chicago and Sunset on the south side of Livonia.

State representative Lyn Bankes will throw out the first pitch for the Junior Girls (ages 7-12) All-Star game beginning at 10 a.m.

The Senior Coed (ages 13-18) game follows at noon.

The all-day picnic for family and friends in the Devon-Aire program will start at 10 a.m. Free hot dogs, chips and refreshments will be offered along with a raffle.

A trophy presentation follows each All-Star game.

For the 10th straight year, Time-Warner Cable will tape all three games.

"We're the third largest league in the city and the only neighborhood league," said Linda Trudell, Devon-Aire's 40th anniversary chairman. "This is a teaching league where we let kids learn various positions."

"Don't think that it's a competitive league, a lot have gone on to play at Franklin High School, but the basic purpose is to have fun."

Trudell said this year's Devon-Aire Softball League, founded in 1958, has 203 participants.

"We get people from all over the city," she said. "We give a lot of teenaged kids an option to play who might not want to be involved with a travel team or another baseball league."

"And we charge only \$25 to play, which is probably the cheapest around. It includes uniforms, the picnic and trophies."

"We also go out and get sponsors for each team."

# WYAA Travel All-Stars win Colt district tourney

The Westland Youth Athletic Association Travel All-Stars used a game-winning 3-run homer from Dave Lewandowski in the fifth inning to beat South Farmington, 4-3, in the championship final of the Colt district baseball tournament Sunday in Garden City.

Manager Jeff Childs' squad now advances to Friday's state Colt tournament in Farmington Hills.

Lewandowski, estimated at 400 feet, came after a 1-hour rain delay and WYAA trailing 3-1.

Pat Barter, in relief of Lewandowski, was the winning pitcher.

On Saturday, WYAA ripped

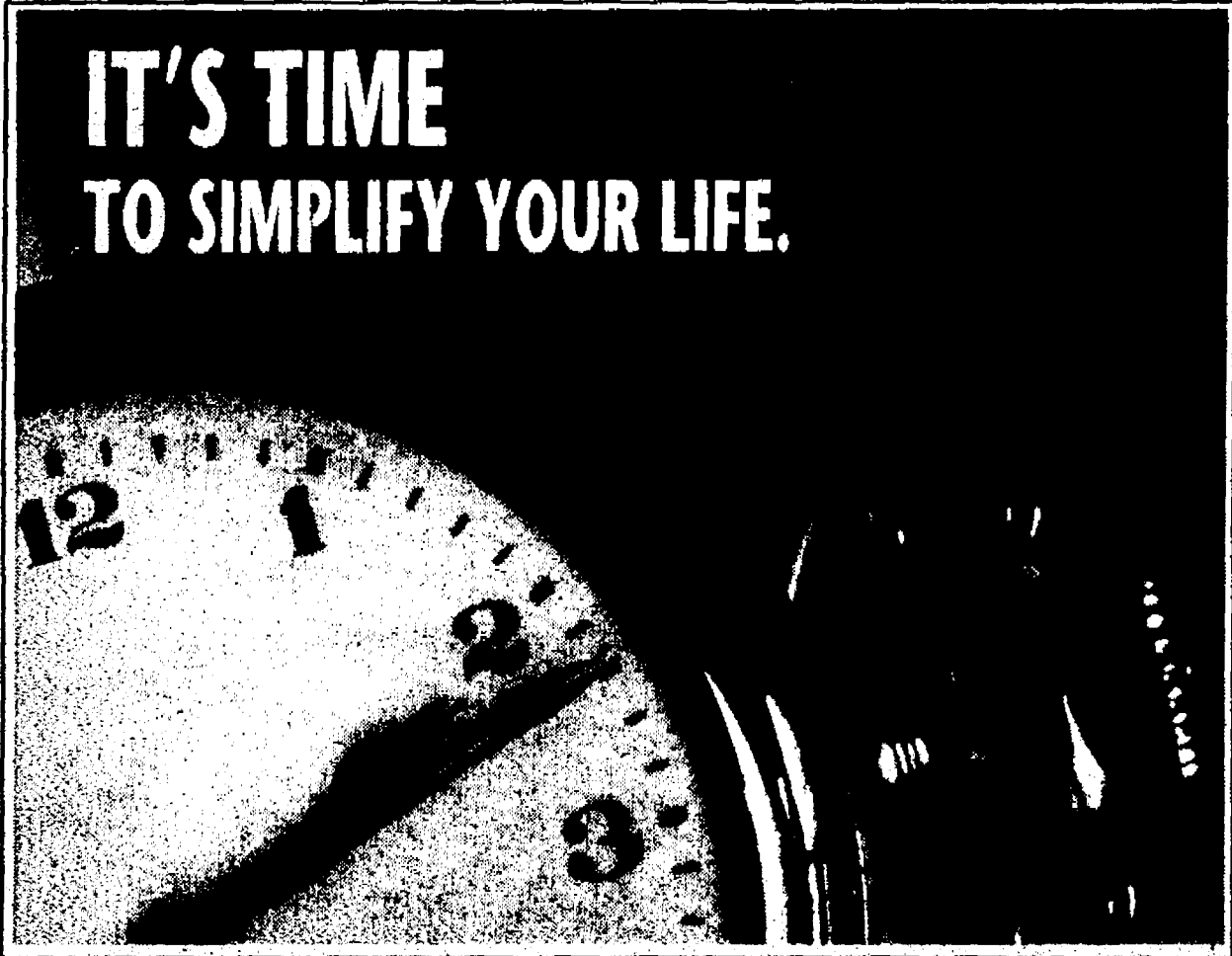
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Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills, 18-1, in a four-inning mercy as Jim Priebe was the winning pitcher.

On Friday, Barter gave up just one run in six innings as Westland downed South Farmington, 5-1.

Other members of the WYAA Travel All-Stars include: Derek Garbarino, John Skope, John Hicks, Nick Sheroian, Tony Cashero, Jeff Kozlowski, Ed Orehek, Tom Howard, Steve Tracey, Ryan Tracy, Tom Riney, Jim Priebe and Dan Horning.

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**SPORTS ROUNDUP**

**CASSAR IS FUSION HERO**

Livonia Churchill High product Jeff Cassar, a goalkeeper with the expansion Miami Fusion of the Major Soccer League, made a season-high 10 saves and stopped three penalty kicks Saturday in an upset 3-2 shootout win July 18 over the host Los Angeles Galaxy.

On July 16, the Fusion defeated San Jose, 3-2, in another shootout as Cassar scored the game-winning goal on a penalty kick.

Cassar played at Florida International University.

**WOMEN'S SUBURBAN GOLF**

Penny Irwin of Westland shot a 103 to win the second flight in the Women's Suburban Golf Association stop July 17 at Huron Meadows Golf Club.

Irwin edged Gloria Hudson by two strokes for low gross honors.

Pat Henke of Wayne took low net with a 72, while Mary Cunningham of Westland was second with a 74.

Lillian Vandenberg of Dearborn Heights won the first flight low gross with an

84, two shots ahead of Diane Wazney of Dearborn.

Dolly Vettese of Northville captured low net with a 67. JoAnne McVicar of Livonia was runner-up with a 70.

**YOUTH SOCCER TRYOUTS**

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club will hold tryouts for girls under-11 (born Aug. 1, 1987 to July 31, 1988) and under-16 boys (born Aug. 1, 1982 to July 31, 1983) from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, July 30 at the Dickinson Center, located between Six and Seven Mile roads off Newburgh.

For girls under-11 information, call Colleen Hunter at (313) 531-3992. For boys under-16 information, call Greg Thompson at (734) 426-8326.

**TOP BIATHLON FINISHERS**

Westland's Bill Anderson was runner-up in the men's 50-and-over division with a time of 46 minutes in the 15th annual Stony Creek Metropark Biathlon (July 11), a 1-kilometer swim and 5K run.

Sondra Aron of Livonia took third in the women's

30-39 age division in 40:53.

**DONALDSON TOP SCORER**

Livonian Shawn Donaldson is the offensive standout for the U.S. goalball squad in the World Championships for the Blind being held in Madrid, Spain.

Donald scored seven goals in Sunday's 11-1 trouncing of South Africa.

He also had the only two goals in Sunday's 9-2 loss to host Spain, along with the lone goal Saturday in a 5-1 defeat to Canada.

**FLAT ROCK RESULTS**

Westland's Steve Cronewett finished seventh Saturday in the Flat Rock Speedway's 35-lap ARCA Late Model Feature race.

Ron Allen of Lincoln Park finished first.

In the 20-lap ARCA Figure 8 feature, Paker Wade of Riverview emerged as the winner.

In the ARCA Street Stocks, Regan Ford of Carleton won the race with Redford's Tom Selmi taking third.



**Rating back:** Livonian Philip Mabey hurls a pitch for Concealed Security during last weekend's Pee Wee Reese baseball tournament.

**YOUTH BASEBALL**

**Concealed edged in AABC district**

The Concealed Security 11-under baseball team bowed out of the 13-under American Amateur Baseball Congress district tournament with an agonizing 9-5 loss in nine innings to the Troy Tigers.

Concealed's tournament record was 1-1 but its season is far from over.

Concealed, which fell to 42-8 overall, still has the Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series to look forward to, beginning July 29 in Missouri.

Coach Lou Pirronello's team warmed up for the World Series by playing a district against teams a year older and the experience is expected to pay dividends.

The Tigers, who trailed 7-0 at one point, used a couple hits and a balk to score the winning run.

Concealed's four pitchers walked 10 batters and allowed five hits. Concealed collected 16 hits, led by Eric Wojtkowski (Wayne), who was 3-for-4 with two RBI.

Scott Szpryka (Orchard Lake), Chris Rasin (Canton) and Casey Sargent (South Lyon) had two hits each.

**Gavie Tournament kicks off in August**

The traditional kickoff of the bowling season is less than a month away as the 62nd annual John P. Gavie Memorial Tournament will be Monday, Aug. 17 at Allen Park's Thunder-bowl Lanes.



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The difference this year is that Mr. Gavie is no longer with us. From now on, the event will be his living, enduring memorial.

John Gavie made his mark in our community in many ways, and those bowlers who take to the lanes will forever be grateful for the many good things that occurred under his guidance and leadership.

The tournament is open to team entries with three divisions: men's, women's and seniors. Each division has its own prizes based on the number of entries. All contestants will receive nice commemorative gifts, which will also serve as mementoes of the event.

The entry fee is \$75 per team (five to a team), prior to Aug. 1 and \$80 after that date. One out of five entries will cash. This is a scratch tournament; that means no handicaps. It is sanctioned through ABC and WIBC.

