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Barns to step aside from council

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER dclem@oe.homecomm.net

Justine Barns, signaling an end to a political career that spans 35 years, confirmed Tuesday that she will not seek re-election to her Westland City Council seat.

"I think it's time to step aside for younger people," Barns, 74, said during a telephone interview.

"I take my government so seriously, and it's time to leave," she said. "There are a lot of good people in our town, and let them have a turn at it."

Barns is one of Westland's most prominent legislators ever, and her

supporters say she led the way for local women in politics.

Her decision to retire from public office means that Westland voters will elect at least two new council members in November.

Councilman Charles Pickering announced in March that he isn't seeking re-election, and he stunned political observers with news that he will resign his post April 30.

& Barns said she will serve out the final year of her four-year term, which ends Dec. 31.

In announcing her plans, Barns confirmed what many political insiders and friends had suspected for months.

"You will not find anyone with a bigger heart for her friends and for her community than Justine Barns," Councilwoman and longtime friend Sharon Scott said. "She has quietly done a lot of things for the benefit of a lot of peo-

"She has a lot of knowledge," Scott added, "and I think it's unfortunate that some of our younger politicians don't look to her more for advice. I think she should be treated with the House. utmost respect. She has always done what's been best for the city."

Barns' political career began 35 years ago when she was elected to a -charter commission that mapped the

way for Westland to become a city in

Placed in perspective, she started her political career when the Civil Rights Act of 1964 became law and when the

Beatles rocked American pop charts. "From there it just rolled" - her political career, that is, she said.

She went on to serve 17 years on the Westland City Council, starting in 1966, and then 12 years in the state

Barns retired briefly from public office but was convinced by her friends and supporters to run for council four

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in step: Instructor Tim Constant and assistant instructor Melissa Brady show how it's done.

24 Karat Club



Messer (at left) get a kick out of dancing at the 24 Karat Club in Westland. (Below) Brian Huf and Wendy Dorn get into the dancing.

A kick: Sean

McDonnell

and Andrea

By Diane Gale Andreassi Special Writer

Walk through the doors of the 24 Karat Club in Westland and suddenly you feel like you stepped into an old Frank Sinatra movie, or maybe a remake of his life.

On any given night, the dance floor is packed with people from 21 to 70 showing off their swing dance moves to the great old sounds of Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Glenn Miller and the Andrews Sisters, as well as the new bands that are carving out their own swing dance sounds.

The man behind it all, John Anton, 29, likes to play the part of old-time gangster club owner. He was introduced to orchestra music as a kid growing up in Lincoln Park

watching reruns on television. Last October, Anton took a bold step when he decided to silence the rock 'n' roll bands that he featured

for three years, when the bar was called the Mosquito Club, and

started booking swing orchestras. One recent Saturday night, as 15 varieties of martinis were poured at the bar and his patrons' cigar smoke circled overhead, Anton wore a black fedora with white band, suspenders and wing tips, as

he explained the transformation. "I got sick of rock 'n' roll," he said,



complete with a theatrical and exaggerated Brooklyn accent that would have made the Chairman of the Board proud.

Three or four years ago, he started buying Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett CDs and said: "One day, I'd like to have a swing bar." As soon as I would leave here, listening to the heavy music bands, I would get in the car and put on Sinatra and relax.

Swinging crowd

He started offering his customers the same sounds on Saturdays and then Fridays. He also hosts swing dance lessons three nights weekly. The only charge is the \$5 cover at

"I'd like to give it the feeling of a place where the Rat Pack (Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr. and Joey Bishop) would hang out,"

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New fire station OK'd

■ Construction of the 4.823square-foot station could begin as early as June. It will be built on the southeast corner of Annapolis and Irene.

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER dclem@oe.homecomm.net



Bolstered by overwhelming support from south-side residents, Westland City Council Monday members unleashed plans for a new fire station in

Carver subdivision.

Dozens of residents championed a new fire station by packing a meeting at Westland City Hall, and scores more petitioned decision-makers in writing.

"We need that fire station," Lori Wilson, president-elect of the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association,

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Chief's crusade criticized

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER dclem@oe.homecomm.net

Fire Chief Mark Neal drew criticism Monday amid allegations he engaged in intimidation to win support for a Carver subdivision fire station.

Neal campaigned for a new station on the southeast corner of Annapolis and Irene by distributing letters to south-end homes, implying that a few residents could scuttle the plan by suggesting an alternate site.

Neal called the potential loss of improved fire protection "life-threatening," and his letter last week included forms for residents to sign in a show of support for his plan.

More than 75 people returned their

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Man rapes homeless woman, takes off with car

BY DARRELL CLEM STAPP WRITER delem@oe.homecomm.net

A homeless woman sleeping in her car behind a Westland strip mall was raped early Sunday by a passing stranger who also took her car, police said.

A Detroit man is in custody. The 35-year-old woman was attacked about 2 a.m. Sunday after she was awakened by a man pounding on the window of her car, police Sgt. Michael Terry

The incident occurred after the woman parked her older model Ford on a service drive behind West Ridge Plaza on Warren Road, between Wayne and her, Terry said. Central City Parkway, Terry said.

her car, and (the attacker) just happened to be passing through the alley on foot," Terry said. "He smashed out her car window and sexually

assaulted her, and then put her out of the vehicle and stole her car," the sergeant said. The woman went to a nearby apartment complex

and sought help from someone who phoned Westland Doctors at an area hospital treated the woman for

injuries such as cuts that she suffered during the attack. She remains a transient.

The victim gave police the name of a suspect whom she said showed a Michigan identification card to

*She was a homeless woman who was sleeping in tity, Terry responded that the man is claiming he police since she was attacked.

had consensual sex with the woman.

Police found a suspect at a Detroit residence, and he was arraigned Monday in Westland 18th District Court on charges of third-degree criminal sexual conduct and cariacking.

The 30-year-old suspect could face a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted as charged. A notguilty plea has been placed on record for him.

Judge C. Charles Bokos ordered the suspect jailed in lieu of a \$250,000 cash bond and ordered him to return to court April 15 for a preliminary hearing.

The hearing will determine whether he should stand trial on the charges. Even though the victim is transient, she is expected to be prepared to testify in When asked why the suspect would reveal his iden- court. Terry said she has been in regular contact with

DeHart, Kelly named to nursing home panel

been named to a State House Democratic Task Force on Nursing Home Reform.

State Reps. Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne, whose district includes Garden City, and Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, will work to identify problems in long-term health care and proposed legislative solutions.

"Projections show that Michigan's elderly population will increase dramatically after the year 2000," said DeHart. "Longterm care currently is governed by standards adopted in the 1950s and one of the purposes of this task force is to update quality of care standards to the 1990s and beyond."

Studies show that Michigan's decades. With the aging baby homes in the past year.

Two area legislators have boomer population, Michigan's population of persons 65 and older is expected to increase by 56 percent to nearly 2 million by 2020. In that same period, the number of people age 85 and older is expected to increase by 143 percent.

> "With the dramatic increase in elderly residents, Michigan's nursing homes are going to be faced with a huge demand for long-term care options," said DeHart. "We must start preparing for this now by ensuring that, quality of care is improved. We also will look at the number of beds available and what we can do to ensure nursing care is available when needed."

Another goal, Kelly said, is to identify problems that led to the elderly population will increase nearly 2,000 complaints the greatly over the next two state received about nursing

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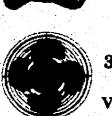
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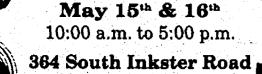
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years ago. "I came home from Lansing," she said, "and I wasn't going to

do anything but loaf." She captured the most votes of any candidate in her return to the council.

"Westland has been very good to this lady," she said Tuesday. "Never in my farthest dreams did I dream all of this would happen to me."

In her 21st year on the council, Barns said it's time to step aside.

"My head is still working and I don't feel that old," she said, "but I think you have to find that time to step down.

She isn't likely to be in hiding, though, and she may become involved in council campaigns for other candidates.

"My mouth couldn't stay shut."

she said. "I'll be involved." Barns became active in her community even before she was flected to the charter commission. Early on, she played an active role in her children's education, becoming president of the Jefferson Elementary School

Parent-Teacher Association. Jefferson-Barns Elementary School now bears her name.

Her achievements

Barns has enjoyed many accomplishments during her political career. She counts among her finest hours a successful fight to keep a prison out of Westland in the early 1980s.



Sworn In: Justine Barns (left) is sworn in in 1996 for what she now says will be her last council term. She is accompanied by her son Scott as former City Clerk Diane Fritz administers the oath of office.

Barns also takes pride in her Lansing record on education, and for 12 years she served on a public pension committee - 10 of those years as chairwoman.

On a personal level, Scott said, "I can honestly say that she has been one of my true best friends. She has been very good to me ter. and my family.

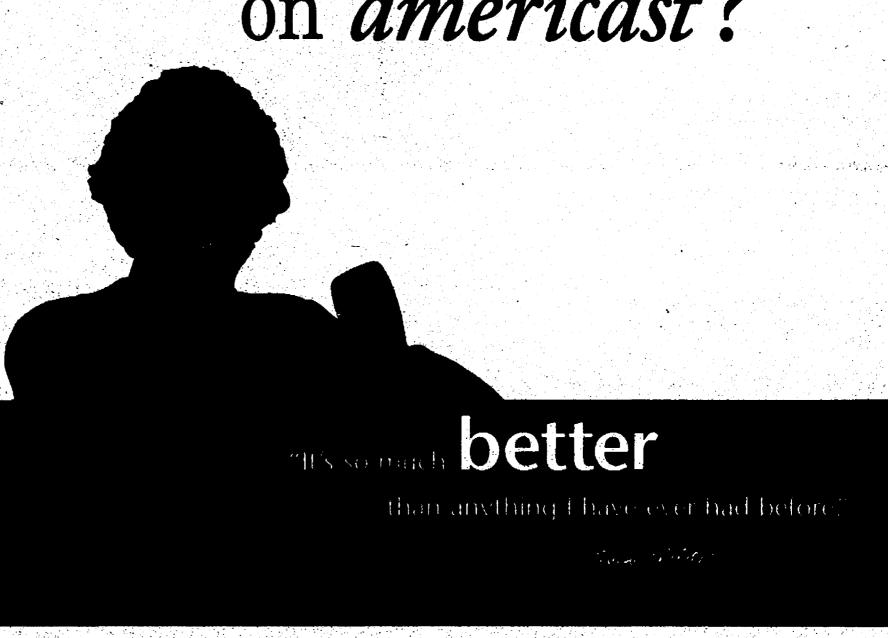
"She has always been there when I've needed someone, and I hope I've been there for her." Just Tuesday, Barns and Scott

went shopping at Westland Cen-

"We hardly even talked about

politics," Scott said. "To know her," Scott concluded, "is to love her."

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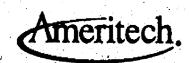
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Tent raisers: Staff at Hicks Elementary sing and act out a song called "12 days of Camp Hicks" to the students. Third-grade teachers Barbara Case, Melanee Hirvela and Michele Measel act out the parts of three tent raisers.

Give us s'more: At right, principal of Hicks Elementary Nancy Raynes waves to the students prior to reading to the kindergarten through fifth-graders. The students met the challenge last month by reading for more than 50,000 minutes. They exceeded their goal by 16,000 minutes. The school's theme was Camp Hicks, so by beating the challenge principal Raynes had to dress as a s'more (a marshmallow between two graham crackers) and read to the students. Above, Raynes, dressed as a s'more, reads "Edward and the Pirates" to the students.



Kids happy campers after meeting goal

Raynes dressed up and read to the students after students met their reading goals.

Raynes read to the kindergarten through 5th-graders while dressed as a s'more, which is a marshmallow between two graham crackers. The students met the challenge last month by reading for more than 50,000 minutes. They exceeded their goal by 16,000 minutes. The school's theme was Camp Hicks, so by beating the challenge principal Raynes had to dress as a s'more. Students also saw a performance of a song called the "12 Days of Camp Hicks."

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Anton said. "Besides the music being so great, couple dancing has been gone three or four years."

Gesturing to the people who filled the small nightclub, he added: "I think they're here to have fun and dance. It's the best way to meet someone."

Mike Moskal, 24, of Clinton Township said he comes for the atmosphere.

Wearing a black fedora, he was convincing as he explained that he likes to dress the part.

"It's more like a club and not a cheesy bar," he added. "It's more of a mature atmosphere here."

Connie Frost, 34, said it's worth the 125 miles she drives round trip to go to the 24 Karat Club, on Joy Road and Middlebelt.

The dark room is complete with pool tables; an oversized fish tank with exotic offerings; a humidor with eight varieties of cigars for sale; and a display case with a fake machine gun, reminiscent of the gangsters who ruled the clubs years ago.

Brian Gennero, 21, of Fraser fit the part, too. He sat on a tall stool in the corner of the bar as he pulled on a cigar. Across the table was his friend, Ray Arondowski, 21, who said: "You come in here, you're like at home and not at just another dance bar. You come here twice and you feel like you know everyone."

know everyone."

"This is the place to be," Gennero said. "It's more of a lifestyle than a fad. We live it everyday."

Kevin Stoddard, 29, of Lincoln Park sat comfortably with his arms wrapped around Canton resident Theresa Atkins, also 29, as he explained it was their first visit.

"I wanted to see what it's like," said Stoddard adding that he likes a variety of music.

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It was the first time for Sharon and Frank Schuck of Wayne, too. They came on the advice of their 24-year-old daughter.

Standing at the bar, tall and thin, John Gossiaux, 38, of Dearborn Heights said: "I'm about the

most regular, regular here."

He comes "for a good time, good music and good people. There's different orchestras with all the varieties. There's a different crowd from night to night."

"It's unique to have a club that will pull people from their twenties to their sixties," he added.

"And it's great exercise, too."

Pointing to the dance floor, Anton said: "I'm out there all the time. I'm going to scoop up a gal right now."

Meanwhile, AMC movies and old Sinatra flicks are piped onto overhead television sets. While most people are in everyday clothes, some of the patrons have a Hollywood flair. They obviously like to dress and play the parts. For those people, Anton stages theme nights, like an Al Capone New Year's Eve party.

Next, he plans to provide Ed Sullivan-like entertainment and plans to send out a newsletter looking for jugglers, magicians, little people and other acts seen on the popular Sunday night show.

When asked if he planned to be the host, Anton said: "It's tough to do it all." But he seems to be trying. In addition to his hectic bar schedule, Anton is taking a radio producing class at Henry Ford Community College, which airs a show on WHFR 89.3. He wants to do a one-hour a week show on swing music and he insists that the style isn't another fad.

Classic sound

"When was the last time there was a type of music that people from 15 to 70 enjoyed?" Anton said. "It's been since the '40s. The age range shows that it will last and I think the dancing will keep it lasting.

"The dancing is better exercise than you'll ever get," Anton said. "You get out there and you forget all your problems."

Man slashed with meat cleaver

By DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER dclem@ce.homecomm.net

A Westland man is accused of whacking a visiting Southfield man's neck with a meat cleaver after they argued over a supposed unpaid debt, police said.

Sgt. John Buresh said the victim's injury, surprisingly, was minor enough that he was treated and released at an area hospital.

"He has been discharged," Buresh said. "But he had quite a gash."

The Westland suspect, 32, faced a Wednesday afternoon arraignment on a charge of assault with intent to murder, following a warrant issued by the county prosecutor's office, Buresh said,

The attack was reported at

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6:19 p.m. Monday at Forest Lane Apartments, 6200 N. Wayne Road between Ford and Hunter.

However, Buresh said an investigation has indicated that the attack may be related to a fight several weeks ago in which the Westland suspect was injured by the 22-year-old Southfield man.

The earlier dispute resulted in the Westland man claiming that he owed several thousand dollars in hospital bills after his left eye was allegedly cut, Buresh said.

According to what police have been told, the two men had reached an agreement for the Southfield man to pay the Westland man's hospital bills, Buresh said.

But that agreement somehow turned sour Monday, causing a dispute that escalated into the whacking incident involving a 10-inch meat cleaver, the sergeant said.

The Westland man is accused of "grabbing the meat cleaver, reaching around the (victim) from behind and slashing his throat," Buresh said.

The injured man has told police that he was intending to pay the Westland man's hospital bills, Buresh said.

Police have relied on a translator for some of their information about the incident, Buresh said, because the two men involved are Vietnamese and apparently don't speak English clearly.

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said after the seven-member council gave sweeping support to the plan. "We need those emergency medical services."

Fire Chief Mark Neal said construction of the 4.823-square-foot station could begin as early as June. It will be built on the southeast corner of Annapolis and Irene, slashing response time to fires and medical emergencies in an area geographically distant from much of Westland.

Mayor Robert Thomas had touted plans for firehouse No. 5 during his State of the City address last April. He said Monday that the station should be in service by July of 2000 - slightly behind earlier projections.

Council members on Monday unanimously approved a site plan and a special land use for the first new fire station to be built since 1971.

John Hearn, senior pastor of Peoples Community Baptist Church, told city officials that a poll of 400 parishioners at his south-end church indicated strong support for a fire station

at Annapolis and Irene. "We have not talked to anyone in the area that is not in favor of

that station," Hearn said. Community support

Supporters marshaled their forces after a few residents suggested a possible alternate site one block west at Middlebelt and Annapolis. Mayor Robert Thomas had threatened that a divided community could scuttle the project.

"I'm very happy that the residents are supporting the station in its current location," Neal

Supporter Elizabeth Barnes said the fire station will help protect churches, homes and a school, the Thomas-Gist Academy, from possible fires.

Barnes, who attends Peoples Community Baptist Church, said she thought about the safety of her grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

"I feel great about this new fire station," she said. "We really need it.'

Wilson and others voiced support for improving services for senior citizens, who account for a sizable population on the southeast side.

Neal said it can now take firefighters and paramedics 12 minutes or more to reach residents near Van Born and Inkster roads from the current closest station at Palmer and Northgate.

"Now it will take three minutes or less." he said after Monday's meeting.

Wilson also commended the city's plans to build a community park next to the firehouse eventually to include a basketball court and baseball diamond.



Station plan: An artist's rendering shows the plan for a new fire station for Annapolis and Irene in Westland.

Children now have to cross busy Middlebelt Road to go to Stottlemyer Park, at Dancy and Paul, she said.

Many observers have said the \$800,000 fire station - to be built with federal dollars - will complement new housing that is already sprouting up in Carver subdivision.

"I look forward to the change it's going to bring and to the revitalization of our community." Councilman Charles "Tray" Griffin said.

"We need fire service in the southeast area, and I support that wholeheartedly," he said. "It's going to be good for the whole city. It's going to be good for that community.

Councilwoman Justine Barns commended Neal for "true leadership" in his persistent struggle for a south-side fire station.

Councilman Glenn Anderson said the new station marks the city's most important achievement since at least November 1996, when the new library opened on Central City Park-

"I would rate this right up there as high, if not higher, than the library, because it has to do with public safety," Anderson said.

Outside of council chambers Monday night, Neal seemed much more at ease than he had in recent days, when he feared that some residents might try to block the proposal.

"I'm very grateful - very, very pleased," he said of the council's long-awaited decision. "This will make such a difference in people's lives."

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forms to Neal - some of them dating letters to win support for containing multiple signatures.

But Neal came under fire for naming three residents in his letter and for implying that they could scuttle the fire station by suggesting an alternate site at Middlebelt and Annapolis.

"I see it as a form of intimidation." Councilman Charles Pickering said.

said. "They have a right to be view. heard:

"I don't think these petitions should have gone out," Pickering said, adding later, "I don't think that's the democracy we practice under."

Pickering compared Neal's actions to a developer bombarding a neighborhood with intimia project.

"I don't think we'd be happy about that," he concluded.

In a 7-0 vote Monday, council members approved fire station plans that Pickering said were never really in question.

Councilman Glenn Anderson also criticized Neal's letter, saying it could lead residents to "I think citizens certainly have believe they will "fall under a right to their viewpoint," he scorn" if they have an opposing

that (letter) went out," Anderson

Others such as Councilwoman Justine Barns commended Neal for his "true leadership" on the fire station issue.

Neal defended his decision to seek support for the fire station, but he conceded that he shouldn't have named residents who suggested a possible alternate site.

One of those residents, Sherry Mallard, addressed the council Monday and accused Neal of misrepresenting her position.

"I am not and I have never been in opposition to the fire station," she said.

Mallard has said some residents simply wanted city officials to consider the Middlebelt-'I think it's unfortunate that - Annapolis site, and she said she resented Neal using her name in his letter.

> Said Neal: "I apologize to Ms. Mallard if she felt offended." However, he made no apologizes for his campaign to win

support for the fire station. "I would do it again in the future as far as presenting information to the residents," he said.

Neal denied suggestions by critics that city funds paid for the letters, saying he copied them and distributed them on his own time.

Mayor Robert Thomas accepted some of the blame for Neal's campaign for fire station No. 5. The mayor said he had threatened to scuttle the project if residents became bitterly divided on the issue.

In the end Monday, an overwhelming number of residents indicated support for building a station at Annapolis and Irene.

Said Thomas: "I still think this is the best site and where it needs to go."

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Ordinance calls for more audits of Metro, Willow Run

By Ken Abramczyk STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

Wayne County commissioners may act on an ordinance on Tuesday to place two auditors permanently at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport.

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D. Westland, recently introduced the ordinance, which was sent to the commission's Committee on Audit. Once it is discussed, it may be referred back to the commission for its business meeting Tuesday.

The ordinance calls for a mini-

mum of two auditors to be placed at the airport and also requires financial audits at both Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports at least once every two years, or as otherwise directed by the commission.

"We still haven't come to an agreement on funding," Beard said. Those positions may be funded from airport revenue, a cost allocation plan or by the county's general fund.

Beard's ordinance was proposed after Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy released a report in December, which disclosed that lease agreements

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with the Cleveland-based Wayne County.

Dunleavy and his staff found that airport could have leased the majority of these vehicles for an average of about \$17,000 per

preted.

The auditor's role is an impor-

"We do have the authority to audit all the departments," Beard said.

commissioners approved a three-year contract with APCOA on April 1, APCOA, the lowest bidder, received the contract after the county procecutor's office reviewed APCOA's vehicle lease agreements.

George Ward, chief assistant prosecuting attorney for Wayne County, informed Auditor Gen-\$503,647 refund claim on APCOA's 37 lease agreements shuttle buses.

County commissioners approved a contract conditional upon the county and APCOA settling the refund claim, estimated in the range between \$380,000

Commissioners amended the agreement to require APCOA to retain all revenue and expenditure records for at least a five-

county with evidence of at least three competitive bids on all subcontracted activities and receive written approval from the airport staff prior to finalizing such

Area residents named to foster care review board

Four western Wayne County residents have been appointed to citizen volunteer boards created by the Michigan Legislature to review children's foster care placements.

The new board members are Rochelle Davis of Redford, Gregory Mays of Livonia, Larry Naser of Westland and Elizabeth Schneider of Canton. They participated in a two-day orientation training conducted by the Foster Care Review Board program in Southfield.

The Wayne County Foster Care Review Boards meet one day each month to review a sample of cases of children placed in temporary foster care. These reviews determine what efforts are being made by the juvenile court, the Michigan Family Independence Agency or private child-placing agency to develop and carry out a plan for permanent placement. The program is administered by the State Court Administrative Office.





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APCOA, an airport parking operator, cost an average of \$28,000 per shuttle bus. APCOA leased the shuttle buses through financial agreements with various lending institutions, then collected reimbursements from

Dunleavy also found that \$1.4 million in parking taxes were underreported between 1992 and 1997. The state Department of Treasury is reviewing the report and information and how the state statutes should be inter-

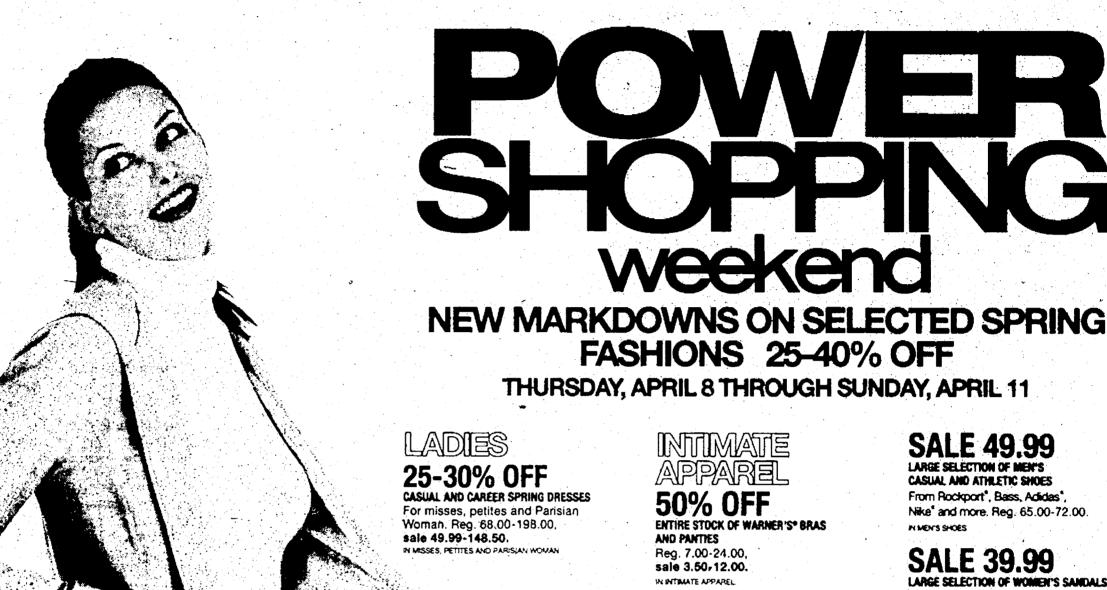
tant function of Wayne County government, Beard said.

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Family Resource Center announces program series

The Family Resource Center in Westland has announced a series of programs aimed at helping parents improve their

To register or get more information about these programs, call 595-2279.

Starting Tuesday, parents of preschoolers can receive information during a series of Tuesday evening sessions about child development, discipline, communication, self-esteem and other issues. Classes are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lincoln Elementary School, 33800 Grand Traverse. Cost is \$20 per person. No child care will be provided.

■ On April 13, 20 and 27, The Family Resource Center will offer workshops on dealing with children who don't listen, who are never content, who are stubborn, who are sensitive to clothing, and who are loud or forceful.

Workshops on the "spirited child" will be held from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. at Hamilton Elementary School, 1031 Schuman, Westland. Cost is \$5 per person. Free baby-sitting will be provid-

Starting April 15, sessions on parenting a teen will be offered on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lincoln Elementary School. There will be group discussions about STEP/Teen (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting of Teens). The program is designed for parents who want to learn more effective ways to communicate with teenagers. Cost is \$20 per person. No child care will be provided.

Starting April 19, a sixweek series titled "Parent to Parent" will explore issues such as understanding children and their school atmosphere, "landmines" to watch for and how to help children through adolescence. Classes will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person.

All programs are funded by United Parcel Foundation, Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the cities of Wayne and Westland.

The Family Resource Center is housed at Lincoln Elementary School in Westland and provides a variety of services to families.

OBITUARIES

CAMERON M. COOK

MILITARY NEWS

Marine Corps Sgt. Sean P.

Adkins has been decorated with

the Good Conduct Medal. Adkins

is in military police-personal

security with Headquarters U.S.

Central Command, MacDill Air

Force Base, Tampa, Fla. He is

the son of Wavle L. Adkins of

New Carlisle, Ohio. His wife,

Crystal, is the daughter of Ger-

ald C. and Janet Batterbee of

Westland. The sergeant is a

1992 graduate of Wayne High

James Ryan Dufresne, a

1989 graduate of Belleville High

School, enlisted in the United

States Air Force and completed

basic training at Lackland Air

Force Base, Texas. He is now

going through specialized train-

He is the grandson of Carol

Olds of Westland; son of Colleen

Allstead of Commerce; and son

of Michael Foster of Houston,

ing in jet engine repair.

School, Huber Heights, Ohio.

Funeral services for Cameron Cook, 24, of Ypsilanti were April 5 in St. Richard's Catholic Church in Westland. Arrangements were from Uht Funeral

Mr. Cook, who died April 1 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Superior Township, was born April 20, 1974, in Garden City. He was a laborer in the construction business. He died as a result of an accident on the job site in Canton Township.

Surviving are his parents, Donald Cook and Cynthia (Donald) Bailey; fiancee, Hilary Waite; sister, Gloryett Cook of Westland; grandmothers, Mildred Cook of Westland and Dolores Birch.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

FREELOVE BALL

Graveside services for Freelove Ball, 88, of Westland were April 6 at New Oakhill Cemetery in Plymouth. Arrangements were from L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Westland.

Miss Ball, who died April 2 at her residence, was born Jan. 27, 1911, in Bucyrus, Ohio. Surviving are her brothers-in law, George and Tags; sisters-in-

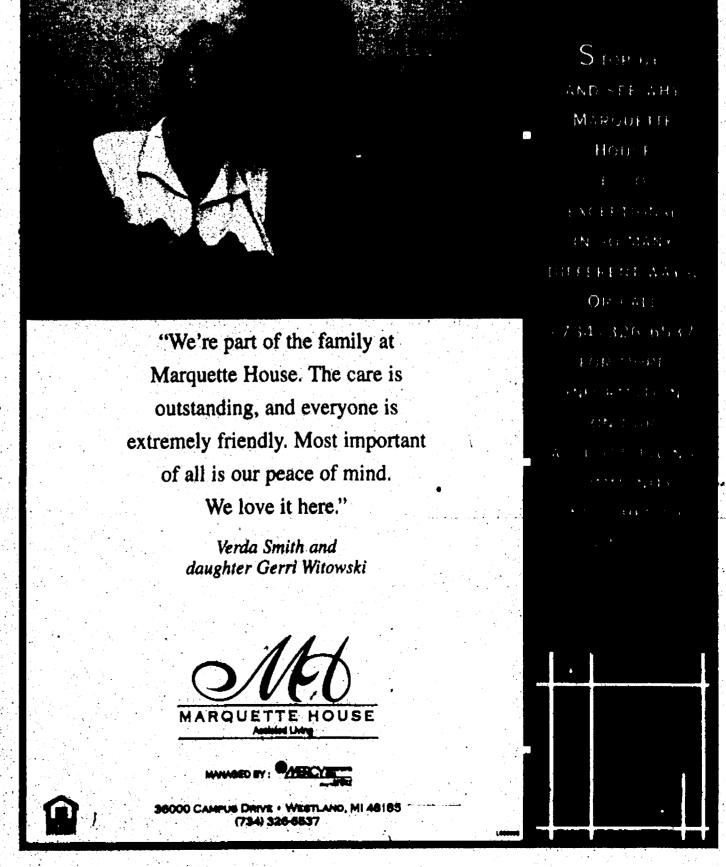
law, Gloria, Mary, Wanita, and Lynette.

BARBARA J. MALLON

Funeral services for Barbara Mallon, 74, of Redford were April 3 in Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with burial at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Officiating was the Rev. Jerome Smith

Mrs. Mallon, who died April 1 in Garden City, was born Nov. 27, 1924, in Detroit. She was a homemaker. She came to the Redford community in 1967 from Detroit. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Garden City. Mrs. Mallon was an avid reader; she loved her family, especially her grandchildren.

Surviving are her husband of 53 years, Raymond; sons, Thomas (Linda) Mailon of Westland, Robert Mallon of Redford and Gerald (Margaret) Mallon of Westland; sister, Kathryn Holmes of Redford; and three grandchildren.



1-275 resurfacing

Plan your alternative route, expect delays

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@os.homecomm.net

Haydn Kramer expects inconveniences this year as a commuter from Canton Township driving to his job at the Livonia Marriott on Six Mile just east of

As the hotel's general manager, he may well expect the hotel staff to be part public relations specialists and part traffic advisers.

'We'll alert our guests that there is going to be road construction," Kramer said.

Yes, there is,

On April 19, Kramer and about 200,000 other motorists who use I-275 each day will see the beginnings of the \$49 million resurfacing of the freeway between I-696 in Farmington Hills and Five Mile Road in Livonia, just north of the I-96/M-14 interchange.

On that date, contractors will start building crossover and temporary lanes on the northbound side of I-275, the state's second busiest freeway. In late April, southbound motorists will be crossed over to the northbound side just north of Grand River in Farmington Hills, then back to the southbound side south of Five Mile Road in Livo-

Traffic will be crossed over so that the southbound side of the



Moving along: Traffic moves at a moderate pace on northbound I-275 just north of Five Mile in Livonia, but soon that traffic flow will change. Traffic delays are expected once temporary lanes are built on the northbound side to allow for "crossover" southbound traffic between Grand River and Five Mile while the southbound side is reconstructed during the \$49 million construction project.

freeway can be reconstructed. Crossovers will be created through the construction zone for southbound traffic entering and exiting the freeway.

"It will take contractors about two weeks to build these crossovers at every mile road,"

said Robin Pannecouk. spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Temporary lanes

Contractors also will pave temporary lanes on the northbound side so that three lanes

can travel in each direction. The "loop" entrance ramps onto the freeway will be closed for 180 days - six months - of the pro-

The freeway will not be widened from its current four

Please see 1-275, A10

Look for road repair updates online

By Ken Abramczyk STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

While surfing the Web, you can click on the Roads section of the Wayne County Website (www.waynecounty.com) and a

smaller window appears. The daily schedule of the county road workers who fill up those nasty potholes suddenly pops up on the screen. You soon learn that on Tuesday, workers were

patching potholes in the communities of Canton, Garden City, Plymouth Township and West-

The county crews hit Merriman Road between Joy and Michigan, Middlebelt from Van Born to Joy, Geddes from Sheldon to the Wayne County line and Sheldon from Joy to Seven roads and projects in the design Mile. It is spelled out on the phase. Website so that residents will

see workers or possible delays.

John Roach; public information manager for the county's Department of Public Services. has worked with the Department of Information Processing. pulling together information for construction project lists, maps outlining conditions of primary

"Every couple of weeks we will know where they can expect to be updating the construction sta-

tus list on the Website," Roach said. "It will give a good idea of the construction and the impact of traffic.

"By and large, our construction projects do not close down roads, but reduce the number of

It will also come in handy for motorists negotiating their way around western Wayne County during the I-275 construction

Please see UPDATES, A10

Nankin Mills offers interactive classes on environment for kids

"It's a Kid's Planet," a new three-part interactive series for children, will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon for three consecutive Saturdays on April 10, 17 and 24.

This series, taught through the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, helps kids foster a sense of environmental stewardship through fun and educational activities.

Children can expect to learn where garbage goes once it disappears from the curb and participate in an "oil spill" cleanup. Each session will focus on varying environmental themes; topics will highlight water, trees and land.

