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Generations of growing



Father and son: Son David Smith Jr. and father David Smith Sr. in a greenhouse at Clyde Smith and Sons Greenhouse and Farm Market in Westland.

Business is blooming

Family marks 165 years of growing

BY BETH SONDELA JACHMAN
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In 1834, Stephen Smith took a trip down the Erie Canal from New York and homesteaded on some farmland. Now, 165 years later, the Smith family is still working on part of that land — at Clyde Smith and Sons Greenhouse and Farm Market — in Westland.

"I've lived here all my life," David Smith Sr., Clyde's son and a great-great-grandson of Stephen, said, adding that he was born on the property rather than in a hospital. "I used to farm with my dad," Smith, 69, said. In those days the family farmed 250 acres.

Clyde Smith died in 1984. But even before his death, the family started using greenhouses and cutting back on what was growing in the fields.

The switch to greenhouses gave the family more control over the success of each growing season, according to David Smith Sr.

So the family tradition continues as Smith's children are active in the business — David Jr., Barbara and



Transplanting process: Dee Zalewski (left) of Westland, who has worked for Clyde Smith and Sons for 30 years, and Sue Hallmark of Westland, who has worked for the business for 10 years, transplant young plants. Behind is Mary Knotts (left) of Redford, newly hired, and Kathy Evans of Canton, in her first year.

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Early days: A 1920s photo includes Clyde Smith and his father, William Smith.



Trucking produce: Clyde Smith (behind door) and workers pose for a picture in the 1930s. Also pictured is David Smith Sr. hanging from the truck when he was 8 or 9 years old.

School work bids OK'd

By this summer, nine Wayne-Westland elementary buildings will be undergoing remodeling and renovations.

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER



The Wayne-Westland board of education Monday approved spending \$2.7 million of its bond money to make improvements to five elementary schools.

That means by this summer, nine elementary buildings will be undergoing remodeling and renovations, said Charlotte Sherman, Wayne-Westland Community Schools' assistant superintendent for general administration.

Hoover, Schweitzer, Kettering, Jefferson-Barns and Lincoln elementaries will receive repairs beginning this summer. Some improvements included in Monday's bid awards include new windows, new heating/cooling systems, new carpeting/flooring, plumbing and laminates.

The biggest ticket item is window replacements, which will range from \$51,600 to \$413,850.

All classroom work is expected to be finished during the summer months to minimize the interruption to students.

Please see **SCHOOLS, A2**

Council says no to assisted living center

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

The Westland City Council Monday voted 5-2 against approving the site plan for an assisted living center.

The 52,449-square-foot, one-story building proposed by Hearthstone would have been located on the west side of Merriman, south of Cherry Hill. It would have been used as a 133-bed senior assisted living center.

Council members voting against the measure were Justine Barns, Charles "Trav" Griffin, Richard LeBlanc, Sharon Scott and Sandra Cicirelli. The supporters were Glenn Anderson and Charles Pickering.

LeBlanc said he thought the project was "pushed through" and was uncomfortable with many aspects of it.

"We have similar properties in Westland that have been endorsed and approved," LeBlanc said. "This parcel has the potential for higher and better use."

One such better use would be commercial use, because the property is surrounded by commercially zoned land, he said.

The building's dimensions were another problem in LeBlanc's mind. A 290-foot wide building sitting on roughly five acres makes it "too deep and too wide," he said. "The project is very tight on this piece of property."

Please see **CENTER, A2**

Job fair Saturday

Job seekers and employers will have a chance to get together in Westland on Saturday, April 24. The Westland Chamber of Commerce annual Jobs and Careers Fair will be held 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Westland Shopping Center.

This is the third year for the event, which drew more than 2,000 job seekers last year. The entire mall will be filled with more than 70 tables for employers to meet job seekers.

All types of businesses will be in attendance including: retail, manufacturing, engineering, technical, professional, sales, marketing, health care, trades, financial, office/clerical and organizational.

The major sponsor is the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. WYCD Young Country will be sponsoring radio advertising. Linda Lee, Young Country radio personality, will make an appearance at the

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fair between 1-3 p.m.

Attendees can stop at the chamber booth the day of the fair and pick up a map of the employer locations and visit the interview tips table located nearby.

Job seekers who fill out a survey will be entered in a drawing for a \$250 gift certificate to Westland Shopping Center.

TV-Turnoff week

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will join others nationwide to encourage millions of

families and individuals to turn off their TV sets for seven days.

National TV-Turnoff Week, which begins today and runs through April 28, focuses not on the quality of TV programming but on the excessive quantity of television that most Americans watch and the lost opportunities to read, converse, participate, think, create and do.

"The purpose of the TV-Turnoff Week is to take an extended break from this medium which so controls our lives," said Jolee Kempf, children's librarian. According to Nielsen Media Research, the average American watches almost four hours of TV a day which amounts to two months non-stop per year and can total nine years of non-stop watching by the time a person is 65.

"We are encouraging children and adults to do things like read, walk, bicycle, work on a puzzle or write a letter," Kempf said.

WESTLAND ACHIEVERS

Items for the Achievers column should be submitted to the Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Michigan 48150 or can be e-mailed to bjach-rnan@oe.homecomm.net

Croighton University student **Ganesh Kakarlapudi** of Westland has been named to the dean's honor roll for academic achievement during the 1998 fall semester. Full-time students who achieve a grade-point average of at least a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale are eligible for the dean's honor roll. Kakarlapudi is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raju Kakarlapudi of Westland.

Matt Balge, a senior at Northland College in Wisconsin, has been named to the dean's list for outstanding academic performance during the 1998 fall term. Balge, a 1995 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, is the son of Carol and David Balge of Westland. He is double majoring in biology and natural resources and works as an attendant in the biology lab. To quali-

fy for the dean's list, full-time students must have a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale with no grade less than a "C."

The University of Michigan-Dearborn has named the fall 1998 dean's list in the College of Arts, Sciences and Letters including Westland residents: **Andrew Raisanen**, a senior majoring in mathematics; **Meghan Chatham**, a sophomore majoring in communications; **Jeffrey Sanford**, a sophomore majoring in political science; **Kelly Dixon**, a junior majoring in communications; **Scott Cingolani**, a senior majoring in biological sciences; **Christopher Minor** a senior majoring in English; **Steven Mercier**, a junior majoring in English; **Emily Kottyan**, a junior majoring in international studies; **Lynn Little**, a senior majoring in psychology; **Rebecca Hill**, a freshman majoring in psychology; **Tricia King**, a sophomore and **Jeannie Castillo**, a freshman.

Westland man waives exam in rape case

By RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Ryan Corey, 22, of Westland, the fourth defendant facing criminal sexual conduct charges in the rape of a Detroit woman at a Livonia house in March, waived his preliminary hearing Tuesday.

He was bound over by 16th District Court Judge Robert B. Brzezinski to Wayne County Circuit Court on charges of first-degree criminal sexual conduct. The arraignment will take place May 4.

Corey remains free on a \$100,000 cash surety bond, set at the defendants' March 31 arraignment.

Two other defendants, Scott Hartmeyer, 30, and Keith Ziobron, 22, both of Livonia, also remain free on \$100,000 bonds. Erik Michaud, 21, of Canton is in the county jail on a \$100,000 cash surety bond.

The victim, a 39-year-old self-

Later, she testified, all four men sexually assaulted her, and that all but Hartmeyer punched her and threatened her life.

identified prostitute, testified at the April 13 preliminary hearing for Hartmeyer and Michaud that three of the defendants sexually assaulted and punched her at a house of Five Mile in the early morning hours of March 29.

The victim testified that she had been picked up near Fenkell and Chatham in Detroit. She asked for a \$20 "rock" of crack cocaine in exchange for sex.

She testified that the defendants drove her to a crack house, where she purchased the cocaine with \$20 from Hartmeyer. She further testified that she had sex with Hartmeyer in the car and later at the Livonia house.

Later, she testified, all four men sexually assaulted her, and

that all but Hartmeyer punched her and threatened her life.

The victim was waiting to testify at Corey's preliminary hearing Tuesday.

After court proceedings on Tuesday, Corey's attorney, Neil Rockind, said it was unusual for him to ask for a waiver of a preliminary exam in a case of "this magnitude."

However, he discounted the significance of the victim's testimony regarding Corey.

"At the present moment, I do not see the need to develop (the victim's) testimony any further. If this goes to trial, I have enough already to demonstrate that she is a remarkably and completely discreditable witness."

Later, he added: "There will never be an allegation that my client had any sexual relations with this lady... She gets paid to have sex. To my knowledge, one person paid her, Mr. Hartmeyer."

Crystal Smith, who said she is the mother of Corey's 4-year-old daughter, had arrived at court with friend Lisa Levigne of Farmington Hills before Corey's appearance.

"Because I want to know the truth, I don't want him taking my daughter if he did something like this," said Smith when asked why she was in court.

Smith and Levigne said they have known all four defendants for several years. They attended Franklin High School in Livonia with Michaud.

"We are shocked, very shocked," said Levigne.

"Especially something of this nature," said Smith.

Plan to seek fire station funding approved

By HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Westland City Council Monday moved ahead with plans to build a police/fire substation by approving a plan to seek loans for the project.

Council approved submitting a \$700,000 loan application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to construct the substation. The building will be located at Annapolis, and Irene, in the southeast portion of Westland. The building will house one fire pumper, paramedics and occasionally community police officers.

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The city will pay for the loan over a 10-year period using Community Development Block Grant funds. Westland will receive nearly \$2 million in block grant money this year.

The total budget for the project is \$1.02 million and will include an adjacent playground, said Jay Gilbert, director of housing and community development.

The building will have a sloping roof and brick veneer, making it look very "residential,"

Gilbert said.

The estimated project cost is \$900,000, according to Mark Neal, Westland fire chief. All of the money will come from the loan and from other CDBG funds rather than taxpayer dollars. The 4,800 square foot building will sit on roughly 7.9 acres and should be finished by spring 2000.

The substation will make it easier to provide services to the farthest reaches of Westland, Neal said.

"In the southeast corner of our city, we have to respond from quite a distance," he said. "It

takes 3-4 times longer."

Westland has fire stations at Merriman and Ann Arbor Trail, at Ford Road near city hall, at Palmer and Northgate and Palmer and Newburgh.

"This will give us a chance to offer Advanced Life Support services in a timely manner," Neal said. "It will allow us to very much improve services."

The Westland Fire Department responds to roughly 7,200 calls per year. Of that number, 6,000 are medical related.