For those who have been bowling in past John P. Gavie Tournaments, your entry forms have been mailed. For newcomers, the entry blanks are available on most bowling counters all over town.

This event is far more than just a bowling tournament. It is an opportunity for old friends to get together and even rub shoulders with some of the great bowlers, past and present.

It is a good chance to get the competitive juices flowing again just prior to the season. For those who truly enjoy good sportsmanship experience, it is the place to be.

If your team would like to enter the Gavie Tournament, I suggest that you get the entries in soon, as this one gets booked

pretty solid, and about 550 bowlers will be in competition.

In case you don't know who John P. Gavie was, he was the organizer and promoter of the All-Stars and served as commissioner of the All-Star leagues until he passed away last October at the age of 90.

They called him the "Night Mayor" of Detroit back in the early days, and he had a lot of pull that enabled him to get the job done.

In fact this event was always started with a parade down Woodward Avenue to the State Fair Grounds with Gov. "Soapy" Williams in the lead car as the grand marshal, with the Mayor's car right behind followed by all the great bowling teams.

Times have changed, but the John P. Gavie Tournament is pretty much the same. It's just a gathering of the people who are very much involved in the sport to compete on friendly terms and enjoy the camaraderie, the competition and the official beginning of the 1998-99 season.

For information or entry forms, call Gary at (313) 381-2226 or Frank Gavie at (810) 285-1304.

It is mid summer and the bowlers are boating, golfing, fishing and all that good stuff. Perhaps it's a bit early to think about the new season, but take a minute and plan ahead.

Are you all set with your league? How about your team? Is it full and ready to go? All too often we seem to wait until the last moment to realize that we need another bowler or need to bring in a few more teams.

This is where the local bowling center can do its job. The centers usually have names of people looking for a spot to bowl. It's time to ask around among friends and neighbors or make some calls.

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The traditional kickoff of the bowling season is less than a month away as the 62nd Annual John P. Gavie Memorial Tournament will take place at Thunder-bowl Lanes on Monday, Aug. 17.

The difference this year is that Mr. Gavie is no longer with us. From now on, the event will be his living, enduring memorial.

John Gavie made his mark in our community in many ways, and those bowlers who take to the lanes will forever be grateful for the many good things that occurred under his guidance and leadership.

The tournament is open to team entries with three divisions: men's, women's and seniors. Each division has its own prizes based on the number of entries. All contestants will receive nice commemorative gifts, which will also serve as mementoes of

the event.

The entry fee is \$75 per team (five to a team), prior to Aug. 1 and \$80 after that date. One out of five entries will cash. This is a scratch tournament; that means no handicaps. It is sanctioned through ABC and WIBC.

For those who have been bowling in past John P. Gavie Tournaments, your entry forms have been mailed. For newcomers, the entry blanks are available on most bowling counters all over town.

This event is far more than just a bowling tournament. It is an opportunity for old friends to get together and even rub shoulders with some of the great bowlers, past and present.

It is a good chance to get the competitive juices flowing again just prior to the season. For those who truly enjoy good sportmanship experience, it is the place to be.

If your team would like to enter the Gavie Tournament, I suggest that you get the entries in soon,

as this one gets booked pretty solid, and about 550 bowlers will be in competition.

In case you don't know who John P. Gavie was, he was the organizer and promoter of the All-Stars and served as commissioner of the All-Star leagues until he passed away last October at the age of 90.

They called him the "Night Mayor" of Detroit back in the early days, and he had a lot of pull that enabled him to get the job done.

In fact this event was always started with a parade down Woodward Avenue to the State Fair Grounds with Gov. "Soapy" Williams in the lead car as the grand marshal, with the Mayor's car right behind followed by all the great bowling teams.

Times have changed, but the John P. Gavie Tournament is pretty much the same. It's just a gathering of the people who are very much involved in the sport to compete on friendly terms and enjoy the camaraderie, the competition and the official beginning of the 1998-99 season.

For information or entry forms, call Gary at (313) 381-2226 or Frank Gavie at (810) 285-1304.

It is mid summer and the bowlers are boating, golfing, fishing and all that good stuff. Perhaps it's a bit early to think about the new season, but take a minute and plan ahead.

Are you all set with your league? How about your team? Is it full and ready to go? All too often we seem to wait until the last moment to realize that we need another bowler or need to bring in a few more teams.

This is where the local bowling center can do its job. The centers usually have names of people looking for a spot to bowl. It's time to ask around among friends and neighbors or make some calls.

I will also place your requests in upcoming issues of Ten Pin Alley if you will send the information to my attention at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

## Host Jimmie's loses in tournament finals

Prestige/Calvert of Taylor stole the show last weekend in the in the 22nd annual Leonard J. Anderson Softball Tournament, featuring some of the midwest's elite men's slow-pitch teams.

Host Jimmie's, which fell 27-22 to Prestige in the championship final of the double-elimination tournament, finished second. Metro Glass of Westland was third.

The tournament, which drew nearly 600 fans Friday night in Wayne, also included the Anderson Hall of Fame induction ceremonies.

David Gibson and Wade Evans were enshrined into the hall, sponsored by Central Distributors of Beer, Inc., presented by Kevin Niemiec, Special Events Coordinator.

The tournament, co-sponsored by the City of Wayne Department of Parks and Recreation, was named in honor of Leonard J. Anderson, a Wayne police officer killed in the line of duty.

Prestige was led by tournament MVP Pat Wayne, a pitcher who was joined on the All-Tournament by teammates Dale Dorton, Bruce Woods and Todd Wallace.

The champions won five straight games en route to the title including victories over Journeyman (23-11), Plumbers & Pipefitters (22-21), Expert (30-25) and Jimmie's twice (17-15 and 27-22).

Jimmie's, also sponsored by Varsity Athletics, Que's Sports and Easton, had three players named to the all-tourney team including Scott Janack, who led the all hitters with a .773 average; Scott Hille and Tom Lengyel.

David Ballentine and Mike Urban made it for Metro Glass, while Andy Peterson and Jason Broyles, who had tournament beat 10 homers, took individual honors for Plumbers & Pipefitters.

"This year's crowd was able to see some of the finest softball in the country," tournament director Larry Quartuccio said. "My assistant director Rick Powell and his wife Debbie really helped me keep things running smoothly for another great tournament."

"And as always, the City of Wayne Parks & Rec did a great job in helping co-sponsor the event."

Eighteen teams started tournament play.

Roger Breeding homers, doubled and singled in the championship final. Dale Dorton added four singles, while Bill Kostich had three.

Janack and Hille each home-

### Twisters open

The Wayne County Twisters semi-pro football team opens its season against the Zanesville (Ohio) Fury at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Cherry Hill HS, located on Avondale between Middlebelt and Inkster in Inkster.

Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. Children 10 and under (accompanied by a paying adult) and seniors 60 and over are free. The Twister Football Club is a local, non-profit organization which was formed and chartered to foster and support local, national and international competition.

Other home games are against: the Toledo (Ohio) Tornados, 3:30 p.m. Aug. 8; the Fremont (Ohio) Stallions, 3:30 p.m. Aug. 22; the Putnam County (Ohio) Lightning, 3:30 p.m. Sept. 12; and the Motor City Cougars, 3:30 p.m. Oct. 3.

red twice in the loss, while Lengyel tripled.

Scott Nastally suffered the loss.

In Game No. 29, Jimmie's eliminated Metro Glass, 22-21, as Jason Riggs homered twice and John Simpson collected four hits.

Urban had a pair of homers for Metro Glass. Tom Hannah added three hits, but it wasn't enough as Jimmie's scored the game-winning in the top of the eighth.

In Game No. 27, Prestige handed Jimmie's its first loss, 17-16, as Wayne homered twice and doubled. Wallace also had three hits including a homer as

Prestige got three runs in the bottom of the sixth to overcome a two-run deficit.

John Samson singled three times for Jimmie's, while Lengyel had three hits, including a double and homer.

Prestige beat Expert in Game

No. 21 in a wild 30-25 shootout.

Wallace collected four hits, two for homers. Bruce Wood singled, double twice and homered. Breeding added three hits with a homer.

Gene Capaldi singled four times in the loss.

Prestige also edged Plumbers

& Pipefitters, 22-21, as Joe Gerdes clubbed two homers.

Broyles had four homers and eight RBI in a losing cause.

In a 23-11 win over Prestige, Dorton hit for the cycle with five RBI, while Bob Stewart contributed two homers and four RBI.

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**SATURDAY**



The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History's two-part exhibition, "Detroit's Black Bottom and Paradise Valley: Help Us Collect Your Past," and "Juke Joint," opens today, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. Admission \$5 adults, \$3 children (17 and under). Children under 5 admitted free. Call (313) 494-5800.

**SUNDAY**



Barbie Amann of Livonia and Ralph Rosati are featured in SRO's production of "The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of Macbeth," 2 p.m. curtain at the Burgh, northeast corner of Civic Center Dr. and Berg Road (one block east of Telegraph) Southfield. Tickets \$8, children under 12 and senior adults, \$7, call (248) 827-0701.

**HOT**



**Hot Tix: The R.I.K. Reunion Band** featuring Tom Brown, (left), Ursula Walker, Marcus Belgrave and George Benson perform 7:30 p.m. Friday during Birmingham Jazzfest, Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25 in downtown Birmingham. Call (248) 433-FEST.

## Pipers AND Dancers ARE Game FOR Fling



Scottish tradition: Harold Higgins plays the pipes while Alexandra Bennett dances.

**T**hey're calling it "The Fling in the Motor City," said co-chairman Bill Phenix of Plymouth, and if you're Scottish, or interested in all things Scottish, you'll want to be at the 149th Annual Highland Games, Saturday, Aug. 1, at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

"It's a chance to see the absolute best Highland dancers in the United States and Canada," said Gordon Miller who is in charge of dancing for the event sponsored by St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. "There will be some world and former U.S. champions. It's the cream of the crop."

Dancing is one of the highlights of this year's

games, the second to be held at Greenmead. In the morning, dancers from the Midwest area and Canada will compete in a dance competition hosted by the St. Andrew's Society. "There's always the possibility that there will be some dancers from Scotland," said Miller.

The United States Inter-Regional Highland Dance Championship competition begins in the afternoon. "Premiere dancers from all over the U.S. and Canada will be competing for the national title in five different age categories from children to adult," said Miller. To qualify for this competition, the dancers had to win regional competitions.