Suitable for ages 7 and up, the cost is \$6 and covers all three sessions. Advance registration is required. Participants who complete all three sessions will receive a Kids Planet Badge. This program has been made possible through funding from the parks millage.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off Hines Drive and can be reached even if the road is barricaded for flooding.

For more information on this or any other Wayne County parks event, call (734) 261-1990.





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HENRY FORD ACADEMY

Charter high school offers diversity, new curriculum

STORIES BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI . SPECIAL WRITER

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arah Moran, a 10th-grader from Redford, walks by Henry Ford's birthplace, the Menlo Park laboratory where Thomas Edison worked and the Wright Brothers Cycle Shop on her way to classes every day.

The mini campus in the heart of Greenfield Village is a stark difference from the traditional classroom she would have attended at Redford's Thurston High School, Moran was selected in fail of 1997 as a ninth-grader to be among the first students to attend Henry Ford Academy, which is the first publicly chartered high school in the country sponsored by a global corporation and a major cultural organization that is based in a public museum.

Chartered by Wayne County's Regional Educational Service Agency, the academy is a working in partnership with Ford Motor Company and Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village to provide ninth-through 12th-grade classes in the buildings of Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

"There's a lot of diversity and individualism here," Moran said of her classmates.

Differences appreciated

Students in public schools tend to come from the same community, dress alike and act alike, she explained. The academy, on the other hand, draws students from 23 Wayne County communities, which allows for a lot of ethnic and socioeconomic differences. Moran believes the students tend to be more individualistic, too.

Similarly, there are big differences in the way classes are taught at the academy and what's done at many public schools. Moran said

better ways of teaching," noted Moran, who wants to be writer or a professor.

"They can show us things instead of working out of books," she added.

The students where dark blue shirts with the academy insignia and name tags on chains that look a lot like corporate employee identification badges. And while everyone comes from different backgrounds and experiences, Larry Holliday, academy dean, stresses that once they attend Henry Ford Academy they are expected to act "with dignity and appropriately." He

uses the analogy that once someone is hired by a company, they must do what's expected or they won't last long.

The classrooms, or learning studies as they are referred to at the

academy, are set-up a lot like businesses, too. Tables seat four students who work in teams on projects and solving problems together. And there are no bells.

Ninth-grade classes are in the museum in a series of rooms that open with movable walls that allow students to apply different principals, like math and science, to one concept.

Employees at Ford Motor and the new, h Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village also work together providing museu classroom speakers and mentoring was to programs. Tenth and 11th grade classes are held in a campus setting in that F the village, almost one mile from the exactly entrance. Accommodations for 12th graders are expected to be built within school. If we have a set of the sex of the se



First class: (Above) Sarah Moran of Redford and Isacc Sudut, background, also of Redford, are in the first class that will graduate from the academy in 2001. (Top photo) The public can view this student quilt history project in the museum.

History of academy

Employees at Ford Motor

and the Henry Ford Museum

& Greenfield Village also

work together providing

classroom speakers and

mentoring programs.

The academy opened in the fall of 1997 with the first class of 100 ninth-grade students. This year there are 200 students in ninth and 10th grades, and ultimately there will be 400 students in grades ninth through 12th grades.

Surrounded by historical artifacts, the students learn to appreciate the work by famous inventors and trailblazers affecting every aspect of society.

Meanwhile,
they are given an
opportunity to
apply new technological advances
with Internet
access in every
classroom and
invitations to
Ford Motor Co.

offices and plants where they learn how things in the business world are done,

For instance, one program allows students to use tools to measure and make frames. Then they go to Ford Motor Company's Design Center to see how vehicles are designed using computers.

Education at the Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village is nothing new, however. Founded by Henry Ford in 1929 as the Edison Institute, the museum and village's original intent was to serve as a school campus.

All of the buildings and artifacts that Ford painstakingly oversaw, are exactly what draws Andrea Neumann, a 14-year-old Redford resident, to the school

"I was going to go to Mercy High

School until I was notified that my in name was picked," said Neumann, who hopes to one day be an interior decorator or a teacher.

Referring to the 24 students in her classes, Neumann said, she likes receiving individual attention from teachers

Attracted to setting

"It's a great school, because we get to see the museum all the time," she said adding that she wished there were more sports at the school. The Henry Ford Academy does offer basketball, flag football, baseball, softball and volleyball.

Isaac Sudut, a 16-year-old from Redford, said he learned about the academy from his grandmother who had read about the new school.

"I came to orientation and thought I might as well give it a try," he explained.

Sudut, however, is disappointed with what he believes was promised and what he is receiving at the school. He wants to learn more about technology and to have 24 hour access to the lap top computers.

He does, however, like that there are a lot of students from different cultures and backgrounds who attend the

"And you get to learn from them," Sudut added.

The academy's business emphasis is what sets the school apart from other public schools, explained Joe Yeager, a 14-year-old ninth-grader from Livonia, who would have attended Stevenson High School.

He said, he and his family opted for the academy, because we wanted "to try something new." So far, Yeager said, he has enjoyed developing manufacturing products.

"No two days are exactly the same," according to a press release describing the academy. "With a campus so full of technology, information, tools and opportunities for learning, students engage in a variety of activities, from traditional academic studies to teambased projects. Each day ends with a reflection period, in which students and teachers use a variety of assessment processes to reflect upon the day's learning."

The students have free range of the museum and village before, during and after classes, according to Cora Christmas, academy principal.

"They literally have a field trip everyday," she said.

Walking through the village on a balmy spring afternoon, Christmas added: "I discover something new every day. Everything that surrounds them causes them to question, to think and learn. It's a learning experience with everything that they pass."



Campus: The 10th grade building is on the grounds of Greenfield Village.

How the academy works

Henry Ford Academy is like a private school in many ways except there is no cost to the students. There are no academic requirements either, and students who apply are picked by an audited lottery system. More than 400 students in Wayne County applied for the 1999-2000 school year, according to Cora Christmas, Henry Ford Academy principal. The chosen students will be notified by April 26.

Applications for the school year beginning in fall of 2000 will begin early next year. Only students going into the ninth grade are eligible, because most of the students are expected to continue their entire four year high school education at the academy.

Subjects include math, science, humanities, English, social studies, German, art, technology and physical education. The teacher to student ratio is one to 25.

Students are also evaluated on their personal growth and ability to work in teams and conduct themselves maturely in the classroom and on museum grounds during the school day.

As a public school, Henry Ford Academy receives state school aid funds and got start-up funding from Ford Motor Company, as well as ongoing support from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village.

Considering all the academy has to offer, Christmas said, the setting as well as the heavy emphasis on math, science and technology is not for everyone.

The goal of Henry Ford Academy is to develop "a curriculum in

math and science that prepares the students to function in the 21st century," explained Larry Holliday, academy dean.

Students are expected to not only learn the material, but be able to communicate their knowledge verbally and in written

form, Holliday stressed.

Oral presentations are commonplace in every classroom.

One recent project about the colonization of America had the students consider the contributions made by the Europeans, Africans and Native Americans.

Working in groups of four, the students illustrated what they learned by creating hand made quilts that are on display in the museum. Their project went a step further than those done at most public schools, because the exhibit had to pass all museum standards, which meant the students worked closely with museum curators and presenters.

Best of all for the students, their work is on display for the 1.1 million visitors from around the world who visit the museum

"One of the responsibilities we have, in working with Ford Motor Company, is developing a replicable model and looking at this school being developed nationally," Holliday said...

For more information visit the academy's Web site at www.hfa-cademy.org. Or call the school at (313) 982-6200.



On view. The ninth-grade class is in the Henry Ford Museum and students cometimes have museum visitors looking in on them during the day.

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lanes, but entrance and exit be." When the Seven Mile interlanes will be lengthened to allow for easier access and exits.

Decks on the Grand River, Five Mile, Six Mile, Seven Mile and Eight Mile bridges will be repaired. Crews have already started to work under the Eight Mile bridge.

The longer and straighter entrance and exit ramps will be closed temporarily while they are reconstructed. Each interchange will be closed on an alternating basis so that no more than one interchange area will be closed. For example, when Eight Mile is closed, Seven Mile and Six Mile interchanges will

Robert Schron, Livonia's city engineer, said workers with John Carlo, who the Michigan Department of Transportation hired as the main contractor, are expected to install detour signs directing motorists "where the most appropriate detour would change is closed, detour signs will direct motorists to Newburgh or Haggerty to take to Six

Mile or Eight Mile, Schron said. Pannecouk indicated that the contractor will do much of the concrete breakage and removal during daylight hours to try to avoid a lot of nighttime noise.

In Livonia, Wayne County has scheduled resurfacing projects on Seven Mile between Wayne and Farmington roads and on Farmington between Five Mile and Seven Mile roads. That second project will affect motorists traveling from downtown Farmington - who may think they can use Farmington Road as an alternative route to I-275 - to drive to Livonia.

Choose your route

Other possible detours include Novi Road to Eight Mile, then east to Haggerty or Newburgh. That route may work best for commuters driving from western

or northern Oakland County.

Motorists traveling northward from western Wayne County communities may take Newburgh as an alternate route, but Haggerty will be resurfaced between Ann Arbor and Plymouth roads in Plymouth Township, so that will pose difficulties for Canton or Plymouth commuters coming to Livonia, such as Kramer.

He isn't that concerned about. his drive, but wants to ensure his hotel guests are informed.

"Most of these people understand that our roads need repair," Kramer said. "We'll try to anticipate it as much as possible in our reservations and booking them on arrival. We hope to let them know about alternate routes to get to Six Mile Road."

Pannecouk advises motorists: "They should begin to think of where they frequently drive, and think of alternative routes. They should try different things to see

what work's best for you.'

Pannecouk said MDOT will keep people informed on the projects' status through changeable signs along the freeway, and the overhead Michigan Intelligent Transportation Signs on the freeway bridges. "They can visit our Web site, and we will keep the public informed through radio, TV and newspapers," Pannecouk said.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey has a little of what he called homespun advice: "Have patience and look forward to a better tomorrow."

Motorists can learn more about

construction projects in the Detroit area by contacting MDOT's Web site www.mdot.state.mi.us/index.ht m. For local projects, check out Wayne County's Web site at www.waynecounty.com and click

Economic development board gets under way

chair);

The Michigan Economic Development Corp. began operations April 5, as a Board of Directors meeting in Ann Arbor officially launched the new public agency.

The board immediately hired Doug Rothwell, formerly the CEO of the Michigan Jobs Commission, as president and CEO.

Under an executive order of Gov. John Engler, MEDC takes over the state's economic development function from the Michigan Jobs Commission, which

the governor abolished. "This new structure will enable us to have an even quicker, more flexible economic development focus. Ultimately, that means more jobs, and better jobs for Michigan residents," said Beth Chappell, former senior vice president of AT&T and now president of the Chappell Group (Bloomfield Hills), who was elected board vice chair.

The board's chair will be Rick Snyder, former president of Gateway Computer and now president of Avalon Investment (Ann Arbor).

"The Michigan Economic Development Corp. will allow us

to spend more time helping grow the exciting new industries of the new economy, while still providing the same services the Jobs Commission had in place,"

The 17 members of the Board of Directors are:

Governor John Engler (gener-Rick Snyder, Avalon Invest-

ments Inc., Ann Arbor (chair); Beth Chappell, The Chappell Group, Bloomfield Hills (vice

David Brandon, Domino's Pizza Inc., Ann Arbor;

Facundo Bravo, Uni-Boring Inc., Howell;

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Jeffery Kaczmarek, Oakland County, Pontiac; Birgit Klohs, The Right Place Program, Grand Rapids;

David Porteous, Porteous & White, Reed City; Heinz C. Prechter, ASC Inc.,

Southgate; Dr. Irvin D. Reid, Wayne State

University, Detroit; and Peter Walters, Guardian Industries, Auburn Hills.

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project. (See related story.)

The Website now includes:

Pothole patching plans. Weekday mornings, usually by 10 a.m., Wayne County will post locations along freeways and primary roads where patching crews may be slowing traffic.

■ Digital maps. Residents can view a color-coded map engineers develop each year to show the condition of primary roads. Residents can identify their roads maintenance district and whether the roads are in good, fair or poor condition.

■ Residents can subscribe to a free e-mail service if they wish to receive periodic updates from the county roads division to alert motorists to unexpected road closures and upcoming construction plans.

"Anyone who signs up will get an updated list," Roach said.

In May, Roach expects the pothole patching list will be

replaced by the construction "hot-spot" list. By today, Roach expected a construction list will be featured on that site as well.

Currently, the county will provide a monthly update of major road projects in the design phase with county engineers and contracted consultants.

The county's road inventory book in a digital format will be entered onto the site within the next two months, Roach said. "With that, people can pick any section of road, and they can find out the year of the pavement, condition rating, traffic volume and speed limit," Roach

Business and church groups also can go on-line and apply to "Adopt-A-Road."

People can view a map outlining which Wayne County roads which have been adopted, then submit an online permit application form to adopt the road.

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Nature preserve needs help for spring projects

The Holliday Nature Preserve Association offers participants a spring calendar of events ranging from nature hikes to river cleanup.

Scheduled activities include:

■ Spring Fever Hike - Get rid of those winter blues by getting out and looking at the world at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 10. Meet at the Koppernick Entrance to the Preserve. Koppernick Road is located off of Hix Road north of Warren, turn to the west. and follow Koppernick just barely past the second bend in the road. For information call (734) 522-8547. The event is free.

■ Earth Day Cleanup -Volunteers are asked to meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 24. to spruce up the preserve. Meet at the Hix Park Entrance to the Preserve, located just north of Warren on the west side of Hix. Hot dog lunch will be served afterwards. The event is free. For more information, call (734) 522-8547.

Rouge Rescue meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, in the Livonia Civic Center Library, located at Five Mile and Farmington roads. All are welcome. For information, call (734) 522-8547.

■ Mother's Day Hike -Mom, let the kids cook today, and come enjoy this annual

stroll through the woods at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 9. Held in conjunction with the Sierra Club, this tour will highlight the gorgeous spring flowers found here in Michigan. Non-moms are welcome. Meet at the Service Merchandise Parking lot at Cowan Road behind Westland Mall. The event is free. For information call (734) 522-8547.

■ Pre-Rouge Rescue Tour -Come join association members at noon Sunday, May 23, as they explain the River. Day expansion of the annual Rouge Rescue. Learn where the Holliday Nature Preserve Association will be cleaning up, and where it will be progressing beyond cleanup to improving the environment. Meet at the Service Merchandise Parking lot at Cowan Road behind Westland Mall. Event is free. For information call (734) 522-8547.

■ Rouge Rescue - Come join us for River Day beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 5. This includes the annual Rouge Rescue cleanup, hikes, and activities designed to improve the health of the complete Rouge River Watershed ecosystem. Meet at the Service Merchandise Parking lot at Cowan Road behind Westland Mall. For information call (734) 522-8547.

Pace of urban sprawl will slow - SEMCOG

By TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER trichard@oc.homecomm.net

Developers will continue to pave over land in southeastern Michigan in the next 25 years. though not at the pace of the last 30 years.

That and other findings emerge from a statistical report by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. While shrinking family size was the cause of most development in the past, population growth will be the chief cause in the future.

SEMCOG's study is called "Land Use and Land Development in Southeast Michigan" and was written by staffers Jim Rogers and Xuan Liu. The densely worded report comes to few conclusions and lacks the expressions of horror at "urban

sprawl" and loss of open space that have marked the sevencounty agency's reports over the last decade.

Some findings that emerge: ■ Development will continue at 1 percent more land per year, twice as fast as population growth, 0.5 percent per year, between 1995 and 2020. That's a slower development rate than in 1965-95, when development of land increased by 72 percent, or 2.4 percent a year.

In 1995, Oakland County, with about half of Wayne County's population, actually had more developed land - 444.5 square miles versus Wayne's 437 square miles. By 2020, Oakland will have developed 582 square units per acre. miles and Wayne 467.

■ Livingston County is witnessing the fastest relative boom. SEMCOG's tables report acres. For ease of reader under-

standing, this newspaper has converted the numbers to square miles by dividing acres by 640.

SEMCOG's report doesn't give details on the loss of farmland. "Cultivated lumps Land/Brushland/Grassland" into a single category, obscuring whether it's wheat or weeds that are being developed.

The farther one gets from Detroit, the more land is eaten up by an individual housing unit. In 1995, Livingston County single-family lots had a density of 0.87 units per acre; St. Clair, 1.11; Monroe, 1.13; Washtenaw, 1.3; Oakland, 1.73; Macomb, 2.57; and Wayne, 3.8. The regionwide, average was 2.18

Causes of development will change over the next 25 years. Main factors:

■ Smaller households spurred development of 278 square miles

from 1965-95; they will spur development of 104 square miles from 1995-2020.

Population growth led to development of 114 square miles from 1965-95; population growth will move to first place, leading to 161 square miles of development by 2020.

Offices, commercial and industrial development has consumed 116 square miles from 1965-95; this will decline to 59 square miles by 2020.

As of 1995, some 33 percent of the region's 4,607 square miles were developed. By 2020, development will be using 41 percent of the total. Total population is 4.8 million.

Staff studied 1995 aerial photos to monitor development. The agency's Web site is:

www.semcog.org



If You're Sick Of Saying It, How Do You Think Your Pet Feels?



The Michigan Humane Society's Pet Education Center offers a variety of affordable group classes and private sessions specializing in positive reinforcement for dogs and puppies. Day, evening and weekend times are available for all classes, including

"Positively Puppies," a socialization class for puppies under five months, and "Manners for Life," a basic training class for dogs over five months. For more advanced training, try our "Tricks for Treats" and "K-9 Kollege." Admit it, wouldn't it feel nice to say Pet Education "good boy" or "attagirl" once in a while? Center

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New station

Plan shows positive change

New IRS rules more taxing

planned new fire station in the far south section of Westland is another physical sign of the positive changes taking place

The station is planned for the southeast corner of Annapolis and Irene, in Carver subdivision, and residents in that area could see construction begin soon on a new Westland fire station in their neighborhood.

It gained Westland City Council approval Monday despite a few residents at the last minute asking that the station be put on a site at Annapolis and Middlebelt. Because of several problems with the Middlebelt site, we think the Annapolis and Irene site is the best choice. The Middlebelt site is not only on a main road that would make it less attractive for a planned adjacent park area, but it also is not owned by the city and could raise the cost of the project out of reach.

Fire Chief Mark Neal had raised concerns that the residents' questions could shuttle or endanger the project.

We're glad to see that that hasn't been the case. Residents have the right to express their opinions, without the worry of endangering a project.

Not only is the new station a landmark for the south end of the city, it is significant for the rest of the city as well as it will become the first Westland fire station to be built in nearly 30 years.

At a cost of about \$800,000 the 4,823-

he good news, as we head toward next

Thursday's tax deadline: new tax credits,

deductions and other changes have pushed the

average refund to \$1,823, according to returns

The bad news: the government estimates

those changes have lengthened the amount of

time it takes to fill out an itemized tax return

The worst news: unofficial Tax Freedom

Day for 1999 (the number of days an average

person must work to pay his or her entire tax

The great tax debate of the 1990s has cen-

major tax "reform" proposal signed into law in

burden) falls on May 10 - later than ever.

tered on who pays and how much. The last

1997 dealt with cuts in the capital gains tax

and added the tax credit for children, which

takes effect this year for 1998 returns. A fed-

eral budget surplus has most Republicans in

income tax cuts to keep the economy stimulat-

The IRS had to develop 11 new forms and

revise 177 others for 1998 returns to accom-

modate the changes. The agency spent an

returns that were filed earlier this year that

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 promised a

simpler system with fewer rates. It has largely

undetermined amount of time correcting-

listed qualifying dependents but failed to

been rendered ineffective by subsequent

changes authorized by Congress. To be fair,

the economic expansion and the growth in

individual investment in the stock market

through 401 K plans and mutual funds has

equitable, the goal of keeping it simple has

tions, forms and tax schedules. In a nation-

contributed to our annual April 15 marathon.

But with the focus on making the system

been buried under a quagmire of rules, regula

wide poll conducted last month for the Associ-

include the child tax credit.

the current Congress seeking additional

filed with the IRS through February.

by two hours or more.'

square-foot building is expected to open by next summer. The city is paying for the new station with federal Community Development Block Grant dollars on land the city already owned.

A new station is very much a safety issue. The south end is not only geographically separate from most of Westland; it also is sometimes blocked off from city firefighters when a train is crossing the railroad tracks near Michigan Avenue. Westland has, at times, been forced to seek help from Inkster and Romulus for emergencies in that far section of the city.

At first, two firefighters trained as paramedics will work out of the station with one minipumper. Eventually city officials hope to place three or four paramedics, a fire truck and a medical rescue vehicle at the station.

A community police officer also will be placed at the station part time.

The Southeast Homeowners Association has expressed its support of the project.

And city officials have said the station could play a role in the revitalization of Carver subdivision, where new housing projects are in the works for the first time in more than 20 years.

It's not often that a new fire station is built. The residents in the south section of the city definitely have something to look forward to with the added safety they will have and with the future park area to enjoy.

■ The federal government has

levied income taxes on individuals

at various times since the Civil War

and continuously since the 16th

Amendment to the Constitution

was passed in 1913. The current

since the 1940s, relies heavily on

ated Press, 66 percent of 1,012 respondents

said the federal tax system is too complicated.

That was up by nearly 20 percent from a simi-

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at various times since the Civil War and con-

Constitution was passed in 1913. The current

pay-as-you-go method, around since the 1940s,

relies heavily on voluntary cooperation. Com-

pliance - even by honest tax filers - becomes

more difficult in direct proportion to the com-

Lower compliance means lost revenue for

the government, more cost as the IRS tracks

down wayward taxpayers and tax rates that

remain artificially high to keep the revenue

Is it time to throw out the entire tax code

The proof will come the next time a presi-

national sales tax. If we use the proposal as a

jumping off point for serious debate - instead

of just arguing about whose pockets will be

picked - we'll know the time for real tax

dential candidate proposes a flat tax or a

stream constant. It's a vicious circle.

and start over? We'll see.

reform is at hand.

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This is no petty matter. The federal govern-

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Keeping track



On the surface: Westland John Glenn christened its newly resurfaced track with an alumni track meet last week. The new surface marks some of the improvements at Wayne-Westland schools this school year.

LETTERS

A big thank you

On Sunday, March 21, the Westland Jaycees sponsored a fund-raiser on behalf of my son, Jeffrey Clein.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who made the day a big success. So many people put in a lot of time and effort on our behalf. Many local businesses contributed prizes for the raffle, Young Country DJ Linda Lee was there supporting us, many people from the area, family and friends came to Vision Lanes to bowl and many more sent in contributions. I can't forget to mention the most important people, Michelle Austin and Patty Ouimet, who organized the event, and all the Westland Jaycees.

In these days of bad news and cynicism, I was touched by the generosity of my community, rallying to help out someone in need. I will always be grateful and appreciative of the efforts made to benefit myself and my son.

Thank you doesn't begin to express my feelings that I have, but I say it again. I am proud to be part of a community that is so caring and I thank everyone from the bottom of my heart. Linda Clein

Westland

Festival expanding

s the weather begins getting warmer and As the weather begins getting warmer and the buds appear on the trees, we are sure your thoughts are going to the Westland Sum-

At this time we would like to make you aware of a few changes. We are very excited about them and thought you would like advance notice. We are expanding. Yes, we are going to make it bigger and better.

lots and our stage, bingo, Vegas, crafters, merchants, food concessions, beer tent and all activities will move to the park area behind the Bailey Center.

With these changes we are sure all partici-

Sam Corrado Westland Summer Festival Committee

mer Festival 1999.

The carnival will expand to both parking

pation will expand and increase.

NATO do-gooders

The Easter weekend bombing of Belgrade was an event of enormous historical importance. Why?

Because NATO is a military alliance in search of a mission. The collapse of communism has threatened the very existence of the NATO alliance and its vast bureaucracy on the eve of its 50th anniversary.

Like those polio and tuberculosis organizations that were faced with extinction when their diseases were cured, NATO needs something to do, in other words, a mission - to justify its continued existence and funding.

The Balkans are an ancient place, with many cruel and quaint traditions. Washington tells us that the Serbs are nasty people. A curious reader can discover that the Albanians aren't angels either. But both groups are

Unlike the people of say, Saddam's Iraq, the Balkan peoples will accept the generous training offered by our mission seeking dogooders in the Western alliance.

Unfortunately, NATO may have to destroy Serbia to save it. Hopefully, the Russians won't object too much.

Bill Clinton, Tony Blair, and NATO will introduce the western values of our newly popular political cult of the Soccer Mom into the Balkans. Eventually, sweetness and light will shine and everyone in the Balkans will "play nice." But, it might take another 50 years to achieve.

Sorry, Serbia. Happy Birthday, NATO, and good luck.

Walter Warren Westland

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

How do you feel about the United States being involved in the conflict Yugoslavia?

We asked this question at Kroger on Ford Road in Westland.



"I would not sup. port it. It's a political game by (President) Clin-



"I really don't get into poli-



"I really do not support it. it seems like there aren't enough good ressons to have so much destruction going on."

Robert Balley



"I was really not in favor of it in the first place, but It's a tough question."

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- Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Decline in safety inspections bad for workers

et's play "Michigan Jeopardy."
Answer: Pine-Aire Building Co.,
Independence Professional Fireworks, Cadillac Iron, Galaxy Excavating, General Motors.

Question: What are some of the companies where Michigan workers have been killed on the job?

Answer: Wade Bargy, Joyce Carr, Frank Blisset, Arvie Hubbard, Paul Robel.

Question: Who are some of the workers killed in industrial and construction accidents from 1997-1999?

Answer: 17 in 1992, 28 in 1994, 35 in 1997.

Question: What has been the trend in construction fatalities in Michigan in recent years?

Answer: Downward from 13,523 in 1991 to 7,436 in 1995 and 6,029 in 1997.

Question: What has been the trend in state workplace inspections during this decade?

Answer: "We don't go into any facility on a regular basis. As far as we know, we had no complaints from employees and no accidents of any kind reported."

Question: What is the state Department of Consumer and Industry Ser-

vices philosophy about inspecting workplaces, particularly Independence Professional Fireworks, where 12 workers (including an owner) were killed in two explosions in the last four months?

"Michigan Jeopardy" is no game.
Workers in construction and industry
are being injured and killed with
increasing frequency as the state's
workplace inspections decline.

Let's look at 1991-97:

Construction fatalities almost doubled, from 18 to 35, as construction jobs expanded 50 percent. Reasons for the disproportionate increase: More inexperienced workers entered the trades, and construction industry inspections fell by more than half from 8,511 to 3,245.

■ Manufacturing fatalities rose from 17 to 24 as general workplace inspections fell.

I didn't do this research myself. I covered a House Labor Committee hearing last June in Detroit where the key speaker was Mark Phillips of Michigan State University's School of Labor and Industrial Relations. I seem to have been the lone reporter there.

Phillips said he ran into trouble



TIM RICHARD

II Engler has saved many public school districts from bankruptcy with his school finance reforms. He has tried hard, every other year, to be good to higher education. He is expanding the prison system to suit the 'tough new penalties' attitude of the Legislature, county prosecutors and people. But there has been a price that Engler won't discuss. Declining workplace inspections. Insufficient nursing home inspections.

even getting statistics from the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health-Administration (MIOSHA).

Prior to 1990, the books were on the shelves in the Michigan State Library in Lansing. "Suddenly in 1990, MIOSHA dries up," he said.

"For the right of the public to know, you would think the information would be available."

The information was in state files, but he had to file extremely detailed Freedom of Information Act requests to get it,

"I had to write a letter and name every chart and graph. From the standpoint of the public, you're going to give up (trying to get information) before you get done.

"Do they exist as publications? No. There's something they're hiding.

"I started to ask for case files, but those case files are destroyed after three years," he said.

Nine years ago, I stood in a howling March wind outside the City-County Building in Detroit as state Senate Majority Leader John Engler announced his candidacy for governor. He promised a "Taxpayer's Agenda." It was a promise he kept.

Engler has saved many public

school districts from bankruptcy with his school finance reforms.

He has tried hard, every other year, to be good to higher education.

He is expanding the prison system to suit the "tough new penalties" attitude of the Legislature, county prosecutors and people.

But there has been a price that Engler won't discuss. Declining workplace inspections. Insufficient nursing home inspections. Less "regulation," which has become a dirty word.

He replaced the departments of Licensing and Regulation and of Labor with "Consumer and Industry Services."

Interesting choice of words.
Final "Michigan Jeopardy" answer:
Asleep at the switch.

Question: Where were Democrats and their champion trial lawyer Geoffrey Fieger on this issue in recent years?

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

LETTERS

Judge's argument weak

While I do not share Tim Richard's entirely negative view of the Federalist Society, neither am I impressed by the society's appallingly weak position on abortion, as conveyed, and affirmed, by Judge Henry Saad. In fact, I am deeply disturbed that any jurist or legislator subscribing to a position so clearly lacking in moral discernment has risen to such a level of public service.

The Constitution (Amendment 5) reads, "No person shall be ... deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." An appeals court judge, or any other member of an

organization of which the "central tenet ... is intellectual honesty," who claims that the Constitution does not address "the abortion issue" is sadly lacking in intellect, making "the honesty issue" irrelevant. More importantly, to make such a claim betrays a moral vacuity that has become the norm in a society divorced from its historic conscience.

Ted Gomulka Jr. Livonia

it's all in the name

isteria kills people. Irradiation kills
Listeria, and virtually all other

bacteria, but it is feared more.
Nuclear activists made the word
"radiation" cause terror. America dismantled safe power plants and
returned to coal and gas. Pollution,
explosions and death have resulted,
but we have been saved from atomic
energy.

Electricity has been used safely for 100 years, but some still wonder where it goes when the switch is turned off. Microwave ovens are as common as toasters, but cause panic in people who will comfortably stare at a television tube.

Irradiation of meat will save more lives than pasteurization of milk, but it may need to change its name.

Gamma Clean, Rays are Us, Micro Germ are a few suggestions.

Hank Borgman

Too many bad drivers

am writing this letter for one purpose: To complain about bad drivers!

Almost every day on the way to school in the morning, I get cut off by a 17-year-old kid trying to make a green light.

This is really annoying because I have the fear of being hit.

I just think young and impatient drivers should be a little more careful

and actually look for other drivers on the road, before taking off. In fact, this morning, I saw cars pulling onto the shoulder so that they would not have to wait in a line of cars waiting to turn.

I think that a part of this is road rage. When people are in a rush to get to work and are late, they seem to take it out on other drivers. They usually honk at you for no reason or get right up behind you, forcing you to speed up.

Tony Wilson

Campus reveals world of hope

ast week, my 17-year-old son, Nathan, and I participated in the rite of spring, junior year. We went on the road together, just the two of us, visiting colleges.

It was an emotional time for me. The symbolism of the journey — driving down the road of life together — got stronger when I realized that the end of the road for Nathan was the start of the process by which he ultimately would leave home and become an independent adult.

So as we stood in the small circle around the student volunteer tour guide, I felt so proud of my fine son and at the same time so protective and so anxious that he do well. Don't interfere, I kept saying to myself as I hung back at the edge of the group; this is Nathan's trip and he has to do it on his own.

So while he was off talking with the other kids and checking out the campus in the mysterious way that only 17-year-olds possess, I sat under the oaks and watched the Frisbee players on the greening grass and the classes gathered outdoors around the professors in the new spring sun.

There were all kinds of kids. Black kids from the big cities and blond farm boys from the country. Asian girls with coffee-colored skins and Jewish boys with yarmulkes tight to their heads. One had a Palestinian headdress and another green hair.

I couldn't help reflecting as I sat there ...
Here are all these kids, of all different backgrounds and types, all come together at college, that most American of all institutions.

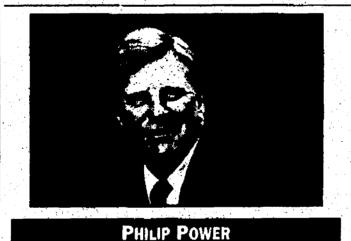
And — so amazing and so American — they are all getting along together. Sure, there were a few all-black groups and a few all-girl clusters. But mostly it was just a lot of different kids, all together, all having a good time at college in the warm spring.

How different it would be today, I thought, in Kosovo, where the sky is gray and the mud deep and the hatred and fear between Serbs and Albanians is so savage and sharp. Or in Rwanda, where Tutsi and Hutu have hated each other for generations and still – even on the far side of a genocide – hate each other with undiminished fury. Or in Israel and Palestine, or between Armenians and Turks. Or between the various tribes in Somalia.

The list goes on and on.

It seemed to me, sitting there under the oaks watching the college kids happy and at peace, that what I was seeing before me was one of the truly unique blessings of America. And I nearly wept with gratitude and, well, patriotism.

Somehow, by some mysterious alchemy, here in the New World we seem to have a shot at



M Here are all these kids, of all different backgrounds and types, all come together at college, that most American of all institutions. And – so amazing and so American – they are all getting along together.

overcoming the historic hatreds that arise and have arisen for centuries, almost literally from the soil of the history and geography the Old World. Once people have moved to a new land, complete with different history and altered geography, it's harder to nurse historic hatreds.

Another part of it, I suppose, is the extraordinary opportunity for all that America offers. A rising tide lifting all boats doesn't require zerosum hatred for individual success.

Of course, I'm too old and probably too cynical hot to realize that people in America still hate each other, often with just as much passion as elsewhere. But plainly what is fundamentally different about America is that those hatreds usually arise out of specific personal circumstances and not out of generic animosities that have been nurtured for generations and probably will never be resolved.

And so as I sat on the grass and reflected about my son and offered up my little prayer for him and his success, the verses from the base of the Statue of Liberty rose in my memory:

"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe
ree,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,

Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to

ne:

I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

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CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

CHERRY HILL

Class of 1983 Reunion and alumai family picnic is planned for August. (734) 729-6783

GARDEN CITY WEST

Class of 1968 A reunion is planned for Septem-(517) 522-4893, (734) 213-4350 or (248) 486-5170

Class of 1979 Oct. 9 at the Holiday Inn-West in Livonia. (734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-

works. com JOHN GLENN Class of 1979

Oct. 2 at the Wayne Ford Civic League in Westland. (734) 595-7892 or (734) 722-7214 Class of 1989 Oct. 9 at Roma's of Garden City. (248) 366-9493, press #2

LIYONIA BENTLEY

Class of 1964 July 24 at the Holiday Inn- Laurel Park in Livonia. (734) 416-5993 or Tink@mediaone. net **Class of 1969** A reunion is planned for Nov. 27.

-Class of 1989 A reunion is planned for Oct. 15.