"It's been a long time in coming," Neal said.

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On Feb. 2, the Planning Commission reviewed a request for site plan approval for Hearthstone. The commission then voted to recommend approval if Hearthstone received a zoning length variance from the Building Board of Appeals. On March 17, the ZBA denied the request.

The city wanted Hearthstone to make the building less wide and with additional stories. The developer wanted the building to remain one story to best accommodate residents.

Thom Rourke, development manager for Hearthstone Assisted Living Inc. in Houston, said adding floors would make it too difficult for the building's residents to get around as elevators and stairs would have to be used.

Hearthstone also petitioned to have the property rezoned to

GAR, for garden, or two- or three-story apartments but withdrew the petition later.

"If another developer attempted a similar maneuver they would have been criticized," LeBlanc said.

Rourke said he was surprised and disappointed by the council's decision.

"It's a use that was wanted and needed by the community," he said. "We've spent a lot of time and money on this. And to have it be denied because someone wants a shopping center is not in the best interest in the community."

Tod Kilroy, Westland's planning director, said the project looked free and clear for approval.

"I'm just very, very surprised," he said following the meeting.

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Sherman said.

The oldest buildings being repaired are Lincoln and Jefferson-Barns, which were built in the 1940s, Sherman said. Both buildings have undergone several renovations over the years.

On Tuesday, the district took bids for the remainder of the work on the five schools. That proposal is scheduled to go before the board May 3, Sherman said. Included in those bids will be masonry, carpentry, doors and hardware, drywall and electrical upgrades.

"We anticipate that the entire package will cost \$6.5 million," she said of the project approved Monday and the forthcoming project. "It's really just a refurbishing."

In March, the board approved spending \$9.6 million for renovations at Adams Middle School

and Taft-Galloway Elementary. Adams will be remodeled and expanded with a new fine arts wing. Taft-Galloway will be 80 percent rebuilt and enlarged with a new addition.

Construction crews continue to work on earlier-approved bids for renovations and additions at Walker-Winter Elementary in Canton Township and Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary in Wayne.

Work crews also have installed new tennis courts and running tracks for John Glenn and Wayne Memorial senior high schools.

District voters approved a \$108.3 million bond in February 1998. The three-year bond will cover improvements at each of Wayne-Westland's 17 elementaries, four middle schools and two high schools.

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Still standing: David Smith Sr. stands outside the original barn at Clyde Smith and Sons Greenhouse and Farm Market.



Lettuce to market: Clyde Smith takes Great Lakes lettuce to the Western Market.



On the farm: Clyde Smith sits on the porch of the original farmhouse.

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Carol — as well as a couple of grandchildren who are just starting out in the business.

The family business still grows lots of vegetables, but sells them for plants. They also grow an impressive variety of flowers in their 35 greenhouses.

A big box store may carry four or five colors of petunias, while the Smiths carry 40 colors. The Smiths also carry 40 or 50 kinds of geraniums, which come from patented stock.

A seasonal business, the payroll gets up to about 90 people in May and on through the summer.

The store's focus also changes as the gardening supplies of early spring give way to produce during summer and into fall and then to Christmas items after Thanksgiving. Then the cycle starts all over again with plantings in the greenhouses in January.

A peak season is from Mother's Day to Memorial Day as people do their planting.

To chart what's selling, the Smiths keep a diary on what they grow and sell,

■ Clyde Smith and Sons will hold an open house 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 25.

David Smith Sr. said:

Gardening shows on television also influence what is grown and sold. Hydrangeas get mentioned a lot and the business is selling four or five times as many as it used to, David Smith Jr. said.

But sometimes people get sold on something that won't grow here, he said.

"Lots of people read all the gardening stories and watch TV. They want their house to look like what's on a TV show," he said.

Those customers have a lot of questions. "We try to help them out," he said.

"We encourage people to bring in a picture of their house," he said. "We can walk around and show them plants that would look good and grow where they

want them."

Keeping up with changes in the business is part of staying in business.

On a recent afternoon, a visitor could watch old and new technology at work at Clyde Smith. In one area, a crew was using a transplanting machine dubbed "Lucy" to transplant young plants.

Meanwhile, nearby, a crew was transplanting by hand.

Nancy Krueger of Canton Township works on transplanting young plants.

"It makes spring come real soon working in here," she said.

Fellow worker Dee Zaleski of Westland has worked at a variety of jobs at Clyde Smith in her 30 years with the company.

"I love it. It's a pleasure to work around flowers," she said. "The Smiths are like family."

Nearby, Rudy Almaraz of Westland has worked for the Smiths in a variety of jobs since he was 7 or 8 years old. He's now 53.

He's been there since Newburgh Road was a gravel road, he said.

Westland has changed a lot since the early days of the Smith farm.

During the Depression, children would work the farm to earn money for their families.

Also, the family used to rent surrounding land to farm on, Smith said. "The whole area's built up," said David Smith Sr., who has many memories of the farm, including finding hundreds of Indian arrowheads in the fields as a kid and watching as hundreds of WPA (Works Progress Administration) workers dredge the channel of Tonquish Creek.

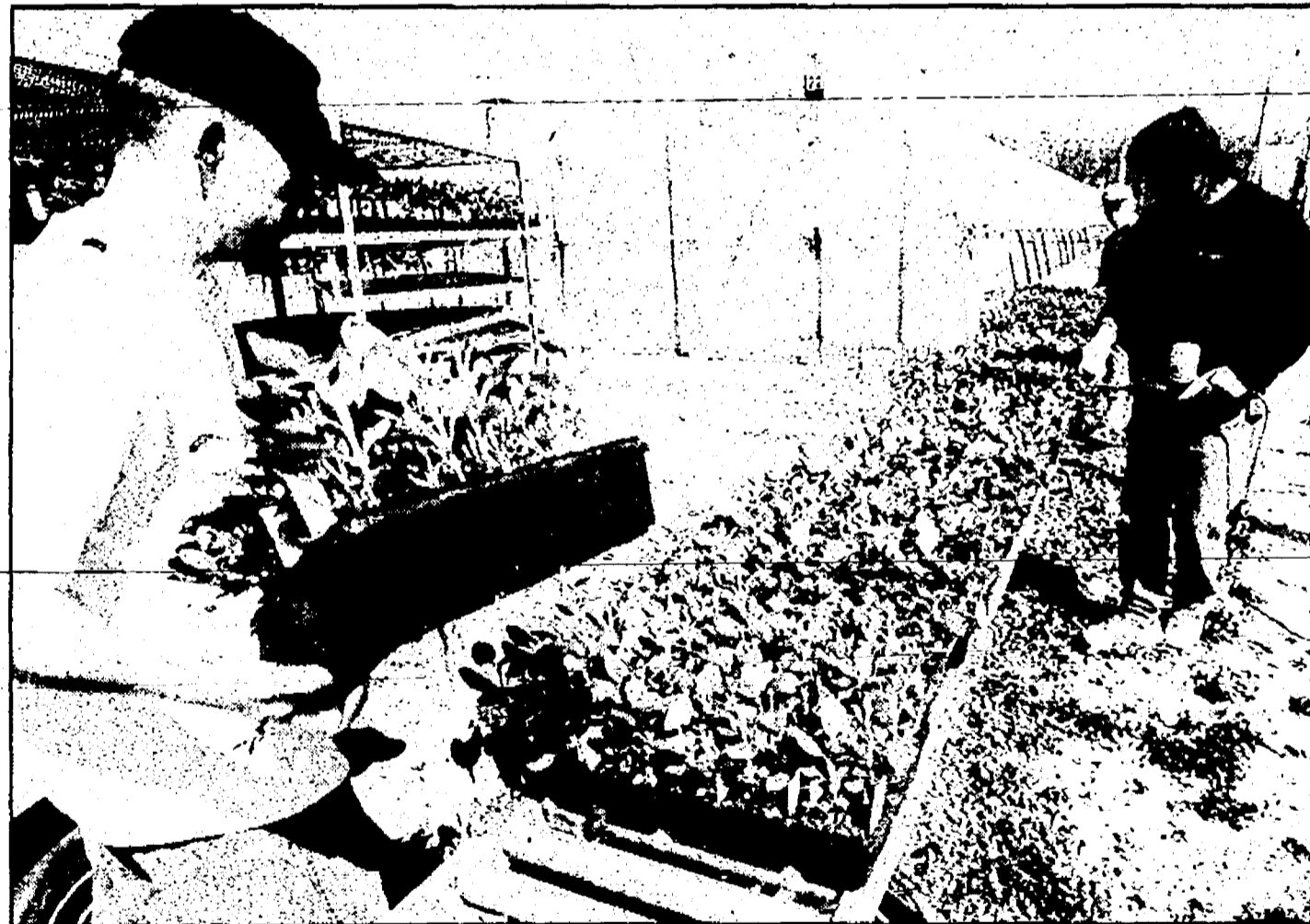
The Smiths' business also included a chestnut orchard at one time. They used to carry chestnuts on the Interurban to Western Market and sell them for 90 cents a pound, David Smith Sr. said.

"It was farmland all the way to Greenfield when I was a kid," he said.

Clyde Smith and Sons will hold an open house 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 25. The open house will include tours, seminars, refreshments and door prizes.



Ancestor: Josiah Smith, son of Stephen Smith who homesteaded the Smith farm.



Loading up: John Nickarz (left) and Lenny Strong (a son-in-law of David Smith Sr.) load up snapdragons.



Smith brothers: David Smith Sr. (left) and his brother, Everett Smith, stand in one of the greenhouses in the 1930s.

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OBITUARIES

CARL DRONKOWSKI

A memorial service for Carl Dronkowski, 80, of Westland will be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, in Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, 19091 Northville Road.



Carl Dronkowski

Officiating will be the Rev. Victor Halboth from Grace Lutheran Church.

Mr. Dronkowski, who died March 22 in Fort Myers, Fla., was born June 21, 1918, in Detroit. He was co-founder of F & D Hardware, located in Old Redford, in 1945. He retired in 1992. He was a member of the Exchange Club of Livonia, the Redford Chamber of Commerce, the Optimist Club and Redford Lodge No. 152 F & AM. He was also a member of the Michigan Retail Hardware Association.

Surviving are his wife, Juanita; sons, Dr. C. William (Kate) Dronkowski of Dallas, Ore., and David (Laura) Dronkowski of Portland, Ore.; daughters, Carlene (Don) Smith of Livonia and Sandra (Grant) Santimone of Livonia; brothers, Clarence Dronkowski of Redford and Frank Dronkowski of Kewadin, Mich.; sisters, Shirley Smith of North Carolina and Evelyn Reid of Livonia; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice, 9470 Heath Park Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33908.