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### 149TH ANNUAL HIGHLAND GAMES

**WHEN:** 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1  
**WHERE:** Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh (at Eight Mile Road), Livonia.  
**TICKETS:** \$6 in advance, \$8 at the gate. Children under 12 free with adult. Advance tickets available at Greenmead, the Golden Girls in Royal Oak on Fourth St. (east of Main St.), or call Marty and Harold Hunter, (248) 545-1997. For general information, call (313) 832-1849. Check out the web site, [WWW.Highlandgames.com](http://WWW.Highlandgames.com)

**SHUTTLE LOTS:**

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- Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (Six Mile Road, west of Haggerty)

Complimentary shuttle buses will run every five to 10 minutes throughout the day, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Patron, handicap and limited general parking will be available in the Main Lot at Greenmead. Experience shows the Main Lot will be full by 10 a.m.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

- 8:30 a.m. - Games open for the public
- 9 a.m. - Competitions begin, Piping, Highland Dance, Heavy Athletics
- Noon - Welcoming Ceremonies, Invocation & National Anthems, Lament for the Deceased, Massed Pipes and Drums, Parade of the Clans, Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.
- 5 p.m. - Closing Ceremony, Massed Pipes and Drums, Major Com-

petitive Awards, Raffle Drawings.

**ONGOING THROUGHOUT THE DAY:**

- Heavy Athletics - Amateur, Professional
- Highland Dancing Championships - Novice, Intermediate, Advance, Open, Broadsword Dance Competition
- Drum Major
- Piper and Drumming, Individual, Pipe Band
- Scottish Fiddle Demonstrations
- Scottish Arts and Entertainment
- Children's Events
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**DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION**

**WHERE:** Sunday, Aug. 2  
**WHERE:** University of Michigan Dearborn Field House, on Evergreen (between Hubbard Dr. and Michigan Ave.) across from Fairlane Town Center.  
**ADMISSION:** \$5 at the door

- Pre-championship Competition sponsored by the St. Andrew's Society, featuring premiere dancers from around the country who have never won a championship, 8-10 a.m.
- North American Highland Championship, featuring premiere dancers from the U.S., Canada and Scotland, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2 at the University of Michigan Field House.



Heavy Athletics: Frank Stasa III practices the hammer throw for the 149th Annual Highland Games.



Playing The Palace: Tori Amos and her band perform tonight at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

## Tori Amos says her songs want a band

The dark, dank St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit is one of the last venues you'd expect a quiet attentive crowd. Then again, Tori Amos fans are known for their discipline.

Some fans sat Indian-style waiting for the flame-haired pianist to hit the stage. Others talked about how they, like Amos, were raped and how the singer inspired them to seek help.

The late April show was one of a handful offering a sneak pre-

view of Amos's latest album "From the Choirgirl Hotel" (Atlantic), her first written specifically for a band.

Wearing cut-off khaki shorts and a T-shirt, Amos straddled the piano bench alternating between a grand piano and a keyboard. As she threw her hair back, Amos showed a newfound confidence as her band, including noted rock drummer Matt Chamberlain, accompanied her.

In a phone interview late Friday night, Amos explained that

she needed to stray from her piano-only setup.

"I think I took it as far as I could for myself and that unless I had challenged myself as a musician, I was just going to fall asleep. You can't keep repeating yourself all the time. You have to make shifts here and there," she explained.

The band-driven "From the Choirgirl Hotel" was inspired by a river where she sought solace

**WHO:** Tori Amos and special guest The Devils

**WHEN:** 8 p.m. Thursday, July 23

**WHERE:** The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills.

**TICKETS:** \$30 and available at the Palace box office. For more information, call (248) 377-0100.

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### LIGHT CLASSICS

## Boston orchestra brings 'Pops' to Michigan

**Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra**

■ 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 28 - Kresge Auditorium, Interlochen Center for the Arts. Tickets \$29.50 to \$100, call (616) 276-6230.

■ 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$37.50, \$50 and \$75. Available at the box office, all ticket

Boston Pops, "the orchestra people aren't afraid of," will play at Interlochen Centers for the Arts and Fox Theatre during its "American Visions" tour.

"A lot of people like music in an informal setting, they don't think of themselves as classical music fans," said conductor Keith Lockhart explaining the Pops popularity. "We manage to sneak music we'd like these people to hear, and it doesn't hurt a bit. We offer something for everyone."

Their Michigan performances will feature guest pianist Lynn Bates. "We're coming to Detroit to pay homage to Motown," said

Lockhart. "It's one of the great musical traditions."

The concert will open with Boston Pops Laureate Conductor John Williams' "Liberty Fanfare," written for the centennial of the Statue of Liberty.

Bates will join Lockhart and the orchestra for a centennial salute to George Gershwin with a performance of "Rhapsody in Blue."

The second half of the program is sure to be a hit with baseball fans. It features Frank Proto's "Casey at the Bat," narrated by Curt Gowdy, and John Philip Sousa's "The National

Concert highlights include selections from the Boston Pops "American Visions" album including Ron Nelson's "Savannah River Holiday," tunes from "The Sound of Music," James Horner's Love Theme from the movie "Titanic," and ends with "Mostly Motown," a new Boston Pops arrangement of Motown favorites.

When you think of the Boston Pops, it's hard not to think about Arthur Fiedler, the conductor whose name has become synonymous with the orchestra, he helped turn into a national



On tour: Keith Lockhart conducts the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra on its "Summer Visions" Tour.

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# Fling from page E1

Dance events continue on Sunday at the Field House on the University-Michigan Dearborn campus. A pre-championship competition in the morning is open to all dancers who have never won a championship. The North American Highland Championship will follow. Three premiere pipers will accompany the dancers.

Alexandra Bennett is only 7, but she has been dancing since she was 4, and has won lots of medals. "It's fun," she says. Her mom, GERALYN, teaches Highland Dance and has fond memories of going to the games and competing.

"My mom was from Scotland," she said. "We still have family there. Dancing made me feel connected to them. It's something I did that was different from the other girls in school who were taking ballet and tap. It was neat. I still hang out with people I danced with when I was 8."

Harold Higgins of Livonia is a piper. "The pipers set the pace for the dancers," he said. Higgins has been playing the pipes for six years. His grandmother's from Scotland, and playing the pipes was something he always wanted to do. His family is pleased with his decision.

"I've been taking lessons and

learning. It's difficult, you have to be disciplined, and prioritize," said Higgins who works for the Livonia Police Department. "I practice a half hour to an hour a day."

He'll be competing in the solo pipe competition at the games, and with the St. Andrews Society Pipe and Drum Band.

Frank Stasa III enjoys competing in the athletic events. He's one of those big guys who does all those crazy things like throwing a cabre, the thing that looks like a telephone pole, and a hammer. These tests of strength are a Scottish tradition.

Last year Stasa took third

overall in the heavy athletic competition. "We do five events," he said. "It's like the Strongman Competition, not as demanding, but you need more skill. Everything pivots, you're spinning on one foot. Notice, I'm wearing a different shoe on each foot. You have to practice. It's hard work, but I enjoy it."

He's got some Scottish blood, is also of Czech and French ancestry. "When you come to this event you can be Scottish for a whole day," he said. "You get the flavor of Scotland. They overcook their peas, but they're good somehow. I like the meat pies.

It's a nice layout. It's going to be crowded, but there's enough room to walk around."

The games are a good place to dig for your Scottish roots. Over 30 clans will be represented. "We're hosting the Clan Hunter General Membership Meeting," said former chairman Bill Kinkaid, a past president of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. "The Chief of the Clan, Pauline Mullen Hunter, is coming from Scotland. The clan traces its lineage to the 1200s. We haven't had a Clan Chief in recent memory. This is a big thing."

Last year's event drew 12,500 people. They're talking about

making the games a two-day event next year. It will be the 160th annual.

"The whole Scottish tradition of clans is family, and this is a family event," said Kinkaid. There will be vendors selling Scottish goods, Scottish food for sale, and activities for children.

They're bringing in Long-haired Highland Cattle, and there will be sheep herding and duck herding demonstrations by Highland Border Collies and Sheep Dogs throughout the day.

Be sure to visit the 18th Century Scottish military camp. You can watch military drills and hear the firing of muskets.

# Tori from page E1

after losing her baby on Christmas 1996.

"It really is about igniting this rhythm, an ancient primal

rhythm that really got me through after losing the baby. I couldn't become the woman I was before. As a woman, I really

didn't know what I could draw on to even wake up in the morning and want to be a part of the living room with the spirits of the dead," Amos explained.

"I was trying to make contact with the being I wasn't able to save or even bargain her life for. It was completely out of my hands so I spent a lot of time by the water, by this river where I

was. I just started to see how the water had this rhythm in its structure. Sometimes it was really turbulent, sometimes it was quite fluid. I wanted to feel that inside of my being."

While sitting by the river, she explained, it "dawned on her" to go back to the piano.

"After staring at the water for many, many days 'Pandora' (the

song 'Pandora's Aquarium'), started coming. I knew there was a rhythm to build into the writing of the songs. I knew I had to record it live. Once I made that decision, I knew that then I would have to take a full instrumentation with me," Amos explained.

The change brought about a domino effect, she added.

"The other songs (from previous albums) got jealous. They said, 'Why can't I have that too.' So a lot of the old songs are being reworked."

The thick, rich sound in songs like "Spark" required that Amos bring along a band on tour, something she knew would be challenging.

"It really is challenging because you have to work as a unit. It can't be all about you all the time," Amos said accompanied by a chuckle.

"It's not a backing band. As you know that's not the intention. It's very much about the musicianship. You work as a team."

Adding a band to her live

shows isn't the only major change that Amos has made in the last year. She married her boyfriend, Mark Hawley, the father of her baby.

"I think we bonded, he and I, out of that experience. So when after we'd gone through so much he asked me to marry him, I was one of those people where I was never going to get married but it just was like this feels right. Not because of the religious side of it, but the ancient kind of just promise you make to somebody."

With all this, Amos has embarked on her first arena tour which comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills Thursday, July 23. Her fans, as always, have been receptive, she said.

"I'm really lucky to have people that will say, 'Look, we'll give it a go.' We're open enough to give it a go. A lot of artists out there have people who are only with them because of one song. If you don't play that song like that every time they're out of there."

"With my fans, they're willing to give it a go. You can't ask for more than that."

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# Revue cast is winning

The Gamut Theatre Group presents "And the Winner Is" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 26, at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile. Tickets are \$10 and available by calling (734) 274-6493.

BY BOB WEIBEL  
SPECIAL WRITER

The Gamut Theatre Group affirms once again the abundant musical talent in the Detroit area. Gamut's current production, "And the Winner Is," celebrates 50 years of Tony Award-winning Broadway musicals. From the rousing opening number ("Another Opening, Another Show" from Kiss Me Kate in 1948-49) to the radiant "Circle of Life from The Lion King in 1998), the show is a winner in every respect.