(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636 LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Class of 1979

Aug. 7 at the DoubleTree Suites in Southfield. (248) 366-9493, press #3

TAYLOR CENTER **Class of 1979**

Nov. 27 at the Marriott Hotel in Romulus. (248) 360-7004, press #7

TAYLOR TRUMAN

Class of 1989 Nov. 6 at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center in Southgate. (734) 467-7694 or (734) 676-8906 Class of 1979 Nov. 13 at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center in Southgate. (734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-

works.com TRENTON

Class of 1989 Aug. 28 at Arnaldo's Banquet Center in Riverview. (248) 360-7004, press #6

Class of 1989

Aug. 20 at Adiamo's in Warren. (800) 677-7800 or reunions@taylorpub.com Class of 1979

A reunion is planned for July 31. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

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A reunion is planned for July 24. (248) 363-8211 or (248) 366-3337 Class of 1969 Aug. 21 at the Wyndam Gardens Hotel in Novi. (248) 360-7004, press #5

WALLED LAKE WESTERN Class of 1979

Aug. 14 at DoubleTree Guest Suites in Southfield. (248) 366-9493, press #1

WARREN COUSINO

Class of 1979 A reunion is planned for Sept.

(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636 Class of 1969 A reunion is planned for Aug. 20. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

WARREN MOTT Class of 1973-1974

A reunion is planned for Sept. (800) 548-6666 or (819) 446-9636

WATERFORD KETTERING Class of 1979

A reunion is planned for May 15. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

WATERFORD MOTT Class of 1979

A reunion is planned for July 31. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

Class of 1950

Is looking for classmates for its 50th class reunion. (734) 428-9379 or (734) 721-8036 WAYNE MEMORIAL

Class of 1983 Sept. 26 at Roma's of Garden

(248) 360-7004, press #1

Class of 1989 A reunion is planned for Nov. 13. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

Class of 1989 Arbor.

(248) 360-7004, press #3

8 teachers to attend leadership academy

BY MARIE CHESTNEY mchestney@oe.homecomm.net

Eight of the "best and brightest" teachers in the Livonia Public Schools will be getting out of the classrooms during the next two years to build leadership skills with fellow teachers from

nearby districts. Because the hand-picked teachers for the Galileo Leadership Academy would miss 14 days of teaching over the twoyear period, the question of whether the district should even join the program hung heavy on the minds of school board trustees before, by a 6-1 vote, they gave the nod to participate.

The debate - to join or not to join - began during a board committee meeting, when several trustees said they liked the goals of the leadership program but didn't like the idea of teachers missing more classroom time and being replaced by substi-

"I hate to see good teachers take another seven days (per year) off," said trustee Patrick Nalley. "It's tough for the kids and the parents to have subs so

The trustees also questioned Livonia's share of the costs involved, an estimated \$8,480 per teacher over the two-year period.

"It is expensive," said trustee Frank Kokenakes, who mused whether part of the cost could be borne by the teachers union, the Livonia Education Association.

However, the plusses of extra leadership training for up to nine teachers outweighed the minuses in deciding whether Livonia Public Schools should participate.

"Leaders are not born, they are created," said trustee Dan Lessard.

The lone dissent came from trustee Ken Timmons, a retired Livonia high school teacher who couldn't see how a teacher in a core subject could take the time away from the classroom to give the amount of time the project demands.

Teachers in Galileo will miss 14 Fridays over the two-year period. They also will spend 14 Saturdays, on their own time, at the academy, generally held at a regional conference center.

E Skills learned at the academy could be used at the school-building level, such as on school improvement and curriculum committees.

Monthly workshops also would take place over the summer months, on the teachers' own

"No way could I participate in this program," Timmons said. "There's too much absenteeism from school already, and that impacts negatively.

"This district does not have a shortage of leaders in its teaching ranks. We get the cream of the crop, we get the leaders."

Galileo Academy The launched two years ago and planned to run just two years more, is a consortium of educators from the Farmington, Northville, Novi, Southfield and Walled Lake school districts, Oakland and Schoolcraft community colleges, the Oakland and Wayne County intermediate school districts, and the Kellogg Foundation, which subsidizes some of the costs.

The goal of the academy is to bring to educators the same kind of leadership training that exists in business and industry, and is generally paid for by the businesses involved.

Graduates of the academy are expected to achieve professional growth as well as better interpersonal skills. Skills learned at the academy could be used at the school-building level, such as on school improvement and curriculum committees.

Two years into the four-year program, Livonia was asked to join, to send up to nine teachers to the academy, and pay part of the costs for the teachers' participation.

"The district was invited; we didn't seek this out," said Superintendent Ken Watson. "It's an honor to be asked. This will enable teachers to be leaders in the building where they are assigned. I have some reservations - it's expensive, there's the teachers' missed time, and substitutes are needed.

"But the benefits from this

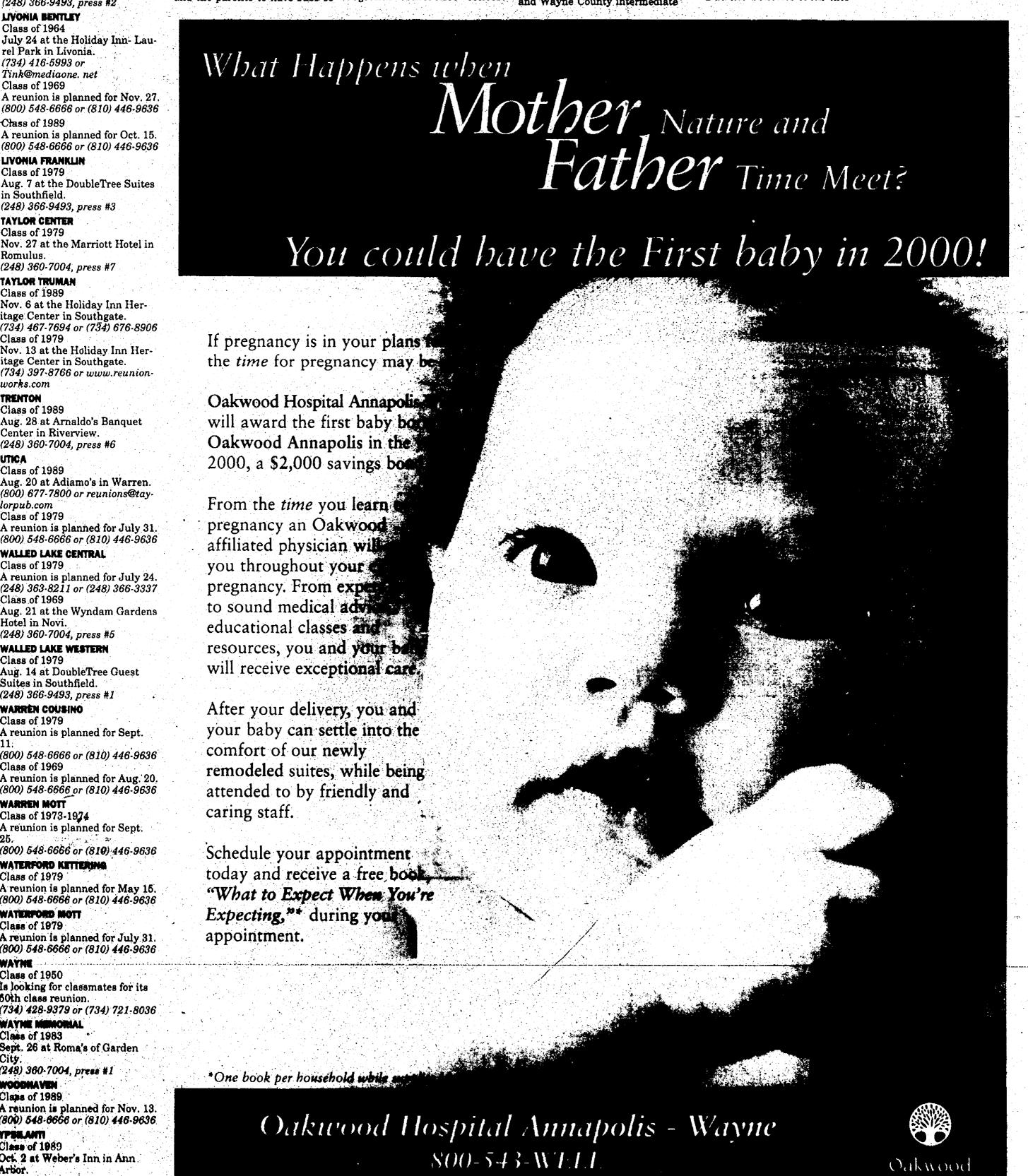
may be rich."

After the decision to join Galileo, Livonia administrators got good news from Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA, formerly the Wayne County Intermediate School District).

Terrence Davidson, Livonia administrator in charge of researching Galileo, had just been told by RESA that it would pay the costs for four Livonia teachers for the first year of the two-year program.

This would cut the cost of one year's participation in half, bringing Livonia's share of the costs for 1999 for four of the teachers to about \$22,000, he said. The district must pay the full cost for the other four, and for all eight during the Livonia teachers' second year.

Teachers can pick up applications for Galileo from their school principal's office. A committee will pick the eight Galileo participants, who will attend May 11 graduation ceremonies in Novi for the teachers who took part in the academy during its first two years.



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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

A valuable lesson about labeling kids

hen I was in sixth grade, the teacher told the students that our graduation ceremony from elementary to "junior high" would include a famous tradition that had been passed down since the school opened in the 1930s. This ritual was entitled The Prophecy.

The idea was that the class would predict what they thought each person would be when they grew up. Although I cannot remember the details of how we gained consensus, I do remember that we determined Mark was going to be an astronaut (something we hardly knew about in 1961), Chris was going to be a writer, Laurie was going to be a teacher, and I was going to be a hostess.

A hostess? I hardly understood what that meant, except that it didn't sound electrifying and heady. So I went merrily on my way, thinking that maybe it was June Cleaver, or Lucy Ricardo (on a good day).

Thankfully, my mother never kidded me about my hostess designation. Had my mom also agreed that maybe I was going to be a hostess, I may very well have been one today. In fact, she encouraged me to write, to dance, to play tennis and, of course, study the harp, which became my major in high school and college. My ultimate goal for myself was the become a studio harpist at Universal Studios. Obviously, I'm not there ...

I tell you that story only to say, that we can have an enormous impact on our children when we pigeonhole them into roles that do not necessarily befit them.

Not written in stone

People's character and personalities are not immutable ... written in stone. But unfortunately, when a child begins to get cast in a role, he or she becomes more and more like the ascribed attribute. You've no doubt heard people referring to their child as a dawdler, a scatterbrain, a regular-talking-machine, a poor listener, a brat, not wrapped too tight and probably other things not so nice.

While I was running a small group of second-graders one time, a staff member stopped me in the hall to give me "the lowdown" on one of my little charges. He described the little boy as troublesome and a jack-in-the-

"Good luck trying to get him to sit still."

As I look back on the boy, I remember thinking that he was a busy little person. I preferred "busy" over the other qualities.

After reading "How To Talk So Kids Will Listen," I used six keys from the book that helped me enormously. First, I looked for opportunities to show him that he really could sit still and attend to the project we were doing. I would compliment him for it with, "You really know how to sit qui-

Put him in charge

Second, I put him in charge of helping another boy who could not read the directions. He liked being the boy's "mentor."

Third, I would walk behind him as he walked back to his class, and I would tell my aide, how great he was in the group and how he really knew how to sit still. You could almost see his smile from the back of his head.

Fourth, I would model respectful manners while I was with the group and ask the same from them. "Uh, oh, John. I didn't hear you ask for the scissors using your magic words." He, and the others quickly caught on and had excellent behavior through the eight weeks.

Fifth, when I saw him "losing it," I reminded him of how I knew he could sit quietly and wait his turn as he had done so well the prior week.

And last but not least, I was clear about my expectations for him, and

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Tricks of the trade: Russ Rheaume shows Ben Bunnell, a student, how a night vision video camera works during a class at Henry Ford Community College.

Private eyes get college treatment

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

cases." His videotaped collage of his career as a private investigator is straight out of an episode of "America's Dumbest Criminals."

One man claimed to have back problems yet was lifting heavy drywall. Another man who also had a bad back pushed his lawn mower to the side of the yard after he ran out of gas. There's one thing that these videotaped cases have in common most of the subjects are bending over.

"This job is not what it's all cracked up to be; I throw that in to add a little humor," he said.

Humor is the key ingredient in his "Techniques of Private Investigating" class at Henry Ford Community College. The tape always makes his students laugh and makes them feel comfortable in his classroom. After all, private investigators have to feel comfortable with their jobs.

The class is in its second semester at HFCC. Last winter, only seven stuuss Rheaume calls it his "crack dents enrolled in the class. Now, a year later, Rheaume, a Livonia resident, has 15 students.

"Most of them are criminal justice and security majors, but really anybody can take this class," he said. "Right now, this is innovative. They're the first formal college to have an associate's degree specializing in private investigating. Before, it used to be criminal justice; now it's criminal justice and divided into security and

private investigation." Jackie Marsh of Dearborn will be the first graduate of the program. Marsh, a Colorado native, heard about the class through an advertisement in PI Magazine and moved to Dearborn to attend HFCC.

"I love Russ' class. It's kind of hard to believe, but I remember him saying once that they always do bowling checks' on people to see if people bowl.

A lot of people who have injuries bowl," she said with a laugh. "It was kind of ironic because where I work I had a case where the claimant bowled. And I was like, 'Oh, that's the

stuff that Russ teaches. "I thought Russ was full of baloney and I had to eat it."

Shooting for psychology

Rheaume took his aspirations to become a psychologist all the way to college. After earning a degree in paychology, Rheaume went to Detroit Diesel to work on computers. Bored and yearning to work with people, he moved to General Motors' workers compensation department in June

Eventually, he left GM to work for several detective agencies and as a worker's compensation insurance adjuster. In 1975, he was a selfemployed insurance adjuster.

"Then I had to get my license," Rheaume explained. "Somebody squealed and said I was doing detective work, so at that point I had to work for somebody for three years. I took my business and I worked for somebody else's license and got my

There are three ways to be certified as a private investigator. A potential PI can earn a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, work for a detective agency for three years full time, or be a former police officer.

As the owner of Special Inquiry Company in Livonia, Rheaume focuses on detective work. Attorneys and insurance companies are his primary

"What I do is workers compensation fraud and also liability. That covers anything that's not work related like slip and falls, car accidents, all those kinds of things," he said.

Rheaume also does background checks and investigation work for suspicious spouses or significant others.

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True detective stories ... not quite Mike Hammer

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

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After nearly 30 years in the business, Russ Rheaume is filled with stories about detective work.

An insurance company hired Rheaume to investigate a claim involving a man who said he was disabled and couldn't work with his hands and arms.

"He worked for an auto dealer Bondoing cars. He went to court and said, 'I can't work at all,' he said. "We went through our activity check found out he was singing (at a restaurant). I went there with my secretary. I asked him, 'Gee you're great. We have a family reunion every year. We car, he has one arm. He's my boss." had a Texas theme last year, we want to go Mexican this year.' So he put on a show just for me and my videocamera. We showed this in court."

His first case wasn't that easy. At age 25, Rheaume was sent out to investigate the possible theft from a meat-packing company in Eastern Market. The president of the company thought that the security guard was in on it, so he arranged for Rheaume to enter the facility at night.

"I was dressed in 'grubbies'; I literally had to sneak in the place," he said. "I didn't have a gun or anything. I was just a kid walking in there. I

had a key to get into the president's office.
"At night, it was kind of scary. You're going to think I'm making this up but the other guy in the

So Rheaume snuck in, climbed up a ladder through dirty pipes, hid behind a door, avoided the rats and entered the room.

"It's a slaughterhouse. The animals are hanging. There's this big giant walk-in refrigerator. There's rubber doors to go in and out of. Nobody's supposed to be going there at night. At 3 a.m. two guys roll barrels into there and that was my cue to leave."

He ran through the slaughterhouse but before reaching the car, he was stopped dead in his tracks - "There were all these animal heads with eyes looking right at me."

He exited the building just in time to see the

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Power Team puts oomph behind message

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

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They bill themselves as "the w rld's greatest exhibition of power, strength. speed, inspiration and motivation." 18 guys who do everything from splitting cement blocks in half with their hands to turning Louisville Sluggers into toothpicks.

They're a big hit in the South and the members of Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City are hoping for the same when four members of "John Jacobs and The Power Team" visit the church in May.

"They've been doing this for 20 years; they're very popular throughout the South and are just moving north," said Carl Hengstebeck, who with the pas- 10-12 area schools. tor, Rev. Wayne Parker, and Jeff Keith are organizing the visit. "This is their first time in this area. They'll be Jackson in April and have been in Monroe and Roscommon before that."

The Power Team members - Greg Mead, Russ Clear, Aundre Simms and Tony Evans - have a two-fold mission when they arrive in Garden City May 19-23. During their five-day stay, they will perform and give testimony at 7 p.m. each night at the church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford Road.

Organizers anticipate an overflow crowd each night. There will be seating for 500 in the church and an additional 200-300 in the building next door where their performance will be shown on closed-circuit television.

During the day, they will switch to a message about self-esteem, drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy and the need for academics that organizers hope will be delivered to students in

"At the church, they'll do big feats and talk about God, but in the school assemblies, they won't talk about God," said Hengstebeck, "One of the men (Clear) is a former white supremacist

and his testimony about how he felt then and how he feels now brings tear to your eyes.

"Students who have heard them rate them very highly. They've been endorsed by more than 40 mayors, governors and senators and their program is considered the No. 1 antidrug assembly in the country."

The church has been working to bring the group to town after Parker saw them perform in Monroe 1 1/2 years ago. He told Hengstebeck about them and what they did and asked if he was interested. Hengstebeck said yes. Keith was recruited t to help earlier this year.

Costly endeavor

Bringing The Power Team members to town is a costly endeavor, The church is flying them in from Dallas, Texas, providing their

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"I try to stay away from it," he said. "We do domestic work, that's like a husband who will want us to follow a wife, or check out this or that. I usually try to stay away from those because they get very complicated. A lot of times they get together and

get mad at you in the end. There's a lot of emotion tied to those.

"I'd rather have attorneys velling at me."

His favorite cases are those involving missing persons - biological parents, adopted chil-

Starfish Services sponsors food plan

Starfish Family Services is spensoring the Child and Adult Care Food Program designed to provide meals to children in child care centers, outside school hours programs and family day care homes.

The meals are available at no separate charge to all children 12 years and under, migrant children 15 years and under and older disabled children enrolled in Starfish Family Services.

Free or reduced price meals are available based on the child's yearly family income levels:

■ \$10,465 for free meals and \$14,893 for reduced priced meals for a family of one (single adult).

\$14,105 for free meals and \$20,073 for reduced priced meals for a family of two.

■ \$17,745 for free meals and \$25,253 for reduced priced meals for a family of three.

■ \$21,385 for free meals or \$30,433 for reduced priced meals for a family of four.

For each additional family member, add \$3,640 for free meals and \$5,180 for reduced priced meals to the yearly income level.

For more information about the program, call Starfish Family Services at (734) 728-3400.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (Telephone: 734-525-8814) on or before APRIL 21, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. for the following items:

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Bid must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a sealed envelope endorsed with the name(s) of item(s).

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JANINE A. JUNG

dren, high school chums, etc. That's where his class comes in, He assigns his students to find two alumni of Divine Child High School who have lost touch with the school. (There's 20 extra credit points, if the student finds two more.)

Working with Divine Child was a logical choice for Rheaume, who graduated from the high school in 1963.

"I don't want them working on my cases, I don't want kids running around screwing up my cases," he said smiling. "There's 300 and some alumni that they're looking for. I thought this would be a great idea having a college and a high school helping each other out. They're both in Dearborn.

Whenever we find somebody, I fax them the people and where they are right now.'

He helps his students by teaching them several techniques - looking up people with similar names in the phone

"You talk to neighbors. Maybe the fifth neighbor down the street from where you used to live, even though you moved 20 years ago, still remembers you or remembers that your father worked for this company or your mother was a member of the Foreign Legion.'

> Russ Rheaume -private investigator

book, checking on the Internet book report.

> "Right now they're videotaping somebody's activities. It could be somebody painting the house across the street from where they live. It could be somebody watching you right now," he said. "I don't want them to do anything dangerous.

"I want them to videotape using the techniques that I have showed them."

Rheaume insists that his students videotape people out in the public. One student wasn't very savvy with his assignment, how-

"One guy was at a gas station and he was videotaping a person getting gas," he said. "The guy saw him and said What are you doing? He said, 'Oh, I'm taking a class.

"If anybody has any problems, I just tell them to give them my phone number. I'll explain it to

them.* Taking statements is the key to a private investigator's job, Rheaume explained. That's why he has included that in his syllabus.

Teaching is a lifelong dream of Rheaume. He was recruited to teach the class through his involvement in the Michigan Council of Private Investigators.

"Nobody else wanted to do it," Rheaume said with a boisterous laugh. "I always wanted to be a teacher. Actually, I always wanted to be a psychologist like Bob Newhart.

"But teaching, it's kind of fun. I don't do it for the money."

Stories from page B1

men roll barrels of meat past the security guard and into a wait-

ing truck. "We follow this guy and he's drunk. He's going down (I-)375, goes to Lincoln Park, drops the meat off at the store and continues on to Cleveland on his normal route."

In addition to his \$5-per-hour

pay, he received a wooden pig from the president of the meatpacking company.

and using home computer data

"You talk to neighbors. Maybe

the fifth neighbor down the

street from where you used to

live, even though you moved 20

years ago, still remembers you

or remembers that your father

worked for this company or your

mother was a member of the

Foreign Legion. We can track

Rheaume also requires his stu-

dents to videotape or photograph

a person, to take a witness state-

ment and to write a five-page

that."

Rheaume frequently investigates workplace theft.

"Right now we're watching an industry; there's some theft going on," he said. "We were there at night watching all the hi-lo drivers. We caught one guy had it on a hi-lo and he took it out and another truck came out and he put it there. We have videos of that."

He has between 10 and 12 detectives who work for him including a 4-foot-11 man.

"He's my best man; he's a miracle guy," he said. "He looks like

it. With a per night supplies list

that includes things like 36 300-

stealing a big coil of steel. He he should be disabled. But some of these big fat slobs in the court say, 'I'm disabled.' Mike comes in with the videos, the judge looks at him and then looks at them and says, 'Oh, my gosh.'"

> For more information about the Special Inquiry Company, call (248) 471-9238.

Power Team from page B1

Sensors from page B1

lodging and all of the materials they need for their performances. Payment to the performers will come from the \$2 per person donation for the

Labeling can be a dangerous

thing because many people who

strength and courage to counter

the label. Whether we give a pos-

itive or negative label to our kids

can determine the direction they

are labeled don't have the

\$1,000 per school charge.

The church won't make any money off the visit, in fact, it has a budget of \$12,000 for materials and advertising and is hoping evening performances and the the community will help finance

And wouldn't you have wanted

someone to cast you in a positive

role vs. a negative one when you

Jacque Martin-Downs is the-

Resource Center in Westland and

has a private counseling practice.

If you have a question or com-

ment, write her at the Observer

Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft,

Livonia 48150 or at her e-mail

address: downsj@mail.resa.net.

\$17.12

\$16.65

coordinator of the Family

were growing up?

400 sculpting style ice blocks, 475 unbroken concrete blocks, 42 Louisville Slugger baseball bats, 25 telephone books and 30 rolls of heavy duty duct tape, organizers are canvassing businesses for donations.

They're also looking for cash donations to help get The Power Team's message into the schools. The team has been booked to perform at Garden City Junior and Senior High schools and another seven schools are interested, but because of the late-

money left for such an assembly. Hengstebeck and Keith are soliciting advertising for a souvenir program to raise some of the estimated \$8,000-10,000 needed for the school performances. And businesses that

ness in the school year, have no

help sponsors the shows will be mentioned during the show by The Power Team. If a business does a \$5,000 co-sponsorship. they'll be included in commercials that will air on cable TV, Hengstebeck added.

There are also 4,500 color posters that organizers are hoping to display throughout the area. Businesses interested in helping can call the church at (734) 421-0472.

"It's saddening and maddening, it's the most down thing of the whole process," Hengstebeck said. "When you see them perform and watch the kids and see them listening and getting the message ... They've changed a lot of kids with their message. It's a powerful message; it hits home."

them. Yes, he was a busy boy, but I think for the first time he saw himself as a boy who could sit still, listen, be polite and be a

helper to someone else.

Court Administrator

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 15, 1999

PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:30 P.M.

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

◆ Public Hearing Pursuant to Charter Provision 3.04 on the issue of the Preliminary Resolution for Removal.

Steve Aynes, of Garden City, spoke against the removal of the City Manager stating it was improper to list all the reasons. Edward Weiland, of Garden City, reitera ed the City Charter provision

that Council must state the reasons for removal. City Attorney Cummings informed Council I sat Mr. Jenson, Attorney for Jon Bayless, has been in contact with him and is requesting a resolution of this matter, and, has agreed to put it in writing. The City Attorney also requested that the public hearing be adjourned until the written offer is received from

Lyle Dickson, of Garden City, who was neither for or against the removal, spoke to the fact that the City Manager was not recommended by the Michigan Municipal League.

Herman Bersano, of Garden City, spoke in favor of the removal of the

Gemer Goins, of Garden City, spoke in favor of the removal of the City

There being no further comments from the public, the hearing was then

OPERATION/MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2000 EMPLOYEES HIRES PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1987

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İ	ight Mechanic	\$12.82	\$13.65	\$17.22
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◆Item 03-99-128 moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek: • Ed Welland, of Garden City, asked about the mileage of cars being replaced. • Mike Bachko, of Garden City, was informed that the vehicles being purchased off the State Bid are more reasonable. David Takessian, of Garden City, was informed that leasing is an increased expense. RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of Administrative Cars Option 2 off the State Bid List. AYES: Unanimous

◆Item 03-99-129 moved by Wiacek; supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To award the bid fro 96 dozen softballs to Dee's Sport Shop, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$32.95 per dozen, totaling \$3,162.20. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: None

◆Item 03-99-130 moved by Dodge; supported by Lynch: • An unidentified speaker requested the motion be amended to strike the multi-purpose field or table the motion. • Essa Sacklish, of Garden City, requested Council approve the motion and also work with the school districts to accommodate the residents. • Ed Kane, of Garden City, commended Council for looking out for the entire community . Carol Lapalm, of Garden City, is opposed to this motion because of the multi-purpose field having scheduled activities

Council informed the public that with two (2) fields, this park fell under grant funding; and, that this is the first step in the grant process. RESOLVED: To approve the Clean Michigan Initiative Recreation Bond Program as follow:

Whereas, the City of Garden City has prepared and adopted a Recreation Plan which has been approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Whereas, the City Recreation Plan identifies specific projects to be

implemented during the next five years in its Capital Improvements Schedule; Whereas, The Capital Improvements Schedule includes recreation improvements to Marquette Park, including a regulation soccer field, multipurpose field, restroom facilities, playground area, picnic area, walking path,

and parking lot; Whereas, a public hearing was held in consideration of the City's application for financial assistance under the Clean Michigan Initiative Recreation Bond Program on March 9, 1999 before the City of Garden City Council and

Whereas, the City Recreation Commission recommended to the City Council that an application for financial aid under the Clean Michigan Initiative Recreation Bond Program be filed; Now, therefore, he it received that the City of Garden City Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Recreation Commission to submit an

application for funding assistance; Further, be it received that the City of Garden City will undertake recreational imprevements at Marquette Park, provided the Clean Michigan Initiative grant application submitted on April 1, 1999 is funded, and the City commits to provide a local match equal to thirty percent (30%) of the total

project cost as detailed in this grant application. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded. AYES: Unenimous ABGENT: Note:

**Blam \$6.68-151 moved by Kaleden; supported by Dodge: * RESOLVED: To several the hid for floir (4) shotgame to C.M.P., the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$600.00 each, totaling \$2,796.00. AYES: Unanimous

*Rem St. 434 moved by Lynch; supported by Waynick: RESOLVED: To sward the hid for the IBM 6400 Line Matrix Printer and maintenance to Advantage Systems, him. for a total price of \$11,514.00, AYES: Unanimous Addition Name

◆Item 03-99-133 moved by Lynch; supported by Waynick: RESOLVED: To approve the request for a name change only on the 1998 ADD-SDM Licensed Business Name Change. Mr. & Mrs. Edward Switkowski have incorporated and the name of the corporation is Switko, Inc. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT:

◆Item 03-99-134 moved by Kaledas; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve the transfer of ownership of 1998 ADD-SDM license from 28856 Ford Road, Garden City, MI 48135, Wayne County from Nashwan Marroki to IFNJ, Incorporated, AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: None ♦ Item 03-99-135 moved by Dodge; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To

award the bid for Coffee Service to Paramount Coffee Service, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$2,459.32, for a one (1) year service to be charged to Account #101-775-744.200. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: None ◆Item 03-99-138 moved by Wiacek; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To award the bid for custom countertops and casework for the Court offices to

◆Item 03-99-137 moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek: RESOLVED: To approve final payment to Sheridan Construction in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the City Hall East Entrance Project. AYES: Unanimous

Childs Carpentry in the amount of \$18,000.00. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT:

◆Item 03-99-138 moved by Dodge; supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To release and pay Sheridan Construction \$500.00 retainage for the completion of the Civic Arena Restroom Addition GHA #9605 Project. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: None

◆Item 63-99-139 moved by Kaledas; supported by Waynick: • Mr. Dickson, noted his object and believes the City Attorney's interpretation of the statute is incorrect. He stated and he submitted it to the Clerk in a timely fashion, and stated that the ten (10) days did start to run from the time that he did initiated that appeal. Mr. Dickson objects to Council not proceeding with this at this point in time. He further stated that this is a procedural issue and will probably end up in Circuit Court and will be handled there. Council stated action could not be taken since supporting documentation was

not provided. RESOLVED: To send a notice to Mr. Dickson in response on the appeal, to extend by ten (10) days pursuant to Statute 15,240; and, the appeal be considered at the next Council Meeting of March 29, 1999. AYES: Unanimous

ABSENT: None During Other Business, Acting City Manager Kocsis, requested direction from the Council regarding the sale of the IBM 36 for \$15.00. In February 1999, bids were let to 51 possible bidders. No bids were received. Council authorized the acceptance of an offer of \$15.00. Per the City Attorney, this can be accomplished without a resolution.

◆Item 03-99-140 moved by Wiacek; supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To approve the Garden City Rotary Club to hold their annual Easter Flower Sale on the weekend of April 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 1999, pending the receipt of a hold harmless agreement and also notification of on which corners they will be. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: None

◆Item 08-08-141 moved by Dodge; supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To amend the 1996 Community Development Block Grant Budget as follows:

\$76,500

ADA Compliance for City owned property (Removal of architectural barriers to comply with ADA including restroom at City Hall, replacement of existing bleacher with ADA compliant bleachers at Civic Ice Arena, and replacement of existing playground equipment to meet ADA compliant standards) Administration/Audit (10%)

\$11,400, AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: None

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Rice-Morris

Robert and Joann Rice of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Christine, to Matthew Ray Morris, the son of Jim and Linda Briscoe of Milan.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Thurston High School. She is employed as a radiological technologist at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Her fiance is a 1991 graduate of Garden City High School. He is employed as a radiological technologist at Henry Ford Hos-

A May wedding is planned at the Golden Rings Wedding Chapel.

Lemke-Quinn

John and Gail Lemke of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly, to Robert Quinn, the son of Barb Quinn of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of John Glenn High School and a 1998 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed as a substitute teacher for Livonia Public Schools and as a figure skating coach for the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club.

Her fiance is a 1990 graduate of Divine Child High School and a 1995 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed as a computer programmer at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

An August wedding is planned

McBride-Poindexter

Rich McBride of Livonia announces the engagement of his daughter, Kelli Marie, to Alex David Poindexter, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Poindexter of Massillon, Ohio.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late Mary Lou McBride, is planning to graduate in December from Kentucky Christian College where she is majoring in business administration with a minor in office technology.

Her fiance also plans to graduate in December from Kentucky Christian College, where he is majoring in preaching and the

A July wedding is planned at Memorial Church of Christ in





at Divine Child Catholic Church in Dearborn.



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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Bloom-Schwark

Maryann B. Yarrington of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Roslyn Marie, to Paul William Schwark, the son of William and Mary Schwark of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Gibraltar Carlson High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in engineering. She is employed by EMCON, an environmental engineering form, in Northville,

Her fiance is a 1994 graduate of West Bloomfield High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed

Stricker-Denham

Sharon Hohl of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Katharine A. Stricker, to Robert F. Denham. Jr., the son of Robert and Sharon Denham of Wixom.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late George B. Stricker and the late Henry Hohl, is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree in finance. She is employed by Northern Equities Group in Farmington Hills as an accounting assistant.

Her fiance is a 1987 graduate of Redford Thurston High School and a 1993 graduate of Ferris State University with a bachelor of science degree in marketing. He is employed by The Aspen Hill Club in Silver Spring, Md.,



by Bosch Braking Systems as an applications engineer.

A September wedding is planned at The Community House in Birmingham.

as director of junior tennis devel-

Faith Lutheran Church in Livo-

A May wedding is planned at

opment.

Craggs-Apsley

Kevin Richard Craggs and Shannon Gail Apsley were married Jan. 13 in Negril, Jamaica.

The couple received guests at

a reception at Laurel Manor in

Livonia before leaving on a hon-

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Catholic Church in Livonia.

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tion as an account manager.

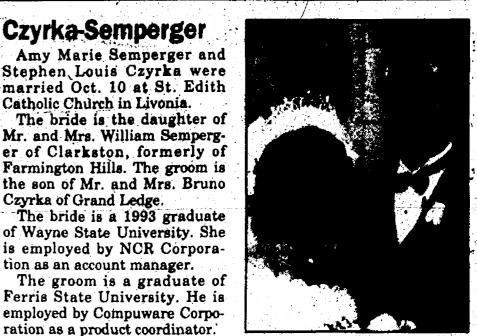
The bride is the daughter of Paul and Kathy Apsley of Wayne and Patricia Apsley and Michael Wunkel of Novi. The groom is the son of Richard and Donna Craggs of Canton.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of John Glenn High School and expects to graduate from Eastern Michigan University in April.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, He is employed by Ford Motor Company.

The bride asked Kelly Hollis and Patricia Apsley to serve as her maids of honor. The groom asked Kirk Craggs to serve as his best man.

Following a honeymoon in



eymoon trip to the southern Caribbean islands. They are making their home in Livonia.