1930, in Detroit. He was a manager in the foods industry.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor; son, Gary Leggat; daughters, Connie O'Brien, Diane Littlejohn and Debra Starr; sisters, Jacqueline Petrowsky and Kathleen Wycaver; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

DAVID J. SHREVE

Services for David Shreve, 20, of Star, Mich., were April 17 in UH Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Mr. Shreve, who died April 9, was born May 24, 1978, in Wayne. He was in culinary training.

Surviving are his parents, James and Doraine Shreve; grandmother, Belle Lee; grandmother, Marguerite Binkley of Wayne. Mr. Shreve has other family members residing in Westland.

PETER J. VELTRI

Services for Peter Veltri, 74, of Westland were today, April 22, in St. Norbert Catholic Church in Inkster with burial at Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Officiating was the Rev. John Lehner. Arrangements were from John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Veltri, who died April 19 in Livonia, was born July 16, 1924, in Clarksburg, W.Va. He was a pipefitter.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia; sons, Joseph (Linda) Veltri, Vincent (Cindy) Veltri and Michael (Kim) Veltri; daughter, Patricia "Trish"; brothers, Sam, Bill and John Veltri; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

RONALD F. WATERS

Services for Ronald Waters, 68, of Westland were April 19 in UH Funeral Home.

Mr. Waters, who died April 15 in Westland, was born Oct. 29,

Students attend band event

Two students from Westland John Glenn High School participated in an all-Michigan high school band event at Western Michigan University last month. The 120-member Roger Cichy All-Star band performed as part of the 31st annual spring conference.

Chris Gazdaq, a percussionist, and Julie Reichert, a clarinetist, were among the nearly 200 musicians from 65 Michigan high schools. Professors from WMU's School of Music selected the participants.

On Broadway



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Musical opens today at Glenn

The John Glenn Theatrical Guild is planning to perform George M. Cohan's "Give My Regards to Broadway," at 7 p.m. today through Saturday, 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."



Acting up: At top, Broadway chorus girls senior Kristi Mendenhall (left) and sophomore Shawn Tanner (right) tease newcomer, sophomore Martha Croft, playing an aspiring actress trying to get a part as a chorus girl. At left, gangster "Babs" portrayed by senior Erica Lozon. Above, sophomore Scott Clark, as director of the show, converses with an aspiring actress portrayed by sophomore Martha Croft.

MILITARY NEWS

Army Pfc. Clifford A. Wells has deployed to Southwest Asia, Saudi Arabia, in support of either Operation Desert Focus or Operation Southern Watch. The deployed soldier is assigned to Charlie Company, 3rd Battalion, 505th "Panther" Parachute Infantry Regiment at Fort

Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C. The mission objective is to protect soldiers and guard equipment assigned to Task Force 2-43, 108th Air Defense Artillery already in Saudi Arabia. Other training will include airborne assault; movement to contact, attack, defend; non-combatant

evacuation; combat service support and rigging of equipment for airborne operations; and squad infantry battle drills. Wells, an infantryman, is the son of Dawn M. Wells of Westland. He is a 1995 graduate of Southfield High School.



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ROAD PROJECTS

Nearly half of county roads to get some repair

Wayne County has planned \$20.2 million in improvements this construction season to almost 32 miles of roads and bridges in western Wayne County.

Here is a list of improvements:

Canton Township

- Beck, Cherry Hill to Ford, pave gravel, one mile, \$1.1 million;
- Belleville, Van Born to Michigan, resurface 1.6 miles, \$350,000
- Canton Center, Geddes to Palmer, resurface one mile, \$220,000
- Canton Center, Ford to Cherry Hill, reconstruct and widen one mile, \$220,000
- Cherry Hill, Lilley intersection, widen, \$270,000
- Geddes, Beck to Canton Center, resurface one mile, \$228,000
- Geddes, Canton Center to Sheldon, resurface 0.5 mile, \$113,000
- Haggerty, Ford to Warren, widen one mile, \$1 million
- Joy, 5 miles east of Haggerty to Livonia, resurface 0.2 mile, \$48,000
- Morton Taylor, Ford to Warren, new road, one mile, \$3.1 million (cost includes bridge)
- Sheldon, north of Ford Road, resurface 0.6 miles, \$194,000

Livonia

- Eckles, Plymouth to School-

Please see PROJECTS, A7

Wayne County will spend \$63 million this year on approximately 83 miles of roads and more than 100 road and bridge projects.

Much of those repairs will be funded through the Partnership '98 program, which County Executive Edward McNamara began last year with \$60 million in bond funds over three years to maximize existing state and federal gas tax dollars, along with local matching funds.

That means Wayne County will cut in half the number of potholes motorists face on its

700-mile network of major roads, according to McNamara.

McNamara said Wayne County will rebuild or resurface nearly half of the poor roads. "The best news is that nearly 65 percent of our roads will be rated either in good or very good condition. That's a far cry from 1987, when only half that amount was rated as good or very good."

Among the major projects scheduled this year are:

- Rebuilding Seven Mile from Wayne Road to Farmington Road in Livonia for an estimated \$3.25 million. This week, that

road was reduced to one lane in each direction so that construction could continue.

- Widening Haggerty from Ford to Warren in Canton Township for \$1.2 million.

Paving gravel

Wayne County will pave nearly 10 of its 21 miles of gravel primary roads, which will bring relief to residents in growing areas of Wayne County. With Partnership '98 money, the county will pay 80 percent of each of the projects, requiring only a 20 percent local match.

"At the end of the year, only less than 2 percent of our primary road system will remain unpaved," McNamara said.

About 1.5 miles of Six Mile in Northville Township also will be paved.

Wayne County also will continue road preservation efforts, treating more than 100 miles of good- and fair-condition roads with crack sealing and pavement repairs to keep them from deteriorating and forming potholes.

"The bond program is letting us use more of our maintenance dollars to extend the life of roads

that currently are in good or fair condition," said Bob Mahoney, Wayne County roads director. "This is how roads should always be maintained, and it's how we do maintain them, when we have the necessary funding."

By the end of the three-year bond program, Wayne County will have paved, resurfaced, rebuilt or preserved nearly 50 percent of its entire 718-mile primary road system.

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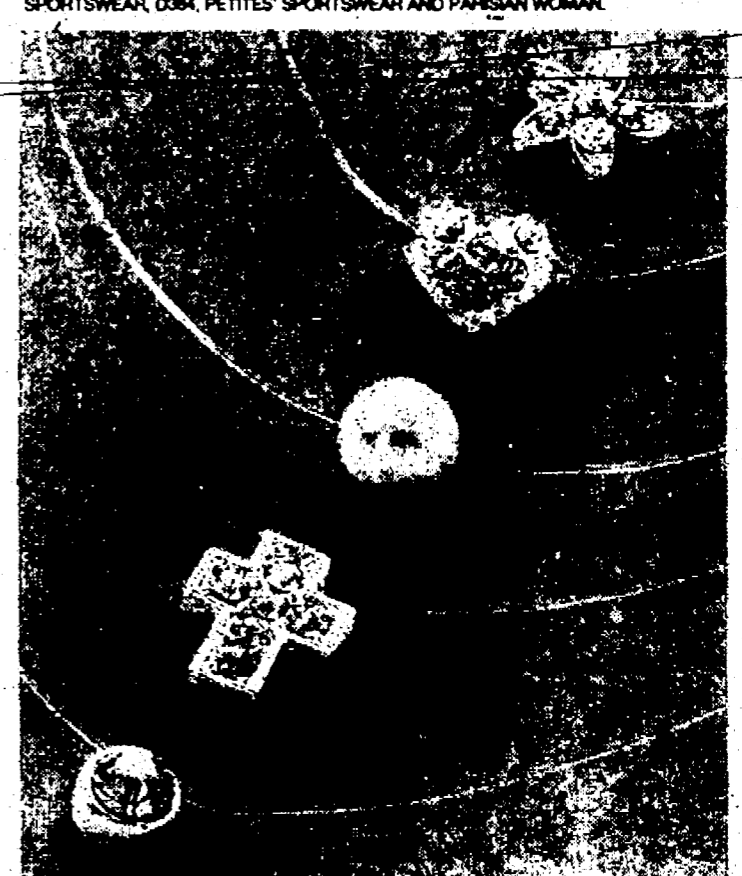
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Mayor expects city to weather Y2K bug

BY BETH SUNDRA JACHMAN
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Westland is expected to fare well but will be prepared for any glitches on Jan. 1, 2000.

That's according to Westland Mayor Robert Thomas, who addressed the Westland Rotary Club on the topic of the so-called Year 2000 bug, often referred to as the Y2K bug, at a luncheon last week. Some people predict widespread problems because of equipment that is unable to process the 1-1-00 date. Companies and businesses have been working to make sure they are Y2K compliant.

"I think we're going to be in pretty good shape, however, we are going to be prepared," Thomas said.

The Westland administrative staff will be at City Hall as the clock ticks off the end of 1999 rather than at a New Year's Eve party, Thomas said.

"So if something does happen or if something does shut down, we'll send crews out," he said.

"I'm not too worried about Y2K," Thomas said, adding the worst thing will be the panic. For example, with 911 people may cause problems just out of curiosity. "How many people are going to dial 911 to see if it's working?" he said.

How many people are going to yank their money out of the bank and put it in a pillow? he said.

The hard part for companies and government bodies is deciding how much money to spend on this, Thomas said.

"It's amazing that it could happen. You would have thought by now they would have it corrected," he said.

"Cities are spending billions of dollars on something that no one knows what it is," Thomas said.

But Westland will continue to take precautions to try to stem any problems. "We'll be testing all of our vehicles," he said. "We've heard stories that fire trucks won't work."

Computers are the easy part, Thomas said. But the strange thing is all the date-sensitive chips manufacturers may have put in other items, he said.

While he knows of people storing up food and even of one attorney who is storing \$30,000 worth of dried food, Thomas said he thinks there will only be scattered disruptions come Jan. 1.

"I'm a lot less concerned about it today than I was six months ago," he said.

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At the opera



Singing along: 5-year-old Anna Quillen of Westland rocks and sings along with her mom, Lisa Marcolina, at the end of the program. They were singing a drinking song from Giuseppe Verdi's "La Traviata." John Zaretti's Verdi Opera Theater of Michigan presented "Discover Opera" at the Summit in Canton Sunday.