Valerie Mangrum (Inkster) and Brian Townsend (Dearborn) conceived, staged and perform in this 90-minute non-stop buffet of savory songs. Joining them are Annette Hissong (Westland), Jim Mead (Ann Arbor), Megan Meade-Higgins (Southfield) and Tom Morgan (Livonia).

Musical director Ken Pletzer (Dearborn), accompanies them on the piano and with computer-aided instrumentation sounding like a full orchestra. Very impressive indeed.

Tying the whole thing together is a history lesson of interesting trivia. Each number is introduced with a brief comment. For example: there were two winners in 1960, "Fiorello" and "The Sound of Music." The movie "All About Eve" inspired the authors of the 1970 winner "Applause."

Shining most brightly in the galaxy of 50 sparkling numbers are Megan Meade-Higgins and Tom Morgan in "The Phantom of the Opera." Meade-Higgins shows her versatility with a gusty go at "Cabaret" from Cabaret (1967). And Morgan gives a lovely rendition of "The Impossible Dream" from The Man of La Mancha (1966).

Jim Meade delivers a powerful knockout performance of the song "Glory" from the 1996 Rock Opera winner Rent. And his satirical "One Last Kiss" from Bye, Bye Birdie (1961) is a hoot, especially his Elvis Presley ending.

Brian Townsend has the gestures, facial expressions and vocal inflections of an accomplished performer. He handles different styles with equal aplomb.

Annette Hissong's "Memory" from Cats (1983) is indeed memorable, and she scores again with "With One Look" from Sunset Boulevard (1995).

Valerie Mangrum's appealing style teased us with a short version of "Don't Cry for Me Argentina" from Evita (1980). She gives us the full treatment in "Hernando's Hideaway" from The Pajama Game (1955).

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Conducting: Keith Lockhart leads the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra at Symphony Hall in Boston. They will perform in Detroit Aug. 1 at the Fox Theatre.

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institution. Now in his fourth season conducting the Pops, Lockhart who succeeded Williams in the role, says a lot of people say he looks too young to be conductor. "They remember a gray haired man in his 80s," said Lockhart. "They forget Arthur Fiedler was the same age as me, 35, when he got the job."

Although he's following in the footsteps of two superstars, Lockhart is casting a shadow of his own without changing the things that audiences love about and expect from the Boston Pops. "It's a successful tradition. There's no reason to go and try and change everything," said Lockhart.

He says he has a different personality, set of strengths and interests than his successors, and that more than anything else plays a role in the decisions he makes. Examples are his collaborations with guest artists such as Buckwheat Zydeco and k.d. Lang. He snuck a Van Morrison tune into "The Celtic Album," the second of three he recorded with the Boston Pops.

"The audience for pops is more diverse," he said. "There's a significant amount of younger people. It's becoming a date night for college kids, we're seeing couples in their 30s. We provide a

significant amount of great symphonic music. I cut my teeth in the classical music world, but I like being involved in a lot of genres - from Mozart piano concerts and Tchaikovsky to Buckwheat Zydeco to Motown."

Musically, Lockhart said Fiedler was more contemporary than he is. "Whatever was on the top charts that month he played. We give a heavy dose of American composers and music we think will excite our audience. We don't do much of whatever it takes. I'd rather let U2 do U2."

Part of the problem is arranging the music. It's hard to imagine "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," performed by an orchestra without sounding like elevator music. "We have a new staff arranger, Pat Hollenbeck, who has an orchestra background, but hip enough to know how to make something sound good," said Lockhart.

By playing music people want to hear, Lockhart hopes he teaches them something too. "Everything pops does is outreach and education," he said. "We want to push a button, click a little switch to get people excited and enjoy what they're listening to. They'll say 'OK, I'll spend 6 or 7 minutes with Stravinsky. If I don't like it I know there will be something different next.'"

The Boston Pops consists of

two ensembles - The Boston Pops Orchestra and The Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra.

The Boston Pops Orchestra includes members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, minus 12 of the principals who tour as the Boston Symphony Chamber Players. It's the orchestra you hear on "Evening at the Pops," broadcast nationally on PBS. They perform in Symphony Hall in Boston from May through mid-June, and at Tanglewood during the rest of the summer. They also present a Christmas Pops series.

The Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, which consists of freelance musicians from Boston, organized by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, performs annually on the Fourth of July. It's the orchestra Michigan audiences will hear.

They perform in Symphony Hall from mid-June through mid-July; present free outdoor concerts at the Hatch Shell on the Charles River Esplanade during July; and perform Christmas Pops concerts and a New Year's Eve gala.

"Freelance musician is kind of misleading," said Lockhart. "It's a stable group. Their contracts are renewed on a year-by-year basis. There's more demand for concerts than one orchestra can fulfill."

## Guild presents plays about love

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents four one-act plays "First Dates and Fickle Hearts," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, July 31-Aug. 1 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2 at its air-conditioned theater, 21730 Madison, (southeast corner of Monroe and Outer Dr.) Dearborn. Tickets \$10, call (313) 561-TKTS. For more information, call (313) 277-5164.

"First Dates and Fickle Hearts" is a collection of classic

comedies and farces using eight actors as various characters.

All four one-act plays are funny views on love. The show opens toying with our fickle hearts in an Anton Chekov piece known as "A Marriage Proposal."

A reaffirmation of love is humorously discovered in Bernard Shaw's "How He Lied to Her Husband." Memories of first dates will be relived for all us in

"Red Carnations." The surprise of unexpected love and romance in the most adverse circumstances flourishes in Anton Chekov's "The Brute."

"First Dates and Fickle Hearts" features Brooke and Don Andres of Livonia; Maria Kovac of Plymouth, and Kerry Plague of Canton.

It is directed by Kirk Hass. Jeff Bartos is assistant director

## 'Sweet, Sassy' is twisted, funny

West End Productions presents "Sweet, Sassy & Durang," short plays by Christopher Durang, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, July 24-25 and July 31-Aug. 1, at the Underground Theatre, 110 S. Main St., above ACE Hardware, Royal Oak. Tickets \$12, call (248) 541-1763.

BY BRENDA SMITH  
SPECIAL WRITER

"Sweet, Sassy & Durang" offers laughs and provokes thoughts that border on homicidal. The short plays done by West End Productions are written by a gifted, yet slightly twisted, Christopher Durang. Many of the topics can be considered touchy to some. His sense of humor is extraordinary, leaving one laughing at one of his topics and later wondering why it was so funny then, yet so disturbing now.

The humor of Durang seems to try to push the audience as far as it can go, then farther. A more mature audience would understand the subtle remarks for their full worthiness. To some people, it may be offending. However, not to see the humor in it would be a waste.

Coupled with the hilarious

cast, this performance offered audience members a chance to laugh and sometimes not even know why. While the content of the performance seems to be directed at the twenty-something generation, the more subtle jokes are left for an older crowd.

Imagine Tennessee Williams' "Streetcar Named Desire" placed in the 1990s, throw in some homosexual references, twist it quite a bit, and you come close to a short called "Desire, Desire, Desire."

Many of the shorts are Durang's strange, insightful look at his own thoughts and feelings. The actors and actresses very aptly dove into this bizarre world of Durang. The shorts were mixed together with some of their own song and dance routines. Don't let them fool you, this wasn't the "Nutcracker." Where on Broadway can you find the song "The Homecoming Queen" where the newly elected Homecoming Queen loses it and blows away half of her class?

The friendship between the players can be seen on the stage. Each one brought something else to add. Even the stage carried the friendliness of the cast. The

small venue offered the players a chance to extend the range of the stage beyond the audience. Linda Hammell played the opening character, talking to audience members as she walked onto the stage before offering a welcome to the entire audience.

The acting talents of each of the players were superb. Director, choreographer and actress Francine Jo Hachem overdid herself throughout the play; best shown as she left the audience in tears of laughter with her monologue "Jane Doe."

The stage was set with no backgrounds and little props leaving ample room for the audience to use their imagination. The lack of backdrops left open room to move and flow into the next scene. Clean-up and prop changing was played-off as other skits making a continuous show.

The entire show had more impact than one could imagine. The dialogue, players and even the audience added to the strange and demented world according to Christopher Durang. Anyone looking for a reason to laugh, or just to contemplate, should look into these excellent performances.

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"And the Winner Is..." a musical history lesson through the last 50 years of Tony Award-winning musicals, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 26. Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, 15138 Beech Daly (south of Five Road, across from Redford City Hall and Fire Department). Tickets \$10, at the door, or call (734) 274-6493, voice mail option 2.

### PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"First Dates and Fickle Hearts," a collection of classic comedies by Chekov and Shaw, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, July 24-25 and July 31 and Aug. 1, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, at the theater 21730 Madison, southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive, Dearborn. (313) 561-TKTS/(313) 277-5164

### PRODUCTIONS

"The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townspeople's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of Macbeth," a farce by David McGilivray and Walter Zerin, Jr. opens 8 p.m. Friday, July 24 and continues 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, through Sunday, Aug. 9 at the City of Southfield's historic center The Burgh, in the renovated 1854 church on the northeast corner of Civic Center Dr. and Bergh Road, one block east of Telegraph, Southfield. Tickets \$8, senior adults and children under 12, \$7, call (248) 827-0701.