Negril, the newlyweds were the guests of honor at a Jan. 23 reception at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland. They are making their home in West-

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District governor

Civitan Club: Barbara Polich of Westland

has been chosen to serve as Michigan dis-trict governor for the Civitan Club for the

1999-2000 fiscal year. Here she is congrat-

ulated by Civitan International Presi-

dent-elect Leroy Parks. Polich will begin

her term Oct. I and will complete a full

year of activities and duties. To prepare

national's Governors-Elect Academy

for the role, Polich attended Civitan Inter-

March 16-20 in Birmingham, Ala. Polich

was one of 36 governors-elect throughout

Europe and North America participating

their responsibilities as officers and lead-

including club president, club vice presi-

in the five-day academy. The academy

was designed to teach governors-elect

ers. A member of the Westland Civitan

Club, Polich has held various offices,

dent of membership and district lieu-

nations on four continents working

less fortunate than themselves.

tenant governor. Civitan is a worldwide

community service organization of more

than 55,000 men, women and teens in 20

together in community clubs to help those

UPCOMING EVENTS

FUND-RAISER The League of Women Voters serving Westland is planning a used book sale in April and used books are needed. To donate books, call Esther Friedrichs at (734) 427-0222 or Marge Gade at (734) 261-3191.

KINDERGARTEN TALK Representatives from each elementary school in the Wayne-Westland school district will be available to talk to parents of children about to enter kindergarten 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at Stottlemyer Early Childhood Center, 34801 Marquette, between Wayne and Wildwood in Westland. Ice cream sundaes and face painting will be available for children.

SOCIAL SECURITY FORUM U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, who represents Westland, will host a forum titled "Social Security: What's Really Going On?" 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 17, at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Rivers had invited a panel of experts who have varying perspectives on Social Security issues. After the panel discussion, the floor will be open for questions and comments. For more information call Deborah Johnson of Rivers' staff, at (734) 485-3741.

RECOGNITION BANQUET VFW Post 3323 and Ladies Auxiliary will hold their annual policeman and firefighter recognition banquet and dance Saturday, April 17, at the post home, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Tickets are \$12.50. Public is welcome. Call (734) 728-

COUNTRY WESTERN JAMBOREE

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club is planning a country western jamboree with entertainment by Sherman Arnold and Interstate Band with tribute to Elvis and C.J. performing Neil Diamond for Saturday, April 17, at Local 735 UAW Hall, 48055 Michigan Ave. in Canton. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$20 a person, \$35 a couple, \$15 a retiree or senior citizen. For tickets, call (734) 729-8681.

SURPLUS POOD

The city of Westland will be distributing surplus food at the Dorsey Community Center 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 22, and Friday, April 23. Residents in the area bounded by Palmer, Stieber, Merriman and Wildwood roads, which is known as Norwayne and Oak Village, will pick up their commodities on Thursday, April 22. All other residents north of Michigan Avenue will pick up their commodities on Friday, April 23. Westland residents south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities on the third Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church at 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt roads. Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for their day of distribution. For April, food to be distributed will include corn cereal, orange juice, white sliced potatoes and ground beef. For more information call the Dorsey Center's, hot line (734) 595-0366. The program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services. All food allocations, distribution sites and

dates of distribution are

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determined by that agency. SPRING MUSICAL

The John Glenn Theatrical Guild is planning to perform George M. Cohan's "Give My Regards to Broadway," at 7 p.m. April 22, 23, and 24 at John Glenn High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$7 for adults. They can be purchased at the door. The musical comedy takes place in a Broadway theater in the 1940s with chorus girls, a director and mobsters. Musical numbers include: "Yankee" Doodle," "It's a Grand Old Flag," and "Give My Regards to Broadway."

AT THE LIBRARY

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

To help celebrate National Library Week, 3M is sponsoring Check-it-out Yourself at the Library. And with your help, the library could win up to \$2,500 for the book fund. All you have to do is come into the library anytime the library is open on Monday, April 12, and check out some books on the 3M SelfCheck System. If at least 100 people use the patron checkout, the Westland Library will quality for a chance to win one of two \$2,500 or 15, \$1,000 prizes. That's money the library could use to buy more books and other library materials.

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 book sale during regular library hours at the library.

WESTLAND CENTER

WALKERS MEET The Westland Walkers meet the second Wednesday of each month, except during the summer. Westland Center opens its doors to walkers beginning at 7 a.m. at Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen. Mall walking ends at 10 a.m.

AT THE **CHAMBER**

JOBS AND CAREERS FAIR The third annual jobs and careers fair is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Westland Shopping Center, An advance signup list for tables and sponsorships is being compiled by the Westland Chamber of Com-

merce at (734) 326-7222.

AWARD NOMINATIONS Nominations are being taken for the chamber's spring awards - the Athena Award and the Business Person of the Year Award. The Athena Award recognizes an individual who exemplifies excellence in a business or profession, serves the community in a meaningful way and assists women in developing their leadership potential. The Business Person of the Year recognises a Westland business person or manager who works to improve the business climate and overcome adversity in some way. The awards will be presented at a murder mystery dinner, "Pasta, Passion and Pistols," beginning 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at Joy Manor in Westland. Tickets are \$30 a person. For nomination forms, contact the chamber at (734) 328-

7222.

GOLF CLASSIC

The 19th annual Westland Chamber Golf Classic at Pheasant Run Golf Club is planned for Tuesday, June 22. Reservations for foursomes are being taken now at the chamber office, (734) 326-7222.

RECREATION **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. Call (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. Call (734) 722-1091.

VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTED LIVING Marquette House assisted living facility, 36000 Campus Drive, Westland, seeks volunteers to spend time with residents to provide an activity or a one-on-one visit. Call Peggy in the activities department, (734) 326-6537.

SCHOOLS

RESOURCE CENTER The Family Resource Center is offering parenting classes. "Dealing with Your Spirited Child" will be 9:15-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, April 13, 20 and 27, at Hamilton Elementary School, 1031 Schuman in Westland. Cost is \$5 a person. To register, call (734) 595-2279.

MCKINLEY COOPERATIVE McKinley Cooperative Preschool, housed in Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road at

Hunter, is planning a Mom to Mom sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the preschool, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter. Call (734) 729-7222.

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

421-6196. PRESCHOOL PROGRAM The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottlemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a preprimary impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to

CHURCH PRESCHOOL The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-yearolds in the morning and

4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-

afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays, other pupils on Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. Call (734) 728-3559.

GARDEN CITY CO-OP

The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through 4 years. Tots class meets on Wednesday mornings, and 3- and 4-year-olds meets Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Call Kelli at (734) 513-7708.

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Avenue in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds.

Registration has begun.

Call (313) 274-6270. YWCA READINESS The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is at 26279 Michigan in Inkster.

CHARTER SCHOOL The Academy of Detroit-

Call (313) 561-4110.

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Little Lambs Preschool, on

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

FRANKLIN PTSA

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

TUTORIAL PROGRAM

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

MOM'S MORNING OUT

Children, ages newborn to 6, and their mothers are invited to a Mom's Morning Out 9-11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Newburg United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh, Livonia. Children are grouped together by ages in rooms with two caregivers per room. This program is an optional coop, with parents working once each month. Call (734) 422-0149.

HISTORY BEGINNING

GENEALOGISTS The Westland Historical Commission and the Westland Library have scheduled a session on learning about family history 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Westland Library conference Room B. Information will include how to get started, forms and how to fill them out. If there is enough interest, a series of classes will be set up. Call Steve Keller at (734) 722-6305 or e-mail: stgakeller@aol.com

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.

FRIENDS MEET

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

FOR SENIORS

HEARING CHECKS Every third Tuesday of each month, a representative from Personalized Hearing Care of Westland will be checking and cleaning hearing aids free from 2-3 p.m. by appointment only. Call (734) 722-7632 for more information.

LAS VEGAS TRIP

The Westland Senior Resources Department is sponsoring a Las Vegas trip Monday through Friday, May 3-7. Trip includes four nights and five days at the Stardust Towers, roundtrip airfare, hotel accommodations, airport transfers, federal excise tax, passenger facility tax and baggage handling. Cost is \$460 a person. For information, call (734) 722-7632.

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Senior Resource Department of Westland (Friendship Center) is sponsoring a seminar, in cooperation with Michael Chappell, manager of the Dearborn Social Security Office, on the future of Social Security. The seminar is open to the public beginning at 1 p.m. Friday, May 14. Sign up at the desk or by calling (734) 722-7632. Refreshments will be served.

THER GAMES

The Senior Resources Department Friendship Center is offering three trips to Tiger games this year: Tigers vs. St. Louis Friday, June 4; Tigers vs. Yankees, Thursday, July 8: Tigers vs. Angels, Friday, Aug. 13. Cost is \$25 a per-

son a game. Leave from the-Friendship Center at 5 p.m. Games begin at 7:05 p.m. Return to the center between 11 and 11:30 p.m. Sign up at the front desk.

CLUBS IN ACTION

WESTLAND ROTARY

The Westland Rotary Club meets 12:15 p.m. Thursdays at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt in Westland.

MOMS CLUB

The MOMS club of Westland, a nonprofit, nonreligious support group for stay-at-home moms, will be holding its next meeting 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 21, at the Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, just east of Newburgh Road. The group will be discussing its upcoming spring activities.

SWEET ADELINES

The County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International is looking for women who love to sing. The group sings a cappella music in barbershop style and has begun preparations for an annual competition in May. Rehearsals are 7 p.m. Tuesdays at UAW Local 898 at 8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti. For more information, call Paula at (734) 995-4110.

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, parentbased, volunteer organization whose aim is to better. the lives of individuals with attention difficulties. Call (313) 438-3099.

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. MI28, a support group for sensible weight loss, meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. Call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

PUBLIC SPEAKING The Westland Easy Talk-

ers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) urges people who want to learn the art of public speaking to attend the club's weekly meetings 6 p.m. each Thursday at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road next to Westland Shopping Center. Call John Elbe at (734) 326-5419.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

HEARING IMPAIRED

Self-Help for Hard of Hearing People Inc. (SHHH) for Western Wayne County is an international nonprofit education organization of hard-of-hearing people. their relatives and friends, devoted to the welfare and the interests of those who cannot hear well. SHHH meets 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Allan L. Breakie Medical Building next to Garden City Hospital, Inkster Road, between Warren and Ford. For information, call Robin Leitner at (734) 595-0194 or Ginny Schroeder at the Garden City Hospital Audiology Department, (734) 458-3408.

SCREENINGS

Free breast and Pap screenings are available at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center, on Annapolis west of Venoy in Wayne. Appointments are scheduled on a first-come, firstserved basis. Call 467-5555 for early registration.

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

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Redford writer finds her niche is romance novels

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER smason@oe.homecomm.net

Ask Shelly Thacker what was her favorite place in the world as a child and she'll tell you it was the library. Reading was a treat for her.

Her girlhood dreams were to be a writer and a jockey, but she grew too tall. Then it was a writer and veterinarian, but she couldn't stand the sight of blood, so she switched to writer and

When she told her junior high school guidance counselor she wanted to be a writer, he laughed.

"He said, 'Why do you want you want to be a writer? Writers don't make a living," the author of nine romance novels told her audience at the second of the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center winter luncheon series. "And my career interest inventory test came out as a forest ranger.'

"I believe I was born to write, but nobody is meant to be a writer, you have to learn how to be one."

Thacker stuck with her dream. writing poetry and short stories in high school and doing public relations work for two years for Crittendon Hospital after earning a degree in English from Albion College.

But in 1986, she decided to try her hand at freelance writing for magazines. While those were the "salad days" for her and her husband, they were her happiest days because she could devote herself to writing full time.

A year later, she discovered the Greater Detroit Romance Writers of America where she met a 100 or so friendly people who spoke her language and didn't think she was crazy.

She learned a very important lesson from those writers -"Writing will work for you, if you work at your writing" - and started writing her first book.



Shelly Thacker

Discovering her genre

Initially, Thacker had resisted reading and writing romance novels, but after friends gave her a copy of "Wolf and the Dove" to read, she discovered her genre.

"I wouldn't have been caught dead reading it, but I devoured that book in a couple of hours," she said. "I love the genre. I love history, I love a good love story. It's boy meets girl, boy loses girl, boy gets girl back."

It took 2 1/2 years for her to write her first novel, which she had titled "Falcon on the Silver Wind," and just four days for her publicist to find a publisher interested in a two-book contract.

Considering "an average publisher gets 10,000 manuscripts a year of which only a handful get published," the fact took her on so quickly was nothing short of a meteoric happening.

Avon first changed the book's name to "Stolen Bride." but settled on "Falcon on the Wind." A Scottish romance in the tradition of "Braveheart," it was released

Habitat for Humanity of West- Humanity which is used to build

The book was an Romance Writers of America Golden Heart finalist and winner of four national awards. It received 4 1/2 stars as "a compelling, memorable romance" from Romantic

Romance novels are a \$1 billion-dollar industry, even though the genre has been like "the Rodney Dangerfield of the publishing world," Thacker said. Forty percent of the paperback books published are romance novels.

"We're finally getting respect we deserve," she added. "The genre has matured. It's much more sophisticated and wellcrafted. It's the only popular entertainment that addresses an essential message ... not that love conquers all, but how love empowers."

Romance novels deal with with his ragtime piano playing. themes important to women. It's women writers writing for women. And the authors, agents and publishers, for the most part, are women, Thacker added.

Thacker moved to Dell in 1997, which will release her ninth book "Into the Sunset," a romance set in 1878 Colorado, on May 11.

Fame and fortune?

Hooked on romance writing, Thacker admits that she does not live the lifestyle of the rich . and famous, it's more like "lifestyles of the middle class and modestly famous." Proceeds from her first book was the down payment of their first home in Redford. Most books make \$3-5,000, she added.

She's not certain where her ideas come from and guesses they're from "everywhere." And as a writer, she works a traditional 9 to 5 day, except when under deadline which means working nights and weekends.

While her husband prefers nonfiction, he does help in the publishing process, reading galley proofs. It helps having a fresh pair of eyes look at the book one last time, checking for errors and typos.

"A lot of things can happen in the publishing process and usually it happens in the galley stage," Thacker said. "It's the most difficult time for me. It's like sending a child to the first day of school. It's the final

stage."

Thacker has gained an international reputation and her books have been released in Italian, French, Chinese and Russian, to name a few.

She gets fan mail from places like Europe, Australia and Taiwan and gets e-mail from all over the world.

"I cannot do this, I can't stop writing as much as I can't stop breathing; it's that much of a part of me," Thacker said. "Even if the publisher didn't pay me, I'd still write."

The final WRC luncheon will be 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 16, in the college's Waterman Center, Haggerty Road south of Seven Mile. Bob Milne will entertain

Luncheon tickets are \$14 each and are available in advance only by calling the resource center at (734) 462-4443.

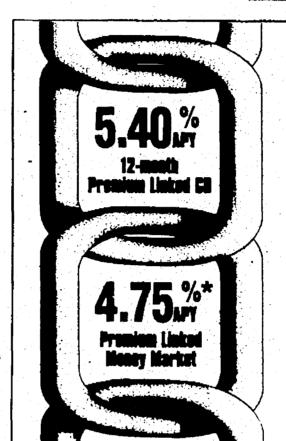
Meet the author

Shelly Thacker's newest book, "Into the Sumet," will be in bookstores on May 11. Published by Dell, the book is a sensual Western set in 1878 Colorado. A U.S. septimal tracks down a desperate lady on the run who killed his brother.

Trapped in a anowbound mining town, the lawman and his prisoner engage in a bettle of flerce wills and flery passions until he loses his heart and faces an impossible choice: Do his duty and bring her to justice or set her free and become an outlaw him-

Thacker has scheduled several book signings in the metropolitan area as part of the book's release:

- # 4-6 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at Books Connection, 19043 Middiebelt, Livonia.
- 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 14, at Read It Again Books, 39733 Grand River, Novi.
- m noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at The Book Exchange, 1600 S. Rochester Road, Royal Oak.
- # 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, at Aunt Dee's Book Bag, 365 S.
- Broadway, Lake Orion. # 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at Paperbacks & Things, 8044
- Wayne Road, Westland. Fans of Thacker's books can find out more by writing her at P.O. Box 1022, Novi 48376 or visiting her Web site at st@shellythacker.com or http://www.shellythacker.com.



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Habitat for Humanity in need of volunteers

ern Wayne County is looking for volunteers to help build three homes in Inkster this year.

Volunteers will do site preparation on weekends, beginning Saturday, April 10, to get ready for the site's dedication on May 1 and the Building Blitz June 13-

Volunteers will work 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and 1-6 p.m. Sundays until the blitz. The home sites are in the Cherry Hill-Middlebelt area.

The base site will be at the intersection of Glenwood and Division, south of Avondale and west of Middlebelt.

Both skilled and unskilled help is needed for the project as well as financial and materials donations and meals for the workers.

Habitat for Humanity volunteer Barbara Fichtenberg estimates that 50-60 volunteers are needed each day to complete the

A building committee meeting for anyone interested in helping will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, at St. Kenneth's Catholic Parish, Haggerty, south of Five Mile, Plymouth Town-

A volunteer committee meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, for people interested in helping develop volunteers, maintain the volunteer data base, schedule people or help with the telephone calls or Web site.

For more information or to schedule a workday or provide a meal, call the Habitat office at (734) 432-7700 or visit its Web site at http://oeonline.com/habi-

Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County, a local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, works in partnership with people in need to build and renovate decent, affordable

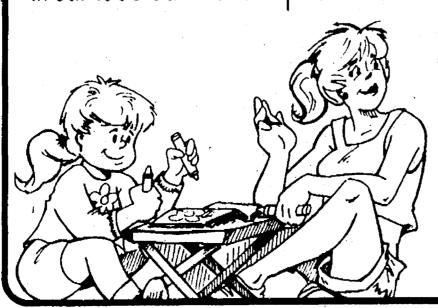
Founded in 1995, the western Wayne County affiliate has built four homes with the help of volunteers and the hundreds of hours of labor - "sweat equity" contributed by the partner fami-

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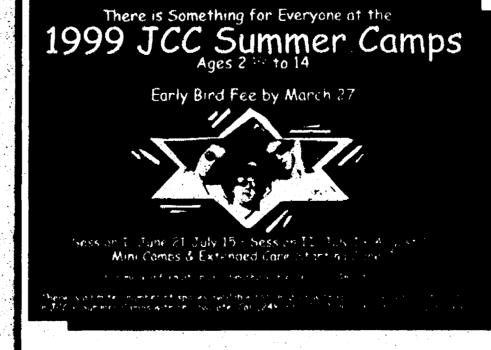
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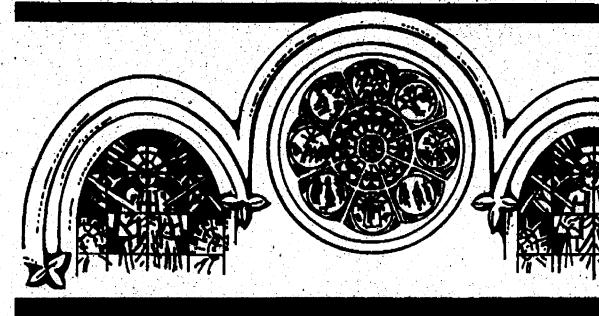
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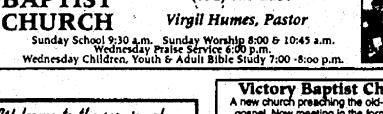
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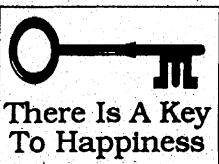
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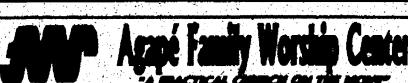
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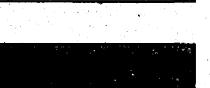
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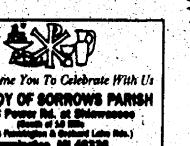
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Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's Issue, They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

PRAYER GROUP

St. Edith's Prayer group will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, in the church meeting room, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. The evening of praise, Scripture and singing will feature the Rev. Denis Theraux, associate pastor at St. Edith's. For more information, call Cecile at (734) 591-**3247** or Paul at (734) 462-9648.

NUMBERAGE SALES

Clarenceville United Methodist Church will have and bake sale 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 9, at the church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will have a rummage and bake sale, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 8-9, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the thurch, 20805 Middlebelt, at Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. Saturday will feature a bag sale. Baked goods and light lunches will be available.

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the church, 9600 Leverne, between Beech Daly and Inkster roads, Redford. The bag sale will be 1-2 p.m., and a snack bar will be available. ■ St. Timothy Presbyterian

Holy Trinity installs new associate pastor

At one time its interim pas-tor, the Rev. Joel Brandt will be installed as associate pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia on Sunday. April 11.

Brandt studied history, literature and philosophy at Northwestern University, earning a bachelor of arts degree in 1983. He also studied New Testament Greek at Trinity Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, before beginning seminary studies at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Ill.

He spent one year on a parish internship at First Lutheran Church in Shawnee Mission, Kan., before graduating from the Lutheran School

of Theology in 1987 with his master of divinity degree. Ordained on Peb. 11, 1988,

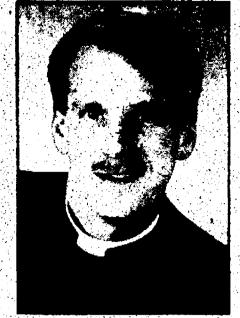
he was called as assistant peator at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Ypsilanti. He sompleted service there in 1992 and enrolled in the graduate library studies program at the University of Michigan, receiving his master's degree in 1994.

From 1994 to 1998, he served as the founding directory of the John E. Biersdorf Library at the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, working to establish a new library collection to serve the growing ministerial studies program.He is still a member

Bings 1992, he size served as interim paster at the South-east Missigna Syned parishes of Zion in Ann Arbor, Holy Trinity in Livonia, Timothy in Livonia, St. Mark in Ypsilanti. Good Shepherd in Royal Oak and Shalom in Pinckney.

Brandt is a member of the Synod Youth Committee, Professional Leadership Support Committee, Lutheran AIDS Support Network and American Theological Library Association. He recently joined the Synod's Ecumenical Commit-

Married, he and his wife, Susan Carter, have four children. They live in Ypsilanti.



Rev. Joel K. Brandt

the church, 33445 Warren Road. Church will have its annual rummage sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Westland. Marvin Jones will be Thursday-Friday, April 15-16, the special musical guest at the and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. 9:30 and 11 a.m. services. April 17, at the church, 16700 At 6 p.m. that day, the church Newburgh, south of Six Mile,

Livonia. ■ The Women's Guild of St. Maurice Church will have its spring rummage sale 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at the church. 32765 Lyndon, east of Farmington Road, Livonia.

Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church will have Friend day Sunday, April 11, at

will hold Y2K Night and have an expert speak about the problem. Ice cream and snacks will be served. For more information, call the church at (734) 458-

CAREGIVER PROGRAM

Members of the Aid Association of Lutherans Branch 3233 at Timothy Lutheran Church will sponsor "Taking Care: Easing the Role of the Family Caregiver," a program for those who will care and who will be involved in helping aged parents or relatives who have become impaired or ill, 11:45 a.m. Sunday, April 11, in the Christian Education Room of the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. For more information about the program, call James Willey at (734)

'HOMECOMING' SERVICE

The Rev. Jimmy Lawson of Community Free Will Baptist Church will conduct a "Homecoming" Service Sunday, April 11, at the church, 33031 Cherry Hill Road, Westland.

Services will begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m., followed by the morning worship at 11 a.m. Dinner, served in the church gymnasium, and fellowship and singing in the church sanctuary, will follow. For more information, call the church at (734) 721-9040.

The church also will have a revival, featuring the Rev. Paul Ange of South Carolina, at 7 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday, April

RADIO DEDICATION

Cardinal Adam Maida will preside over dedication ceremonies for Detroit Catholic Radio at a 2 p.m. Mass Sunday, April 11, at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 5775 Merriman, Garden

The ceremony highlights the success DCR has seen since it began broadcasting in September as WCAR 1090 AM. The station was purchase by a group of local investors last May.

DCR programming includes daily Mass, educational and event talk shows and community calendar of events.

'WIND AND FIRE'

Life in the Holy Spirit Seminars will be presented at 7 p.m. Mondays, April 12-May 17, at St. Bernadine of Sienna Church, 31463 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. For more information, call the church at (734) 522-0138.

FARMINGTON AGLOW

Farmington Aglow International, a network of caring women, will meet 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, April 12, at the Farmington Hills Library. Penni Schwendenmann, president of the Canton-Westland Aglow, will bring a word of hope to women burdened with guilt, carrying a heavy load and weary. For more information, call Karen at (248)

GUEST SPEAKER

Helen Suchara will speak about her experiences as a Peace

Corps volunteer in Poland at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, in the Activity Center at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Suchara, who has a doctoral degree. taught at a university in Warsaw. Now 80 years old, she joined the Peace Corps at age 70,

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group of Church of Today West will meet 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at the Novi Public Library, 45245 W. 10 Mile, Novi. Church of Today West holds worship services at 10 a.m. Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School, Meadowbrook Road south of 13 Mile. Barbara Clevenger is the senior minister. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit the Web site at www.cotwest.com.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other April 16-18 at the St. John's Family Life Center. 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have line dance lessons at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Haggerty South of Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township. There will be no charge.

GRIEFSHARE PROGRAM

St. Michael Lutheran Church will host a special weekly seminar and support group, Grief-Share, for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them, 7-9:15 p.m. Sundays, beginning April 18.

The seminars will run for 13 weeks at the church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton, and will provided information about recovering from grief and renewing hope for the future.

The cost for materials will be

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Main Street gets interim pastor

Main Street Baptist Church in Canton has called Livonia resident Wayne Vann to serve as its Interim pastor. Vann assumed the duties on March 7. This is his third interim pastorate.

Vann became a home missionary in 1990 and has led the men's ministries with the Baptist State Convention of Michigan for eight years. -

He worked as the special projects and events coordinator for the Greater Detroit Baptist Association prior to his assignment at Main Street Baptist.

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Vann is credited with organizing the Michigan Baptist Disaster Relief Team which does mass feedings following a disaster. In 1992, he took several teams to south Florida in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew, helping serve more than 168,000 hot meals to those in need.

Because of his work, Vann was awarded Livonia's first annual

Humanitarian Award. Prior to becoming a home missionary, Vann was a successful marketing representative for the

largest small business organiza-

tion in the United States, the National Federation of Independent Business. He became top producer in Michigan and received several awards. Vann is known as having a

tremendous faith in God, demonstrated in his walk of faith.

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Arbor Hospice sponsors Pathways support group

Arbor Hospice and Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home will offer New Pathways, an eightweek support group for adults who are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one.

The group will meet 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 15-June 3, at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile,

Group members will learn about the grief process while gaining emotional support. Preregistration is requested, but not required, and can be completed by calling Arbor Hospice's Arbor Center in Northville at (248) 348-4980 or (800) 783-5764.

The agency also is offering a

Granholm headlines Girl Scout luncheon

Michigan Attorney General and former Girl Scout - Jennifer Granholm will be the keynote speaker at the eighth annual "Tomorrow's Power" Corporate Luncheon to benefit the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council.

The luncheon is scheduled for noon Tuesday, April 27, at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center in Detroit. Tickets are \$50 each and table sponsorships range from \$500 to \$2,500.

Honorary co-chairs of the luncheon are Walter Watkins Jr., president of NBD Bank, and Marnette Perry, president of The Kroger Co. of Michigan.

Granholm made history last

attorney general in 37 years. During the luncheon, the scout council will present its 1999 Corporate Girl Scout Volunteer of the Year awards. The award provides an opportunity for employers and the council to recognize outstanding corporate employees who generously give of their time and talent to make a significant positive impact on the lives of

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Luncheon tickets are available by calling Diane Puhl, director of corporate and family giving, at (313) 972-4475, Ext. 445.

grief support group for adults who've experienced the loss of a parent. The group will meet 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays for six weeks, May 6-June 10. Preregistration also is requested.

Arbor Hospice offers various age and loss specific groups in locations throughout southeastern Michigan, including groups that address the special needs of grieving children.

Its Suicide Loss Group meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of the month at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, while Starting Over for widowed men and women 45 years and younger meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township.

B'Tweeners for widowed men and women 46 years and older meets the third Wednesday of the month at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia, and at dinner at 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month at the Water Club Grill Restaurant, 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township.

Bereavement resources also are available at the Arbor Center, now located at 113 E. Dunlap, Northville.

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\$13, and baby-sitting will be provided. For more information, call the church at (734) 459-3333.

INSTRUCTIONAL WORKSHOP

The Christian Education Committee of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church will offer an instructional workshop, "Exploring Personal Styles," 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday, April 18 and 25, at the church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. The workshop will be taught by William Dunphy and will cost \$7 for materials. Registration is required and can be completed through April 11 by calling the church office at (734) 422-4094. Child care will be provided.

MISSIONS RALLY

"How Shall I Hear Without a Preacher" will be the theme of the Faith Promise Missions Rally Sunday, April 18 and 25. at Memorial Church of Christ. 34575 Five Mile, Livonia. The Faith Promise goal for 1999 is

\$67,000.

Don Tingle, executive director of Muslim Hope, who has been working in the Ukraine, Iran and Afghanistan, will speak at morning services on April 18. Barry Smyth will update members on the new church work at, West Detroit Church of Christ at 6:30 p.m. that day.

Kevin Dooley, executive director of F.A.M.E. (Fellowship of Associates of Medical Evangelism) will speak at the morning worship services on April 25.

SPRING INTO AUCTION'

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School of Farmington Hills will present "Spring into Auction" Friday, April 23, at Livonia VFW Post 3941, 29155 Seven Mile. The auction will support the sports, music and technology programs as well as aid the church and school operations. Tickets cost \$25 each with tables of eight available for \$175. For more information, call Glenn

Schuldt at (734) 522-8117.

MOM'S SALES

St. Edith/St. Kenneth M.O.P.S. will have a Mom's Sale & a.m. to noon Saturday, April 24, in St. Edith Parish Hall, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Admission will be \$1. Gently used children's clothing, toys, books and furnishings as well as maternity clothes will be sold. For more information or to rent table space, call Michele at (734). 432-6978.

■ Table space is available through Thursday, April 29, for St. Theodore Parish's annual Moms to Moms Market 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1. The resale fair will be held in the church social hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland, and will feature gently used baby and children's clothing, toys and miscellaneous equipment plus maternity items. For more information, call (734) 425-4421 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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Let's face it, VanWagoner put Livonia hoops on map

I'm sorry I lost touch over the years with George VanWagoner, but that's the way our lives go.

Families, retirements or jobs force people go their separate ways. Nothing is ever intentional.

VanWagoner, however, meant more to me than just being the winningest high school basketball coach to grace

the Livonia Public Schools.

Yes, his record at

three different Michi-



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gan high schools in 33 years says a lot— 494 wins, including a 278-137 mark in 19 seasons at Stevenson; only three losing seasons in 33 years; one state title, four regional and 13 con-

ference crowns.

I was fortunate to play against him and cover his teams.

He pulled off his share of upsets, and had a knack of giving superior teams the scares of their lives — as the 1970 Garden City West and 1980 Redford Catholic Central squads can attest.

He could match wits with the best coaches in Observerland, including the Billy Joe Youngs, Fred Thomanns and Bernie Holowickis of the world.

"His teams were always thorough and well prepared," said Holowicki, the former CC coach now at Madonna University. "He could really coach. They played a tough, matchup zone. They were always well-schooled. They played finesse, position basketball. They played clean defense — by the book. You always had to be sound because they had to be sound."

I have to be honest, Livonia boys basketball hasn't been the same since he retired from Stevenson in 1985.

But VanWagoner knew when it was time to retire. He simply had other priorities in life even though he was just six victories from the 500-win milestone, which few high school hoop coaches in Michigan can claim.

But this man had many other interests and goals in life. He remained highly active until his sudden passing last week.

He did volunteer work, strived for community service and was active in his church.

In 1986, through a mutual group attending the NCAA Tournament in Dayton, I got to know VanWagoner on a more personal basis. He became more than the guy I talked to in the lockerroom after Stevenson games. I saw him in a completely different light.

The day before Scott Skiles and Michigan State upset Georgetown, VanWagoner and I took a trip together to the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

This man certainly had a sense of history. He was an educator even more than a coach.

The bond between us grew that afternoon touring that museum. It became more than just writer-coach relationship. In the hotel later that night we ate pizza and continued to talk.

And now I understand why my former JV basketball coach at Franklin High, Tom Niemi, a former history teacher himself, had so much respect for VanWagoner.

He realized what VanWagoner meant to coaching and always tried to convey that to his players.

One of VanWagoner's toughest defeats came in the 1984 district championship game when Niemi's underdog Bentley squad upended his favored Spartans, a more talented group that underachieved much of the season.

But Van Wagoner was more than gracious in defeat. He loved to compete, but he understood the nature of the business, the ups-and-downs of coaching.

He could be firm, but he was always a gentleman. He lived a clean existence, was true to his family and always carried himself in dignified manner.

Retired nine months of the year with his wife Beth in Texas, VanWagoner stayed active building homes for Habitat for Humanity.

But his love for basketball never waned. After watching Princeton on TV one night from his home in Texas,

Please see VANWAGONER, CA

George Van Wagoner dead at 70

Stevenson loses legendary coach

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER
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George VanWagoner, the winningest coach in Livonia high school boys basketball, died March 31 from heart complications in Mission, Texas.

VanWagoner, who in many respects defined boys basketball in Livonia, was just four days shy of his 71st birthday when he passed away.

And his legacy was more than the impressive 494 wins he amassed during his coaching stops at Gobles and Allegan, followed by his final 19 seasons at Stevenson.

"Kids — that's what always where his focus was

"Kids — that's what always where his focus was when he coached," said his oldest son Paul, who played for his father during the 1968-69 and 1969-70 varsity seasons at Stevenson. "He was really concerned about them as people and he tried to provide as many opportunities for them to succeed in life."

"And of course, he never backed down as far as his competitiveness."

VanWagoner spent his retirement nine months a year in Mission, Tex., located in the Rio Grande, 40 miles west of Brownsville. He and his wife Beth spent the other three months in Allegan, located between Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.

In Texas, VanWagoner did volunteer church work for Habitats for Humanity. He helped rebuild homes, whether it was roofing, digging ditches for septic systems or coordinating efforts for a new 40-acre development. He aided in setting up water and electricity systems, along with forming a governmental infrastructure for the new community.

"Dad didn't retire, he just retooled," Paul said. "He got involved in projects just across the border in Mexico, and even got up here into Kentucky and Indiana doing various projects."

VanWagoner's coaching record speaks for itself.
In 33 years he had only four losing seasons, going 494-207 overall, including one state championship, four regional and 13 conference titles.

Just two years removed from Western Michigan University, VanWagoner guided his 1952 Gobles

team to a 25-2 record and the state Class D title.

"It was the same year Milan won the state championship in Indiana, which they eventually made into the movie 'Hoosiers,' " Paul Van Wagoner said. "In some ways it was a similar story. Gobles had only about 17 boys in the school, but they had six or seven really good athletes and they ended up winning it all.