'Relay for Life' set to expand this year

The American Cancer Society's signature event, "Relay For Life," will undergo a major expansion into Garden City and Westland this year to fight cancer and celebrate survivorship.

Part of a regional campaign educate the communities about cancer and raise funds, the ACS plans major events for a 24-hour period June 26-27 for groups in the two cities.

It will be held from noon to

noon that Saturday and Sunday at the Garden City Junior High School athletic field, on Radcliff, just south of Ford and east of Wildwood.

Groups, such as businesses, schools, churches and civic groups, are being contacted this month to publicize the event and encourage them to form teams for friendly competition.

The event is designed to "give one day of total focus to the issue" of cancer education, said Jennifer Tislerics, community development director for the American Cancer Society's southeastern Michigan chapter.

"Relay for Life" will be a "community fund-raising event that

celebrates cancer survivorship and pays tribute to those who have lost their battle with cancer," she said.

The June 26-27 events will have team events formed around families, groups of friends, churches, co-workers, to name a few possible groupings, she added.

Some events will be a "victory lap" to open the program, competition among teams for the most spirit, best costumes and best decorated tent.

Candles will be lighted to pay tribute to local people who have died of cancer, the ACS representative said.

The "Relay for Life" will pro-

vide "an opportunity to learn about cancer, cancer prevention, and local patient services provided by the American Cancer Society."

The upcoming event is about a community taking up the fight against cancer," said Victoria Rakowski, vice president for cancer control within the group's Great Lakes division.

The event is usually located at a community school, park or civic center and typically lasts for 24 hours, with team members taking turns walking around a track. During the event camping team members enjoy entertainment, food, games and community camaraderie.

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'Sports bill'

Gov. John Engler is seeking policy changes to blur the lines between school districts and between public and private schools.

Engler's vehicle is called a "supplemental" appropriations bill because it would supplement the regular \$10 billion school aid bill with \$188 million.

Big item is requiring K-12 public schools to allow students from charter schools, private and "home" schools to participate in sports and other extracurricular activities in their district of residence.

The idea is encountering fierce opposition from public school coaches and school administrators. The big fear: It's a foot-in-the-door form of parochialism.

The state PTA bulletin this week reported that "A groundswell of opposition has spurred House Republicans to issue the 'abandon ship' order" for this portion of the bill. Two of the 15 Republican sponsors have withdrawn their support because of opposition by public school groups. Rep. Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston, favors the concept but has called the idea "a dead issue."

A second big item is a new "blended" method of counting pupils, whereby several counts throughout the school year would be made. Purpose is to reward schools that retain students beyond the first week of classes.

A school "day" is defined as at least five hours beginning in fiscal 2001 (Oct. 1, 2000). Anything less will be counted as a fraction of a day.

Engler also calls for "schools of choice" beyond intermediate (county) district boundaries.

Finally, there's more money for schools. Basic funding in fis-

cal 2000 will go to \$5,652, with no district receiving less than \$5,550. The bill is in the House Appropriations Subcommittee on School Aid.

Environment checks

The state Senate gave four more years of life to an Environmental Response Act but rejected a Democratic amendment that 5 percent of sites be inspected by the state.

Senators voted 38-0 to extend the "sunset" on the act to June 5, 2003. It requires that a person pay a \$750 fee to the Department of Environmental Quality when applying for exemption from liability for hazardous substance cleanup costs. The exemption can be given to someone who becomes owner or operator of a contaminated site after June 5, 1995.

"It's just a paper review. There's no on-site inspection by DEQ," said Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township. His amendment requiring that a 5 percent sample of all sites seeking exemption was defeated 16 to 22. All 15 Democrats and Republican Dave Jaye of Macomb County voted yes. The other 22 Republicans voted no.

Peters said the law can be abused by a company's overstating the amount of pollution in determining the baseline for contamination. "That gives them a free ride to pollute," he said.

Sponsor Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, said the Peters amendment could backfire. As written, his bill "gives a company an incentive to do a good assessment. If they don't detect contamination, they become liable. If (Peters' amendment) would be harmful to require DEQ staff to do useless audits that detract from their mission."

Refer to Senate Bill 420 when writing to your state representa-

tive, State Capitol, Lansing 48909-7614.

New bills

New state legislative bills have been introduced by:

■ **Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion** - to prohibit the attorney general from filing "frivolous" suits against gun manufacturers. Dunaskiss seeks it as an amendment to the AG's budget bill. "If we allow government to hold gun makers liable for the felonious actions of some criminals, what's next? Will we sue automakers because of the felonious driving of some drivers?" Dunaskiss said.

■ **Sen. George Hart, D-Dearborn** - requiring state inspectors from Consumer and Industry Services to survey nursing home residents to see if they are happy with facilities. It's a companion bill to another measure to create a nursing home consumer rating index.

■ **Rep. Nancy Quarles, D-Southfield**, to require inflationary increases in the homestead property tax credit, currently a maximum \$1,200 credit on the income tax. Her amendment was inserted in another tax bill. If it had been passed last year, she said, the credit in 1999 would have been \$1,219.

Meanwhile, the House unanimously passed a bill by Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, to regulate investigations by county medical examiners of suspicious deaths involving a fire. It was prompted by a Southfield case where a woman was beaten to death by her husband, who set fire to the house. Her death was ruled accidental until the state fire marshal ruled it was arson. HB 4084 goes to the Senate.

Projects from page A5

craft, resurface 0.6 miles, \$125,000

Farmington, Five Mile to Seven Mile, resurface two miles, \$1.7 million

Five Mile, I-275 to Bevan, resurface 1.25 miles, \$774,000

Five Mile, Merriman to Middlebelt, resurface one mile, \$857,900

Hines Drive, Plymouth Township limit to Plymouth Road, resurface 0.5 miles, \$100,000

Joy, Farmington to Merriman, resurface one mile, \$693,500

Middlebelt, I-96 to Five Mile, resurface one mile, \$696,000

Middlebelt, Plymouth Road to Joy, resurface one mile, cost not available

Plymouth Road, Eckles to Ann Arbor Road, resurface one mile, \$459,000

Seven Mile, Wayne to Farmington, reconstruct and widen one mile, \$3.2 million

Inkster, I-96 to Five Mile, resurface one mile, \$695,652

Plymouth Township Haggerty, Ann Arbor Road to Plymouth, resurface one mile, \$304,000

Hines Drive, Wilcox Road to township limit, resurface one mile, \$284,000

Lilley Road, Joy to 0.3 miles north, resurface, \$66,000

Main Street, Joy to Ann Arbor Road, resurface 0.72 miles, \$750,000

Ridge, Ann Arbor Road to Powell, pave gravel, 0.75 miles, \$766,400

Redford Five Mile, Inkster to Beech Daly, resurface one mile, cost not available

Inkster, I-96 to Five Mile, resurface one mile, \$695,652

West Chicago, Inkster to Beech Daly, resurface one mile, \$207,000

resurface one mile, \$695,652

West Chicago, Telegraph east to Detroit city limit, resurface 0.65 miles, \$145,000

Westland Joy Road, Farmington to Merriman, resurface one mile, \$693,500

Hines Drive, Merriman ramp to Inkster, resurface two miles, \$400,000

Farmington, Ann Arbor Trail to Joy, resurface 0.26 miles, \$60,000

Bridge improvements Canton Center over the lower Rouge River, \$750,000

Geddes over Fowler Drain, \$500,000

Morton Taylor over Willow Creek, \$3.1 million (includes road)

Haggerty over Middle Rouge, \$500,000

Repair from page A5

Motorists can view a complete listing of Wayne County's road construction projects on the County's Web site at www.waynecounty.com, as well as the following road construction-related information:

■ Construction status: Biweekly updates will be posted

to inform motorists of the progress of each county project, including expected lane closures and estimated completion dates. A digital map of construction projects also will help motorists avoid construction zones.

■ Project design status: See

how far along upcoming road projects are in the design process and when they are expected to be put out for bids.

■ Five-year federal aid list. See which federal aid-eligible roads are slated for repairs through 2003.

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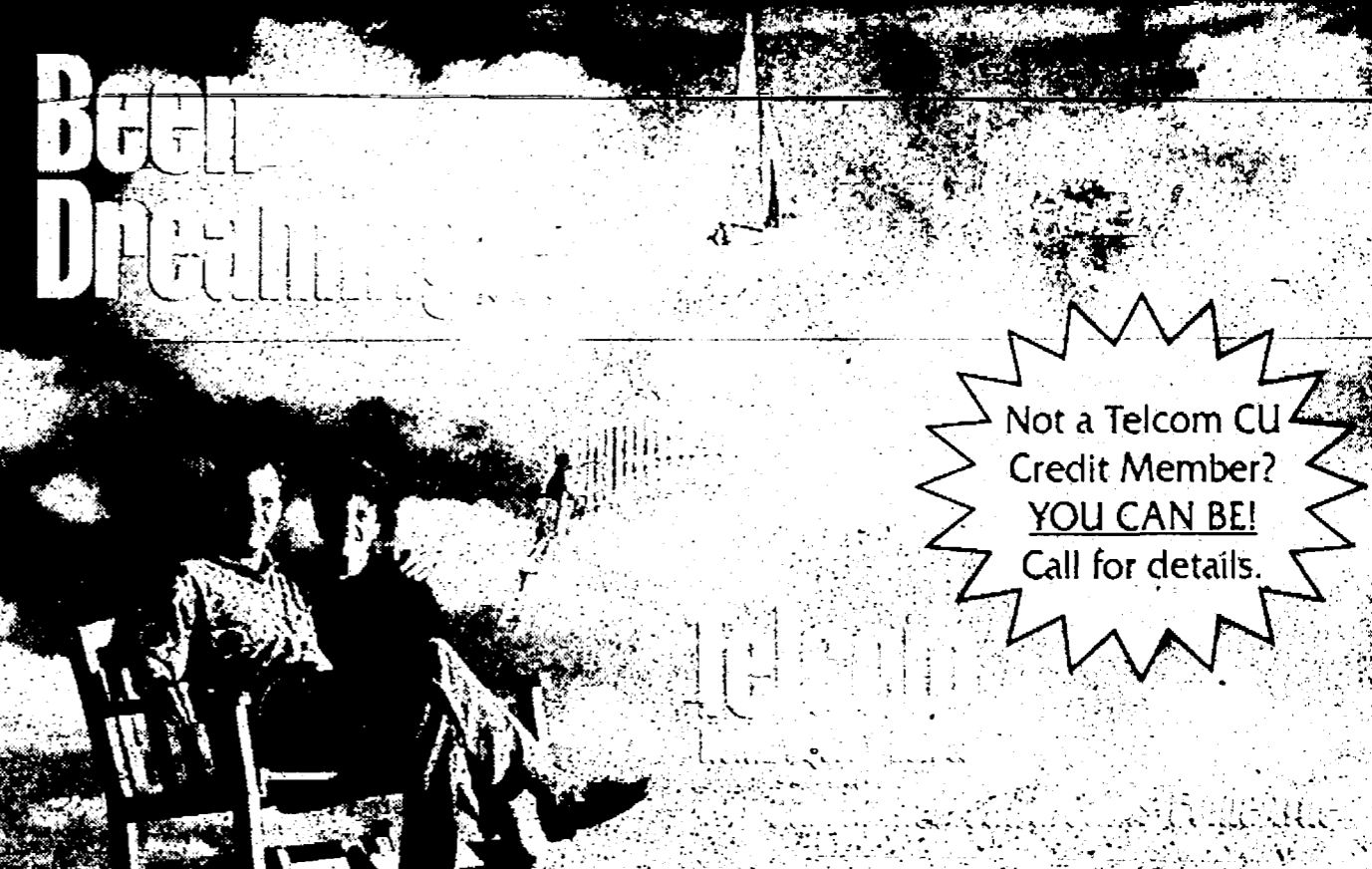
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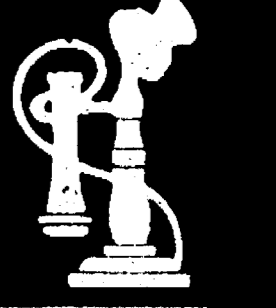
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School schedule