### WEST END PRODUCTIONS

"Sweet, Sassy & Durang," short plays by Christopher Durang with Sweet and Sassy, an evening of comedy relief, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, July 24-25 and July 31-Aug. 1, at the Wunderground Theatre, 110 S. Main St., above ACE Hardware, Royal Oak. \$12. (248) 543-1763

## YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

### NOVI THEATRES

"Cinderella," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2. Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. All ages. (248) 347-0400

### THE RISING STARS

"The Time Machine," based on H.G. Wells' story about a society in the distant future and two opposing groups: the Eloi and Morlocks; 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 23-24, at Andover High School, on Andover Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$3. (248) 433-0885

### TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

"Really Rosie," a musical comedy by Maurice Sendak and Carole King, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile, Livonia. \$5. (313) 555-8962

### YOUNG VOICES PROJECT

Staged reading of the play "He Found a Gateway to Freedom: The Peter Denison Story," 11 a.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. \$5, \$2 youths. (313) 872-0279

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Yiddish tunes, 1 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at the Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, 15110 West 10 Mile, Oak Park. Free, tickets issued at front desk. (248) 967-4030

### "CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE"

Historic car races, Friday-Sunday, July 31-Aug. 2, Waterford Hills Race Track, Clarkston; the main event, Sunday, Aug. 2, Meadow Brook mansion grounds, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. (248) 650-5566

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Historical reenactments, storytelling, a treasure hunt, face painting, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 25, on the grounds of Detroit Historical Museum and Detroit Public Library, on Woodward Avenue. Free. (313) 833-7912

### "DURAS PIECE"

Chicago performance artist Sandra Binion with guitarist Spencer Barefield in a piece adapted from Marguerite Duras' novels "Malady of Death" and "Blue Eves, Black Hat" for reader, musician, projected video and sleeper, 8 p.m. Sunday, July 26, at George Vinos Studio D, 2132 Yemans, Hamtramck. \$35. (313) 872-3343

### SEVEN LAKES BALLOON RACE FESTIVAL

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### "LAUGH TO LIVE"

A benefit for the cure for sickle cell anemia with comedian Bryan McCree, Thursday, July 30, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$10. (248) 542-9900

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A fundraiser for the Fanclub Foundation for the Arts featuring music by Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band, an exotic island buffet from the Rooster, and a summer-themed art auction sponsored by Gallery Function Art at Pontiac, fashion show, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, on the Rooster's deck, on Detroit's waterfront, 1 1/2 miles east of the Belle Isle Bridge off Jefferson Avenue. \$35, \$30 Fanclub members. (248) 559-1645

## FAMILY EVENTS

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8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 26, Century Bowl, 7345 Highland Road (at M-58), Waterford. \$2, free for children ages 12 and younger with paid adult. (734) 961-4254/(248) 650-0114

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# Birmingham Jazzfest

When: Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25.

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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.

For information: Call (248) 433-FEST, 24 hours a day for up-to-the-minute information.

### Shain Park Schedule

- 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 Piphon
- 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 - Shelia 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.
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- Peabody's, 34965 Woodward, (248) 644-5222 - Michael Millman Trio, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday.
- Phoenicia, 588 Old Woodward, (248) 644-3122 - Cliff & Stephanie Monear, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.
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## CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "The Great Grieg Concert," with conductor Neeme Jarvi and pianist Sergel Babayan, 8 p.m. Friday, July 31, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Tickets at Ticketmaster. (313) 576-5100

## POPS/SWING

THE NEW MORTY SHOW 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance, \$8 day of show. 19 and older. (swing) (734) 996-8555

## BRASS MUSIC

THE MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, as part of "Music Under the Stars" in the Atrium Building (one block north of Michigan Avenue), Dearborn. Free. All ages: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, as part of "Livonia Under the Stars," Greenmead Village, 20501 Newburgh Road (near Eight Mile Road), Livonia. Free. All ages. (248) 349-0376; 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, Burgh Historical Park, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. Free. (248) 424-9022

## AUDITIONS/WORKSHOPS

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE Hosts informational meeting for those interested in auditioning for its fall productions, 7 p.m. Monday, July 27, Civic Playhouse, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. This year's productions include "On Golden Pond," "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," and "The Snow Queen." (734) 971-0605

### SUMMER MUSIC SCHOOL

Schoolcraft College is offering the opportunity for late elementary and high school musicians to perform as soloists and with a live orchestra Aug. 3-14; \$250 for two-week term. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218

### WESTSIDE THEATRE PROJECT

Auditions for two men and two women for the musical revue "Closer than Ever," 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, bring prepared song selection and theatrical resume, at the Dearborn Civic Center, Michigan Avenue and Greenfield, Dearborn. (313) 274-9092. For performances Sept. 24-25 and Oct. 23.

### WYANDOTTE COMMUNITY THEATRE

Auditions for the musical "Damn Yankees," 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 29-30, at the Copeland Center, Fourth and Mulberry streets, Wyandotte. Performances second and third weekends in October. (734) 438-0126

## ORGAN

### MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Movies and concerts series continues with "The Grapes of Wrath" starring Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell and John Carradine, guest organist Wilma Taylor Steelick, 7:30 p.m. Friday June 26, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 27, the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser at Grand River, Detroit. Organ overture precedes film, guest organist Gus Borman. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

## JAZZ

### ABLER-LEDUFF TRIO

With guitarist Paul Abler, congas and percussionist Jerry Leduff, and bassist Marion Hayden, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25, Fleetwood on Sixth restaurant, 209 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050

### DWIGHT ADAMS TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, July 25, as part of the Birmingham Jazz Festival, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (trumpet/piano/bass) (248) 645-2150

### SEAN BLACKMAN

With John Arnold, 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, and with Wayne Girard, 10 p.m. Friday, July 31, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (gypsy jazz) (313) 886-8101

### SANDRA BOMAR TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 24, as part of the Birmingham Jazz Festival, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass) (248) 645-2150

### GEORGE DUKE

With R. Ferrell and Rashaan Patterson, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 25, Chene Park, 2600 E. Atwater St., Detroit. \$18.50-\$46.50. All ages. (313) 393-0292

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6-10 p.m. Mondays, at Too Chezy, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi; 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills; 7-10 p.m. Fridays, at Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 348-5555/(248) 335-3790/(248) 626-7393/(248) 474-3033/(248) 305-7333

### JAZZHEAD

9:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 18 and older. (acid jazz) (248) 650-5080

### RON KISCHUK QUINTET

Featuring vocalist Susan Taylor, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 23, The Plaza at the intersection of Kercheval and St. Clair, in Grosse Pointe's Village Shopping district. (313) 886-7474

### TOKEN

7:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, the gazebo next

### KATHY KOSINS TRIO

8 p.m. Thursday, July 23 and 30, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave. (at Martin Luther King Boulevard); Detroit. (313) 831-3838

### SHEILA LANDIS

With Rick Matle, as part of the Birmingham Jazzfest, 8-11 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Coffee Beanery, 152 N. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages; With her trio featuring Rick Matle, as part of the Birmingham Jazzfest, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, Alban's, 35064 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages; With Rick Matle, 8 p.m. to midnight Tuesday-Wednesday, July 28-29, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave. (at Mack Avenue), Detroit. Free. All ages; 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 31, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 646-6022/(248) 258-5788/(313) 831-3838/(248) 645-2150

### MAINSTREAM QUARTET

8 p.m. Friday, July 24, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave. (at Martin Luther King Boulevard); Detroit. (313) 831-3838

### MASCHINA

9 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 21 and older. (acid jazz) (734) 662-8310

### JEFF MICHAEL BAND

6-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 23-24, in the Coyote Cantina at the Crowne Plaza Pontchartrain, 2 Washington Blvd., Detroit. (313) 965-0200

### MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With saxophone player George Benson, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23; With trumpeter Johnny Trudell, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30, at the Botsford Inn 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner until 9 p.m., \$5 drink minimum. Reservations recommended. (248) 474-4800

### ROBERT PHIPPO DUO

8 p.m. Monday, June 27, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave. (at Martin Luther King Boulevard); Detroit. (313) 831-3838

### CHUCK SHERMETARO TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 30, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums) (248) 645-2150

### URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

### WHAZUREE

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 25, Agape Cafe, 205 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 546-1400

## WORLD MUSIC

### "AFRICAN RHYTHMS SUMMER FESTIVAL"

With Women of the Calabash, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 25; and Ensemble Kalinda, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, Orchestra Hall, 3663 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$40. (313) 576-5100 or http://www.detroit-symphony.com

### FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT

7 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Borders Books and Music, 612 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (Celtic) (734) 668-7100

### IMMUNITY

7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Heritage Park Pavilion, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. Free. All ages; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, July 24, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Shelby Township. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, July 31, The Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (734) 397-1000/(810) 731-1750/(248) 349-9110

### KING SUNNY AND HIS AFRICAN BEATS

With Gabe Nebechi and the World Beat Crew, 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance, 18 and older. (Nigerian jazz) (313) 833-9700

### MOVING CLOUD

8 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

## FOLK

### BANJOES OF MICHIGAN

7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Wilson Barn, Livonia. Free. All ages. (734) 421-2000, ext. 351

### BLUE TANGO

8-10 p.m. Saturday, July 25, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (folk/rock) (734) 668-1836

### DAVID BUSKIN

8 p.m. Saturday, July 25, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

### JAN KRIST

8:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600

## POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

### PLYMOUTH POETS

Hosts readings by Donna DeMeyer and Heather Bortoff, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23; Rod Reinhardt, Marc Mearns and Cindi St. Germaine, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30, at the Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman at Harvey, Plymouth. (734) 459-7319

### "POETRY AT THE OPERA HOUSE"

With Southwest Detroit poets Jacqueline Sanchez and Mary Minock, with Broadside Press poet Willie Williams and west Michigan's Linda Nemeck Foster, 9 p.m. Monday, July 27, Detroit Opera House's Madison Avenue Lounge, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 874-7290/(313) 267-5300, ext. 338

## DANCE

### FOURTH FRIDAY FLING

Advanced Contra Dance for experienced dancers, 8 p.m. Friday, July 24, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-8863

### "PICNIC DANCE"

With food and music by Ted Koltowicz and his Sparks of Fire Orchestra, 2 p.m. Sunday, July 26, American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Road, Troy. \$4. All

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## COMEDY

**CHATTERS**  
Manny Shields, 9 p.m. Sunday, July 26; Bill Hildebrandt, 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 29; at the club, 7640 N. Wayne Road, Westland. \$3. 21 and older. (734) 422-3737

**JEFF FOXWORTHY**  
7:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$29.50 pavilion, \$20 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacetnet.com

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB**  
Vinnie Meek, Jodie Weiner and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25; Kirk "Fabo Man" Noland, Pete LaDuke and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, July 30-Aug. 1 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 9 p.m. Wednesdays (\$2), 9 p.m. Thursdays (free), 9 p.m. Friday (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturdays (\$10), unless otherwise noted. (734) 261-0555

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S**  
Steve Bill, 9 p.m. Friday, July 24 (\$6), and 9 p.m. Saturday, July 25 (sold out); at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

**MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE**  
Jim Hamm, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25 (\$9); Wayne Cotter, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30 (\$9), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 998-9080

**KEVIN NEALON**  
With Victoria Jackson, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 25, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacetnet.com

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE**  
Joel Zimmer and Mark Saldana, Wednesday-Sunday, July 22-26; at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 9:30 p.m. Fridays (\$12), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

## POPULAR MUSIC

**ALLIGATORS**  
10 p.m. Saturday, July 25, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110

**TORI AMOS**  
With The Devlins, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 23, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$30. All ages. (pop) (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacetnet.com

**BACKSTREET BOYS**  
With S.O.A.P., Jimmy Ray and Aaron Carter, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$26.50. All ages. (pop) (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacetnet.com

**BARREL HOUSE GROOVE**  
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, Hennessey's Pub, 49160 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 348-4404