They were a really tight-knit group."

VanWagoner was 58-10 in three years at Gobles, 158-60 in 11 seasons at Allegan and 278-137 at Stevenson.



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Legendary career: George Van Wagoner won 494 games in 33 years. He coached his final 19 seasons at Livonia Stevenson where he finished 278-137.

As coach of the Spartans, Van Wagoner guided his teams to five districts championships and one regional crown.

Probably his most memorable season occurred in 1970-71 when he took a 7-11 team during the regular season and made a run all the way to the state Class A quarterfinals before losing to Campy Russell and Pontiac Central in a tightly-contested game at Birmingham Seaholm.

"That was the time Dean Smith started messing

around with the 1-4 (attack) and dad tried it late in the season and it just turned out to be the right mix for that group," said Paul, who now resides in Petoskey.

Another big win occurred in 1979 when the Spartans upset defending state champion Detroit Mackenzie in the regionals.

He capped his illustrious coaching career by winning his fifth district title at Stevenson during his final season (1985).

Among the fine players Van Wagoner helped produce included Ted and Nick Exharos, Kelly Smith, Ron Hoekstra, Dave Hall, Bill Keyes, Gary Mexicotte, Bob Sluka and Tom Domako (the latter whom became Big Sky Conference Player of the Year at Montana State).

Two of his sons, Bruce, now residing in Holly, and Rich, a resident of Fort Smith, Ark., played at Livonia Churchill. His youngest son, Tom, who now resides in Canton Township, played for his dad at Stevenson.

George VanWagoner also coached against his nephew Dave, the former varsity coach at Canton.

"It was a shock . . . he was just a good guy," said Dave, who pinned three losses on his uncle during the 1983-84 season. "When you beat him, you knew you were beating the best."

George VanWagoner was a three-sport athlete and a graduate of Detroit Northwestern High School where he played for legendary Public School League coach Sam Bishop. He went on to Highland Park Junior College.

spent two years in the Army and did his undergraduate and graduate school work at WMU.

VanWagoner, a physical education instructor who

also coached baseball, came to Livonia in 1966, the year Stevenson opened its doors.

He was inducted into the Michigan High School

Coaches Hall of Fame in 1983 and the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Fame in 1988. He is also in the high school sports halls of fame in Gobles and Allegan.

Besides his four sons, other immediate automatical services.

Besides his four sons, other immediate survivors include his wife of 46 years, Beth, a daughter, Mary, a resident of Houston, Texas, and a brother, John, of Northville Township. He also has six grandchildren. Following his retirement at Stevenson in 1985,

VanWagoner told the Observer: "I felt I've had one of the finest wives. She's been behind me 100 percent. She roots hard and lives and dies right along with the kids.

"I also have a great brother who roots for me."

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 8 at the Allegan United Methodist Churchill.

"My dad developed some very close relationships with the people of Allegan," Paul said. "They traveled a lot together."

Memorial contributions may be made to Dollars for

Scholars, Allegan United Methodist Church, the Allegan Historical Society or ABC Missions in Mission, Texas.

Area softball pitchers taking aim

Mound success critical

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK STAFF WRITER

Pitchers are like miracle drugs -

they can get your team well in a hurry.

The annual softball pitching turnover will again determine, to a large extent, how area teams line up by the end of the season.

Teams with a solid pitcher returning, like Livonia Churchill (14-14) with Adrienne Doyle, are in real good shape. Teams which lost a good pitcher,

such as Livonia Franklin (11-17) without Lori Jendrusik, will be hoping they can light things up when they plug in the replacements.

Doyle is one of two second-team All-Area pitchers returning to guide their



Spartan returnee: LeAnne Schraufnagle, a senior, is back again pitching this spring for Livonia Stevenson.

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teams to winning seasons this year. The other is Katie Heiden of Lutheran-High School Westland.

Coach Dana Hardwidge of Churchill has second team All-Area performer. Kristin Derwich returning to catch Doyle, whose younger sister Stephanie begins her second season on varsity as an outfielder.

Junior shortstop Christine Fones, an All-Area honorable mention player, figures to be another Charger key.

Jendrusik gobbled virtually all the innings for Franklin, which was good last season but didn't leave much in the cupboard now that the second-team All-Area hurler is gone.

However Coach Linda Jimenez has two inexperienced but promising candidates via transfer to consider.

One, Tara Muchow, comes from Churchill while the other, Rachel Bramlett, is a shortstop/pitcher who comes to the Patriots from Imlay City. Both are juniors.

Jimenez also lost shortstop Jackie

Ziem, but expects senior leadership from catcher Kelly Young. The presence of the veteran Young could help bring the new pitching along quicker. At Livonia Ladywood (13-17), which

has a veteran team returning, Rebecca Pawlik starts the game with the ball. She'll be backed up by hard-throwing Erin Pickens, who is likely to see only

spot duty since she'll be busy handling third base.

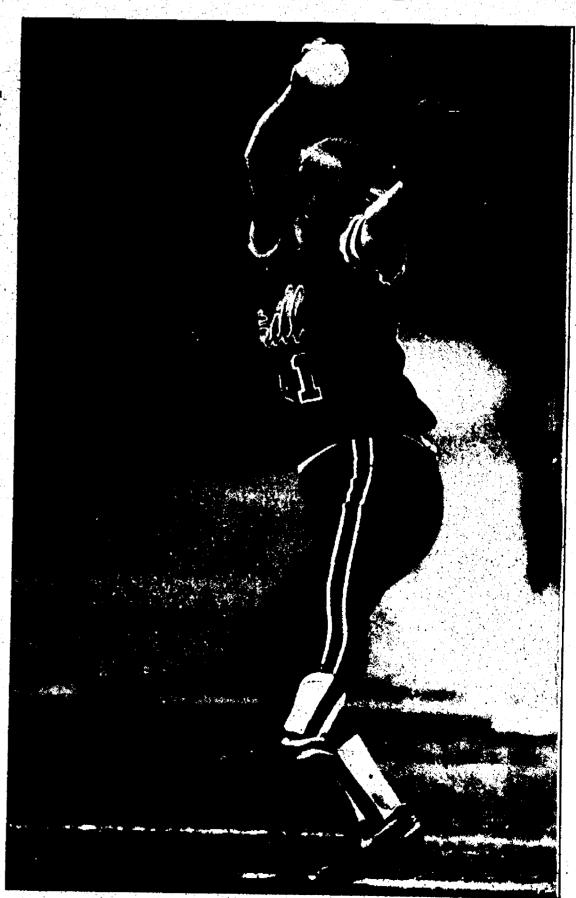
Coach Bob Lulek also has two sophomore pitchers and "of those four I have, three have varsity experience. We

should be more stable on the mound.

Last year was a trying experience."

The Blazers, a regional finalist a year ago, also feature All-Area second team shortstop Sara Thiesmeyer plus two honorable mention All-Area players, first baseman Melanie Grewe and junior outfielder Kristen Barnes.

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Charger ace: Adrienne Doyle returns on the mound for Livonia Churchill. She was a second-team All-Observer pick last year.

Clarenceville hires Monroe assistant Hudkins

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK STAFF WRITER

Pretty good birthday present for Greg Hudkins.

On his 30th birthday the Monroe native is announced as the new head football coach at Livonia Clarenceville.

"I think he'll do a great job with our kids," athletic director Chuck Screntino of Clarenceville said. "We had numerous applicants for the job, and I can't tell you how pleased I am to have such a highly qualified candi-

"And a person with such great experience, and yet even as a young person."

Hudkins moves Clarenceville from Monroe, where he starred as player and served as the varsity offensive coordinator under head coach Ralph Carducci for the past four seasons.

He'll graduate this April from 48-28...

Bastern Michigan University as a general science major whose principal area of interest is chesitey.

He's been substitute teaching at Monroe recently and was a student teacher in chemistry last semester.

"If we can get kids to work hard, kids who are willing to learn the system," Hudkins said, "we'll be okay. We're not going there to lose."

Hudkins comes Clarenceville to teach kids about classroom work, football and life.

"I hope I'm going to be teaching in the high school building,' Hudkins said. "I feel it's important that I be in the school with the kids."

Hudkins replaces Chuck Donaldson, fired after taking the Trojans to a 7-3 record and their first playoff game in history. Capac defeated Clarenceville in the Class CC-Region IV opener.

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Donaldson, left a quadriplegic from a 1993 car accident, finished 26-20 during his five-year

And don't bad-mouth the internet. At least not to Hudkins. He saw the job posting there, fired off a letter to Sorentino and got a

The athletic director interviewed Hudkins, narrowed the field to four candidates and had him in for a second talk.

"He had solid recommendations," Screnting said. "We think he's an up-and-comer. He's very organized and a good teacher of fundamental skills.

"He's enthusiastic, well-organized and has ideas about building a program. He has concrete ideas about building an off-season program."

Losing All-Area running back

Walter Ragland isn't going to help build Hudkins' program, but he has Tim Shaw as a possible yard-eating replacement and tight end Scott Wion, second team All-Area, as another building block.

"I'm scheduled to be an assistant coach for the East in the All-Star game (in August)," Hudkins said, "so I'll get to coach (Ragland) there. I met him at high school. He seems like a really nice kid."

Clarenceville's new football coach stresses organization and has definite ideas on what he wants to do to make the Trojans a power in football.

"Chuck (Sorentino) really seemed like a person who's dedicated and wants to build a program," Hudkins said. "That's something I was looking for, too.

"We're looking to build a tradition where we're going to be competitive year in and year out. I'm real big on tradition.

"We want to make it where people come back year in and year out. That's what we're looking to build. It's going to be a group effort."

Hudkins has two things he wants to do immediately. One is to initiate a freshman team off the feeder school elementary programs.

Another is to install summer programs for players already familiar with the system.

"I understand there have been no junior varsity or freshman teams the past few years," he said. "The first thing we're going to do next year is we're going to have a freshman team.

"It gives us something to build on. It's tough to ask 14- and 15year-olds to jump in with 18year-olds."

The summer program will also start right way.

"The kids at Clarenceville," he said, "have never done anything in the summer. They're going to be surprised.

"We're going to take them to a camp, and to a passing league that meets once a week for six dates."

The camp, which Hudkins said will be "for anybody who wants to go, even eighth graders," will find the team housed in a dormitory at Adrian College.

The next thing Hudkins has on his agenda after getting his version of the Clarenceville program up and running will be to get married.

He got engaged Feb. 28, his wedding date is June 24, 2000.

Hudkins began learning how

to be a head coach when he started coaching the eighthgrade team at Monroe at the age of 19, after he had to quit the Mount Union College (Alliance,

Ohio) team for health reasons following his freshman year. Hudkins earned three letters each in football and baseball at Monroe High School, and one in

basketball, graduating in 1987. He was a tailback and defensive back in high school and a tailback at Mount Union in his only season there.

He coached three seasons of junior high football, then was the junior varsity coach'for the next three, the last of which he also doubled as the offensive coordinator for the varsity. The last four seasons he was just offensive coordinator.

He knows what he wants in assistants, too.

"The No. 1 thing with coaching high school kids," he said, "is that you've got to find guys who are willing to work and really like kids.'

Hudkins wanted to establish himself as a head coach at a smaller school.

"It's going to be different," he said. "I'm used to having 50-60 kids on the team — not that we can't get that out here eventual-

"There will be some growing pains. When a new guy comes in and takes over, it's a change.

"I know the league we play in is a pretty competitive league. But I'm really looking forward to it. It's going to be a challenge.

"It's going to be fun."

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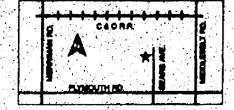




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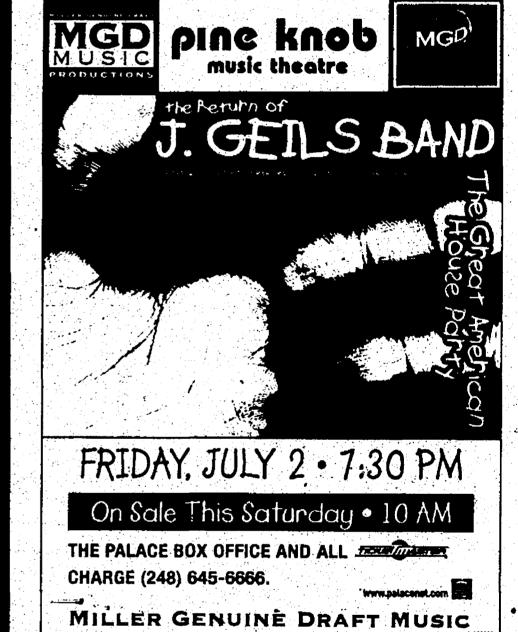


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(All-Area second team); Melanie Grewe, Sr.

1B (All-Area honorable mention): Margaret

Day, Sr. C/1B; Rebecca Pawlik, Sr. P; Erin

Pickens, Sr. 38/P; Kristen Barnes, Jr. OF (Alf-

Area honorable mention); Becky Mitchell, Jr.

2B; Michel Finn, Sr. RF Michele Moros, Soph,

Promising newsomers: Kathy Day, Soph. C;

Luick's '99 outlook: 'Our plus is hitting.

"Defensively, we'll be solid, if we throw

'it's a real nice group of kids. We've got a

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League affiliation: Mega Conference (White

Notable losses to graduation: Kristen Bull

Leading returness: Tara Davis, Jr. SS;

Sarah Moore, Jr. C (All-Area honorable men-

tion); Kelly Tyler, Jr. OF; Amy Paling, Soph.

2B; Kara Pardee, Jr. OF; Kara Kirk, Jr. OF;

Cindy Schmidt, Jr. OF; Julie Gunther, Sr. IF;

Elizabeth Kleitch, Sr. IF; Jenny Drys, Sr. P;

Promising newcomers: Crystal Little, Fr.

Stellema's '99 outlook: 'Our goal is to

'We've got a lot of returning juniors. And

LUTHERAN WESTLAND

OF; Lisa Beningo, Jr. OF; Jackie Haner, Jr. 1F;

beat the (2-11 division) record from last year.

we've got three seniors. This our juniors' third

year together. We're looking forward to some

'We want to beat last year's record."

(All-Area honorable mention); Angle Hill,

Head coach: Kathy Stellema, 1st season.

nice mix of veterans and underclassmen.

Depth-wise, we can go to almost anybody. Of

my three years here, this is my best team.".

strikes, we'll make plays on defense.

Last year's overall record: 4-17.

3B/OF (All-Area honorable mention).

Stephanie Salinas, Soph. C; Cathie Rospiers-

P: Megan Karney, Sooh, P.

ki, Jr. LF.; Gen Dudas, Jr. OF.

We hit pretty good,

Liane Ross, Jr. P.

Michelle Suda, Jr. IF.

very good defensive plays.

Bolognino, C (All-Area, All-Catholic; All-Dis-

trict, All-Regional, playing for Madonna).

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pions.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Hood coach: Dana Hardwidge, eighth sea-

League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division).

Last year's everall report: 14-14. Notable losses to graduation: Jessica Schulte, OF; Sarah Stiles, OF (All-Area honor-

able mention). Leading returness: Kristin Derwich, Sr. C. (Alf-Area second team); Adrienne Doyle, Sr. P. (All-Area second team); Stephanie Doyle, Soph. OF; Christine Fones, Jr. SS (All-Area honorable mention); Ann Senne, Sr. OF; Kelly

Stahley, Jr. C/3B; Raegan Tisher, Sr. 1B/OF. Promising newcomers: Sarah Hennessey. Jr. 1B: Sallie Kuratko, Fr. 2B; Meghan Misiak, Fr. P/OF; Kathleen Schram, Jr. OF; Crystal

Hardwidge's '99 outlook: "This is a fun team to work with.

Tomczyk, Jr. 3B/OF.

"We have solid senior leadership from Derwich, Doyle, Senne and Tisher with a blend of experienced players and eager first-year play-

"The girls are working hard as we look to improve on last year's record." LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coech: Linda Jimenez, fourth season. League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division).

Last year's overall record: 11-17: Notable losses to graduation: Lori Jendrusik, P (All-Area second team); Jackie

Ziem, SS (All-Area honorable mention). Leading returnees: Kelly Young, Sr. C (All-Area honorable mention); Tera Morrill, Jr. 18; Jamie Linden, Jr. 3B; Monica Little, Jr. OF: Becky Camilleri, Jr. OF; Jeanette Bertrand, Jr.

OF; Daylin Starks, Soph. OF; Kerstin Marshall,

Soph. OF; Kelli Zawacki, Soph. OF. Promising newcomers: Rachel Bramlett, Jr. SS/P (transfer from Imlay City); Tara Muchow, Jr. P (transfer from Churchill); Liz. Cochran, Jr. C; Sara Knopsnider, Soph. DH; Jennie D'Annunzio, Fr. OF; Kendra Andrews,

Fr. IF: Amy Sandrick, Fr. 2B. Jimenez's '99 outlook: 'Last year with three seniors and one junior we were very,

very young. *This year with one senior we are still young, but we have more varsity experience.

"Our junior pitching staff, however, only has three varsity games of experience between the two. Our division has outstanding senior pitchers who will be tough,

*Defensively, our infield and outfield are much improved. Offensively, we will run the bases aggressively and hopefully reduce our strikeout total.

"I can see us playing the role of spoiler."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Jeri Knoph, first season, League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division). Last year's overall record: 10-18.

ment champions. Notable losses to graduation: Ten Fox, IF (All-Area second team).

Titles won last year: Livonia City Tourna-

Key returnees; LeAnne Schraufnagle, Sr. P; Katle King, Jr. 3B; Kim Giller, Jr. C; Kristi Copi, Sr. SS; Jill Shapakoff, Sr. 28; Charlene Kijorski, Sr. 1B; Stephanie Ladd, Sr. DH; Irene

Promising newcomers: Mary King, Soph. OF; Kelley Hutchins, Soph. P.

Knoph's '99 outlook: "I can't believe how dedicated they've been. They've really accepted me and the changes I've made being a first-year coach.

*They have high expectations and hopefully they can meet those high goals.

*Defensively, we're solid in the infield. That's our biggest strength. Having only one scrimmage I don't really know about our hitting. We weren't able to start with practice until March 15 so we've had only about two weeks and right now half of the team is on spring freak. This week we only have six girls

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN Head coach; Karen Olack, second season. League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).

Last year's overall record: 9-21. Notable losses to graduation: Katle Foran.

Leading returnees: Samantha Crews, Jr. SS (All-Area second team); Nikki Relsinger, Sr. 18: Renae Kolb, Sr. OF; Abby Massey, Soph. CF; Jackle Migliore, Jr. OF; Brooke Robertson, Jr. OF; Amanda Ross, Soph. 2B.

Promising newcomers: Stephanie Crews, Fr. C; Mickey Vangoss, Jr. OF; Jessica Sears, Soph 3B; Stephanie Fedulchak, Soph. P; Sarah King, Jr. P.

Olack's '99 outlook: 'I think our pitchers will do a better job of throwing strikes. Fedulchak has been the most consistent. She's not super fast, but throws strikes. During the off-season she participated in clinics at Madonna University and I think that has

*Defensively I think we're solid and we can really hit. We could be in some high-scoring games.

"We have good team unity. We work well together whereas in the past it didn't gel that well, it should be fun."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD Head coach: Bob Lulek, third season.

League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division). Last year's overall record: 13-17.

Head coach: Ron Gentz, 11th season. League affiliation: Metro Conference. Last year's overall record: 18-9. Titles won last year: Class C district cham-

Notable losses to graduation: Michelle Wiersig, P; Klerra Decker, OF; Sarah Nagy; Jenny Schultz, C (All-Area honorable mention, moved to Mount Clemens Dakota).

Leading returnees; Karle Azzopardi, Sr. OF; Kari Charles, Sr. C; Sharon Greer, Sr. SS (All-Area honorable mention); Katle Heiden, Sr. P. (All-Area second team); Stephanie Lynch, Sr. 2B (All-Area honorable mention); Serah Marody, Jr. 18; Liz Unger, Jr. 38 (All-Area honorable mention); Renee O'Brien, Jr. OF.

Promising newcomers; Heather Haller, Jr. IF; Chris Hilden, Fr. OF; Heather Rose, Fr. CF/P; Emily Reinke, Soph. Of; Chrisey Zink,

Centz's '99 outlook: 'Realistically, we have to be better than we were a year ago. "We've got three young kids coming who

give us better speed in the outfield, which was a big sore spot a year ago. And we've got our entire infield back.

"If Katie (Heiden) on the mound stays healthy and Karl Charles develops into a fine catcher, overall we've got to be better,

"Our record might not be better, but we'll be better.

"I hope my luck carries over from basketball. Maybe this is my year to be lucky. We've gotten reassigned to a different (tournament) district."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE Head coach: Kristen Hynek, second sea-

League affiliation: Metro Conference. Last year's overall record: 1-23.

Notable losses to graduation: Jenny DeCaire, Jackie Kibilko, Theresa Lathroo."

Leading returness: Rachel Sundberg, Jr. P. SS: Kristina Skrela, Sr. OF; Jessica Silye, Jr. 1B; Rachael Koernke, Jr. P-Inf.; Amy Schiffman, Soph. P-Inf.; Meghan Schiffman, Jr. C. Clarenceville outlook: The Troians are look-

ing to rebound after a rough '98 season. Their only win came in the Class C district tourna-/ Note: Coach Kristen Hynek, who was on

spring vacation, was unavailable for comment. at press time. HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN

Head coach: Eric Ruth, second season. League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Last year's overall record: 1-12. Notable losses to graduation: None, Leading returnees: Rachel Zahn, Soph.

P/SS; Stacle Graves, Jr. SS/CF; Jessica

Whitaker, Jr. C. Promising newcomers: Jennifer Kleinke, Fr.

Ruth's '99 outlook: 'Considering we're returning all of our players, including pitcher and catcher, our season should be pretty

"We hope to finish around ,500 or thereabouts.

"We're looking forward to next year because everybody will be returning again."

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sing to any oil anybody's shoulder because I've got some year fine kids coming back

Lutheran Westland (18-9) finished second to Macomb Lutherna North in the Metre Conference, chiefly because Mustongs best the Warriors twice, 15-2 (there) and 6-4 (home). "They have everybedy back but their third becomen," he said.

"But we feel we can be competitive with them." The Werriors natura three All-Area honorable mention play-

ers - shortstop Sharen Greer, second baseman Stephanie Lynch and junior third baseman Lie Unger.

Another Metro Conference member, Livonia Clarenceville (1-

23) is just trying to hold things above water as couch Kristen Hynek enters her second season.

Westland Fieron Valley Lutheran (1-12) returns a key combo in sophomore pitcher Rachel Zahn and junior catcher Jessica Whitaker. The Hawks should win more than one game this sea-

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Brad Emons also contributed to this report.

Double 4 or 5

Knights in shining armor sink Madonna

Even though it was day time.

Two good Knights, in fact, as the Cardinals swept a doubleheader from Madonna, 5-2 and 7-6, Tuesday to improve to 4-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and drop the Crusaders to 5-3.

Carrie Knight pitched seven tough innings for Concordia College in the opener, allowing no earned runs and six hits.

First baseman Jenny Knight was 2-for-3 with a double and RBI for Concordia (13-11) while Kristy Kennedy had two hits and drove in a run.

Courtney Senger and Kelly Zuraski had two hits apiece for Madonna (16-11).

Tanya Liske gave up 10 hits in ished up.

seven innings to drop to 3-3. In the second game, Carrie Knight had to come in relief of the starter, working the final 4% innings to get the win. She is

Jenny Knight hit a home run and drove in four for the Cardi-

Third baseman Kruzel had three hits and drove in two runs. Vicki Malkowski and Senger each had two hits while Senger also had two RBI.

Janelle Schmidt (3-2) lasted just five outs for the Crusaders, giving up seven hits and four earned runs. Missy Bako fin-

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versity of St. Francis. However the Indiana school came back to take the second game of the doubleheader, 7-4. Madonna was 16-8 after the two games while St. Francis was 10-22.

Liske struck out four and walked two before giving way to Janeile Schmidt, who walked three batters in her inning of work but didn't allow a

Catcher Vicki Malkowski went 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI and DH Kelly Zurawski drove in the other run with a grounder and also scored twice.

Right fielder Jen Walker went 2-for-3 with a stolen base and a double.

In the second game, Janel Leschinger pitched the first six innings and gave up four runs on six hits and

Tanya Liske hurled a one-hitter over six In the top of the seventh, with the innings Saturday to pace Madonna's score tied 4-4, Madonna committed softball team to a 5-0 win over the Uni- four errors to lead to three unearned runs that decided the game.

Liske, who came on in relief, was the victim of the misplays and dropped

Walker had three hits plus two stolen bases in the game. Malkowski had two hits, including a double, and drove in a run. Center fielder Jamie Cook also had two hits.



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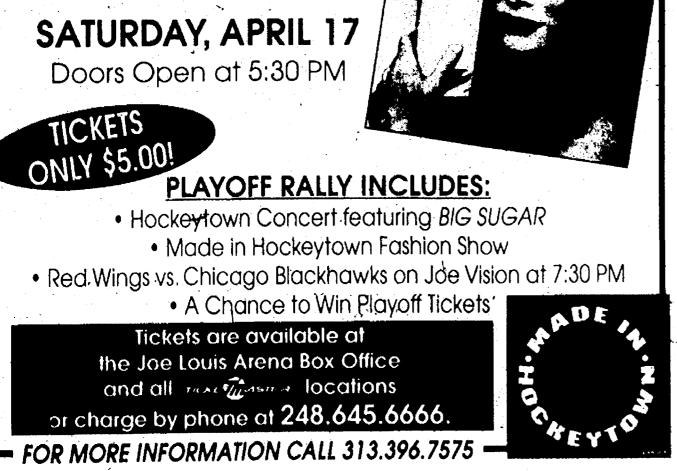
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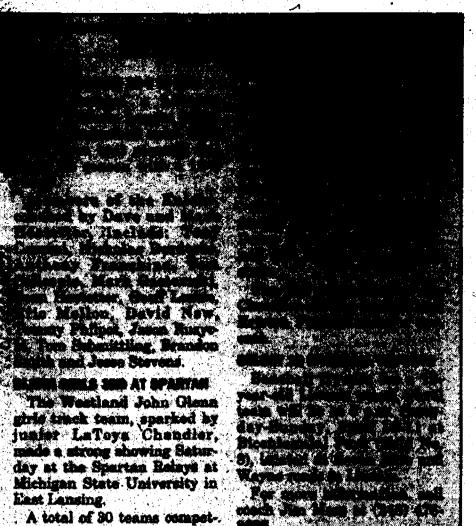
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ed in the indoor meet with Plymouth Salem and Grand Ledge finishing one-two with 69.5 and 53.5 points, respectively. Glenn was third with

Chandler, a Class A state runner-up in the high jump, won her speciality with a loss of 6 feet, 6 inches. She also captured the long jump (16-9).

Sister LaTasha Chandler, a sophomore, took second in the 55-meter hurdles (8.9) and was fifth in the long jump (15Upstart London puts Whalers in hole Plymouth may have carried the play but **OHL PLAYOFFS** London carried the scoreboard in the first

two games of their best-of-seven Ontario Hockey League Western Conference semifi-The Knights won a virtual replay of the series opener Monday night when Tom

Kostopoulos completed a hat trick with a goal 53 seconds into overtime to give London a 3-2 victory over the Whalers. The game was a near carbon-copy of the

opener in that London jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead, saw Plymouth come back to tie and then put a stake in the Whalers' heart early in the extra period.

"We have to start scoring some goals," Coach Peter DeBoer of Plymouth said. "We've had chances and we have to bury

"We've been working hard and if we keep on we'll start getting some breaks."

A hooking penalty at the end of the third period gave London a power play to start

Designated hitter Dave O'Neill slammed a two-run home run, his third, while shortstop Derrick Wolfe belted his third, also a tworun shot. Aaron Shrewsbury also drove in two runs for Madonna and Daryl Rocho had

Losing pitcher Jeff Warholik (2-2) was pitched the first 5% innings but lost his first

The Whalers carried the play most of the third period and finally scored when Damian. Surma tied the score with a shot just under the crossbar at 14:06.

. KNIGHTS 3, WHALERS 2 (OT): A goal by Krys Barch 34 seconds into overtime Saturday night gave the visiting London Knights a 3-2

of their best-of-seven OHL playoff series. Barch also assisted on the first goal of the game, a power play marker by Jay Doyle 3:04

victory over the Plymouth Whalers in the opener

into the game. Richard Pitirri stunned the Whalers just 42 seconds later with a short-handed goal to give

the Knights a 2-0 lead. Plymouth drew within a goal at 7:13 on Harold Druken's goal and tied the score at 6:58 of the second period on Adam Colagiacomo's

Plymouth put 37 shots on London goalle Gene Chiarello while London had 27 at Robert

Indiana Tech takes 2 against Crusaders

Goalie Robert Holsinger made several

great stops before Kostopoulos shoved in a

rebound of a Richard Pitirri shot from point-

the game 44 seconds old, netting the puck on

a breakaway.

Kostopoulos scored on a power play with

He made it 2:0 at 8:27, also on a power

play. Rico Fata fired from the left point and

Killing consecutive penalties seemed to

inspire the Whalers in the second period.

Plymouth got on the power play and Eric

Gooldy redirected a Paul Mara shot through

Jason Ward had an apparent tying goal

waved off moments later as the puck was

Kostopoulos got the deflection.

Gene Chiarello's pads.

Madonna would have traded a couple of its runs for a few enemy outs.

Madonna University got swept in a highscoring Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference doubleheader Friday by Indiana Tech by a combined total of three runs.

Indiana Tech won the opener, 8-7, then came back to take the second game, 11-9, to drop Madonna to 11-10-1.

In the first game, a Crusader rally in the top of the seventh fell a run short. Madonna (11-9-1) scored two runs in the fifth and sixth to nearly overcome Indiana Tech's fiverun third.

Saturday, April 10

Madonna at Siena Heights, 1 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

touched for eight hits and all eight runs in the complete game loss. He walked four, hit three batters and struck out one.

In the second game, Jeremy Stevens

game in three decisions.

He was roughed up for 13 hits, walking one and striking out one.

The Crusaders rallied for four runs in the sixth but it wasn't enough.

Catcher Delano Voletti hit a pair of home runs, giving him seven for the season, and drove in four runs for Madonna. Shrewsbury had a solo shot, his eighth, and Wolfe clubbed his fifth, also with no one on..

Bob Hamp and Voletti had three hits apiece for the Crusaders.

The losses left Madonna with a 1-3 WHAC mark while Indiana Tech (21-9) stayed perfect in six WHAC contests.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 1999-2000 BUDGET

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In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Acts of 1963, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Acts of 1968 ("Section 16" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 1999-2000 college budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 1999, at the Grote Administration Center, 18800 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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WEEK AHEAD Sunday, April 11

Friday, April 9

at Compuwere Arena, 7:30 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

PREP BASEBALL Thursday, April 8 Indiana Tech at Madonna, 1 p.m. (all double-headers) WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL John Glenn at Wayne, 11 a.m. (all double-headers) U-D Jesuit at Franklin, noon. Saturday, April 10 Madonna vs. Tri-State (Ind.)

(all double-headers) at Ladywood H.S., 4 p.m. Luth. Westland at Romulus, 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10 Wayne at Belleville, 1 p.m. Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m. BOYS TRACK ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFFS Saturday, April 10 (best-of-7 series) Redford CC at A.A. Pioneer, TBA.

Friday, April 9 GIRLS TRACK Ply. Whalers at London, 7:30 p.m. Seturday, April 10 A.A. Pioneer Invitational, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 10 MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL (If necessary) (all double-headers unless noted) Ply. Whalers vs. London

Van Wagoner from page C1

he called his son, Paul, in Petoskey later to discuss the game. With no history of heart problems, VanWagoner suffered massive cardiac arrest on March 21.

He fought the good battle until March 31.

My only regret is that I didn't have one more chance to spend another afternoon conversing with a man I grew to respect as much as anybody who ever coached in my 20 years covering Observerland

My only hope is that VanWagoner will be remembered in some small way by the people at Stevenson.

The Livonia Public Schools are planning to upgrade their athletic facilities in the future and there's a strong possibility that each of the three high schools will be adding a fieldhouses to augment the already existing gymnasiums.

It would be nice if Stevenson could dedicate that new facility in his name because they just don't make enough quality coaches like George VanWagoner anymore. He was certainly an icon in this area.

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All-Observer gymnasts talented team

The 1999 All-Observer gymnastics team serves as a final salute to several longtime area standouts and an introduction for the next wave of talented gymnasts.

This year's eight-member squad consists of four seniors. including three-time honorees Brook Rubin of Farmington Unified and Liz Fitzgerald of Plymouth Canton.

Westland John Glenn's Jessica Beach and Farmington's Anna Clark were second-team members last year and end their careers by being selected for the first team.

The other half of the all-area team consists of underclassmen. Glenn sophomore Nicole Simonian also moves up from last year's second team.

She along with the freshman trio of Farmington's Chelsea Keesling and Plymouth Salem's Melissa Drake and April Aquinto are in the vanguard of new Observerland stars.

With state champion Hartland and Brighton among its members, the Western Lakes Activities Association is arguably the best gymnastics league in the state.

Farmington, which finished fourth in the WLAA, was again the best team in Observerland and its lone state qualifier. Farmington was sixth of 12 teams at the state meet.

"The last three years we talked about building a tradition at Farmington," coach Jeff Dwyer said. "Brook and Anna have been a huge part of that. They certainly brought us back to where we are very competi-

"I want to thank them for that. Without those two, we couldn't have done it. In the past three years, they've worked all year round, and that shows their dedication."

FIRST TEAM

Brook Rubin, senior, Fermington: Rubin concluded an outstanding fouryear career by finishing 13th in the Division II all-around competition at the state meet.

She also was second on beam (9.2) and tied for 10th on bars (8.7). Her allaround total was 34.80.

In the Western Lakes meet, Rubin was fifth on bars (8.7), seventh on yoult (8.55), 11th on floor (8.85) and 14th on beam (8.15). She was fourth in the allaround competition (34.25).

"She's been our leader the last two to three years," coach Jeff Dwyer said. "This is a very deserving award for her."

Rubin was Farmington's top allarounder a year ago, but she conceded that position on the team to freshman Chelsea Keesling "It didn't really bother her; Brook is

that type of person," Dwyer said, "She saw it as being good for the team. That was a big sign of her maturity. "She was also one of the hardest

workers in the gym. I didn't have to worry about her in meets; I could always rely on her consistency.

"In four years, she didn't miss a meet. She'd been injured but never enough to keep her out of a meet. That was one of her goals; she wanted to compete in every meet and she did. She's a tough individual, and her determination paid off at the state meet."