Senate bill discourages districts from starting before Labor Day

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Schools would be discouraged from starting classes before Labor Day under a bill before the Michigan Senate.

If passed, the bill would require that public schools and academies be closed on the Friday before Labor Day for the years 1999-2001. That would set up a four-day Labor Day weekend but wouldn't prevent a pre-Labor Day opening.

Meanwhile, a seven-member task force would be created to report back to the Legislature and governor by the end of 2000.

The Senate Labor Committee reported out the bill April 14 on a 3-2 party-line vote. Supporting it were Republicans Loren Bennett (chair) of Canton, Joanne Emmons of Big Rapids and Leon Stille of Spring Lake.

"It's a local control issue," objected Democrat Gary Peters of Bloomfield Town-

ship, joined by Burton Leland of Detroit.

Sponsor is Walter North, R-St. Ignace, whose district includes some of Michigan's prime vacation land - the eastern Upper Peninsula and the northeastern counties of the lower.

Resort owners have pushed for a post-Labor Day opening. They argue that August openings cut off a choice hunk of their summer season.

The task force would be required to study "the economic and educational impact" of (1) no classes on the Friday before Labor Day and (2) no opening until after Labor Day.

The governor would appoint members. They would be picked from lists submitted by teachers unions, Michigan Association of School Boards, Michigan Association of School Administrators, the Travel Michigan unit of the Jobs Commission, Travel Commission, Michigan Chamber of Commerce and general public. Peters submitted the

amendment to let the Michigan Education Association and Michigan Federation of Teachers nominate teacher members.

A similar bill, sponsored by then-Rep. Pat Gagliardi, D-Drummond Island, died in the House last session. It was generally opposed by area school districts because:

- School calendars often were part of collective bargaining contracts.

- Teachers wanted to make K-12 calendars match university calendars so they could work on master's degrees during summer.

- The state has mandated a longer school year.

- Schools need flexibility to make up for closures during "snow days."

Refer to Senate Bill 53 when writing to your state senator, State Capitol, Lansing 4909-7536.

Memorial service set for shooting victims

A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at the mausoleum at Mount Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia in memory of people killed in Tuesday's shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

Two heavily armed young men opened fire in a suburban Denver high school, that left at least 15 people dead and injured at least 25 others in what police there described as a suicide mission.

Karen Green, manager of

Mount Hope, set up the memorial service for metro Detroiters to lend their support through prayer for victims, their families and survivors of the shootings.


People attending the memorial service can sign a registry book to be sent to Columbine High School. A special fund--The Columbine High School Family Fund in care of Greater Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 661 W. Eight Mile Road, Detroit, MI 48203 -- has been established.

Pastors or other members of the Archdiocese of Detroit are expected to speak at the service. Green has invited members of the public, whether they are high school students, counselors or principals, to speak as well.

Businesses also have donated items for the service, Green said.

For information about the service, donating to the victims' fund or donating goods for the Saturday service, contact Green at (734) 522-2200.

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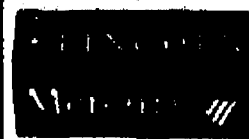
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Generous bidders help make auction best yet for Madonna

Auction-goers were in a bidding mood last Friday at the 11th annual Madonna University Around the World Scholarship Dinner Auction.

"The auction was a tremendous success," said Andrea Dodge, director of marketing and public relations.

"Madonna University grossed \$300,000 which is the largest proceeds Madonna has ever realized through the auction," said Nodge, adding that "proceeds from the car raffle will go toward renovation of the residence halls and the auction proceeds will be used for scholarships for Madonna students and other special projects."

Some 450 guests enjoyed din-



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Raising funds: Sister Mary Francilene, president of Madonna University, is joined by Lina and John DeL Signore, owners of Laurel Manor and general chairs at last Friday's fund-raiser.

ner at the Laurel Manor in Livonia and were generous with bids. A suite for 20 at the Joe Louis Arena for a Red Wings playoff game went for \$19,500. The item was donated for auction by William and Bridget

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Helping out: Auction-goers included Madonna trustee William T. Phillips (left), his wife Bridget, Richard Asztalos, MaryLou and Dan Andrews, Livonia residents and honorary chairs for the event.

Welcome to the Marriott Concierge wins top honors for hospitality

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

For the past six years, Livonia resident Nancy Tressler has arrived at her job as concierge at the Livonia Marriott at 6:30 a.m. determined to make everyone who walks through the hotel's front door feel welcome their entire stay.

She keeps the complimentary tea and coffee in the lobby hot and the gift shop well-stocked. She delivers morning papers, picks up prescriptions, tracks down wayward laundry, and makes reservations for dinner and appointments for haircuts.

Come 3 p.m., the end of her workday, she judges her effectiveness.

"I want everybody to go out the door with a smile on their face. I want to make sure I've taken care of all their needs."

Tressler's efforts haven't gone unnoticed. She was recently named "Michigan Concierge of the Year" by the Michigan Hotel and Motel Association and "Lodging Employee of the Year" by the American Hotel and Motel Association for 1998.

Haydn Kramer, the hotel's market general manager, accumulated guests' letters of praise and nominated Tressler for the initial award. "It was easy to write a compelling piece about Nancy. She's dedicated to our hotel."

Tressler also won the "Rose Award" in 1997, the Metropolitan Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau's top prize for service.

A 5-foot bundle of energy with salt-and-pepper hair and a quick smile, Tressler, 54, patrols the hotel lobby and restaurant. Mostly, she's on the lookout for meeting-weary business people and other new guests.

A giving nature



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Honored: Nancy Tressler of Livonia has been named "Michigan Concierge of the Year" by the Michigan Hotel and Motel Association for her efforts at making guests at the Livonia Marriott feel welcome. For guests, she has done everything from sewing a button on a shirt to decorating Christmas trees in the rooms.

She is a born nurturer. She has brought balloons and chocolate chip cookies to a sick 3-year-old boy and delivered roses and candy to husbands' rooms at their wives' requests. She has even done guests' laundry.

"I once took a man's shirt home. He needed it for a 7 a.m. meeting and had missed the laundry pickup. He also needed a button. I found one that

matched in my sewing box and

sewed it on. I washed the shirt, ironed it and took it up to his room at 6:30 a.m. the next morning."

One Christmas a few years ago, she received a call from a man requesting that a suite be decorated with three Christmas trees for his stay that evening. He wanted a tree in the living room, another in the bedroom and a third in the bathroom.

Tressler decorated the trees,

trimmed the mirrors with garland and lights, and filled the rooms with flowers and votive candles. "I think it was a very private party."

Above and the call of duty? Not at all, said Tressler, adding that there are no official limits to her duties. If a guest wants champagne on the nightstand and chocolates on the pillow, she does it. She has carte

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Campaign ending: Dorothy Pitsch rolls a wheelchair up the ramp to Carol Sheff and Tom Fry. When the Daimler-Chrysler semi-trailer is loaded it will be driven to a prison in Kentucky where inmates will rebuild the chairs. About 600 wheelchairs have been collected by Wheels for the World. Semis provided by DaimlerChrysler, and staffed by company volunteers will accept wheelchairs 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Oakland Community College, at the Orchard Lake Road entrance, south of I-696. Pitsch, Wheels for the World Detroit area-chairwoman, spearheaded the campaign that represents 10 percent of what JAF (Joni and Friends) Wheels for the World has collected worldwide since 1992.



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Organizers wrap up wheelchair drive

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Organizers collected 600 wheelchairs to be donated to needy people around the world in an amazing five-month statewide drive.

Dorothy Pitsch, Wheels for the World Detroit area-chairwoman, spearheaded the campaign that represents 10 percent of what JAF (Joni and Friends) Wheels for the World has collected worldwide since 1992.

Looking at the end of an exhausting campaign that involved more than 1,000 calls from people who had wheelchairs, the Farmington Hills woman has her sights set on the next drive.

"I'm sure there are a lot more out there for the next time that we do this," Pitsch said. "I'll give you a year, but I plan to do it again."

Semis provided by Daimler-Chrysler, and staffed by company volunteers will accept wheelchairs 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Oakland Community College, at the Orchard Lake Road entrance, south of I-696.

The wheelchairs came from individuals, as well as medical facilities, including Mitchell Home Medical Supplies in Ypsilanti, which donated 100 wheelchairs and parts. Shurgard Storage provided space throughout metro Detroit and Greg's Professional Painting in Novi donated an entire day picking up wheelchairs. And many of the wheelchairs came from people who wanted to make a difference in someone else's life.

Pitsch plans to track two wheelchairs and write a story for *Life* magazine explaining how they changed the recipients' lives. The magazine already ran an article about an 11-year-old Chinese girl who was immobile without a wheelchair.