**BUGS BEDDOW BAND**  
9:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25, as part of the Birmingham Jazz Festival, Max and Erma's, 250 Merrill St., Birmingham; 1-2 p.m. Saturday, July 25, as part of the Birmingham Jazz Festival, Shain Park, downtown Birmingham. (from bone-driven party blues) (248) 258-1188/(248) 644-8322

**BIDDLE LOVE MONKEY**  
9 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

**BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS**  
9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 25, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 19 and older. (jump blues) (734) 996-8555

**BIZER BROTHERS**  
8 p.m. to midnight Fridays-Saturdays, July 24-25, and July 31-Aug. 1, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (pop) (313) 567-4400

**BLACK CROWES**  
8 p.m. Thursday, July 23, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$27.50. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

**MARY J. BLIGE**  
With Brian McKnight, 8 p.m. Sunday, July 26, Chene Park, 2600 E. Atwater St., Detroit. \$19.50, \$41, \$51. All ages. (R&B) (313) 393-0292

**"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"**  
With Harm's Way, A Deuce, Mount Voodoo and The House, 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 18 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

**BLUE METRO**  
8 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

**BONNE TEMPS ROULLE**  
8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages; 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (R&B) (248) 652-1600/(248) 644-4800

**ROBERT BUGAR**  
Whose vocals have appeared in "Xena: The Warrior Princess" television show, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, Plymouth. Free. All ages. (rock) (734) 453-1234

**BUSTER'S BLUES BAND**  
9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 25, Rochester

Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 18 and older. (blues) (248) 650-5080

**SCOTT CAMPBELL GROUP**  
8 p.m. Saturday, July 25, Media Play, 35220 Gratiot Road (north of 15 Mile Road), Clinton Township. Free. All ages. (rock) (810) 790-0476

**CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND**  
9 p.m. Saturday, July 25, Carriage House Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440

**THE CREATURES**  
With Siouxsie Sioux and Budgie, with John Cale, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance, \$25 day of show. All ages. (alt/rap) (313) 961-5451

**DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER**  
With Perpetual Hypo Engine, Circle of Kunfusion and Emano, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 25, Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

**DETROIT BLUES BAND**  
9 p.m. Friday, July 31, Bad Frog, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 624-9400

**DIVESPIRE**  
With Nailign Betty, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 25, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

**GLEN EDDIE**  
8 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

**ELIJA**  
10 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, Mount Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, July 31, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 549-2929/(810) 731-1750

**FATHERS OF THE ID**  
8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays through September Johnson-Charles Gallery, 1345 Division, in Detroit's Eastern Market. Free. donations accepted. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 567-8638

**NEIL FINN**  
Former lead singer of Crowded House, 9 p.m. Friday, July 31, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$20 in advance, \$23 day of show. All ages. (pop) (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com

**FORGE**  
5 p.m. Saturday, July 25, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

**FUNKTELLIGENCE**  
9 p.m. Friday, July 31, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (funk) (734) 485-5050

**QAP BAND**  
With Cameo, 8 p.m. Friday, July 24, Chene Park, 2600 E. Atwater St., Detroit. \$18.50-\$38.50. All ages. (funk) (313) 393-9901

**ART GARFUNKEL**  
8 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. (pop) (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacetnet.com

**THE GENITORITURERS**  
8 p.m. Sunday, July 26, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12. 18 and older. (punk) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

**GRR**  
10 p.m. Friday, July 24, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, July 25, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Sunday, July 26, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110/(810) 731-1750/(248) 543-4300/(734) 421-2250

**HANSON**  
With Admiral Twin, 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$28.50. All ages. (pop) (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacetnet.com

**TODD HAROLD BAND**  
9 p.m. Saturday, July 25, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

**LUCKY HASKINS**  
With Mazinga, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (rockabilly) (734) 996-8555

**HENCHMEN**  
9 p.m. Saturday, July 25, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. 18 and older. (garage rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

**AL HILL**  
6-10 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, D.L. Harrington's, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 852-0550

**LISA HUNTER**  
9 p.m. Saturday, July 25, Lonestar Coffee House, 207 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages; As host of open mic, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 26, Gargoyles, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages; 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Tap Room, 201 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 642-2233/(248) 745-9790/(734) 482-5320

**NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS**  
10 p.m. Friday, July 24, Giovanni's, 31 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, July 25, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 334-5241/(248) 683-5458

**JOHNNY "YARD DOG" JONES**  
9 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$3. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922

**ROBERT JONES**  
8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 18 and older; With Jo Scarperra, 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, July 31, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248)

650-5080/(313) 259-1374  
**DIANA KING**  
Friday, July 24, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (pop) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

**PATTI LABELLE**  
With The Whispers, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 26, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$35 pavilion, \$18.50 lawn. Tickets from original date of June 30 will be honored. All ages. (R&B) (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacetnet.com

**LAMENT**  
With Blood and Fire, and These 5 Down, 7 p.m. Friday, July 24 (\$7); and Living Sacrifice, Red Letter and One Bad Apple, 5 p.m. Sunday, July 26 (\$10), as part of the alcohol-free "Cage" night at Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born (1/4 mile east of Wayne Road), Wayne. All ages. (hardcore) (734) 729-7092

**LIGHTNIN' CREOLE**  
7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 25, Hazel Park Race track, 1650 E. 10 Mile Road, Hazel Park. (R&B) (248) 398-1000

**LITTLE RED AND THE BIG BLUES BAND**  
8 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

**THE LOOK**  
10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (734) 421-2250

**LOVERBOY**  
With Night Ranger, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (rock) (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacetnet.com

**THE MAVERICKS**  
With BR5-49, 8 p.m. Friday, July 24, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$30 pavilion, \$15 lawn. (country/rock) (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacetnet.com

**STEVE MILLER**  
With Little Feat, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$37.50 pavilion, \$21.50 lawn. All ages. (rock) (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacetnet.com

**THE MIRACLEBERRIES**  
9 p.m. Friday, July 31, Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

**THE MOFFATTS**  
With Al Carmichael, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, Center Stage, 39940 Ford Road, Canton. \$13 in advance by sending cashier's check or money order to: Rising Star Promotions Plus, 1434 Stacy, Canton, Mich. 48188; or \$15 at the door. All ages. (pop) (734) 397-0852/(734) 728-1497

**"MOTORFEST"**  
Featuring Speedball and a host of other bands, 8 p.m. Friday, July 24, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$17 in advance, \$20 day of show. All ages. (rock) (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com

**MUDDUPPY**  
9:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 18 and older. (blues) (248) 650-5080

**'N SYNC**  
7:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$17.50. All ages. (pop) (248) 546-7610

**NATION OF FEAR**  
With Cybertrix and Gitche, 3:30-8 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. All ages. (rock) (810) 465-5154

**MIKE NOLAN**  
9:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Local Colors, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-2600

**ORIGINAL HITS**  
8 p.m. Monday, July 27, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 644-4800

**RON OSTER**  
9 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Carriage House Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440

**"OZZFEST"**  
With Ozzy Osbourne (9:15-11 p.m.), Too! (8-9 p.m.), Megadeth (6:40-7:30 p.m.), Limp Bizkit (5:30-6:10 p.m.), Soulfly (4:20-5 p.m.), Sevendust (3:20-3:50 p.m.), Coal Chamber (2:20-2:50 p.m.) and The Melvins (1:20-1:50 p.m.) on the main stage, and Motocorp (7:30-8 p.m.), Ultraspank (6:10-6:40 p.m.), Monster Voodoo Machine (5:50-6:30 p.m.), Life of Agony (3:50-4:20 p.m.), Incubus (2:50-3:20 p.m.), Snot (1:50-2:20 p.m.), System of a Down (12:50-1:20 p.m.) and Kilgore (noon to 12:30 p.m.), on the second stage, 1 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Sold out. All ages. (metal/rock) (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacetnet.com

**LEE ROY PARNELL**  
7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 26, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (country/blues/rock) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

**PHARMACEUTICAL BANDITS**  
6 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (punk) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

**ROBERT PENN**  
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, Bad Frog, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 624-9400/(248) 644-4800

**PLUM LOCO**  
Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (rock/funk) (734) 996-8555

**THE POINTER SISTERS**  
With comedian Keith Ruff, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (pop) (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacetnet.com

**RON PRINCE AND HARD TIME**  
Celebrate release of CD with party and performance, 9 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$4. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922

**THE REEFERMAN**  
9 p.m. Saturday, July 25, and 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$2. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922

**ROCKET FROM THE CRYPT**  
With Creeper Lagoon, 9 p.m. Friday, July 31, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 833-9922

**THE SAMPLES**  
8 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$15 in advance. All ages. (pop) (248) 335-8100 or http://www.99music.com

**SARNA**  
9:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

**JO SERRAPEPE**  
8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 18 and older. (blues) (248) 650-5080

**SISTER SEED**  
8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 18 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, July 31, Giovanni's, 31 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 650-5080/(248) 334-5241

**SITTIN' IN**  
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1, Hennessey's Pub, 49110 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 348-4404

**"SMOKIN' GROOVES"**  
With Public Enemy, Cypress Hill, Wyclef Jean and the Refugee Allstars with Canibus, Busta Rhymes, Gang Starr and Black Eye Peas, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$30 pavilion, \$24.50 lawn. All ages. (rap/hip-hop) (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacetnet.com

**SPICE GIRLS**

8 p.m. Sunday, July 26, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Sold out. All ages. (pop) (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacetnet.com

**SUN MESSENGERS**  
9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (734) 455-8450

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON QUARTET**  
9:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

**MARY THOMPSON AND THE DELTA CHILDREN BLUES BAND**  
8 p.m. to midnight Fridays, July 24 and 31, Lone Star Coffee House, 207 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 642-2233

**3 SPEED**  
9 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (734) 485-5050

**TRICKY**  
9 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$16 in advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com

**THE TRIGGERS**  
With Stungun and Firebug, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

**DUKE TUMATOE AND THE POWER TRIO**  
9 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Carriage House Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440

**TWISTIN' TARANTULAS**  
9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Sundays, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (734) 455-8450/(248) 542-9922

**TWITCH**  
With Spy Radio, 10 p.m. Saturday, July 25, 313 JAC above Jacoby's, 624 Brush St., in Detroit's Bricktown area. \$5-21 and older. (313) 886-7860

**VAL VENTRO**  
10 p.m. Thursday, July 23, and Thursday, July 30, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110

**THE VERVE**  
8 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, moved to the Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre, 10 Water St., Pontiac, from The Palace of Auburn Hills. (248) 542-9922

**ROCKET FROM THE CRYPT**  
With Creeper Lagoon, 9 p.m. Friday, July 31, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 833-9922

**RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES**  
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Bistro 313, 313 Walton Blvd., Pontiac. Free. All ages; 9 p.m. Friday, July 31, Bikini Bar, 1538 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800/(248) 332-9400/(248) 682-4566 or http://www.rockindaddys.com

**THE WHY STORE**  
With Cowboy Mouth, 9 p.m. Thursday, July 30, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance, \$13 day of show. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.99music.com

**"WILB FAMILY FUN DAY"**  
With Monica, Montell Jordan, Destiny's Child, 7 Mile, Willie Max and Raphael Saadiq, Public Announcement, Kelly Price, Troop, Playa, Jagged Edge, Biv 10 PeeWees featuring Michael Bivins, Bomb Shell, Goon Squad, AirNuke, and Live Stock, along with rides, games, and a children's area, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 26, Michigan State Fairgrounds, Eight Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, Detroit. \$5 for those 13 and older, \$3 for those 12 and younger. All ages. (313) 369-8250/(313) 965-2000

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MOVIES

# Hamtramck stars in disappointing 'Polish Wedding'

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JOHN MONAGHAN

The word Hamtramck never appears in the film, but metro Detroit's Polish enclave was for me the true star of "Polish Wedding." Former resident Theresa Connelly has captured the unique physical qualities of the flats, factory-filled skylines, moonlit back alleys, even weed-choked empty lots, with the lens of a talented photographer.