Chelses Keesling, freshman, Farmington: Keesling burst onto the high school scene and established herself as one of the top gymnasts in Observerland, as well as the state.

In Division I state-meet competition, Keesling tied for ninth place on beam (9.1), 10th in floor exercise (9.25) and 11th on vault (9.1).

In the Western Lakes meet, she was third on beam (9.3), fifth on floor (9.45), 11th on vault (8.65) and 13th on bars (8.25). She was seventh in all-around scoring (35.65).

"Cheisea is a very telented girl," Dwyer said, "For her to come in as a freshman and be thrown into the limelight as the No. 1 all-arounder, she handled it very well.

*She could've had a big head or become a little arrogant, but that's not her personality at all. She's just a sweet, hard-working girl who deserves. everything she gets.

'She's also one of those girls you didn't have to worry about, as far as preparing for a meet or how she was going to do. She always came ready to compete.*

Anna Clark, senior, Farmington: Clark improved each year and had her best season in 1999. She was a solid aliaround gymnast who helped to make Farmington the strongest team in the

Clark had an outstanding performence in the Western Lakes meet, finishing second on floor (9.2), fourth on beam (9.0) and sixth on yoult (8.6) in Division ii. She was fifth overall with an

all-around score of 34.10. "She got a lot better this year." Dwyer said, "All of a sudden, she was scoring nines on floor and beam. She was definitely one of our top four scor-

ers throughout the year. ANNO DION'I MAKE IL LO SLELE, DVI BING was very close. It was a matter of tenths in a couple events. I wanted her to get some recognition that way, but it didn't happen.

"I hope being all-area lets her know she's recognized as one of the top allaround gymnasts on the team, Without her, I don't think we would've had a chance. She was every bit as impor-

Clark handled the disappointment of not qualifying for state individually well. Dwyer added.

"She's pretty level-headed," he said. *One thing that makes Anna as good as she is is she doesn't have a lot of highs or lows. She took things in stride and lived with results, and that's the best thing you can do in any sport."

Jessica Beach, senlor, Westland Glenn: Beach was a four-time qualifier for the state meet, placing third on floor. 10th on bars and ninth all-around this year in Division II.

She also was a regional champion on vault this year and a regional floor exercise champion as a sophomore.

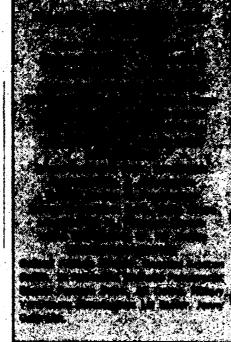
In the Western Lakes meet, Beach was third on floor (9.15), third on beam (9.05), fifth on vault (8.7) and eighth on bars (8.55). She was second in the allaround with a 35.45 total.

She also is a member of the John Glenn cheerleading squad and is a pitcher on the softball team.

"Jessica had an outstanding year, her best of the four," Glenn coach Debbie Hosein said. "She worked very hard to achieve her goals and always performed to her best ability.

"I couldn't be prouder of her. We're definitely losing a great athlete with a great personality."

Nicole Simonian, sophomore, Westland Glenn: Simonian, now in her eighth year of gymnastics, qualified a second time for the state meet. She competed on bars at state a year ago, but she was in all events this year.



in the regional meet, she was third on vault (9.0), fifth on bars (8.85) and sixth overall (34.85). At the state meet, Simonian received a medal for her vault. scoring 8.9 and placing among the top

She also was fifth on vault and fourth overall (34.55) at the Plymouth Canton invitational.

"Nicole is a very focused gymnast." Hoseln said. 'She worked hard to accomplish everything she has done. and she had a great season.

"She has two years left, and we are expecting some big things from her."

Liz Fitzgerald, senior, Ply. Canton: Fitzgerald was Canton's team leader and top gymnast for the last three years. She was voted the team's most valuable gymnast this year.

Fitzgerald qualified for state on vault, bars and floor, earning all-state honors fect what she has done."

on bars with a 10th-place finish. She is the Western Lakes Division II

champion on bers (9.05), in that meet, she also placed fifth on floor (9.1), south on beam (8.7), 18th on vault (8.15) and third overall (35.00).

Molisca Drake, freshmak, Pty. Sales Drake qualified for the Division I state meet as an all-arounder. Her best finish was 18th place on bars (8.7), but she also had solid scores of 8.9 on floor and 8.75 on vault. Her all-around total was 34.05.

in the Western Lakes meet, Drake was fourth on bars (9.05), ninth on floor (9.25), 10th on beam (8.4), 13th on

Drake's best scores this year were 9.45 on floor and 9.25 on bars and beam. She was voted Salem's most valuable gymnast.

"Melissa is a very good dancer, so she expresses herself well on the floor," Salem coach Melissa Hopson said. 'That's probably her best event. She seemed to score best on floor all season. Melissa has a good attitude and is a hard worker.*

April Aquinto, freshman, Ply. Salem: Aquinto had an outstanding state meet in Division II, placing seventh as an allarounder (35.25).

Also at the state meet, she was fourth on floor (9.1), seventh on beam (8.9) and 11th on vault (8.85).

Aquinto's best scores included 9.25 on floor and beam and 9.15 on vault. She did not compete in the Western Lakes meet.

*April is willing to try anything once," Hopson said, adding Aquinto received Salem's Most Courageous Award. 'She's fun to work with, willing to learn more, try more things and per-





Jessica Beach Westland John Glenn









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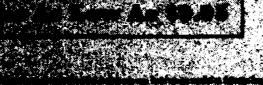
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HUMOROUS & PASSIONATE DWF, 28, 5'3", auburn/green H/W proportionate, loves good times, laughs, seeks S/DWM, 26-38, who loves children, for friendship possible LTR. \$\pi 3519\$

LOCKING FOR A HERO Attractive, kind, affectionate, down-to-earth DWF, 36, 5'7', 128lbs, blonde/green, N/S, one child, enjoys running, warm weather, music, biking. Seeking nice, financially secure SWM, 40-55, NS, to enjoy life together. DREAM OUR MEMORY

Music is sweeter when shared. Silm, educated, financially secure, blue-eyed blonce, nifty 50s, 5'7', visionary dreamer, optimist with distinctive qualities, seeks active gentleman who is sweet and warm, age unimportant. #2089

SPRING FEVER
SWF, 57, 5'3", 125lbs, long blonde hair, enjoys reading, dining out; craft shows, movies. Seeking very humorous S/DWM, with similar likes. \$23459

STARTING OVER Widowed lady, young 63, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, the-ater, dining in/out, animats, walking, swimming. Would like to spend time with loving, caring white gentleman, 80s. \$73191 NO COUCH POTATOES

Slim DWF, 33, 5'10' blonde/blue, smoker, social drinker, mother of three, enjoys dancing, hockey, darts, star gaz-ing, and travel. Seeking honest, faithful, trustworthy SWM, 32-42, H/W proportionale, with similar interests. 2241

LOOKING FOR FUN Attractive SWF, 31, 5'10", blonde, who loves long walks, holding hand, movies, etc. Seeking tall SM, 33-43, who has morals and is looking for a funrelationship, #3369

A GREAT CATCH Outgoing, sophisticated SF, 20s, 55°, 115tbs, blonde/green, with model looks. Seeking SM with looks and a kind heart. You won't be disappointed. \$2815 EASY ON THE EYES

Keep me laughing and I'm yours. Blue-eyed blonde, 30, 5'6", 118/bs, attractive with a sharp mind and quick wit. Looking for the same. \$22538

IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE? SWF, 25, 5'9", single mom, enjoys outdoors, movies, quiet times with someone special. Seeking hones!, caring, employed SM, 27-34, 5'10"+, for LTR_No games. \$23431

BEST KEPT SECRET Attractive SWPF, 30, social drinker, who enjoys golf, sports, boating, travel. Seeking attractive, fit SWM, 28-35. For LTR. \$\frac{12}{23372}\$

VERSATILE SWF, 41, seeks male, 30-40, interests horses, motorcycles, music, art, dancing, billiards, swimming, canoeling, movies, talking, dining out, travel, N/S. 173306

A STEP AHEAD Cute, fit, honest SWF, 30, 5'2", N/S, rarely drinks, enjoys animals, sports, outdoors, humor, the zoo and romance. Seeking similar qualities in a SWM, 28-40, for LTR. No present/future kids. #1193

FIRST TIME AD Very attractive, spiritual, shapely, precious professional, 43, 54, with positive outlook, good vatues, loves life. Seeking well-rounded man for friendship, possible relationship. No games, piease. 23242

OUTDOOR ENTHUSIAST SWPF. 36, seeks SWPM, 30-45. N/S. Do you enjoy backpacking, skiing, outdoors, exotic food, plays and traveling? If so, I'd like to meet you! \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$190 LOOKING FOR YOU

SWF, 28, 5'8', 160lbs, N/S, seeks SM, 28-36, who enjoys outdoor activities, travel, quiet evenings at home, for serious relationship. No games. \$2966 LOOKING FOR A SOULMATE enjoys music, movies, skiing, rollerblading, the outdoors, cuddfing. Seeking soutmate, 27-33. with similar interests, for future relationship. \$2910 TRUST ME, I'M WONDERFUL Impossible to describe on paper, but trust me, I'm worlderful. Blue-eyed SWF, 34, with great smile, seeks sexy, intelligent man, 24-42, to fall in love with. \$2818 Dazzing, blue-eyed brunette, 34, 5'4', 108be, with perky per

Used to model to get through college, now I'm a lawyer.
Attractive, outgoing, romantic female, 29, in shape, seeks pleasant, cultured, attractive man. 22819 JOIN ME

SF, 34, 5'4', brown/big brown, vegetarian, professional psychic, holistic healer, loves life, my children, nature, hiking, camping, yoga, Values, integrity, accountability, emotional maturity are non-negotiable. For friendship first. \$23522

SOPHISTICATED LADY Petite, honest, sincere, blue-syed blonde SWF, 43, enjoys dancing, traveling, dining, walks, romantic eyenings at home. Seeking gentleman, 30-50. #2322

SOME KIND OF WONDERFUL Yes-she-is. Good-looking profes-sional blonds, 40, medium build, enjoys getaways, plays, tennis, and the unexpected. Desires handsome, professional, N/S, with balance, acceptance, and boundaries. \$\mathbf{T}3304 HAPPY-GO-LUCKY

Attractive, easygoing, honest, romantic, slender DWF, 42, mom of two toddler boys. Seeking of two toddier boys. Seeking humorous, financially/emotional-LTR. North Oakland County

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ANGEL LOOKING Outgoing, friendly SBF, 45, 160lbs, enjoys music, movies, concerts, reading and conversation. Seeking SBM, 35-45, H/W proportionate with similar inter-

BROWN-EYED GIRL
Attractive SWF, 28, brown/
brown, enjoys skydiving, camping, casinos. Seeking, attractive
SWM, 25-33, who knows what they want and is willing to try anything once. \$23470

LET'S GET Attractive SWF, 35, 5'4", black/ brown, thin to medium build, seeks attractive, talk, physically fit SWM, 30-40, enjoys the arts, movies, bookstores, road trips, working out, outdoor activities, friends first, LTR 122052 CUTE GUY WITH SNOW

PLOW...
sought by this head-turning, zany, brainy babe, late 20s to share happy times in the big driveway of love. \$\pi 2813\$ RUNNING ON EMPTY I drive around with my cats on the freeway. I make them wear little hats so I can use the car-

pool lane. Too much time on your hands too? SWF. brown/blue 1272814 LET'S START WITH COFFEE Widowed WF. 50: 5'1", blonde blue, NS, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys

daining in/out, theater, golf, playing cards. Seeking honest man, 58-64, with good sense of humor, to share the golden years BLOOMFIELD HILLS

professional, shapely woman, 52,577, blondeblue, N/S, seeks gentleman with leadership, achievement and goal-oriented qualities. \$2779 MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC

Financially secure, sexy, classy, romantic DWPF, 44, blonde/blue, musician. Seeking an outgoing, secure, college-educated S/DWM, 35-50, with passion for life, for a possible LTR. 271660 TEODY BEAR WANTED SWF, blonde/green, 5'6', medical professional, looking for leddy bear 45+ with good communication skills who is an ath-

letic event watcher, enjoys winter sports. Good sense of humor a must. 22821 I HATE PICKLES! SWF, 24, 5'8', blonde/blue, enjoys music, movies, just hav-ing fun. Seeking honest, smart male, 23-30, for casual dating.

possibly more. Must possess nice smile and friendly eyes. WIT, STYLE & GREAT LEGS Blue-eyed, honey blonde, active, intelligent, independent, attractive SF, 40s (looks 30s), 5'8". Birmingham resident, seeks pro-

fessional, witty, fit, handsome, unencumbered male counterpart, 6'+, for romance and adventure. Birmingham area. **17** 2538

WORLD TRAVELING? Pretty, stender, sophisticated, smart, secure sweetheart, seeks good-looking, refined, fit, roman-tic, nice guy, 55-65, for travel and companionship. \$3362 HELLO, FRIEND

I'm pretty, slender, tall, very intelligent, refined, fun SF, 52, smoker. Seeking intelligent, tall, articulata, classy, confident gentleman, 52-65, who wants someone for cozy, dinner dates laced with good conversation, 123312

LOYELY BUT LONELY Tall, slender, attractive DWF, NS, seeks active, honest, romantic, outgoing gentleman, 55+, 510+, for friendship first. **23**055

FIRST TIME AD Sweet, petite, classy, nice-kbok-ing, blonde lady, late 40s, a tad under 5', 108lbs, seeks honest, caring, nice-looking WM, mid-40s to mid-50s, under 5 10", N/S.

N/D. 173056 PROFESSIONAL AND SEXY N/S, yes that's me, looking for the same. SF, 5'5', 120lbs, blonde brown, seeks SM, 50-65. must be in good shape and love life. Talk to you soon. \$2903. LET'S MAKE THIS WORK SWF, 38, 6', 160lbs, medium build, toves rollerblading, moves, dining out, long walks, and just about anything with the right person. Seeking SM for loving relationship, \$73424

I LOVE DOGS! They're loyal, appreciative, and unconditional. Do you have these attributes? Attractive, wifty, compassionate, hard-working SPF, N/S, N/D, drug-free, seeks S/DWPM, 40-53, for friendship, possible LTR. Interested? Come bark up my tree. 123425

DWF, 47, financially secure, DWF: 47, financially secure health care professional, no dependents, seeks monogamous, loving, affectionate, S/DWPM, 40-52, for golf. movies, candlelit dinners at home, and committed relationship. Medial professional/fire fighter/law enforcement a plust

fighterila 23432 Spontaneous SF, 5'3', red/ green, smoker, looking for hon-est relationship with SM who doesn't want to play games. \$\pi_3370\$

WAITING FOR LIGHTNING Do you open doors? help with favorite places? Willing to go for ward with life? if so, give this attractive DWF. 56; a call

COFFEE, ANYONE? DWF, 50, 5'5', auburn/green, N/S, active lifestyle, enjoys movies, concerts, dining, travel. Seeking honest, sincere, SM, 40-60, N/S, for companionship

leading to relationship. 23363 BEST FRIENDS Attractive, easygoing, humorous DWF, 52, 5'5', medium build, auburn/green, enjoys nature, walks, movies, dinner, travel, cooking. Seeking honest, caring, kind SWM, 50-60, who is over the past and is ready for possible

SEARCHING FOR SOULMATE SWF, brown/blue, 250lbs, enjoys dancing, quiet evenings, dining out, etc. Seeting SWM, 30-38, for friendship and companionship. Oakland county area. CLASSY COOKIE

Youthful, sassy, serious, creative, communicative, cocky, clever, charming, caring, Christian SF, 47, auburn/blue. Perky professional modest musician, with peachy priorities No calls from crumbs, please

DANCE PARTNER WANTED This classy romantic, attractive, fun-loving SWF, 60, 5'2", seek honest, sensitive fit SWM, N/S. to share my heart and passion for life. \$3192

A TOUCH OF CLASS Sensuous, attractive DWF, black hair, sexy eyes, enjoys any activity with the right man. He is tall, sincere, 45+ and looking for a Serious replies only.

degreed, thin, spunky, unique, toving SJF, 44, 57°, steel blue, long naturally curty hair, into sett-growth, meditation, nature, yoga, natural health, laughing, speaking truth and life. Seeking sout connection SWM, N/S. 179723 BLUE-EYED BLONDE

STARTING OVER Easygoing, overweight DWF, 43, 5'10". N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys out-doors, walking, bowling, cards; pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, for relationship leading to marriage. South Lyon area. 223182 UNCHAINED MELODY

Sam attractive DWPF 51 N/S with an active life style, seeks professional S/DWM, 50-60, for C&W dancing, rollerblading, hanging out. Lavonia area, \$2534 CUTE, CUBBY, AFFECTIONATE...

WF, 46, tooking for cute, chubby (or not), affectionale, intelligent WM, 40-50, with great sense of humor, who smells good, and likes pizza without anchovies. URBAN COWGIRL SEEKS...

urban cowboy. DWF, 40, 57, 145lbs, brown/brown, N/S, enjoys horseback riding, skiing, volleyball, traveling, dancing, plays, concerts, romantic dinners. Seeking degreed, physically fit PM, 35-45, 6°; NS, with similar letters. Bar interests. 23152 LADY IN WAITING

Beautiful BCPF, 47, mahogany complexion, N/S, enjoys all fun activities. Seeking gentleman Christian male, 40-55, N/S, who also enjoys fun activities, for friendship or possible LTR. ONE OF A KIND Outgoing dynamic, very attractive DJF, 42, brown/brown,

egloys exercise, dining out, travel, and coating. Seeking very refined, very handsome professional gentleman, 45-50, 6'-6'2', for friendship, possible relationship. No games. \$23093 FACE LIKE LINDA FIORENTINO Vivacious, blue-eyed brunette

SWF. 41. 57. 140ths, sense of humor, no children, enjoys Red Wings, bookstores, antiquing. Seeking rugged, great-looking, financially tionally secure, relationshipready, hip guy, 40-45, 5'19"-5'2" \$\overline{T}\$3089 SPRING INTO ROMANCE

Very loving DWF, young 50, 5'4', brown blue, N/S, enjoys movies, dining, concerts, sports, travel. Seeking honest, secure compassionate SWM friendship, feading to LTR.

BEAUTIFUL BROWN EYES SBF early 40s, medium build, enjoys travel, movies, beaches. Seeking honest, financially secure SM, 44-60, 5'8"+, with similar interests, for friendship first, possible romance. #2996 2ND TIME AROUND

Sounky, attractive widowed WF. 125lbs, seeks SWM, 60+, N/D, who likes family gatherings and long drives for possible rela-tionship. \$22964

GOOD THINGS! SMALL PACKAGES Well-packaged emotionally, spiriand intellectually, petite DPF, charismatic, adventurous, sublime to outrageous. Seeking SM for a monogamous rela-

bonship. 221997 FIRST TIME AD Attractive widowed BF, 41, 57, N/S, enjoys movies, concerts, dinner and travel. Seeking hon-est, dependable BCM, 40-49, for Inendship. \$2822

LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP Very kind-hearted, honest, easy-going, very affectionate DWF, 47, 5', brown hair, with sense of humor, likes the simple things in life. Seeking S/DWM, 47-55, for friendship, possible LTR. \$2811 LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT DBCF, 44, looks 28, green eyes, enjoys walking, reading, going to plays; dancing and basketball.

Seeking financially secure S/DBM, under 50, 6+. Must have God first. Children ok. \$2724 DOCTOR WANTED Very pretty SWF, mental heath care technician, youthful 48, 5'6", slightly overweight, blond/blue, seeks attractive SW medical doctor, 40-60; for companion-

ship: Troy area. \$2720 INTERESTED IN ART? Pretty SWF, early 40s, seeks sincere, sensitive, art-inclined SWM, 40-50, for possible relationship. #2632 IRRESISTIBLE intriguing, pretty, passionate DWF, 44, seeks handsome,

could be it! No games, please.

Creative, attractive female, sophisticated, yet down-to-earth, engaging personality. Seeking degreed professional male; N/S, ense of humor, who's interested in cultural syents, dining, travel, home projects, sports, conversation, and quiet moments. \$22630 BEAUTIFUL ...

FABULOUS, FIT AND FIFTY

SEEKING TALL MAN
SWF, 5'6', 126bs, blonde/blue,
nice figure, seeks furny, downto-sarth man, 36-42, strong
physique, who can handle life's
intle ups and downs. TI2600
EGET ALL THE ATTENTION Tall, blonde SF seeks tall, spontaneous male to go to parties with and share life with. My Attractive SWF, 59, 5'7', medium friends hate going to parties with me because I get all the attenbuild, seeks commitment-minded SWM, 45-60. \$2444

tion. #2818 WANT TO DANCE? Professional SWCF, 46, 5'a", medium build, no dependents, loves doing/watching all sports, traveling, roading, and dancing. Seeking romantic, tall, drug-free man, WS, who is not intimidated. by an independent woman. \$\pi 3374

LAUGHING AND LOVING Active, happy, positive SWPF, 53, business owner, health club schedule and retirement plans in two years. Seeking humorous, kind, considerate, lively man for fun and more. 23310

I'M A NUT Me: adventurous like a macadamia; sweet as a praine, with a smile like a butternut, You a primo cashew, slightly coconuts, not a goober or filbert, 30-40. Educated and caring a

FIRST TIME AD Bi racial SM, 45, 6', 1400s , long haired professional, no children, seeks slim, N/S SWF, for friend-ship, possible relationship. 12/3462

THE GREAT OUTDOORS DWM, N/S, N/D, looking for SF, 30-40, who enjoys the outdoors, country music, line dancing, home-cooked meals. 223436 IN YOUR EYES.

In YOUR EYES...

I find someone special. Fit SWM, 41, 5'8', 180lbs, short brown/brown, nice guys, enjoys humor, bike riding, ice skating, movies, music, arts. Seeling fit SWF to share experience. T 3520 NOT FOR EVERYONE

Financially secure SWM, 51, 5'10', 170bs, light brown/dark blue, enjoys tennis, golf, con-certs, fine dining, traveling. Seeking mate for kife, 39-50, N/S. Compatible signs: Lit Sagittarius, Gemini. 23523 STILL SLEEPING SOLO?

Say hello to my dream team! Affectionate, articulate, sharp SWM, 42, would like to turn dreams into reality with appealing SWF. Age open. \$73460 **OUTGOING AND FUN** Personable, fun-loving DWM, 53, 5'9", 225tbs, black/brown,

NS, enjoys working out, healthy cuisine, travelling, dancing, walks, Seeking outdoor activities. Seeking outgoing, white or Japanese female, 30-42, NS, for possible LTR. \$73458 ARE YOU AN ANGEL? Open-minded, warm-hearted, full-time father of a beautiful tittle girl, seeks warm-hearted female 30ish, with a smile to fill our day, to share lakes, travel, snowm and workouls. Novi

SEEKING EURO/RUSSIAN LADY Good-looking SWM, 40, 5'8'. 155tbs, enjoys movies, theater, symphony, dining out, long walks, concerts, opera, art, romance, travel. Seeks stender, pretty SWF, interested in LTR.

TRUE GENTLEMAN Spontaneous, romantic, active, tall DWM, 36, father of 9-year-old son, seeks active, fit, special woman who appreciates treated like a lady. \$73307



SEEKS EAST INDIAN WOMAN Handsome, muscular SWM, 30, blond/blue, seeks East Indian SF, 26-36, for friendship, possible LTR. \$23518.

EXCEPTIONAL GUY

SM, 36, 6'1", brown/blue, HW proportionate, enjoys television, dining, theater, and more. Seeking SF-Jor friendship, possi-ble relationship. \$23524 RUGGED AND OUTDOORSY

AND OUTDOORSY
Great-looking, sandy/blue, 5'11',
trim, 36, enjoys cottage, boat,
motorcycle. Would appreciate
skim gal that I can love today
more than yesterday but not as
much as lomorrow. Kids ok.
123461
LIFE IS
BETTER WHEN SHARED
Start my days fill my nights

Start my days, fill my nights. SWM, father of one, seeks active, in shape SPF, 30ish, to share laughter with. Must be honest, warm-hearted and love children. Novi area. 172904 GOOD GUY

Good-tooking, nice, very suc-cessful SWPM, 38, good build, with many interest. Seeking thin, nice, pretty/very attractive SWF. without dependents. **₽**3467 EASYGOING Intelligent, good-looking, tall, well-built, sensual, passionate SWM, 34, 6'3", 205bs, seeks

easygoing, attractive, sweet, sensual female, 25-45, for romance, possible relationship. Race open, \$23471 DO YOU HAVE CLASS? I do! Very handsome, affection-ate DWM, 38, 5'9", athletic build, college professor, seeks petite, attractive S/DWF, 30-40, N/S, a degreed professional, who loves hugs and kisses. \$23426 SENSE OF HUMOR

Friendly, handsome, tall, fit, car-ing, attentive, affectionate, sensismert, funny, romantic SWM, 36+, N/S, for great; one-on-one relationship. Are you ready? This tive SWPM, dark blond/large gorgeous blue, N/S, seeks attractive, slim, monogamous PILOT SEEKS COPILOT Wall-rounded, high-achieving, handsome, family-oriented.

adventurous, romantic PM, 34, 510°, enjoys all seasons out-doors. Seeking attractive, intelligent, special person. \$\overline{\text{TZ2907}} SEEKS GENUINE PERSON Well-established, good-looking SWM, 44, 5'9", 150lbs, with doors, music, dancing, working out. Seeking relatively slim, attractive, sincere WF, 35-45, for friendship, possible relationship Children ok. 273468

LOOKING FOR BRIGHT EYES Very caring, attractive, outgoing, ghing SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF, for friendship, maybe more. \$79363

SINGLE DAD... seeks mom. DWM, 37, 5'10', 170lbs, enjoys outdoors and being active. Seeking affectionate, fit, loving sweetheart to share music, travel, dining, and romantic, quiet times. Novi area. FIRST TIME AD

odsome, open-minded, car-, well-educated SWPM, 38, 5'8', N/S, in shape, into personal growth, yoga, travel, cooking. Seeking very attractive SF, under 42, for possible relationship. #3245

JACK DAWSON SEEKS HIS ROSE Good-looking, fit, honest WM, 33, brown/blue, N/S, with good morals, enjoys dining out, movies, walks, seeks attractive, fit honest WF, 24-37, N/S, \$23058 Handsome SBM, 33, enjoys sus-pensetul movies, music, sports classic cars. Seeking kind-heart-ed, full-figured SWF for possible relationship. \$\mathbb{T}\$2967

ATTRACTIVE AND TALL Attractive and humorous SWM. 6'4", seeks attractive SWF, 27-40, who enjoys movies, comedies, walking, or just fun. Phymouth area \$2906

SINGLE IN DETROIT Honest, down-to-earth SBM, mld-30s, would like to meet special SBF, 25-45, for friendship, possible relationship. I like movies, concerts, special times together, 27 1286

ENHANCE MY QUALITIES Creative, adventurous, handsome, open-minded, unselfish SM, 38, N/S, seeks SF, with similar quaffies, for added ingredient, to enhance everything.

SOFT-HARD BODY Athletic, energetic, fit, humorous SM, business owner, enjoys travel, lakefront fiving, boating, sking, rollerblading, hockey, and more. Seeking monogamous relationship with tab, athletic, fit SWE to represent 20th MS, with SWF, in younger 30s, N/S, with no dependents. \$23435

FIRST TIME AD Fit, attractive, unattached, confidant, secure DWM, young 58, 5'9', 170lbs, N/S, social drinker, seeks non-smoking, pelite, slim, attractive, sincere, unattached SWF, 45-60, for friendship, possible LTR: \$23365

SPRING FLING AND MORE Sincere SWPM, 40, 611, 190fbs. wide spectrum of interests, seeks slim, trim SW/AF, a romantic-at-heart, who values family and friends, to develop a long-term, monogamous, pas-Age unimportant, attitude is:

ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS Easygoing, physically fit, muscular, average-looking DWM, 40, 5'8", 170lbs, light-brown/blue, mustache, glasses, single dad, enjoys hilding, bilding, kayaking, thealer, movies, cooking, travel often. Seeking SF, IVS, with sim-llar interests. \$23423

ENJOYS SIMPLE THINGS Easygoing, honest, secure SWM; 39, 57", 180bs, brown/ hazel, N/S, no dependents, faclory employed, seeks employed, petite SA/HF, under 44, under 1258bs, with one or no dependents, for LTR, \$73428

I MADE THE FIRST MOVE
Now it's your turn. Muscular, clean, good-looking SM, 6', 210lbs, homeowner, never marned, no dependents, financially secure, enjoys workouts, travel, and more. Seeking gorgeous lady for loving relationship. \$\pi 3429\$ SPIRITED ROMANTIC Handsome SWM, giver, affectionate listener, aware vegetari-

an, involving yoga, mediation, seeks combination flower child, earth mother, dream-seeker, artistic eccentric, beautiful partner, soulmate. \$73434 MR. RIGHT HERE! Affectionate, financially independent SAM, 25, seeks a nice; fun-loving girl for friendship, short-term, or long-term relationship.

BAREFOOT ON THE BEACH Sim, sensual, spintual, successful SJM, 46, 59, 162bs, seeks relationship-oriented SF, 30-45, who enjoys Borders. Royal Oak, art films, dance clubs, delis to Middle Eastern cuisine, Jazz, classical, contemporary music. IVORY SEEKING EBONY

Romantic, sensitive, shy SWM, 37, 5'8, 140lbs, reddish brown/brown, enjoys dining out, movies, and long walks. Seeking SBF, 30-40, for LTR. \$2371 DOWN-TO-EARTH/POLISHED SWPF, 53, youthful, kind-heart-ed, loves to laugh, seeks SWM, (widowed preferred) 50-63: who night want to move to warmer climate, interests in oolf, boating theater, and home life, etc. \$3366 OLD-FASHIONED

Down-to-earth, secure, widowed BCM, 48, 6'4', 220lbs, father of twins, enjoys movies, cooking, and martial arts. Seeking attractive BF, 36-49, for possible LTR. Must have God first \$\frac{13}{23}\$ WHY BE ALONE? Caring affectionate, loving DWM, 52, 57', loves take activities, skiing, movies, and quality times together. Seeting petremedium SF, 40-50, for friendship, possible long-term monog-

amous relationship. Race unimportant. 21548 TAKES CHARGE Romantic SWPM, 39, enjoys movies, dancing, dining, theater Seeks feminine, passionale SWF_25-45, for adventure and

PILOT SEEKS CO-PILOT SAM, 31, 55', HW proportionate, college graduate, enjoys, traveling, theater, movies, comedy clubs, weekend getaways. conversations, tennis, gott, cut-tural events, family/friends. Seeking attractive SWF, 25-36, with a good sense of humor, great smile, \$2361

SEEKING TRUE LOVE Down-to-earth, intelligent, pas-sionate, honest, sincere SWM. 39, 5'8", smoker, animal lover seeks petite, leminine SWF for monogamous' LTR, kids ok. 23273

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SATURDAY



All aboard for an evening of "Twentieth Century Un-Limited" fun 8 p.m. at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. Concert features organist Brian Carmody, Doug Jacobs and the Red Garter Band, and songstress Fran Carmody. Tickets \$8 at the door, or call (313) 537-2560.



Legendary pianist Victor Borge performs with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$13 to \$45, call (313) 576-*5111*.



The Royal Hanneford Circus comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championehip Dr. for eight performances Thursday, April 8 thorough Sunday, April 11. Tickets \$12, \$8 reserved and \$5 general admission. Call (248)

is happy to be on the road again

BY HUGH GALLAGHER

or 30 years Doc Severinsen had a steady gig. Same place, same time five nights a week for a national audience of insomniacs on "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson."

Now, Severinsen, 71, is on the road 46 weeks a year and, he says, "having the time of my life."

On Friday, April 16, Severinsen will bring his All Star Big Band to Orchestra Hall and he promises a "hot" night. Two-thirds of the band are former players with Severin-sens Tonight Show Band.

"We'll get on stage and play" swing, jazz, blues, lots of blues," he said. "A lot of these are the guys that created that sound. Ernie Watts on sax, Snooky Young and Conte Candoli, who played with Woody Herman and Stan Kenton, on trumpet. Bill Perkins on baritone sax. Eddie Shaughnessy on drums. Ross Thompkins on piano

and Barbara Morrison on vocals." Tonight Show fans remember Severinsen as much for his flamboyant attire and witty repartee with Carson as they do for his often dramatic trumpet stylings, but Severinsen knows his way around the trumpet, which he calls a "glorious instrument but a jealous mistress."

Now that mistress is getting its fair share of attention.

Severinsen began playing when he was a 7-year-old in Arlington, Ore. Named Carl after his father, he picked up his moniker because his father was a dentist and Severinsen was known as Little Doc.

"As a kid in eastern Oregon, the only contact I had with music was the jukebox or the bus stop or the radio," he said. "Swing bands were the thing and I heard Tommy Dorsey, Harry James and Glenn Miller, L guess. Harry James played trumpet and certainly made an impression on me. Also Louis Armstrong and when I heard Dizzy Gillespie, that got to me. Miles Davis was someone I

thought the world of. When I was with Charlie Barnet and I met Clark Terry, he was a big influ-

After a stint in the Army, the Bernet, Tommy Dorsey and Benny Coodinan bands before bettling down with a job as a staff musician at NBC in 1949. He joined the Tonight Show Orchestra under Skitch Henderson in 1962 and took over the band in 1967. The show made him famous and he admits to missing it — at first.

"When you go to a job that regularly and it's that big a deal, it's not exactly out of sight, out of mind. It was sweet sorrow," he

Now he finds his band right in step with the times as the country is experiencing a swing revival, though Severinsen said he's been drawing young audiences all

"They've been coming right along. I've taken this band out for the last 15 years and the first thing I noticed was how many young people there were," he said. When the swing revival thing came about I was a little surprised but then I thought about how the young people came to hear us."

WHAT: Doc Severinsen and His All-Star Big Band perform as part of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Ameritech Jazz Series

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Quest artist: Doc Severinsen and his All Star Big Band will play swing, jazz, and lots of blues during their concert at Orchestra Hall.

stand the music and appreciate

what the band does. He said the

music has a good beat and a blues

background, "Why wouldn't it sur-

wiperimented with fusion music, a

blending of bop jazz with electric

rock pioneered by Miles Davis,

Chick Corea, Herbie Hancock and

"I really enjoyed doing that," he

said. "But when I got the big band

going, that was when I realized.

The Big Band is only one aspect

of Severinsen's busy musical life.