One of the chairs Pitsch will

follow belonged to Larry Bredow, 18, who died last July. His wheelchair was donated to a nun at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament in Farmington Hills.

"She fell and broke her leg and they thought she would never walk," Pitsch said. "The nuns prayed for her continuously, the bone healed and the surgeons were amazed. And she doesn't require a wheelchair at all." Bredow's parents, who have worked tirelessly collecting wheelchairs from around the state, donated his chair to Wheels for the World.

The second wheelchair Pitsch will track belonged to Alex Graham, 17, of West Bloomfield. She died from bone cancer last January and her dying wish was for people to be considerate of others who have lost their hair and who are in wheelchairs.

With the help of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, Graham made a 60-second public service announcement to remind viewers that sick kids want to be treated just like other kids and to remember that their illness isn't their fault. She asked people not to stare at disabled people.

At the end of the announcement she said: "Just give them a smile instead of a stare." Filmed two days before she died, the video was taken to her Beaumont Hospital room for her approval.

"The tears were flowing from the oxygen mask down her cheek," Pitsch said.

"By donating her wheelchair at least it will bring new life for another person. Her dad hugged me and he said Alex would love that."

"Jan (Glovak) and I have been totally blessed from this (the wheelchair drive) experience," Pitsch said.

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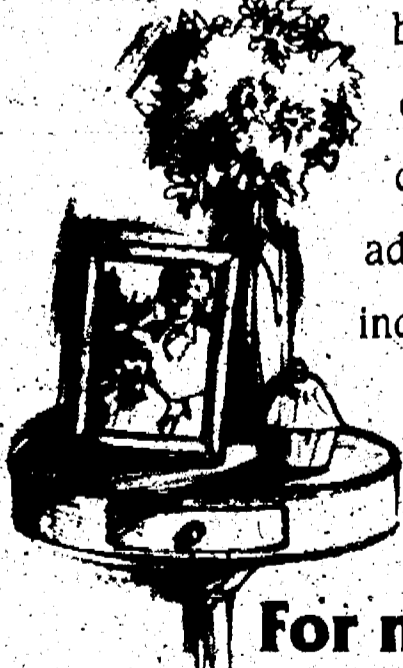


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possible through funding from the parks millage. The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off of Hines Drive, and can be reached even if the road is barricaded for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

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

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Phillips of Phillips Service Industries in Livonia. William Phillips is a Madonna University trustee.

Other high-bid items included two weeks in Italy in the town of Fonte D'Amore as guests of auction chairs, John and Lina Del-Signore, \$10,000; dinner for 20 at Under the Eagle Restaurant in Hamtramck, \$2,500; week in Waikiki, Hawaii plus airfare via Northwest Airlines, \$2,400 and an eight-course dinner for six at Tribute in Farmington Hills, \$1,500.

Madonna alumna Christine

Lees of Grosse Ile won the 1999 Don Massey Cadillac Sedan DeVille. Tickets were sold at \$200 each. Lees is a 1989 graduate in allied health management and is presently working on her master's degree at Madonna.

The Kresge Foundation recently approved a grant of \$350,000 toward the renovation of the University Center and Residence Halls. The grant is made on a challenge basis to assist in raising the balance of more than \$1 million required to complete the project's funding by July 1, 2000.

The project is the final phase of the \$15 million Comprehensive Campaign which began in July 1994.

Sponsors of the 1999 auction were Don Massey Cadillac Inc., Northwest Airlines, Kimcraft Printers Inc. and Al Long Ford.

The auction was coordinated by Rose Kachnowski, director of corporate development and special events, under the supervision of Sister Mary Lauriana, vice president for university advancement.

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blanche permission to make her guests comfortable.

"Nancy is much more than a greeter. This is a person who captures and solves problems," said Kramer.

Family traits

Tressler believes a good part of her nurturing spirit comes from her grandmother, Anna Rose, who raised Tressler from 18 months after raising 15 children of her own.

"My grandmother overwhelmed me with love and spiritual guidance," said Tressler, recalling her daily treks to Mass with her grandmother. "I told my husband as long as I'm alive my grandmother will live through me."

Tressler's empathy extends to her co-workers, many of whom are younger. "I'm like a mother. Basically what I do is listen. They just talk it out. It keeps me young."

Tressler is modest about her awards. "I feel very humble about everything that's happened to me. I'm only one person, and it takes all of us together to make a good Marriott team."

However, there's no doubt that Tressler loves her job and gives it 100 percent every day. "When I leave I say, phew, I think I did my best today."

West Suburban Club to host state's largest stamp show

The 30th annual "Plymouth Show," sponsored by the West Suburban Stamp Club, will take place on Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25.

The show will be in Central Middle School at Church and Main in downtown Plymouth. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Admission and parking are free.

The exhibition is the largest stamp show in Michigan, with more than 2,800 exhibit pages on display. The Plymouth Show is a qualifying show for the American Philatelic Society's "World Series of Philate-

ly." The exhibit Grand Award winner will compete in August for the 1999 national championship at "STAMPsHOW '99" in Cleveland, Ohio against winners from 34 other national shows.

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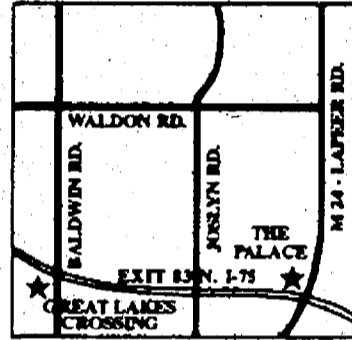
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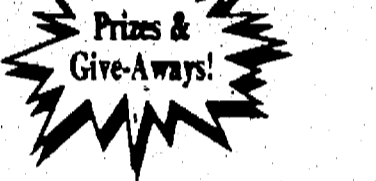
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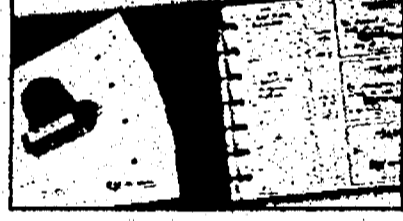


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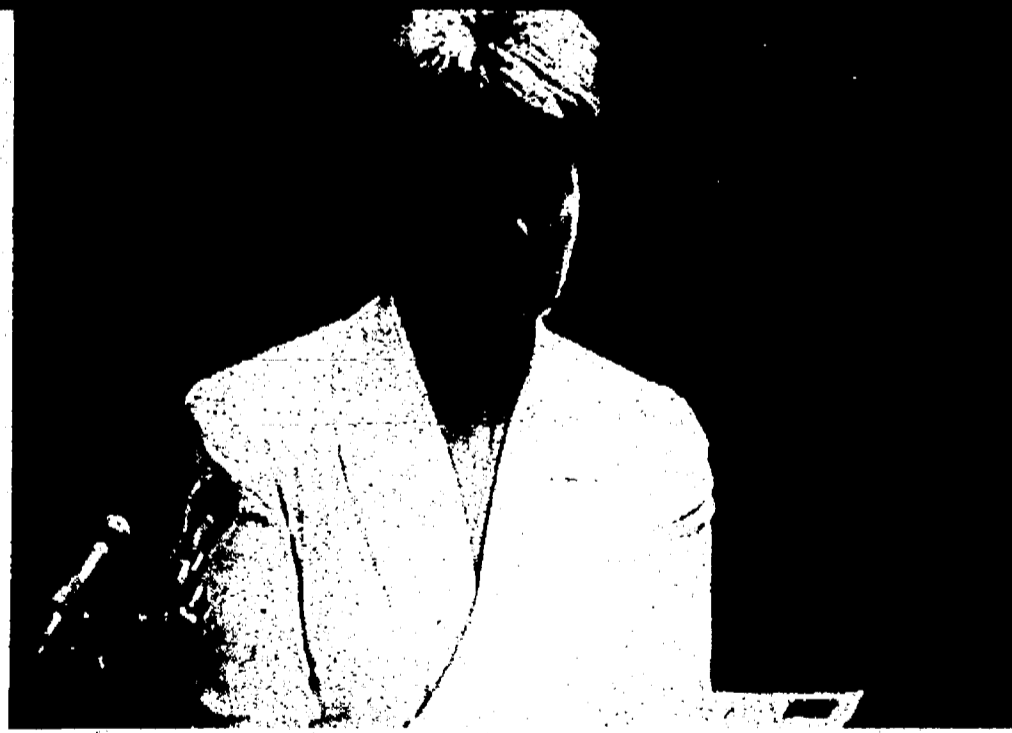
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THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1999

End of era Barns to leave lasting legacy

The city of Westland is losing another one of its longtime elected public servants. City Councilwoman Justine Barns has announced she won't be seeking a new term on the council. (Recently, Councilman Charles Pickering also announced he won't be seeking a new term on the council.)

Barns' departure marks the end of an era in Westland politics. She will end 35 years of public service when she finishes up her four-year term on Dec. 31.

Considered by many to be the person who paved the way for today's women in office in Westland, 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 1966.

She went on to serve 17 years on the Westland City Council, starting in 1966, including serving as council president 1976-78.

She then served by representing Westland for 12 years in the state House.

Now, back in local office for another term, she is in her 21st year on the council.

Also along the way she has picked up many honors such as Westland Woman of the Year in 1975 and Ford Motor Co. Citizen of the Year.

She has also served on many committees and organizations ranging from a hospital board of directors to the Michigan Municipal League.

Being active in her community has been a large part of Barns' life and that's only part of the story. She has done many things for the community behind the scenes.

It all started when she became active in her children's education, becoming president of the Jefferson Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association.

Today, Jefferson-Barns Elementary School bears her name.

As she went on to public office, she chalked up many accomplishments.

She counts among her finest hours a successful fight to keep a prison out of Westland in the early 1980s.

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.

Her work in Lansing also has another legacy. She employed Eileen DeHart on her staff. DeHart has gone on to represent Westland in the state House.

Westland is losing the elected service of one of its most prominent officeholders, but we know, given her track record, that Barns will continue to be active in the community.

The mayor recently honored Barns at his State of the City address - and it was a well-deserved honor. We think it's time for the community to pay tribute to Barns for a job well-done.

State's 'road rage' bills off target

Oh, wow! More "tough new laws." This time the Michigan Legislature's target is "road rage."

As if passing a law could make drivers stop going 20 mph over the speed limit, running red lights, tailgating, passing on the right, cutting off others entering a freeway from a ramp, crowding another driver literally off the road, flashing headlights to intimidate another, flipping "the bird" and on and on, *ad nauseum*.