And for the packed preview screening last week, seeing their hometown on the big screen was

enough to send metro Detroiters swooning. Spontaneous claps, laughs or "that's me" peppered the auditorium whenever a crowd scene with extras appeared.

As a Detroit movie, "Polish Wedding" earns four stars. The problem is: when the independent film, distributed by Fox Searchlight, opens elsewhere on the planet, it will have most viewers scratching their heads. If I was reviewing this movie in Chicago, San Francisco, or even Grand Rapids, I'd probably give it a one.

The movie doesn't lack talent — Gabriel Byrne, Lena Olin, and Claire Danes are members of the Pzoniak family. Papa Bolek is the stoic baker and chain smok-

er. Wife Jadzia's frequent woman's league meetings are actually excuses for romantic trysts with a bearded businessman.

Daughter Hala, meanwhile, seems to take after the old lady, sneaking off into the night for rendezvous with a handsome young policeman, a friend of her brother's. Her resulting pregnancy compromises her role in her church's annual Parade of the Virgin, where she has been chosen to represent all that is good and virtuous.

Danes was only 17 when "Polish Wedding" was shot here two summers ago, and you can see her searching for a way through this difficult role. Writer/director Connelly obviously wants her to

be almost ethereal and sprite-like in her magical fascination with men, but the idea is botched when reality rears its head.

And this is where the movie really flounders. Never once did I believe that I was watching real people. No one has a handle on what is expected of them, especially Byrne, the Irish actor who gargles his lines and spends most of his performance looking resigned and world-weary.

As the family matriarch, Olin does what she does best: look sexy. No other actress can make the simplest task — from kneading pierogi dough to scrubbing floors — look so sensual. Ultimately, these public displays grow embarrassing rather than charming and funny.



Romantic comedy: Gabriel Byrne and Lena Olin star in "Polish Wedding."

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. You can listen to him on Dave Dixon's Radio Show AM 1270, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

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<p><b>Showcase Pontiac 6-12</b> 2405 Telegraph Rd. East side of Telegraph 810-354-6777 Bargain Matinees Daily All Shows until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Fri. &amp; Sat.</p> <p><b>SOMETHING ABOUT MARY (R)</b> <b>LETHAL WEAPON 4 (R)</b> <b>SMALL SOLDIERS (PG13)</b> <b>OUT OF SIGHT (R)</b> <b>MULAN (G)</b> <b>PERFECT MURDER (R)</b></p> <p>CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES</p>	<p><b>Star Southfield</b> 12 Mile between Telegraph and Northwestern, Off I-696 248-353-STAR</p> <p>No one under age 6 admitted for PG13 &amp; R rated films after 6 pm</p> <p><b>NP THE MASK OF ZORRO (PG13)</b> <b>NP THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY (R)</b> <b>NP LETHAL WEAPON 4 (R)</b> <b>NP SMALL SOLDIERS (PG13)</b> <b>NP MADELINE (PG)</b> <b>ARMAGEDDON (PG13)</b> <b>DR. DOLITTLE (PG)</b> <b>GOING WITH THE WIND (NR)</b> <b>OUT OF SIGHT (R)</b> <b>NP X-FILES: FIGHT FOR THE FUTURE (PG13)</b> <b>THE TRUMAN SHOW (PG13)</b></p> <p>CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES</p>	<p><b>United Artists 12 Oaks</b> Inside Twelve Oaks Mall 248-349-4311</p> <p><b>MADELINE (PG)</b> <b>SMALL SOLDIERS (PG13) LMY</b> <b>X-FILES (PG13) NY</b> <b>SIX DAYS AND SEVEN NIGHTS (PG13) NY</b> <b>THE TRUMAN SHOW (PG) NY</b></p> <p>CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES</p>	<p><b>Waterford Cinema II</b> 7501 Highland Rd. S.E. corner M-59 &amp; Williams Lake Rd. 24 Hour Movie Line (248) 666-7900 CALL 77 FILMS \$5.51 Stadium Seating and Digital sound Makes for the Best Movie Experience in Oakland County</p> <p><b>\$3.25 (TWO LITE) SHOWS DAILY</b></p> <p><b>MASK OF ZORRO (PG13)</b> <b>NP THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY (R) NY</b> <b>NP SMALL SOLDIER (PG13)</b> <b>NP MADELINE (PG)</b> <b>NP LETHAL WEAPON 4 (R)</b> <b>NP ARMAGEDDON (PG13)</b> <b>NP DR. DOLITTLE (PG13)</b> <b>NP OUT OF SIGHT (R)</b> <b>NP THE X-FILES (PG13)</b> <b>THE TRUMAN SHOW (PG)</b></p> <p>CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES</p>	<p><b>Oxford 3 Cinemas, L.L.C.</b> Downtown Oxford Lapeer Rd. (M-24) (248) 628-7101 Fax (248) 628-1300 DETROIT'S LOWEST FIRST RUN PRICES INCLUDING THURSDAY PRICING \$3.00 4-5 PM.</p> <p><b>ARMAGEDDON (PG13)</b> <b>LETHAL WEAPON 4 (R)</b> <b>SMALL SOLDIERS (PG13)</b></p> <p>FREE 12 OZ POP WITH THIS AD EXPIRES 8/6/98</p> <p>CALL THEATRE FOR FEATURES AND TIMES</p>
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SCREEN SCENE

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

**Magic Bag** - 22920 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information.

**"Spike and Mike's Sick and Twisted Festival of Animation."** 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.

**"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.

**Midnight movies** - "Heavy Metal," "Pink Floyd's The Wall," 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.)

**"Polish Wedding"** (USA - 1998). Filmed in Hamtramck, a focus on infidelity, hardship, and humor in a dysfunctional family. The first film written and direc-

ed by Theresa Connelly.

**"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.

**"The Spanish Prisoner"** (USA - 1998). Steve Martin and Campbell Scott star in David Mamet's tersely written tale of a businessman and his protegee.

**Redford Theatre** - 13671 Lahser (at Grand River), Detroit. Call (313) 537-2560 for information. (\$2.50)

**"The Grapes of Wrath"** (USA - 1940). 8 p.m. Friday, July 24; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, July 25 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime). John Steinbeck's tale of the epic struggles of Okies moving from the dust bowl to California during the Depression. Henry Fonda delivers his first great performance as Tom Joad, an ex-con whose climactic speech sums up the frustration and determination of an entire generation of Americans.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

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, July 29

**"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 to the situation he's created. Stars Samuel L. Jackson and Kevin Spacey.

**"THE PARENT TRAP"**  
A remake of the Disney classic of two sisters separated at birth who finally meet and begin plotting to reunite their long-divorced parents.

Scheduled to open Friday, July 31

**"P1"**  
A science-fiction thriller about the haunting journey into the mind of a renegade mathematician.

**"BASKETBALL"**  
A sports comedy centering around a few friends who create a new sport.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Aug. 5

**"HALLOWEEN: H20"**  
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 to the situation he's created. Stars Samuel L. Jackson and Kevin Spacey.



Wartime drama: Captain John Miller (Tom Hanks, right) and the Sarge (Tom Sizemore) lead a squad of soldiers behind enemy lines to find a retrieve one man, Private James Ryan, in "Saving Private Ryan."

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 BUD: GOLDEN RECEIVER"**  
Buddy, the talented dog, continues his adventures when he becomes a kidnap target. Stars Kevin Zegers.

**"THE AVENGERS"**

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.

**"DANCE WITH ME"**  
A romance about a dance instructor who finds inspiration and eventually love with the arrival of a young man who has a passion for life and a flair for Latin dance. Stars Vanessa L. Williams, Kris Kristofferson.

**"WRONGLY ACCUSED"**  
A violinist is wrongfully (and hilariously) accused of murdering a prominent patron of the arts. He takes flight to evade capture and works to track down the real killer, a one-armed and one-legged man. Stars Leslie Nielsen.

**"WARNER BROS. 75TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF CLASSICS"**  
Exclusively at the Landmark Main Art Theatre. A special week-long look engagement which will include 33 films. Each day features a different decade in Warner Bros. history with outstanding films from their library.

Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 21



STREET SCENE

# England's Jimmy Ray obsessed with American culture

To say that English pop singer Jimmy Ray is obsessed with American culture is an understatement. Looking around his London apartment, Ray lets loose a long list of his pop culture collectibles.

"I've got thousands of books on all things American. A lot of stuff about (John F.) Kennedy - good and bad. A lot of Elvis stuff. A lot of stuff about American music, Muhammad Ali, all the 'Star Wars' scripts. My whole bathroom is black and white photos of my pop idols and a lot of Jimi Hendrix, Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck stuff," Ray said pausing to catch his breath.

"I've got the 'Boulevard of Broken Dreams' photo. I've got a Batman jug with kitchen utensils in it. I've got Elvis magnets on the fridge and atop the fridge is Starsky and Hutch's Grand Torino with a New York police car and a taxi cab following it."

"My life is pretty much the American dream gone wrong."

When he pulls into town to open for the Backstreet Boys on Friday, July 24, at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Ray will probably see the store Decades in Royal



British rocker: Jimmy Ray, who loves American culture, is making his American debut and playing the Palace.