He has recorded more than 30

albums in all musical formats. He

also performs regularly with clas-

sical and pops orchestras, includ-

ing the Detroit Symphony, as a

trumpet soloist and as a guest con-

ductor. He is also the principal

pops conductor for the Minnesota

Orchestra, the Milwaukee Sym-

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Big band music creates a special

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"No, god, no. Not from what I see

there," he said. "Paul (Shafer of the

Letterman Show) and his guys do

a wonderful job and so do the guys

on The Tonight Show. The job is

As for Severinsen, he'd rather be

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ing up through the floor," he said.

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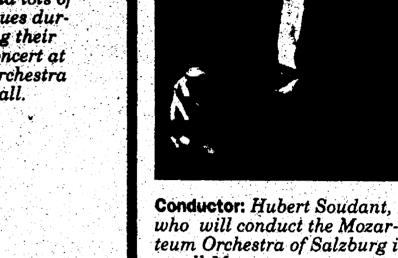
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who will conduct the Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg in an all-Mozart program on April 15, has definite ideas on how Mozart should be played.

Orchestra keeps Mozart's music alive and well

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born Jan. 27, 1756, in Salzburg, Austria. He began to play the harpsichord at age 3 and was composing by the time he was 6. The boy genius never stopped until his life was cut tragically short by rheumatic fever on Dec. 4, 1792.

Salzburg was an inspiration and source for Mozart's music and today continues to keep his music alive.

On April 15, Hubert Soudant will conduct the Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg in an all-Mozart program at the University of Michigan's Hill Audi-

Balsburg'in winter is a very German town," said Soudant by telephone from Salzburg. "But in the summer, it is an Italian town. In Mozart there is a very great Italian influence in his music."

This warmth and emotion have made Mozart universally loved.

His music is so universal, first of all," Soudant said. "He talks to the heart of the people in many ways. He's funny, happy, very sad, all kinds of human feelings are involved in his music. The success of Mozart's music is that it talks to everyone."

The Mozarteum Orchestra has a strong historical connection to the great composer beyond being located in his native city. The orchestra dates from 1841 when citizens of Salzburg, together with Mozart's widow Constanze, founded the "Cathedral Music

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WYDOW'S Mozarteum Orchestra of Seleburg conducted by Hubert Soudant with Till Felmer, plane, Katharine Goeld-

ner, mezzo-eoprano. WOUNTER All Mozart program featuring Symphonies No. 25 in g minor and No. 36 in C Majer; Plano Concerto No. 25 in

C Major; and two operatic selections. THE HIH Auditorium on the compus of the University of Michigan as part.

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POPULAR MUSIC

Sponge woos hometown with 'New Pop Sunday'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net

When Vinnie Dombroski hits the stage, it's impossible to look elsewhere. Whether it be Dombroski's bright, mustard-colored vest, impossibly thin body, or charismatic stage presence, Sponge's lead singer is interesting to watch.

Fans feel the same way. During a performance at Guitar Center in Roseville last month, Dombroski sauntered into the crowd and nearly stepped on a young, suit-wearing teen. The youngster didn't seem to care, he just wanted to snap a photo, After a few expletives and a lot of trembling, the teen seemed able to get his shot.

Snapping his fingers toward the sky, Dombroski along with bandmates guitarist Mike Cross, bassist Tim Cross, drummer Charlie Grover, and guitarist/slide guitarist Joey Mazzola tore through hits like the drunken

slide guitar-laden "Wax Ecstatic" and the pop song

"Molly (Sixteen Candles)."

But Sponge's visit was all about wooing its hometown crowd into buying "New Pop Sunday" when it hits stores this Tuesday. "New Pop Sunday" (Beyond) sticks closely with the pop formula of its debut "Rotting Pinata" (Columbia).

That was a move that, Dombroski and Mazzola explained, was calculated. The decision was based more on influences than the fact that the brilliant, bluesy sophomore effort "Wax Ecstatic" (Columbia) was largely ignored by the label.

"We always had pop influences from the very beginning of this band. The first album has got pop songs on it, as well as just like rock songs." Mazzola said. With "New Pop Sunday," the slide guitar has been pushed to the background making way for hand claps,

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STATT PROTO BY PAUL HUMCHMANN

Colebrating release: Sponge lead singer Vinnie Dombroski sings tracks off his band's latest album "New Pop Sunday" at Overture Studios in Novi. The performance was part of an "Edge Session" hosted by the now-defunct alternative station WXDG-FM 105.1 "The Edge."

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Association and Mozarteum." This group was to be devoted to "the refinement of musical taste with regard to sacred music as well as concerts." The orchestra performed all kinds of music from symphonies to incidental music for burlesques and plays. It acquired its present name in 1906.

The orchestra's modern reputation dates from 1920 when Bernhard Paumgartner was invited to participate in the first Salzburg Festival. Today the 91member Mozarteum is the orchestra for the province and city of Salzburg, gives 130 performances a year and records on several labels. Though playing the full repertoire of serious music, the orchestra is closely associated with the music of Mozart, Haydn and Schubert.

"When I started to conduct this orchestra about five years ago, I became a happier person through playing this music. It makes you a richer person," Soudant said.

In addition to being the chief conductor for the Mozarteum Orchestra, Soudant, 53, is also the chief conductor for the Orchestra and Opera of Nantes/Angers. He also serves as guest conductor for many leading orchestras around the world. In the United States he has conducted the Mostly Mozart Festival Orchestra, the Houston Symphony Orchestra and the Dallas Symphony. He is also a leading conductor for opera.

Soudant has definite ideas on how Mozart should be played.

"The most important thing is that it has to be alive, funny, dancing, twinkling in the eye," he said. "Mozart done stiffly, you can't express the soul of the composer."

The two symphonies provide a contrast. Symphony No. 36 "Linz" is, according to Soudant, lightly textured "with a beautiful second movement." But Symphony No. 25 is different.

"The g minor symphony is a statue, a column in every musician's life, to feel the deepness of this music," Soudant said. "It's always a struggle, a profound work."

Also profound is the Piano Concerto No. 25, Mozart's longest concerto.

"It's like going through the

complete life of a person, so much is involved," Soudant said.

The pianist, Till Fellner, is regarded as one of the finest young interpreters of Mozart's music.

Soudant said that in addition to having "brilliant technique," Fellner knows how to "look for the music."

The program at Hill will include two vocal selections "Alma grande e nobil core" and "Cho'io mi scordi di te" performed by Katharine Goeldner.

"In the time of Mozart, composers wrote for courts and the church, financed by the church or a prince or princess. They asked composers to write operas for them," Soudant said. "For these small cities, it was an evening out, the entertainment of the time."

Soudant said Mozart is the biggest name in opera, combining his protean musical talent with the other elements of literature and staging that make opera "all arts in one."

The Mozarteum performance is one of 10 on a tour of major U.S. cities April 8-22.



STAFF PROTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Half-hour show: Sponge - from left, slide guitarist Joey Mazzola, singer Vinnie Dombroski, and guitarist Mike Cross - played "Wax Ecstatic," and, from "New Pop Sunday," "Planet Girls" and "Live Here Without You" during its "Edge Session" in late March.

Greenfield Village plows into spring

(PRNewswire) — Flowers are blooming, the grass is green and new-life is abounding as Greenfield Village begins its 70th sea-

The Village will celebrate Spring Farm Days April 22-25. Visitors can see what life was like on farms during the 18th and 19th centuries from plowing the land to spring cleaning.

"For the past 70 years we've told stories of how ordinary accomplished Americans extraordinary feats," said Christian Overland, director of Public and School Programs. "This year, we're celebrating our history and offering visitors experieness which are fun, educational, and inspirational. In just a few short weeks, our Merino sheep ill be giving birth to the new lambs of spring."

Stroll down one of the village's historic lanes as the celebration. of 70 years of American innovation and resourcefulness will be felt from the Noah Webster House to the Cape Cod Wind-

Costumed presenters in authentic period clothing are happy to tell you how the original occupants of over 80 historic sites spent their days during the 18th and 19th centuries.

Come take a ride on a 1913 Carousel featuring a variety of exquisitely carved wooden animals. Visitors can also ride the double decker Suwanee steamboat on the Suwanee Lagoon from May 31 through Sept. 6. See the entire village while taking a ride on our steam-powered locomotive or horse-drawn car-

Before crossing into the new millennium, take another walk back in time across the Ackley

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Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village are located at Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road in Dearborn, Michigan, just west of the Southfield Freeway (M-39) and south of Michigan Avenue (U.S. 12).

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission to Henry Ford Museum or Greenfield Village is \$12.50 for adults; \$11.50 for senior citizens 62 and over: \$7.50 for kids 5-12 years old. Children under 5 and members are admitted free.

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hip-shaking melodies ("Planet Girls," "Live Here Without You") and '80s-inspired riffs ("When You're on Fire Baby, Roll").

But "New Pop Sunday" is a heart-breaker of an album. Take, for example, the first single "Live Here Without You" where Dombroski sings: "I can't kiss you anymore/ I can't miss you anymore/ Love's not easy to ignore/ When your heart lies bleeding on the floor/ I just sit and count the days days until you'll be mine."

"New Pop Sunday" was started as a project for Columbia but creative differences severed the relationship between Sponge and the Sony-owned label.

"It was a mutual decision. We were dissatisfied with the record and the direction that the record was taking. It was a business decision at that point," said Mike Cross, an Oakland County resi-

"The reason why we weren't so inclined to want to release a third record on Columbia was we understood one thing: if we had another shot at releasing a single, that single would literally get 6-8 weeks of push from the label, just like 'Wax Ecstatic' got. If it didn't just blow out in 6-8 weeks they'd either move on to another single or they'd get off the record," added Dombroski who, since "Wax Ecstatic" has shed his gold tooth.

Newly inspired, Sponge ditched producer John Kalodner, returned to The Loft in Saline and engineer Tim Patalan, who also worked on "Wax Ecstatic" and "Rotting Piñata." Kalodner signed Aerosmith to Geffen April 11, at Harmony House, Records in 1984 and continues to work with the group.

was unhappy with Kalodner's preference to lean toward two- for more information,

part guitar arrangements.

"The thing that was pretty consistent with the last two records, was the laying of guitars. We had a lot of different guitar parts going on. The direction of the record a year ago was just two-part guitar arrangements. We don't do that kind of stuff. It's more layered," Dombroski explained.

Returning to Patalan is a testament to the band's faith in the producer — or, perhaps, just karma.

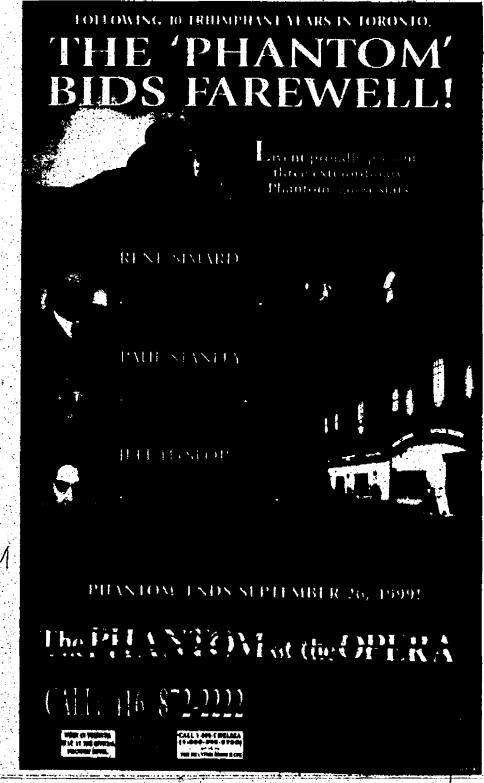
"No matter how we try to get away, we always have to go back there," bassist Tim Cross said.

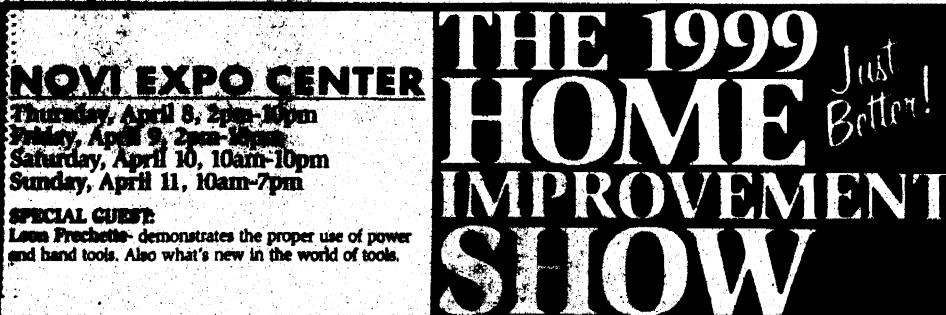
Sponge will perform and sign

autographs at noon Sunday, 30830 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. The show is Dombroski said that Sponge free. Call (248) 626-4533 or visit http://www.sponge-online.com









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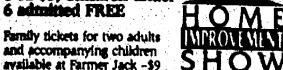
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NOVI EXPO CENTER 1-96 AND **NOVI ROAD**



On stage: Matt Troyer stars as the "Playboy" and Emily N. Miller plays the object of his affection, "Pegeen Mike," in the Irish comedy, "The Playboy of the Western

Hilberry does lyrical 'Playboy'

Wayne State University's Hilberry graduate theater company presents Ireland's finest literary masterpiece, John Millington Synge's "Playboy of the Western World" in rotating repertory through May 8 at theater, Cass and Hancock, Detroit. For tickets, call (313) 577-2972.

BY SUR SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

If St. Patrick's Day has you longing for the lyric tongue of the Emerald Isle, look no further than the Hilberry Theatre's stage. They may not be in Corktown, but the fine lasses and lads fill the auditorium with the rich language of a literary masterpiece, and a little blarney as

"The Playboy of the Western World" is a poetic story of a young man on the run who believes he killed his father with an angry blow from a shovel. The local peasants, awed by his notoriety, treat him like a hero, and he is beset by fawning females. However, events take an unexpected turn when his supposedly dead father arrives in sore pursuit.

Emily Miller is warm and sensually romantic as Pegeen, the publican's daughter whose bored acceptance of her betrothal to Shawn, a young farmer, changes to defiant excitement when she turns her charms upon the fleeing felon Christopher.

Puppy-faced Matt Troyer winningly portrays Christopher Mahon, the shovel-wielding son whose newfound notoriety at first confounds and then delights him. Troyer's face displays a multitude of moods, from sensual satisfaction from the fawning females to dumfounded fear

when his staggering and furious father crashes in on his newfound fame.

David Engelman gets a break from somber, serious roles as he assumes the persona of the hapless, weak-willed fiances. Both his verbal and physical performance of Shawn, Pegeen's intended, capture the comic yet human aspects of the character's jealousy and frustration as Christopher and Pegeen gravitate closer together.

The village maidens, played by Sara Catheryn Wolfe, Heidi Olson and Tanisha Gonzalez, and a scheming widow, played by Cat Shoemaker, kept the audience in stitches with their barely contained fawning over Christopher. The rough and resurrected father, played by Fred Shahadi, also took full advantage of physical comedy to garner his share of the laughter.

In a fascinating scene, an outside horse race was feverishly watched from the pub window by the locals. In contrast to this, excited energy, the heartfelt dialogue between Pegeen and Christopher captures the play's romantic and lyric nature.

The set is wonderful detailed yet rough hewn, with straw and mud walls, a huge stone hearth, and meticulously detailed props, right down to a straw-stuffed mattress. The costumes captured the careless, careworn peasant attire, with attentive detail spent even on the laced up boots. of the era.

The dialogues may be difficult to follow at times due to the heavily accented and lyrical nature of the script. However, it's easier to follow than Shakespeare, and closer to our era by a long shot.

Former acrobat wrestles alligators in Hanneford Circus

The Royal Hanneford Circus comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Drive for eight performances Thursday, April 8 through Sunday, April 11. SCall (248) 645-6666 for ticket information.

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

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Alligators are hardly cuddly critters, but Tahar likes them very much.

"They don't make noise, and they're not stinky," said Tahar, one of the featured performers in

the Royal Hanneford Circus opening tonight at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Born in Marrakesh, Morocco in North Africa, Tahar began his circus career as an acrobat not an alligator wrestler.

He holds the Guiness World record for supporting the largest human pyramid of all time — 12 men, three tiers high, for a total weight of 1,700 pounds.

"I was with Ringling Bros. & Barnum Bailey Circus when they asked me if I wanted to develop an alligator act for an African show," he said. "I trained with a guy in the Everglades in

Florida."

Tahar's act was a success, and he left the circus to perform at casinos in Las Vegas. He's also been featured on TV shows in Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela.

"Kids are crazy for them," said Tahar about the alligators he wrestles. "People think you're nuts for sticking your head in an alligator's mouth. It's something new for the audience."

He's been hurt a couple of times, but not bad enough to quit. "Alligators are not smart," said Tahar. "I just handle them."

He owns an alligator farm in

Texas and changes the alligators he uses in his act every six months. "The new ones are more active and do a better job," he said. "People like them so much."

Tahar is just one of the highlights of the Royal Hanneford Circus, which features artists from around the world.

Johnny Peers and The Muttville Comix is a slapstick comedy act involving a menagerie of mongrels. The dogs, acquired through animal shelters, have been trained to knock Johnny down and walk over him.

You'll see the Frisco. Bros. Performing Elephants - Dumbo,

II 'People think you're nuts for sticking your head in an alligator's mouth. It's something new for the audience.'

> Tahar Alligator wrestler

Gina and Joyce and The Nerveless Nocks who have earned universal acclaim for their daring stunts on skyscraping swaypoles, completely free of guy wires and tine that definitely cannot be safety means.

Kids will watch with wonder

as eight-year-old Roman Tomanov dangles high above the floor from two canvas straps for a death defying gymnastic roudone at home.

Producer searches out local reggae band



catch the tail end of an unfamiliar tune. Or we're at home preparing dinner and using the radio as background noise when an irresistible and unknown piece of music catches

the radio in a

traffic jam and

our ear. We have to know more. Ever get so obsessed that you call the radio station and plead for information from anyone who will take your call? "Sorry, I don't know the name of the song or the artist, but it goes like this

... doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo." Sadly, so does everything from Beethoven's Fifth to "Heartbreaker" by the Rolling Stones. Frustrated and a bit humiliated, we usually abandon our pursuit.

It happened recently to Ron Pangborn, who serves as music producer for the "Backstage Pass" series on Detroit Public Television. Ron has been on a mission to ensure that standouts from every genre of music get their gig on the show. It was reggne's turn, and he was scouting Michael Julian's Saturday night

We've all done it. WDET-FM when he was struck obsessions go. It also occurs to presented, along with an in-stu-

Remember the Richard Dreyfuss character in "American Graffiti," who stalked Wolfman Jack to get a dedication out to the mysterious blonde (Suzanne Somers) in the T-Bird. Ron approached his search for the band with the same drive and passion, and, fortunately, he didn't have to look far. An overnight technician who works in the adjoining control room to the "Backstage Pass" studio had the

"He told me that Universal Xpression is a Detroit-based band. So I tracked them down on their web site and booked them immediately on the show," he says. The sextet has excellent credentials, recording five albums during its six year existence, and touring with such notables as Burning Spear and Third World. It was the intriguing blend of reggae, with an undertone of American, African and Lavin rhythms that caught Ron's ear.

"It's always gratifying when you hear music this fresh and exciting, especially when you discover that a local band is creating the sounds," he adds.

I was happy to oblige when Ron nudged me into featuring

Maybe we're by a piece from a band called me that if scenes from that dio performance by the cast of its button pushing Universal Xpression. movie were set in the late '90s, current production, "I Love You, the mysterious blonde in the T-Bird would probably have a web site and ruin the plot. Of course, there might be some suspense over whether she was Y2K com-

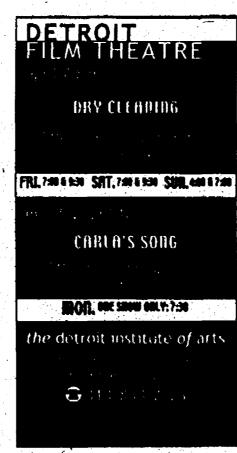
> There's no denying Ron's passion for music. When it comes to commitment to theatre, we may never see another story as incredible as Chuck Forbes' successful effort to save his Gem Theatre. When the Gem was threatened with extinction as plans for a new baseball stadium were taking shape a year and a half ago, Forbes had the five million pound structure put up on wheels and rolled to a new home five blocks away. It was a feat that merited attention by the Guinness Book of World Records.

> Dave Toorongian, one of the producers of the recent television documentary "The Hudson's Building," is preparing a segment which chronicles the theatre's history and the amazing relocation to Madison Avenue. But the key to this success story is Chuck Forbes' devotion to his 450-seater, which made its triumphant re-opening last September.

> In an edition of "Backstage Pass" airing on Detroit Public TV at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, April 11, an admiring view of the Gem will be

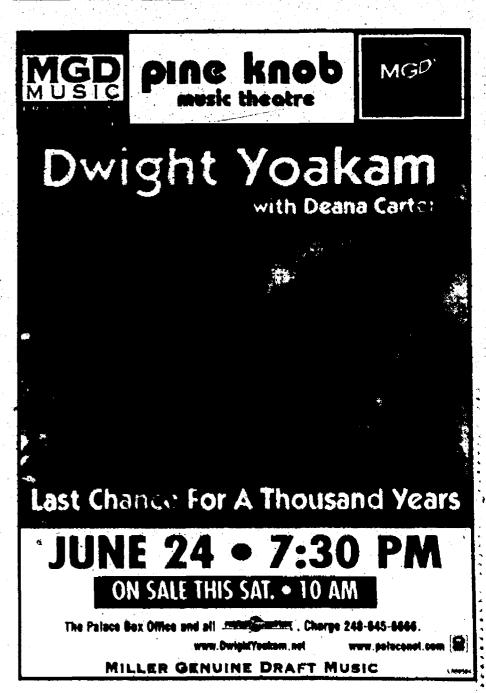
You're Perfect, Now Change," and the music of Universal. Xpression.

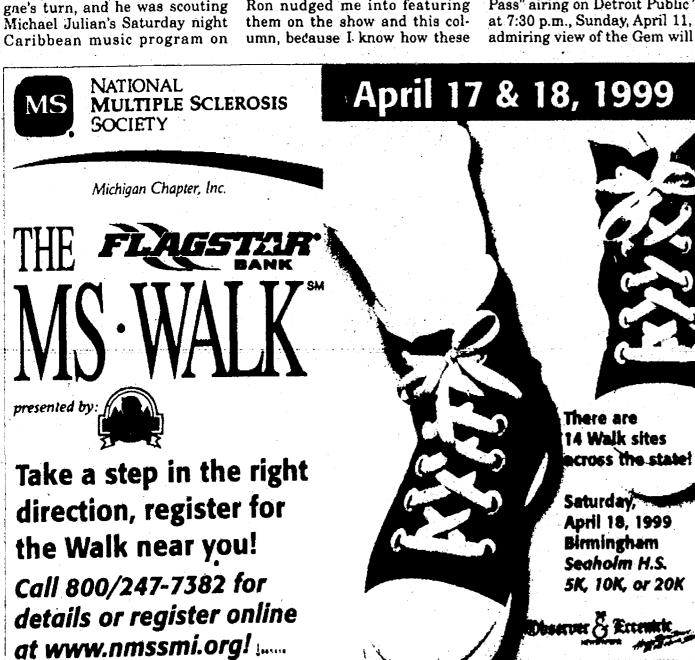
Ron Pangborn found music of the Caribbean in his hometown. Chuck Forbes found a new neighborhood five blocks away for his beloved theatre. It's a reminder that we usually don't have to travel far to indulge our passions for the arts.











A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

THE CENTURY THEATRE "Forbidden Hollywood," April 14-June 27, Gem/Century building, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays (\$29.50), 7:30 p.m. Thursdays (\$29.50), 8:30 p.m. Fridays (\$34.50), 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays (\$34,50), 1:30 p.m. Sundays (\$29.50), and 5:30 p.m. Sundays (\$24.50). (313) 962-2913 FOX THEATRE

"The Wizard of Oz" 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 8-9, noon, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-6611 GEM THEATRE

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," runs through June 27 at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 or (248) 645-6666 MACOMB CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

"Meet Me in St. Louis," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the center, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$30, \$27 students/seniors, \$80 family of four. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE "The Rocky Horror Show," Wednesday-Sunday, April 14-May 9, at the theater in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-\$35, previews April 14-16 \$19.50-\$35. (248) 377-3300

OPERA

ELIZABETH PARCELLS

The Detroit coloratura soprano sings songs and arias by Mozart, Donizetti and Bellini, and offers commentary on the music during a concert noon Wednesay, April 14, in the Forum Recital Hall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Free. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218

VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN Canton Project Arts presents *Discover Opera," featuring live performances by the Verdi Opera Theatre preceded by an informative presentation *Opera: What It's All About," and a display of rare opera posters, 3:30 p.m. (4 p.m. concert) Sunday, April 18, at the Summit on the Park, Canton. \$10. (734) 397-

COLLEGE

EMU THEATRE

U-M THEATRE

"The House of Blue Leaves," this award-winning play is a farce about a middle-aged zoo attendant who longs to fulfill his dream of becoming a famous songwriter, Friday-Saturday, April 9-11, and Thursday-Saturday, April 15-17, 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, at Quirk Theatre on Eastern Michigan University's campus, Ypsilanti, \$7, Thursday, \$12 Fridays-Saturdays, \$10 Sunday. (734) 487-1221

U-D MERCY THEATRE "Biloxi Blues," Neil Simon's play set in a U.S. Army boot camp during World War II, Friday, April 9, to Sunday, April 25, 8 p.m. Thursdays Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, in the McAuley Theatre on the campus at 8200 W. Outer Drive, Detroit. \$10, \$8 seniors/students. (313) 993-1130

Workshop production of "Orphan Train," a classic American melodrama about poverty, community, family and hope by Michigan playwright Dennis North, directed by Guy Sanville of Purple Rose Theatre Company, through April 11, at the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$14, **\$7. (734) 764-0450**

U-M THEATER DEPARTMENT "Candide," by Leonard Bernstein, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 15-17, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18, The Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$18 and \$15 reserved seating, \$7 student seating. (734) 764-0450

WSU HILDERRY THEATRE "The Playboy of the Western World," a literary classic from Ireland about a playboy who cons his way into becoming the romantic hero of a small peasant village, runs through May 8 in rotating repertory, at the theater, 4743. Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313)

WEU STUDIO THEATRE "The Subject Was Roses," the Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize-winning drama chronicles the homecoming of a World War II veteran, through April 18, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Syndays, in the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., at Hencock, Detroit. \$8, \$6 students/seniors. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY TERATER

HARTLAND PLAYERS "A Thousand Clowns," & p.m. Fridays-Seturdays, agrif 16-17, and 23-24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Hertland Music Helt, 2618 Avon. \$5, \$7 students/eurogra. (810) 220-3621

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TRACY PLANNING Stool Magnellas" by Robert Harling opens 8 p.m. Friday, April 9 and contin-

ing & D.R. Fridays and Saturdays, Adrill



Family event: Tahar and his alligators are one of the featured acts in the Royal Hanneford Circus at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Drive for eight performances Thursday, April 8 through Sunday, April 11. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8; 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 11; 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Tickets \$12 and \$8 reserved and \$5 general admission. All seats \$4 opening night. All seats for the Friday matinee are \$5. Children 12 and under and seniors 65 and over will receive \$2 off \$12 and \$8 tickets for all shows except the performance on April 8 and the 11 a.m. performance on April 9. Call (248) 645-6666.

10, April 16-17 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at Hamilton Elementary School, 5625 Northfield Parkway, Troy. \$10. (248) 879-1285

DINNER THEATER

BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, has an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666 SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN ARTS CONSERVATORY

"Did He Say ... Murder?," an interactive mystery about the murder of the grandson of the last owner of the Nelson Hotel in Plymouth, a production by Such and Such with dinner by Palermo's Italian Restaurant, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the conservatory, 5701 Canton Center Road, (north of Ford Road, off Maben Road). Canton. \$64, \$120 couples. (734) 453-7590, ext. 200

YOUTH PRO-DUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Velveteen Rabbit," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through April 25, and 2:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 89, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$7. (248) 349-8110 MASONIC TEMPLE

Scholastic's Magic School Bus Live, "A Bright Idea," an all new original musical production based on the award-winning Fox-TV series and the best-selling book, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the theater, Detroit. \$21.50, \$17.50, \$13.50, benefits Crohn's and Colitis research. (248) 645-6666/(313) 871-1132 group sales.

NOVI THEATRES *The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and His Friends," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile. \$8, \$7 advance. (248) 347-0400

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS "Jack and the Beanstalk," runs. Saturdays Sundays to May 23, 1 p.m. Saturdays (funch at noon) and 2 p.m. Sundays (lunch at 1 p.m.), at the Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougall across from Harbortown, Detroit: \$7.50, includes lunch and show, (810) 662-8118

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY Students from Interlochen Arts Academy and their instructors will give workshops and a performance of "You're a Good Man, Charles Brown," from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Seturdey, April 10, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. (313) 494-5800/(616)

276-7/804 YOUTHERINE "The Becret Gerden" New York's Theutreworks/USA turns the classic into e warm, companionate play, 2 p.m. Siturday Bunday, April 10-11 and 11 a.m. Billurday, April 10, at Music Hall, 350 Medison Ave., Detroit. \$5, \$7 advence. (213) 963-2366

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Road, Livonia. \$75. (734) 432-5421 BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE Presents 'Wonderfully Wicked Women, a murderously funny musical revue, 8 p.m. Friday, April 9 (\$22, cabaret-style seating), and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11 (\$18), at The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham, (248) 738-9827 BOW WOW CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH Noon to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at The Ritz-Carlton Dearborn, Fairlane

Plaza, 300 Town Center Dr. \$150, to benefit the Michigan Humane Society. (248) 852-7420 "COLLISION OF COOL" A celebration of the next century of cutting-edge artists with food, music

and art, 5 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, April 17, at Cranbrook Academy of Art. 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. To benefit the graduate art programs. (248) 645-3333 **DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY GUILD** FLEA MARKET

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 10-11, all proceeds to benefit Detroit Historical Museum, at Historic Fort Wayne. Free, \$1 for parking. (313) 821-7795

PLANIT GOLF MASTERS SHOOTOUT 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, until 4 p.m. Sunday, April 12, at Bogey's Bar and Grille, 142 E. Walled Lake Dr., Walled Lake Proceeds of golf ball purchases benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. (248) 669-1441 RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

Holds its annual auction 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Livernois and Crooks road, Troy. \$15, includes dinner. Proceeds benefit a theater scholarship and building fund. (248) 988-7049

FAMILY EVENTS

CELEBRATION BASH

Learn to host a children's party, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, between 10 and 11 Mile roads. (248) 352-0990 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at

COLLECTIBLE TOY & MODEL KIT SHOW the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. \$5, \$2 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110 KIDS CONCERT

Mark Dvorak entertains with action songs and sing-alongs for children ages 4-10, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at

24350 Southfield Road. \$3:25. (248) 424-9022 MR. LAURENCE Celebrates the release of his new children's CD with a party and performance, 2 p.m. Saturday, April 10,

the Southfield Centre for the Arts,

Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 ROYAL HANNEFORD CIRCUS

7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 11, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills, \$12 and \$8 reserved, \$5 general admission. Discounts: \$4 opening night; \$5 Friday matines, groups of 15 or more receive \$2 off, perking is free; children 12 and younger and seniors ages 65 and older receive \$4 off \$12 and \$8 ticket except the performance on April 8 and 11 s.m. performance on April 9; and Scout groups of 15 or more receive \$12 tickets for the 10:30 a.m. performance

http://www.palacenet.com TINY TOTS CONCERT By the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. With segrano Emily Benner and mezzosoprano Barbara Wittsle, and storytelling misne Nine Kircher, 10:15 a.m. and \$1:45 a.m. Saturday, April 10, ages 3-6, at Marcy High School, 29300 11

Mile Road, at Middlebelt Road.

on April 10 for \$5, (248) 377-0100 or

Farmington Hills. \$10. (313) 576-5111 U-M PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Terntorial Road, south of M-14, west of Sheldon, \$8, \$7 students/seniors; \$20 families. (248) 380-5940

CLASSICAL

ARIANNA STRING QUARTET

With guest artist Kristy Meretta in Mozart's 'Quartet for Oboe and Strings," 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at Pease Auditorium, College Place and West Cross, on the Eastern Michigan University's campus, Ypsilanti. free. (734) 487-2255 or

www.emich.edu/music/musicevents.ht

ATLANTIS TRIO

Jaap Schroeder, violin; Penelope Crawford, harpsichord/fortepiano, and Enid Sutherland, cello/viola da gamba, 8 p.m. Friday, April 9, at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10, (734) 769-

2999 or kch@ic.net BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY **ORCHESTRA**

Orchestra and pops conductor Charles Greenwell performs a concert of "Cowboy" music, and guest violinist Adrienne Jacobs, the BBSO's Young Artist Competition winner, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, in the Sanctuary at Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$20, \$15 students. (248) 645-2276

CONCERTO CONCERT 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, competition winners perform with Eastern Michigan

University Symphony Orchestra, at Pease Auditorium, College Place at West Cross, Ypsilanti. Free. (734) 487-2255/(734) 487-4380 DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Schubert's Symphony No. 8 and

Bruckner's Symphony No. 7, 10:45 a.m. Friday, April 16, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$63. (313) 576-5111 HARP HEAVEN

University of Michigan harp professor. Lynne Aspnes directs her students in this annual harp gala, 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10, at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$5. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net ITZHAK PERLMAN

7 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$62, \$55, \$48 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "Reed Finale: A Family Affair" features retiring conductor Russell Reed's sons David (violin) and Robert (cello) on a program of Shostakovich, Brahms and Respight, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17 (7 p.m. On Stage chat with Reed), at Plymouth Salem High School auditorium, 46181 Joy Road at Canton Center Road, Canton. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students, free for students k-12, afterglow at Ginopolis Parthenon complimentary to ticket holders. (734) 451-

DAVID RUSSELL

The classical guitarist performs music by Giuliani, Loeillet, Davies, Mompou and a selection of Celtic melodies, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, \$30, \$20, \$15, (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

VERMEER STRING QUARTET 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, program of Haydn, Verdi and Dvorak, in the Lila Jones-Johnson Theater, Oakland Community College, Royal Oak. (248) 737-9980

POPS/SWING

BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE CABARET Ann Arbor's Kerrytown Mesdames Deanna Reylea and Julia Buxholm sing songs from and about Paris, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$18, \$15 seniors, \$12 students. (248) 788-9338/(248) 288-2953

BOOTS RANDOLPH

8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, \$24, \$22 seniors/students. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737 VICTOR BORGE

With the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$45. (313) 576-5111 CAPITOL THEATRE