Two bills to enact tough new laws against "criminal road endangerment" are currently on the state Senate's calendar. They appeared to be moving quickly early in March, but then the sponsor, Sen. William Van Regenmorter, R-Jenison, stopped the forward motion.

Road behavior, particularly in southeastern Michigan, is disgraceful. You notice it driving north from Ohio, where drivers usually observe speed limits, particularly on US 23 and I-69. When they hit the Michigan line, however, down goes the right foot, and up comes... "road rage."

On I-96, the bad behavior drops a bit at Brighton and becomes rare after the Portland exit, west of Lansing. On I-75 northbound, it becomes safer once you're past Standish. In Ontario, you can breathe a sigh of relief a few miles east of Windsor.

So what can be wrong with passing ever more laws?

The bills define "criminal road endangerment" as any three of the above-listed offenses that would likely harm another vehicle, a motorcycle, bicycle or pedestrian. Any three.

Penalties would escalate for repeat offenses, for displaying a firearm, or for causing injury or death. Maximum: four years in prison, a fine of \$5,000, license revocation and six "points."

We see two problems:

- Catching the miscreants who drive so crazily. Drivers routinely travel at 85-90 mph

on I-96 and I-696 without the flashing blue lights of the police interfering. On surface roads, the chances you will be stopped for slipping through as a light turns red are a whopping 600 to 1. There just aren't enough patrol cars to dampen the current bad driving. There is nothing in SB 287 and SB 390 that we can see to put more patrol cars on the freeways and roads.

■ Getting a conviction. Ask any student if we have a system of trial by jury, and the student will say "yes." False. We have a system of attorney negotiations. Something like 95 percent of misdemeanor and felony cases never go to trial because the accused either pleads guilty, or a high-priced attorney negotiates a deal.

We predict few "criminal road endangerment" cases ever will result in convictions. With the high stakes of prison time and stiff fines, an accused will find it financially feasible to hire a lawyer and negotiate downward to just one or two offenses. A prosecutor won't want to take the chance of going to trial and losing, so he'll negotiate.

We got a laugh out of the poll conducted for the Michigan State Safety Commission in which drivers were asked to rate themselves: 61 percent rated themselves "above average," a mathematical impossibility.

So what can we do about "road rage?"

Put more patrol cars on the roads. We may have to forego that income tax cut from 4.4 to 3.9 percent.

Find methods of holding up genuinely bad drivers for public ridicule. In part, that's the job of the media, but it would help if state police could somehow make information available to all the competing media.

Legislators certainly spend enough on publicity for their bills. They should be able to allocate more to publicizing some of the crazier drivers.

Honored



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL
Congrats: Westland City Councilwoman Justine Barns has announced she won't seek re-election, ending many years of service in elected office.

LETTERS

European Vietnam

It is said that truth is the first casualty of war. If that is true, then the collateral damage is surely to people's ability to think rationally.

Both sides in the NATO-Serbia War are already using propaganda to the outer limit. NATO says repeatedly that Serb leaders are Satan incarnate and the Serb army their evil spawn.

Yet, Serbs are wearing targets, forming candlelit human shields and preparing for the martyrdom of their country. The Albanian Kosovo Liberation Army is conscripting Kosovo men by force, and providing NATO and Western journalists with a steady stream of atrocity stories - each more bizarre than the last, if possible. The media can't get enough.

But, here's the problem: Sooner or later, the truth will out. Just like it did in Vietnam.

Eventually, Serbs will bet off their cultural superiority high horse. NATO will have to decide whether it really wants, and can afford, Greater Albania and its Balkan diaspora as its protectorate for the next 30 years. And, the KLA will have to decide whether it's a legitimate government in waiting or just another criminal syndicate operating inside Kosovo.

Many people with great wisdom have advised against involvement in Balkan civil strife. This is going to be a European Vietnam.

Walter Warren
Westland

returning to help improve the town?

A graduate, I believe, of Redford High School, whom I worked with, did promotions for Motown.

My father was vice president of Booth Broadcasting Corp.

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Remember, life is great - pass it on!

Candice S. Miller
secretary of state

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

How do you think the Detroit Red Wings will do in the playoffs?



"Real well."
Dawn Spence
Westland



"I think they're going to go all the way."
Stephanie Lamberson
Westland



"I think they're saving the best for last."
Gary Kane
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"(They're) going to go all the way."
Ron Windley
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We asked this question at Kroger in Westland.

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Call of Goofball ends up costing taxpayers

The Goofball and his buddies arrived from the Detroit area about 1:30 a.m. on an August night in 1995. Their destination was the Ambrose Lake State Forest Campground in Ogemaw County. That's up north, but not very far north, about 10 miles from West Branch, maybe a three-hour trip from the Detroit area on I-75. So The Goofball must have left home after dark. I know the area a bit. It's not far from the Rifle River campgrounds. I've scouted campsites in the past but rejected most because they are contaminated by people like The Goofball whose chief source of recreation is a gas-guzzling vehicle. Other writers also have reported how the hillside in that part of the state are being ripped up by motorized vehicles. The Court of Appeals opinion says the group intended to do off-road riding. The Goofball knew he was supposed to pay a camping fee but didn't. Prior to reaching the campground, they ate a pizza (no camp food over an

open fire for these softies) and bought a case of beer. The Goofball said he had "three or four beers" before arrival, the court record says. "At approximately 2:30 a.m., plaintiff (the court's name for The Goofball) started his off-road vehicle (ORV), with the intention to warm up the vehicle and check out the path and to come back and gear up and then head out." Plaintiff was not wearing any safety equipment, including a helmet. The Goofball checked out the path and headed back to the campsite, traveling on the left side of the road, "when he suddenly struck something. The impact with the object caused the ORV to become airborne, and vaulted plaintiff's body forward into a tree. From his point of contact with the tree, plaintiff was thrown to the center of the road and severely injured. "The object plaintiff struck was a cedar post. Such cedar posts are used throughout the campground, and at other campgrounds around the state,



TIM RICHARD

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to prevent people from driving through certain areas of the park. The posts stand approximately 18 inches high, are approximately 6 to 12 inches in diameter, and are placed approxi-

mately 2 feet apart." Get this: In the middle of the night, The Goofball has drunk beer, operates an off-road vehicle without a helmet, makes a racket for the forest creatures, hits a post that is intended as a barrier - and sues us, the taxpayers, with a claim against the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The Goofball argues that his route was some kind of highway. Under a doctrine going back to Henry II of England, government is immune from most lawsuits except, in Michigan, for defective highways. In the Court of Claims, the judge throws out the suit. The Goofball seeks a reversal in the Court of Appeals. Judges Stephen Markman, Joel Hoekstra and Brian Zahra are unimpressed with The Goofball's logic, saying: "We conclude that the natural grassy area is not an improved portion of the highway. Consequently, the cedar post that plaintiff struck constitutes an installation outside the improved portion of the highway."

They affirmed the Court of Claims judge. I would have fined The Goofball for whatever damage he did to the cedar post, the tree he hit and the grass he landed on, and charged him for the ambulance run and the law enforcement officer who investigated; then maybe tack on a \$1,000 charge for the Non-Game Wildlife Fund for disturbing the wildlife. Then I'd confiscate his ORV, or what's left of it, until he paid part of the \$100,000-plus salaries of the three appellate judges. Certainly it was no way to enjoy Michigan's environment. The conventional method is to sit around a campfire, sip a beer, pick the guitar until 9:30 or 10 p.m., then listen to the coyotes howl or the owls hoot until beddy-bye time. It's more fun than being airborne when you hit a tree. Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

LETTERS

Time for nursing home changes

According to Tim Richard's article in the April 1 edition, the state Senate voted against adding 23 nursing home inspectors. Richard also reported that Gov. John Engler's budget message said, "The highlight of the FY 2000 recommendation is a new \$10 million Nursing Home Quality Incentive Grant program which CIS will administer with assistance from the Michigan Quality Council." Why do we need a \$10 million incentive grant program? This sounds like more corporate welfare. It seems to me that the nursing home industry already has an incentive - profit. If they were not earning a profit,

they would not be in business. In fact, Michigan is already giving them \$1 billion a year in Medicaid. With the amount that residents pay, they should get excellent care. The employees are not even paid a living wage. I am not anti-profit, but how much is enough? Whatever happened to the idea of taking pride in a job well-done? One of those who voted no to additional inspectors, was Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton. I cannot understand why he of all people voted no. Last fall, Bennett toured one nursing home - twice. A person who accompanied the senator on the first tour, said that Bennett's eyes were opened and that he was appalled at what he saw. Why would a state senator who had his eyes opened and was appalled vote

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no on this bill? Currently, we do not have enough inspectors. Normally, nursing homes are inspected once a year and the nursing home administration is notified in advance. They should be inspected more often and the visits should be a surprise. Richard also reported that Sen. Joel Gougeon, R-Bay City, said that a state panel to study nursing home conditions would convene soon and be done by summer.

The U.S. General Accounting Office released a report that dozens of horrifying reports of abuse and neglect complaints have gone for hundreds of days without inspection. Ask any of us who have a loved one in a nursing home about the conditions. Untold numbers of us spend many hours daily in nursing homes, trying to make certain that our loved ones receive the proper care. Ask us about it. We can tell you. The nursing home problems should concern everyone. They are bipartisan. It appears that some legislators are making these problems partisan. If they are, I find it disgusting. Maybe those who voted no need to make a nursing home their permanent home. Now that would be the real eye opener. Maybe those who voted no on SB 361 should experience the abuses first

hand. We not only need more inspectors, we need nursing home reform bills passed to improve staffing and for background checks (on potential employees). After nursing home reforms are passed, we must then make sure that those laws are enforced. Last session, both the House and the Senate introduced bills for reform. The House passed its bills. The Senate did not. This has been the same old story for many, many years. My mother worked very hard all her life. Now that she is helpless, she needs and deserves better care. I expect my legislators to do a better job of protecting my mother and making her final years more peaceful. Nadene Mitcham Westland