Oak as his Mecca. It's not as if all of that was unexpected. On the back of his

self-titled debut (Epic), Ray, with his hair slicked back into a pompadour, is wearing cowboy boots,

an oversized belt buckle and a sparkling cowboy shirt.

On "Jimmy Ray," the singer

tips his hat to Presley and even Motown.

"One track, 'Trippin' on Baby Blue,' has a bit of a Smokey kind of thing. I certainly don't think it comes anywhere near the stars of the Motown days. I've always been a fan of pop music. Motown made some of the greatest pop records of all time," he explained.

New wave acts of the 1980s also played a part of the creation of "Jimmy Ray."

"The first record I ever bought was by the Human League, 'Dare.' That kind of spells out a little bit about where I came from. I quickly moved onto '80s rock 'n' roll - Little Richard, Elvis and stuff like that. That really meant a lot to me," Ray said.

"I also listened to the Pet Shop Boys and Madonna. I've always been a fan of pop music. I'm too lazy to hunt out underground obscure music."

His debut has spawned the shimmying introduction "Are You Jimmy Ray?" featuring a modified Bo Diddley beat and addictive chorus ("Are you Johnnie Ray? Are you Stingray? Are you Fay Wray? Are you Jimmy Ray?")

"Daddy's Got a Gun" shares his love of westerns and pop music by coupling a tired harmonica with a hip-hop beat.

Ray said he is pleased to be lumped in with acts like the Backstreet Boys, the Spice Girls,

Hanson and 'N Sync who are steering away from the doldrums of alternative rock and aiming for "the more colorful side of music."

"You do have a lot of that," Ray said about alternative rock and grunge. "Even when I was in the States recently, I was promoting my song and hearing a lot of records like the Backstreet Boys and 'N Sync. But there would be a very heavy amount of Matchbox 20, and a lot of people who dress in black. I think that there should always be some kind of balance."

The tour with the Backstreet Boys is Ray's first of the United States, aside from promotional appearances at radio stations.

"I couldn't ask for anything more, in terms of opportunities, to play for people. I love the States. I only had one bad experience in Oklahoma and I won't go into that."

"On stage I'm very erratic and kind of impromptu and I never know what's going to happen. I'm looking forward to an exciting opportunity to fool around."

Ray is also excited about exploring the United States.

"I grew up in East London. It's not very colorful. It's not like the United States where there's a lot of sort of glamour and glitz going on. In America everything seems to be more over the top. Even the buildings. And the cars, take an old caddy and compare it to a Ford Capri which you see driving around London. America's got a little bit more get up and go."

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First you get together your ingredients, like flour, oil, and yeast or whatever. Then you get together your tools, like measuring cups, bowls, and spatulas. Then you put it all together, creating a blob that's approximately as appetizing as a lump of concrete. Then you knead it, which is such hard work that you'll actually ache the next day. The mass fights back as you attempt to knead it, sticking to everything and forcing you to fling flour on all proximal surfaces. Once kneaded, you let the blob rise, only to mercilessly beat it down with your bare fists. Undeterred by your show of hostility, the blob rises again. Next, you force the goo into formed pans.

Then, and only then, do you finally put the stuff into a pre-heated oven to bake. That's when you finally get a breather. Baking shouldn't be called "baking." It should be called "Is This Really Worth It When Kneppinger's Is Willing To Do It For Me?"

They only named it after the easy part, "baking," to fool you into thinking it's something you can actually do at home.

Usually, when we enjoy a finished product, a lot of hard work and preparation is invested, work that we rarely have a chance to see. That's why on Backstage Pass on Detroit Public Television we often show the behind-the-scenes work that goes into the arts that we enjoy. And while Fall is the season full of art openings and premieres, Summer is the time when a whole lot of the hard work and preparation is being done.

So I thought I'd call Blair Anderson, who's working hard on the upcoming season at the Wayne State's Hilberry Theatre, to get a preview. "Well, besides offering a diverse selection of classical plays - Shakespeare's 'Hamlet' and Moliere's 'Scapin' - we have varied modern masterpieces, 'The Playboy of the Western World' and 'The Mousetrap,' an American gem in Moss Hart's 'Light Up the Sky,' a staging of Charles Dickens's classic novel 'A Tale of Two Cities,' and a contemporary play on George Pullman and his utopian vision gone awry."

Wow. That's a load. "Yes it is. But we have some new faculty members working with us. Their

arrival is exciting because they bring interesting points of view to the Hilberry." OK, Blair, run it down to me.

"Ed Smith, who I believe directs our first show, 'The Mousetrap,' comes via the State University of New York at Buffalo. The Alabama Shakespeare Festival where he was associate artistic director, and most recently at Florida State University. Ed has directed across the country at regional theaters and has a deep and active interest in traditional jazz. He's served as a radio-jazz host and interviewer both in Buffalo and Tallahassee, Florida.

"Jerry Cleveland comes most recently from Hampton University outside Washington, D.C. As far as I know, Jerry directs 'The Playboy of the Western World' in the spring. A Cass Tech graduate in 1970, Jerry worked as a professional stage manager on Broadway, on national and international tours, from Radio City Music Hall to Australia and Nigeria. Most recently at Hampton he directed 'Midsummer Night's Dream' and 'The Piano Lesson.' His experience and energetic spirit will be exciting as he joins our program.

"Finally, Chris Jones takes on the duties of promotion and publicity director for our Hilberry

and Bonstelle Theatres. Chris was, I believe, a directing major here at Wayne 15 or so years ago and here most recent experiences have been with various opera companies across the country.

"On top of all that change, we will also have about fourteen new actors joining the company because we just graduated our largest group ever. I hope everyone - the curious who might like to check us out, or maybe folks who haven't been down in years - will join those who have actively supported us and keep coming back."

Finally, Blair, what are you directing? "Moliere's 'Scapin.' It's less a comedy of manners, like 'Tartuffe' or 'The Imaginary Invalid,' but rather it shares his comedic slap-stick techniques he used as an actor when he toured with his troupe in France. It's in the "commedia dell'arte" tradition and a great theatrical romp."

This week, Kim Hunter joins the Salsa dance craze, Marsha Miro's look at Monet at U-M, plus music from "Sweeney Todd" and Dog's Eye View. That's on Backstage Pass tonight at midnight, repeated Friday at 7:30 p.m. on Detroit Public Television.

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# Birmingham's Avant Garde specializes in alternative dining

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
SPECIAL WRITER

On the first full day of summer, alternative dining entered the Birmingham restaurant scene in the location vacated by Oliverio's. Avant Garde borrows flavors of Asian, Indian, Italian, French, Southwest and Mediterranean foods and creates meatless dishes, prepared with neither oils nor dairy.

The alternative food idea, conceived by Chef Luis Cartagena and his partner Elaine Pitzer, is an outgrowth of their personal eating habits over the last three years.

"I had the confidence to open this style restaurant after Whole Foods bought the Merchant of Vino," Cartagena said. "They did my advance marketing."

"Now, I can honestly tell people that I cook with the same good-tasting products they can buy at Merchant of Vino-Whole Foods. Non-fat salad dressing is no longer without good taste. You don't need dairy to make a great sauce."

Chef Luis is on a mission to turn diners onto healthier eating. "Avant Garde will give diners something they've not had before and a new way to experience healthier food," Cartagena said. "The concept will work in the art-friendly, downtown atmosphere of Birmingham. It wouldn't work as a free-standing restaurant or in a strip mall."

This statement echoes the way avant garde is dictionary defined as "those, especially in the arts, who create, produce or apply new, original or experimental ideas, designs and techniques."

## Avant Garde

**Where:** 126 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 594-4499.  
**Hours:** Monday to Wednesday 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday to Saturday until 11 p.m.  
**Menu:** Exceptionally flavorful, cutting-edge alternative dishes made without red meat, oils or dairy. Same menu for lunch and dinner.  
**Cost:** Starters, sandwiches and salads \$5-8; main dishes all under \$16.  
**Reservations:** Not accepted.  
**Credit cards:** All majors accepted.

Chef Luis plans to live up to this definition.

At Avant Garde, alternative dining can be experienced in a contemporary environment with white tablecloths and flowers on the table. This ambiance was born out of Chef Luis' sweat equity. He did nearly all the work himself, from stripping and painting the walls to cutting the glass for decorative ceiling lights.

Thirty-two-year-old Chef Luis learned his trade on the job, beginning to work in restaurants at age 15. By age 18, he owned his own pizzeria. He developed his interest in alternative foods as food and beverage director of Good Food Company. Before starting the Avant Garde project, he was food and beverage director for Vic's World Class Markets.

Chef Luis predicted the Vegetable Quesadilla, with veggies sandwiched between lawash with soy Monterey Jack cheese and fruit salsa, to be a top-selling appetizer. He also pointed proudly to the Stuffed Portabella Mushrooms that incorporate house burrito mix and peppers.

If you like burritos and would

like to ditch the fat, then the Vegetarian Burrito sandwich is a great choice. It's mesquite-grilled veggies wrapped in sundried tomato lawash. It's taco seasoning taste and the flavor of refried beans all the way, without either the beans or the fat.

Among entrees, the predicted smash hits are the ravioli selections. There's salmon, duck, lobster and turkey, each prepared with a grand array of flavors. The salmon raviolis come with a cointreau cream; duck is flavored with Warre's Port sauce; lobster gets turned up with amaretto tomato sauce; while the turkey has sun-dried cranberry sauce.

You can create your own pizza with organic spelt (low gluten wheat flour) crust, tomato sauce, two toppings and a mix of soy cheeses.

While there's not a kid's menu as such, the noodle dishes, harvest burger, chicken selections, raviolis and pizza will appeal to kids.

Avant Garde does not have a liquor license. The best shot in the house is grass green Wheat Grass made in the juicer. Other beverages include choices of fresh juices (carrot, apple or beet) made to order, and organic



What's for dinner: Chef Luis Cartagena presents Eggplant Lasagna with fresh tomato basil garlic sauce and rolled pasta at Avant Garde.

Kona coffee.

Cartagena concluded that he's on a mission of good health and spiritual harmony.

"Adjusting your diet at any age will make you feel better," he contended. "I'm also reaching out to people with cardiac prob-

lems and those on restricted diets. They can now get a fine dining atmosphere without fear of salt and high fat."

## RESTAURANT SPECIALS

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■ Cafe Hawaii - 22048 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (west of the Southfield Freeway) (313) 724-2233. There is a rear entrance on Garrison. Open: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday-Saturday; 1-9 p.m. Sunday. Lunch served until 3 p.m. Early Bird Dinner Specials begin 3 p.m. Menu: Hawaiian theme menu including American fare with a Polynesian flair. Cost:

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