"Lost in the Stars," a revue of some of Broadway's classical musicals and contemporary shows, featuring Tracey Atin and Joe Cardinal, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10 (\$15 adults), and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 11 (\$13 seniors and students), Daniel Patrick Kelly Theatre in the theater, 121 University Ave., W., Windsor, Prices Canadian. (519) 253-7729

COLIN JAMES BIG BAND 8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance, 18 and older, (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com THE PHOENIX ENSEMBLE

Presents a new music-theater piece "Relive the Magic: An Evening with Tony Amore," a musical for jazz orchestra inspired by the life, singing and mythology of Frank Sinatra, composer Andy Kirshner plays the aging, Sinatralike crooner Tony Amore, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the Michigan Theatre, 603 Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10 students. (734) 763-8587 STARLIGHT DRIFTERS 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older, (248)

IFV4 ORCHESTRA 9-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Soup Kitchen, 1585 Franklin, Detroit, (313) 259-1374; 7-9:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Heidelberg, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor. **\$**5. (734) 663-7758

650-5060 (western swing)

AUDITIONS

BW PRODUCTIONS

Auditions for performers, dancers and singers ages 8 and up (males and females) for the semi-musical/comedygospel drama theatrical stage play "When God Comes Down from Heaven." experience necessary, (313) 865-2375 "EXTREME GONG"

The Game Show Network show auditions for acts, 4-6 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Variety acts must be three minutes or less and anyone younger than age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Accompaniment for any musical act must be acoustic, on cassette tape or compact disc. One act from each city will be flown to Los Angeles to appear live on "Extreme Gong" and get a chance to win a \$10,000 prize package. (312) 214 4520, ext. 26

KIWANIS KAVALIERS Canada's premier competing drum and bugle corps is looking for young per-

formers (ages 14-21) for the upcoming summer tour July-August. (416) 241-2968 or http://www.kavailers.com SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN ARTS CONSERVATORY Auditions for ages 10-18 for the conser-

vatory's Theater Performance Ensemble production of "Jack and the Beanstalk," 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, students should prepare a two-minute comic monologue, a fee is applicable for class partipation if accepted, at the conservatory, 5701 Canton Center Road, (north of Ford Road, off Maben Road), Canton. (734) 453-7590, ext. 315

STAGECRAFTERS 2ND STAGE Auditions for Anne Meara's "After-Play" 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, April 19-20 (6:30 p.m. registration), at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances June 18-20, 24-27. (248) 541-4832

CHORAL

COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION OF TROY Presents "White Cliffs of Dover," songs

of World War II and starring Lainle Nelson 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at Troy High School, 4777 Northfield Hwy., Troy. (810) 979-8406/(248) 435-5307 EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY CHOIRS 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at Pease

Auditorium, College Place at West Cross, Ypsilanti. Free. (734) 487-2255/(734) 487-4380 **MADONNA UNIVERSITY CHORALE**

Under director David Wagner performs Gabriel Paure's "Requiem;" Franz Biebi's "Ave Maria," and the music of Maurice Duruffe and Maurice Green, also featured are organist Joanne Vollendorf-Rickards and trumpeter William Beger playing the music of Alan Hoyhaness, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at Historio Christ Church, 960 E. Jefferson, Detroit, \$8, \$5 students/seniors. (734) 432-5708

MEADOW BROOK ESTATE Show choir presents "Set the Night To Music" a program of song and dance 8 p.m. Friday-Seturday, April 9-10; 3p.m. Sunday, April 11, Varner Recital Hall,

Oakland University Campus, Rochester. Tickets \$12 general, \$10 seniros, \$6 students call (248) 370-3013 or (248) 645-6666

RON BROOKS TRIO

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-

8310 JUDI COCHILL 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 9,

at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 646-2150 (vocal/plano/bass/drums) EMU JAZZ ENSEMBLE/THE COURIERS 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at Pease Auditorium, College Place at West Cross, on the Eastern Michigan University campus, Ypsilanti. \$10, \$8

seniors, \$5 students, to raise funds for

the university's jazz program. (734)

487-2255 or www.emich.edu/publi/music/musiceve nts.html

BALACTIC 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or

http://www.99music.com GIACOMO GATES

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$10. 21 and older. (734) 662-

8310 BILL HEID TRIO

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368

GERRY HEMINGWAY QUARTET 8 p.m, Friday, April 16, free 3:30 p.m. workshop by U-M jazz professor Ed Srath precedes concert, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD

CURTIS With Harold McKinney (piano) 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the SereNgeti Ballroom, 2957 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$15 at the door, (313) 832-3010; 8-11 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, at the No.VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar in the Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 305-5210; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave.,

Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-7333 KIMMIE HORNE Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, at D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road at M-59, Rochester Hills. (248) --

852-0550 MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With saxophonist George Benson and trumpeter Louis Smith 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, with vocalist Barbara Ware Thursday, April 15, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner order. (248) 474-4800

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY (MAS) 8 p.m. Wednesdays Saturdays, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit, Free, All ages, (313) 831-3838

JOSHUA REDMAN 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$20 in advance, All ages, (734) 99-MUSIC/(734) 761-1451 or

http://www.99music.com STEVE REICH ENSEMBLE Performance includes his new video

opera "Hindenburg," a 25-minute portrayal of the German zeppelin from its birth to its fiery demise in 1937, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Michigan Theatre. 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$16, \$20, \$26 and \$28. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org

GWEN AND CHARLES SCALES 8 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays in April, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

CHUCK SHERMATERO 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday, April 16, at Edison's 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. (248) 645-2150 (trumpet/piano/bass/drums) **LOUIS SMITH**

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 15. at Edison's 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

SMITHSONIAN JAZZ MASTERWORKS ORCHESTRA "Duke Ellington: A Centennial Tribute."

7 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road; Clinton Township. \$32. \$29, \$27 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737 ---**GORDON STONE TRIO**

8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ack.org

HARVEY THOMPSON TRIO 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 10. Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older, (248) 645-2150

(vocal/plano/bass trio) URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Free. 21 and older.

(248) 594-7300 WINDSOR JAZZ SERIES

Presents an all Ellington concert with the Parkwood Records All-Stars and guests Bob Seeley, Ray Manzerolle and Dee Dee McNeil, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at Moot Court, University of Windsor Law Building, University at Sunset, \$10, \$15 in advance; at the door \$12, \$17. Prices Canadian. (519) 944-9798

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Ex-Wonder Stuff:

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THE ARTICLES

10:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060; 10 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 7 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills, Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (Jamaican jazz) YTINUMMI

10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township, Free. 21 and older. (248) 360-7450

(reggae) LATIN BALL WITH CUBANISMO!

Featuring Jesus Alemany, 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Eastern Michigan Convocation Center, 799 Hewitt, Ypsilanti. \$30 dance pass, \$20 general admission seating. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org

BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO With Mem Shannon, 6:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance, \$17 in advance, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or

http://www.99music.com (Zydeco)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

CULTURE VULTURES 8-10 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (bluegrass/swing)

CATHY FINK AND MARCY MARXER 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (bluegrass/folk)

JAN KRIST With Brooks Williams and Ric Hordinski, 7 p.m. Friday, April 16, Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. \$15, \$13 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

JOHN MCCUTCHEON 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

PAPERBOYS 8 p.m. Friday, April 9, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

9 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and Friday, April 16, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101; 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older. (248) 650-5060

POETRY

OPEN MIKE SERIES

PLYMOUTH POETS

JIM PERKINS

Features Linda Nemec Foster (Living in the Firenest) and Barbara Drake (Peace at Heart, An Oregon Country Life), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at Barnes and Noble, Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville. Free.

RAY MANZAREK AND MICHAEL MCCLURE

Spoken word performance, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Canceled. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

"Student Writers Night" featuring Peter Marcus, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman St., Plymouth. (734) 459-7319 **POETRY IN MOTION**

Features Patt Trama, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, doors open at 6 p.m. with open mic, also 7 p.m. book release party for Marc Maurus, at the Grand Cafe 33316 Grand River Ave., near Farmington Road, Farmington, Free. (248) 615-9181

RICHARD TILLINGHAST/POIGNANT **PLECOSTOMUS**

The poet and popular musical group give performances of their collaboration of Poetry and Rock, Jazz and World Music, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at University of Michigan League, (734) 763-4652; 7 p.m. Friday, April 16, at Borders in Novi Town Center, (248) 347-0780

THE WRITER'S VOICE Featuring nationally known New Jersey poets Elizabeth Anne Socolow and Peneloge Scambly Schott, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at YMCA Arts and Humanities Center, 51 W. Hancock. west of Woodward on Wayne State University's campus, Detroit. Free.

DANCE

BALLET INTERNATIONALE

(313) 267-5300, ext. 338

"A Thousand and One Nights," an exotic spectacle by dancers from the Kirov. Moscow, Bolshol, Joffrey and New York City ballets, Friday-Sunday, April 16-18. at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$31.50-\$41.50. (248) 645-6666/(313) 963-2366

RIVER NORTH DANCE COMPANY

The Chicago based troupe performs a program of jazz dance, 8 p.m. Friday, April 9, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road. Clinton Township, \$24, \$22 students/seniors. (810) 286-

.2222/(800) 585-3737 TANGO CLASSES

8 p.m. Fridays (beginning), at the Troy Dance Studio, 4963 Rochester Road, at Long Lake Road (\$5-\$10), (248) 6893393; 8 p.m. Saturdays at Dance Avenue, 1860 N. Telegraph, southeast of Ford Road, Dearborn (\$5-\$7), (313) 565-3329; also advanced Tango Sundays in Troy,

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, April 10, at the Italian American Cultural Center, 12 Mile east of Hoover, Warren. \$7. (810) 573-4993

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Chris Zito, Ken Dumm and Jim Hamm, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8 (\$5), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10 (\$12); Basile and J.R. Remick, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15 (\$8), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17 (\$15), special Greek show, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia, Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S John Di Crosta, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 11 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package); Chris Titus, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 18 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road,

Dearborn, (313) 584-8885 MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Ralph Harris through April 11, also appearing Jeff Margrett; Kathleen Madigan Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, April 14-15 and 18 (\$10) and Friday-Saturday, April 16-17 (\$15), also Chris Zito, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

"Impeachment and Cream," through May, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-

8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 and \$35. All ages. (248) 433-1515 THE REV. BILLY C. WIRTZ

8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS

SECOND CITY

9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

ALMIGHTY GROOVE

With R.U.I. and Sin-Embargo, 10 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

BILL BARCALOW 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, Fire Academy Brewery and Grill, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland, Free. 21 and older. (734):595-1988 (easy-lis-

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES **INSURGENTS**

9 p.m. Thursdays in April at Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues) BIG SAM 9 p.m. Friday, April 9, The Alley behind

Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester, free, 21 and older, (248) 652-8441 (rock). BLACK BEAUTY WITH THORNETTA

9 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-

1213 (blues) "BLIND PIG SHOWCASE" With The Pantlegs, Seeds of Thought, The Lash and The Pirates, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older.

(734) 996-8555 (variety) BLUECAT 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older, (248)

650-5060 (blues) BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS 9 p.m. Friday, April 16; Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth.

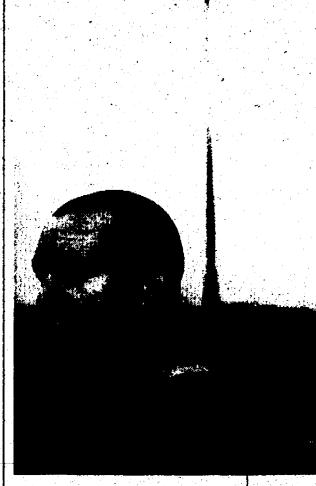
Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues) BONNE TEMPS ROULLE

9 p.m. Friday, April 9, CK Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older, (248) 853-6600; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, 5 Hole, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 471-3300 (R&B)

THE BOUNCING SOULS With Antiflag and Les Stitches, 6 p.m. Friday, April 16, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or

http://www.961melt.com (punk) BRIDGE With Face, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$5, 18 and older, (248) 544-3030 (rock)

With Homegrown, 7:30 p.m. Thursday,



April 8, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$9 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (ska/punk)

BUSTERS BLUES BAND 10 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Mount Chalet, 4715 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-2929 (blues/funk)

SCOTT CAMPBELL GROUP 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., at Ford Road, Dearborn. Free. All ages. (313) 271-4441 (rock) CHEROKEE

Concert and autograph signing, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Hudson's, main floor, mall entrance (concert), and the Polo jeans department (personal appearance), Northland Mall, 21500 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Free. All ages. (248) 443-6000 (blues/soul)

CHISEL BROS. WITH CHEF CHRIS 9 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Ford Road-Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland, Free, 21 and older, (734) 721-8609 (blues) CLOUD 9

10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 8-10, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (top 40/dance) BOBBY CONN

With Mike Hard, 9 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

DICK DALE

8 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (surf) DIVESPIRE

With Current, 10 p.m. Friday, April 9, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older, (248) 334-9292 (rock)

EASY ACTION With The Slumber Party and Wolf Eyes, 9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older.

(313) 832-2355 (rock) **ELECTRIC BOOGALOO** 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Karl's

Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road. Plymouth, Free, 21 and older, (734) 455-8450 (funk) ELECTRIC MAGI

With Eden's Journal, 9 p.m. Friday, April 9, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock) **ELEPHANT GERALD** With Skinmill, 10 p.m. Friday, April 9,

Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or http://www.lilis21.com (rock) **EUZA**

9 p.m. Friday, April 9, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (acoustic

EMMET SWIMMING 9 p.m. Friday, April 16, The Alley behind

Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Cover charge, 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (alternative rock) EVE 6 With Lit, 6 p.m. Friday, April 9, St.

Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress. Detroit, \$12 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (pop rock) THE EX-HUSBANDS

6;30 p.m. Friday, April 9, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lourige, 27909 Orchard, Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (rock)

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday Saturday. April 9-10, The Alibi, Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills, Free, 21 and older, (248) 478-2010 or petebigdog@provide.net (blues) FINGER 11

With Buck Cherry, 6 p.m. Thursday, April 8, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, \$7. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

FLETCHER PRATT With The Neptunes, Slumber Party and Dean Fertita, 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave... Ferndale, \$5, 18 and older, (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rock/pop)

FOOLISH MORTALS

7 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Gameworks, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills, Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (rock)

With Clone Defects, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://golddollar.com (punk)

GORDON BENNETT

9 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (rock)

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, Bogey's, 142 Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441; 10 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 10 p.m. Friday, April 16, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester, Free, 21 and older, (248) 656-7700 (rock)

HARRINGTON BROS. 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, Fox and

Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS 9 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Arbor Brewing Co., 116 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor, Free. 21 and older, (734) 213-1393; 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield.

Free. 21_and older. (248) 223-1700 (blues) **ELVIS HITLER** With Understated and Gumshoe 49, 10

p.m. Saturday, April 10, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5, 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or http://www.lilis21.com (punk)

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Borders Books

and Music, 17141 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe, Free, All ages. (313) 885-1188 or http://www.concentric.net/~hopeorch (alternative rock) MILES HUNT.

Tuesday, April 13, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$8, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (pop) IMPERIAL TEEN

Formerly of The Wonderstuff, 8 p.m.

Featuring Roddy Bottum, formerly of Faith No More, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, \$8. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or

http://www.961melt.com (rock) JILL JACK 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St.,

Rochester, Free, 21 and older, (248) 650-5060 (rock) NEDRA JOHNSON AND BOB MALONE

8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free, All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (boogle/blues) BILL KAHLER

8 p.m. to midnight Thursdays in April. Fire Academy Brewery and Grill, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland, Free. 21 and older. (734) 595-1988 (singer/comedi-

BOBBY KAHN

With Mike Hard, 9 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355

KNEE DEEP SHAG 9 p.m. Thursday, April 8, The Alley-

behind Main Street Billiards, 215 \$/. Main St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older (248) 652-8441 (funk) LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND

8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Fox and Hounds. 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills: Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) SHEILA LANDIS TRIO 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday, April

10, Shield's Pizza, 1476 W. Maple Road, Troy. Free. All ages. (248) 637-3131 (classic rock/blues) With Propeller and Queen Bee, 9:30

p.m. Thursday, April 8, Blind Pig, 206-

208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6, 19 and

older. (734) 996-8555 (rock) MARILYN MANSON With Nashville Pussy, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 15. The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2

Championship Dr., Auburn Hills, Hole, Imperial Teep and Monster Magnet are off the bill. \$35 reserved and general admission floor, All ages, (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (rock) MASCHINA

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Updated 'Out-Of-Towners' bring home laughs

In 1970, a lot of moviegoers bought into Neil Simon's image of New York as a black hole that can suck the life from "Out-Of-Towners" like Jack Lemmon and Sandy Dennis. It was a dark, dark movie from the master of comedy, with a beaten Lemmon waving a piece of paper and warning the whole city, "I've got all your names right here!"

Now that the Big Apple has gone Disney and is making nice to its guests, the current version of "The Out-Of-Towners" downplays Manhattan as Evil Island. At the same time, it aggrandizes the notion that an ad man from Columbus, Ohio, can't find his

As a native New Yorker who also served time as an ad man in Columbus, I've got a few bones to pick with Simon and with Marc Lawrence, who wrote this one. But that aside, the funny bone also gets a hearty workout thanks to the well-honed workmanship of Goldie Hawn, Steve Martin and John Cleese.

Having just seen their youngest child off to college, Henry and Nancy Clark are off to New York. He, to save his career with a job interview the next day; she, to save their marriage with some spontaneity. It seems that while Henry (Martin) welcomes his empty-nester years as a chance to catch up on his reading, Nancy (Hawn) wants to "suck the marrow out of life." .

Their differences are brought to the surface in the ensuing twenty-four hours as a lifetime of calamities befall them, not the least of which is getting to a fogged-in New York in the first place.

Upon arriving luggage-less, they proceed to get mugged by a bogus Andrew Lloyd Webber, thrown out of their hotel by snooty manager Cleese, join an encounter group of sexaholics, sleep in Central Park (and NOT get mugged!) and out of fairness we'll stop the list right there. Oh, just one more: Henry gets slipped a tab of acid while in jail. Now we'll stop.

Martin's Henry is just as victimized as Lemmon's ("See out

there? It's an entire city saying 'go home"), but Hawn's Nancy is not the whiney, wimpy Sandy Dennis interpretation, no siree. Goldie's not taking anything from anybody, including a desk sergeant who's definitely picked the wrong blonde to mess with.

The Hawn-Martin partnership works better here than in 1992's "Housesitter," in part because they are partners, paddling together against the same currents. They are veterans with sharp instincts who know how to twist the line they're given just so to make it their own, complementing without compromising the other guy.

John Cleese has done the same stiff Brit stuff since his Monty Python days, but who does it as well? All right, Sir John Gielgud in "Arthur," but who else? Somebody out there say Arthur Treacher? You're dating us both.

"The Out of Towners" often goes over the top in its silliness (slo-mo passing of a salami as a football), but also has some inspired gags like a rental car's navigation system gone haywire. Now that's something they should have saved for "The Out of Motowners."



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This 'Squad' is lost in time

BY-JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

"One black. One white. One blond." In 1968, with that indelible catch phrase, a television series broke new ground, reflecting with true grit a generation's rage and frustration. The big screen remake of "The Mod Souad" is more like a broken record, with characters we've seen and platitudes we've heard all too often.

Set in the present, there's the ghetto dweller with no hopes of getting out, the rich kid who steals for kicks and the streetwise runaway. Linc, Pete and Julie are losers to everyone but LAPD Captain Adam Greer (Dennis Farina), who gives them one chance to pull themselves out of the pit.

"These kids can get into a thousand places we can't," Greer tells his snickering cop buddies. So undercover they go, to a nightclub where foul doings are

afoot. "It feels like there's something wrong going down in there," says Julie (Clare Danes), with the kind of keen investigative insight that police training apparently doesn't teach. But the real ugly stuff is

"going down" right there in the

police station, where some drugs

have disappeared. Shades of "Serpico!" It looks like everyone's into it up to their badges except Greer and his three young "This is like one of those dirty cop drug things," concludes Pete

(Giovanni Ribisi). "Right on," answers Julie. Linc (Omar Epps) doesn't say much. Pete comes up with a brilliant strategy: "We

need to get some evidence." "Let's do it!" cries Julie. Linc



MERRICE MORTON

Cool: Giovanni Ribisi (left to right), Claire Danes and Omar Epps star as three juvenile delinquents with a shot at redemption in "The Mod Squad."

still doesn't say much. And on it goes. Director and co-writer Scott Silver stated that "we didn't want to alienate the older audience that fondly remembered the TV show but we had it make it for kids today who

never heard of it." Sorry, but he missed on both counts, taking down some talent-

ed young actors with him. The kids in the audience pretty much muttered "Aw c'MON" throughout. As for the first generation of "Squad" watchers, we'll take the original Pete's brooding over the new Pete's James Dean wannabe mumbling and the original Julie's dew-eyed hippie over Danes' little girl lost. Epps earns a toss-up versus maxi-Afro'd Clarence Williams III of the TV series. Their Lincs

are equally strong, equally, unbridled in their urban anger.

Most confusing is the blending of eras on screen, whether intentional or accidental. Some of the bad guys still wear chains and love beads. The cars look like they should have Hubert Humphrey bumper stickers. Pete can't say two words without one of them being "man," "dude" or "bro." If the trio had been defrosted from the '60s like Austin Powers, fine, but the committee that cooked this up was using too many recipes at the

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Local artist Sandy Lawson will introduce films about women who used art for social change Sunday, Admission is \$10-\$5 at Saturday and presents her one woman show at 6:20 p.m. on

Colin James back in swing with Little Big Band II



When Colin James released his first album, "Colin James and The Little Big Band I' in 1993, the recepwarm at best.

tion was luke-"At the time. (when I'd) say 'swing record.' everybody didn't

iump up and go 'great.' There was a lot of dead-pan looks and. Why would you want to release a record like that?" said James who prefers to call his music "jump blues."

Well, things weren't so bad. It reached double platinum in Canada, where hitting platinum means selling 100,000 copies. In the United States, one million sales certifies platinum.

The album "reached a lot of societies and dance clubs. I'd go down to LA and walk into a restaurant and they'd be playing the record. I'd go, 'You heard about this thing?' I think it was a kitsch thing at the time. People who were into the jump blues thing kind of picked up on it."

When his "time was up" at Virgin Records, he jumped to Elektra in the dawning days of swing's resurgence. However, he took time off from that genre and released a rock/blues album, "Bad Habits," in 1995 with an all-star cast - Lenny Kravitz on clavinet, and Kim Wilson and Mavis Staples.

Last year, he decided it was time to follow-up his 1993 release with "Colin James and The Little Big Band II." which hit stores earlier this year. It features James' masterful guitar work and covers of songs by Ray Charles ("Mary Anne"), Willie Dixon ("You Know My Love") and Cab Calloway ("C'mon With the C'mon").

"It's nice to be able to return and do an album when a few more people are pointed that way (swing/jump blues)."

A Vancouver resident, James is inspired more by "early rock 'n' roll" than swing.

"I guess when I started playing this stuff, it was really early rock 'n' roll that I was shining on; swing being a big part of that just because that's the way it was back then. But from Ray Charles to Jackie Wilson to Louis Jordan to that whole prerock 'n' roll era. It's got a lot of great music," said James who has opened for the Rolling Stones, Keith Richards and Stevie Ray Vaughan.

With "Colin James and the Lit-tle Big Band I," James added, "We really felt like we were" swimming up stream. Although I didn't mind that because there's some kind of joy in feeling like you're doing something that was really different, you know? ... I think the worst thing that can happen is people going to listen to some music they might not listen to otherwise and people get hip to some of the great early

music. If that's the worst thing that happens, that's great."

Colin James and The Little Big Band performs Sunday, April 11, at the Magic Beg, 22920 Wood ward Ave.; Ferndale. Tickets are \$10 in advance for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit http://www.themagicbag.com. James' Web site is http://www.colinjames.com

Proud of record

As an elementary school student, Finger Eleven vocalist Scott Anderson learned early on to feel comfortable with himself.

"One of the bands I that I latched onto so early was Genesis and Peter Gabriel. In grade five or six, that's all I would listen to. But nobody really understood Genesis, especially, when you're a 12-year-old kid. I used to write it on my binder. It was really geeky and I was totally comfortable with that," Anderson said with a chuckle.

Anderson, an Ontario, Canada. resident, attributes his musical tastes to his brother, Sean, the bassist for Finger Eleven.

"I was pretty lucky because Sean, who's my older brother, always had friends coming over with this great music."

Finger Eleven and its debut album "Tip" (Wind-Up Records) is closer to guitar rock than prog rock. It wavers between full-on

guitar assaults and moody vocals.

"The original ideas were conceived about a year or two ago." Anderson said about "Tip." We've been changing and evolying with our boredom and it. turned into what we put on the album." >

"It was really nice to be so proud of something. You can't say that all the time."

Although he's proud of "Tip," Anderson explained that most people prefer the live show.

"It's got a great energy level to it. That's what most people latch onto. That reaction is immediate. You'll occasionally get someone who comes up to you and says, 'Wow.' They can identify with a lyric or two. That'll make my day."

Finger Eleven and Buck Cherry perform Thursday, April 8, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Doors open at 6 p.m. for the allages show. Tickets are \$7. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT visit http://www.961melt.com. Finger

Eleven's Web site http://www.fingereleven.com.

Misc.

The English rock group Gene Loves Jezebel has released its latest album, "VII" (Robison Records), both to stores and on GoodNoise.com, an Internet site

Returning: Jump blues artist Colin James returns to the Detroit area with his Little Big Band on Sunday. April 11, when he plays the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

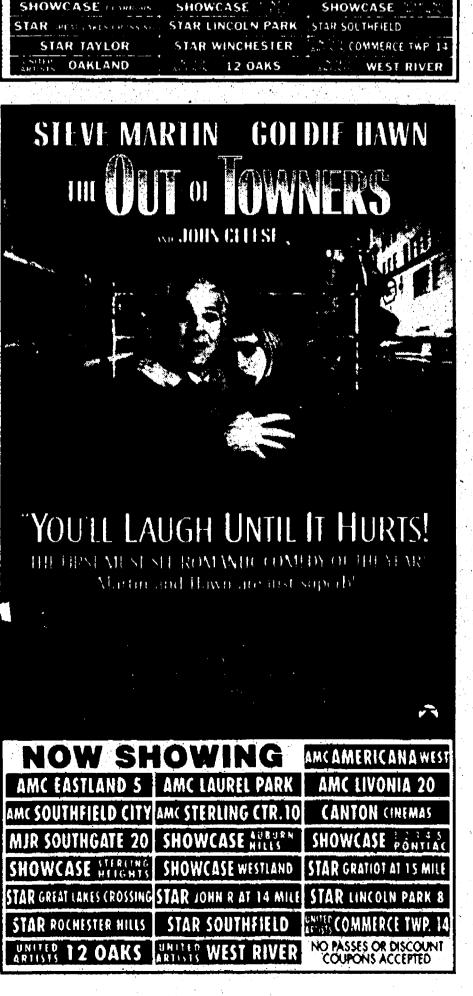
for purchasing downloadable music reporter for The Observer music. The new album is available in the MP3 (MPEG), Layer 3) format from GoodNoise.com for \$8.99 or \$.99 per track. A single from the album, "Love Keeps Dragging Me Down," is available for a limited time for free down-

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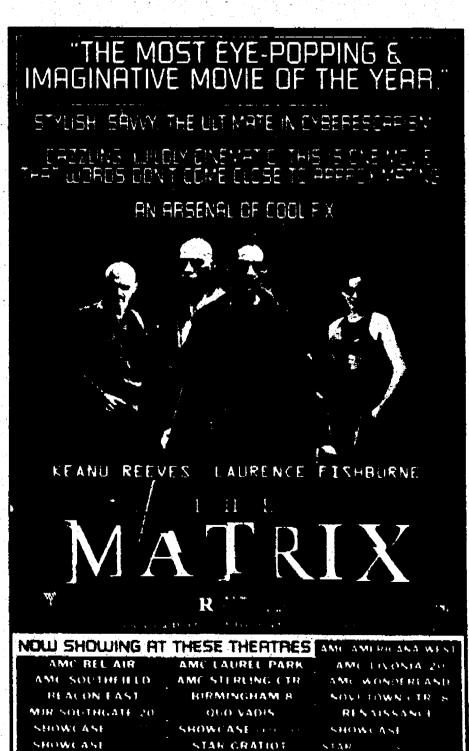












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Diners rush to Risata before the show or game

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In a race to beat the clock, the staff at Risata works hard to get customers to the show on time.

"Everyone comes to dinner at the exact same time, and leaves at the same time," said executive chef George N. Kalergis. "It's really difficult to make sure everyone gets to the show on time."

Risata in the Second City Building on Woodward Ave. in Detroit is a popular dinner destination for people going to shows at the Fox, Detroit Opera House, and Orchestra Hall.

At lunchtime, the restaurant is filled with downtown office workers and construction workers busy at work on the new Tiger Stadium across the street.

- There are three restaurants in the Second City-Detroit building. On the main floor is the Risata Lobby Bar. Risata is on the second level, and The 5 Hole, a sports bar, on the third.

Risata's lunch menu features daily specials, a variety of sandwiches and soups including a Burger of the Day. Fish and chips are offered on Fridays, and the Cajun Chicken BLT sandwich, Great Corned Beef Reuben. and Tuna Melt are lunch bunch favorites.

Kalergis, of Sylvan Lake, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, emphasizes "freshness and top quality ingredients."

He describes his dinner menu as American cuisine with international influences.

Risata

Where: 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit (in the Second City Building), (313) 964-5833.

Hours: Open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight Friday; 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday; 5-8 p.m. Sunday.

Menu: American culsing with international emphasis Cost: Moderate

Receivations: Recommended for dinner

Cost: Soups, salads, apperizers and sandwiches (Risata Lobby Bar Menul: \$2.50 to 7.95; starters and salads (Risata menu) \$2.95 to \$9.95; pasta and grains \$10.95 to \$17.95; entrees \$13.95 to

Credit Cards: All majors accepted Carry-out: Lunch only

a great seller. "We get a lot of compliments on that," said Kalergis.

Grilled lamb chops are also popular. They're served with sundried tomatoes, wild mushrooms and au gratin potatoes.

Pasta dishes include Penne Pasta tossed with pan seared scallops with tomatoes roasted peppers and Creole sauce, Linguine with wild mushrooms, Proscuitto ham, tomatoes and scallions, and Fettuccine tossed with your choice of Pesto, Marinara or Alfredo sauce. You can also add chicken or shrimp for a little extra. Vegetarian offerings include Ratatouille tomato, pepper, zucchini, eggplant served over polenta.

The House Smoked Salmon fillet is served over a bed of lentil ragout, dill creme fraiche and crispy fried onions. The menu also offers a New York Strip Steak topped with Shrimp Scampi, fried onion mashed potatoes and a medley of vegetables, and Grilled Filet of Beef

Almond encrusted white fish is with roasted peppers, garlic, Gorgonzola and au gratin potatoes. Chicken Marsala with wild mushrooms, herb risotto and medley of vegetables is another delicious choice.

> Your sweet tooth will be satisfied at Risata. Kalergis says the Sour Cream Apple pie is to die for. The Tiramisu is also very good.

The Lobby Bar Menu features a variety of soups, salads, appetizers and sandwiches.

On the third level, hockey fans gather at the 5 Hole. You can watch the game on TV, play pool, or video games. In the summer there's live entertainment on the third level deck. Bands perform Friday-Saturdays, beginning at 9. p.m. The 5 Hole is open 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday-Sunday.

The 5 Hole menu offers chicken wings, nachos, sandwiches and burgers.

"It's very quick food," said Kalergis. "It's gets crazy here during home games."



Dinner destination: Before the show. or game, downtown diners flock to Risata in the Second City Detroit Building on Woodward to grab a quick bite to eat, or enjoy a leisurely dinner.

WHAT'S COOKING

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SOUP'S ON!

New restaurant 207 S. Old Woodward, inside Lonestar Coffee Co., downtown Birmingham (248) 642-SOUP began serving on March 29.

In celebration of their grand opening, owners Jay Rosett and David Trepeck are donating all profits from the weekend of April 9-10 to Detroit's Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Soup's On! features eight gourmet soups daily served in 8 ounce, 12 ounce, 16 ounce and quart sizes. Six of the soups will rotate on a daily basis, and two popular mainstays will remain on the menu everyday. Customers will also be offered a wide variety of fresh-baked breads to accompany their soup

CHOCOLATE DEMO PROGRAM

Presented by world-renowned Pastry Chef Ewald Notter, Saturday and Sunday, April 10-11 at the Lark Restaurant. The class and lunch will begin at 10:45 a.m. and will end after dessert is served between 3:30 and 4 p.m. The cost is \$100 per person. Reservations are a must. Call (248) 344-2197.

STIR CRAZY CAFE

Chicago-based restaurant concept specializing in fresh pan-Asian cuisine will open its first Michigan restaurant Friday, April 16 at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills, Baldwin Road Exit off I-75 in the Great Lakes Walk section of the Mall near Entry No. 6.

The main attraction at Stir Crazy Cafe is a create-your-own stir-fry bar where guests can select from a wide variety of meats, vegetables, noodles, and homemade Asian sauces and then interact with a wok chef to

create their own stir-fry dish. The restaurant also features an extensive menu of fresh Asian inspired fare including crispy sesame calamari with wasabi. cocktail sauce, wok seared tuna sashimi, sesame caesar salad, kung pao noodles and Stir Crazy's wonton banana dessert. Menu prices will range from \$6.95 to \$9.95 for lunch and \$7.95 to \$13.95 for dinner. The restaurant will be open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, The restaurant will unofficially open April 9-15 with a series of test servings with the proceeds going to Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County and United Way of Oakland County. Following a VIP Reception on April 13, the restaurant will officially open for business on April 16. For more information, call (248) 454-0400.

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lunch for two for \$10.40. Includes bagel sandwich of your choice, chips and a regular drink. For the store nearest you, call 1(800)-BAGELME or visit the Web site www.einsteinbros.com FIVE LAKES GRILL Cooking Demonstration with

wine and food pairings at Five Lakes Grill, 424 N. Main, Milford. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17. Cost \$110 per person all inclusive. Chef/proprietor Brian Polcyn will conduct a formal two-hour cooking demonstration followed by the essentials of food and wine pairing presented by General Manager/Sommelier Ron Edwards. Call (248) 684-7455 for reservations/information.

P.F. CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO

Popular P.F. Chang's China Bistro in Somerset Collection South, Troy, does not take reservations, but has adopted "call ahead seating." Just give the restaurant a call (248) 816-8000 a half hour before you plan to Through April 15 offering EZ arrive and if there's a wait list (which there will be on weekend evenings), your name will be added. Upon arrival, notify the host staff that you called ahead. When your name reaches the top of the list, you'll be seated at the next available table.

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