Students need some protection

There were lots of student radicals on college campuses in the late 1950s and early '60s. I should know. I was one of them. In those days, Tom Hayden (before he became a celebrity) and I were staffers on the University of Michigan student newspaper, The Michigan Daily. Together with a group of other activists, we launched in 1960 a campaign to get rid of Deborah Bacon, then the dean of women. At that time, deans of women exercised a lot of power at college campuses all around the country. They set rules defining proper nonacademic conduct for coeds: drinking (mostly a no-no), dress (ladylike), dorm hours (in by 11 p.m. on weekdays, 1 a.m. weekends), sex (decidedly a no-no, but routinely ignored). There were deans of men, too, who set nonacademic rules for male students. These were a lot looser - boys will be boys, after all - but you could get in trouble for things like rowdy or noisy behavior or having an unregistered car on campus. Taken together, the rules governing nonacademic conduct for college students were based on the assumption that university authorities were acting as substitute parents - "in loco parentis" was the Latin phrase - while kids were on campus. And it was the notion that somebody had the right to set rules for us students that made us mad. In due course, we got rid of Miss Bacon at U-M and, as well, the institutions of the dean of women and the dean of men. And over the next 10 years all around the country, colleges and universities gradually ridded themselves of deans and ideas of in loco parentis. By 1980, the idea that colleges had any business trying to govern the nonacademic behavior of their students was passé. University boards of trustees amended their rules. Some - U-M among them - wound up with no rules whatsoever governing nonacademic conduct. If the kids violated the laws of Ann Arbor or Michigan, it was the cops' business to arrest and charge them. The pendulum started swinging back about five years ago, when folks running colleges realized that students could do all kinds of nasty things and get away with it as long as they didn't break some nonuniversity law. At the U-M, racist and gay-baiting fliers were occasionally distributed around the dorms. Some women were harassed and a few were raped. Thefts on campus increased. The administration and the Board of Regents concluded that the safety and civility of the academic community were threatened. Against vehement protest, the regents in 1990 authorized armed campus public safety officers and



PHILIP POWER

later adopted a limited code of nonacademic conduct. A bunch of well-publicized recent events on Michigan campuses suggest there is much more to do, especially with respect to alcohol. The alcohol-fueled riot in East Lansing three weeks ago involved not only MSU students but also students from campuses all around the state. Last fall, a MSU student died of alcohol poisoning after he consumed 26 shots during a night of drinking to celebrate his 21st birthday. At Central Michigan University, another student fell out of his apartment, and was killed. Last fall, Courtney Cantor, a first-year student at U-M, fell to her death out of a window in her dorm in Ann Arbor. Traces of alcohol and a date-rape drug were found in her blood. I was on the Board of Regents at U-M when Courtney Cantor fell to her death. A friend whose daughter is a first-year student in Ann Arbor, called me. "What can you do to assure me that your university is taking appropriate care of my daughter?" I couldn't fully answer his question. I don't think Michigan colleges should return wholesale to the days of in loco parentis. But, equally, I am certain that university officials and boards of trustees have a greater responsibility to their students - and to the parents and families of these students - than merely warehousing them in dormitories or fraternities, letting them do what they will and hoping for the best. There may be protests and pickets. But officials and governing boards should have the guts and wisdom to look at their rules of nonacademic conduct and carefully rewrite them. In addition to being a student activist while an undergraduate at U-M, Phil Power served for 11 years on the university's Board of Regents. He is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at: ppower@oeonline.com

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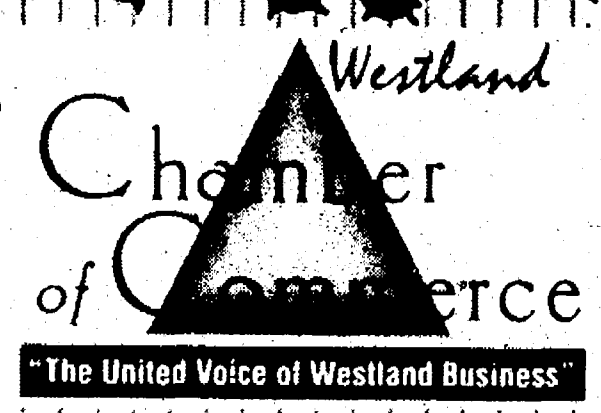
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What do we value most?

Have you ever heard the name Tim Forneris? This 22-year-old man is seen by some as a hero, by others as a nut.

Tim's 15 minutes of fame came last summer when he retrieved Mark McGwire's 62nd home run ball and promptly turned it over to McGwire instead of keeping it.

Mr. Forneris has been belittled and ridiculed for doing such a "foolish thing" when he stood to make more than \$1 million by selling the infamous ball. It brings us back to that same old discussion about what we value.

You can fairly quickly sum up what some of your friends value when you watch what they prioritize in their life. If it's their work, it comes before their family. If it's their money, they either hoard it or spend it on lots of "stuff." If it's health, they spend a serious amount of time and money on nutrition, physical fitness or doctors.

For Tim Forneris, in this instance, it was someone else's accomplishment that he valued. As Tim wrote in a letter to Time magazine, which admonished him for acting "impetuously and not treating found money seriously," he said, "My decision was by no means made on an impulse... what did influence my actions was my family and my background.

"I have always been taught to respect others and their accomplishments. Life is about more than just money. It is about family, friends and the experience you have with them. Being able to return (the ball) to Mr. McGwire was a real honor and thrill. I still would not trade that experience for \$1 million."

As I was conducting a parenting workshop last week, I had one of the participants comment, "It's too bad more parents don't come out to hear this kind of information."

A dad in the audience, who happened to be the lone male in the group, raised his hand and offered, "My male friends at work scoff and laugh when I talk about going to seminars like this. Last week, when they found out I was watching 'Aladdin' with my kids instead of the Final

Please see SENSORS, B2



Moms... they're amazing people. Granted, they can't leap buildings in a single bound or stop a speeding train like Superman, but when it comes to juggling the demands of work, home and their children... Well, they're just amazing.

In recognition of their amazing status, the Observer Newspapers is looking for the most "A-May-Zing Mom," living in Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton, Redford, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Westland or Garden City.

In 50 words or less, tell us why your Mom is so amazing. Be sure to include her name, address, telephone number and a photograph as well as your name, address and telephone number.

Entries should be sent to Sue Mason, "An A-May-Zing Mom" contest, 26221 Schoolcraft, the Sunday, May Livonia 48150, by 9, edition of the no later than 5 p.m. Observer. She will receive a complete makeover at Gerald's Salon in Northville Township, a \$200 ensemble from Bon-Loot in Northville and dinner for two (a \$50 value) at Fonte d'Amore Restaurant in Livonia.

And all eligible "A-May-Zing Mom" nominees will be recognized in the May 9 edition.

Heavenly hobby



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Club has a soft spot for angels

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER
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Long before Roma Downey, Della Reese and John Dye earned their wings, Virginia Saltarelli, Jeanette Gabel and Jean Draper were being touched by angels.

So much so that they carry umbrellas and wear clothes adorned with the cherubic faces of angels. Look around their homes and you'll see mailboxes, flags, figurines, even books about angels.

Gabel has a signed angel shelf she bought for \$65 in Boca Raton, Fla., a lot of Lladro figurines, a woodcarved mirror from Italy and a plant stand, to name a few of the angelic furnishings in her Farmington Hills home. Of course, she has an angel wristwatch, earrings and broken china angel pin.

"Have you heard about the broken china jewelry?" Gabel asks her friends. A friend in Maryland sent me a price for Christmas. The head and wings are made from broken china sent to a couple in Colorado who make it into jewelry.

"I have many, many, many angels. I've never counted them, I just enjoy them."

Draper who lives across the street from her, bought her first angel 48 years ago. It was a Swedish angel holding a candle that she bought for her son's first birthday.

"I probably have 700 angels plus my Christmas ornaments," she said. "A lot of mine are on open shelves. I don't get tired of dusting them because as I dust I think about where I got them or from whom I got them."

"And when people know you collect angels, you get books and everything," added Gabel.

Saltarelli, who recently moved to Livonia from the west side of the state, doesn't have as many as Draper and Gabel. Her collection numbers about 100 and many are still in packing boxes. She also reads "anything per-

taining to angels."

Club for collectors

The three women are members of the Great Lakes Chapter of the Angels Collectors Club of America which meets for lunch the second Tuesday of the month around the metropolitan area.

While the chapter covers in the entire state, its 15 members are from southeastern Michigan - Garden City, Livonia, Farmington Hills, Canton, Hartland and Detroit.

The chapter was started in 1994 by Sherry Moore of Canton when a few enthusiasts gathered at a Big Boy Restaurant. Word-of-mouth helped bring in other collectors.

"It's interesting because there's so many different kinds of angels," said

Saltarelli, who prefers very detailed angels. "Some members collect certain kinds of angels. One collects only wooden angels for her Christmas tree, one just Precious Moments angels."

Gabel and Draper collect all kinds of angels, from little bitty to big ones although Gabel doesn't describe herself as a collector. She likes angels and likes getting them. She remembers buying one angel that cost just 89 cents.

"We'd shop and shop for them," said Gabel of shopping trips with Draper. "When we used to find one, it was a treasure."

Chapter dues are \$10 a year and local members must belong to the ACCA which has a \$20 membership fee. Each chapter member gets a turn

to pick where the chapter will meet for lunch. So far, the group has met at Jacobson's meeting room, the Leather Bottle Restaurant and local libraries.

"It's not a religious thing, it's non-denominational," said Saltarelli, current chapter president. "We've had speakers like the woman who owns an angel shop in Rockford and try to exchange information on shops that carry angels. We just like angels."

And one store the women enjoy shopping at in search of angels just happens to be Victorian Lace Elegance Ceramics and Country Accents on Grand River in Farmington, owned by chapter member Sandy Burkhardt.

The ACCA was organized in 1976 by Theo Marie Sponsler of Wheatridge.

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A few facts about angels

■ When we think of an angel, we imagine a beautiful winged human. That image can be attributed to works of art created by ninth through 17th century artists.

■ Although many people now mistakenly associate angels with the Christian religion, evidence exists to support a belief in angels in almost every religion and culture; many of which pre-date Christianity by thousands of years.

■ The Angel Magi of the Renaissance believed that angel magic was among the oldest forms of worship known to humans. The earliest recorded angel magic rituals were composed in ancient Chaldea around 3000 BCE.

■ The Greeks believed in the existence of gods whose function was the same as Christian angels - they also believed in guardians, which they called 'daimons' - the



source of the word 'demon' because early Christians believed the angels and gods of other cultures must be devils in disguise.

■ It also was the Greeks who gave us word angel comes from their word "angelos," meaning messenger.

■ Ancient Egyptians believed that angels could be controlled by invoking the power of the names of greater angels and it was they who began the use of magical names as part of their angel magic prayers.

■ The Aryans who came to India and Persia around 2500 BCE believed in devas, meaning shining ones. The devas made their way into the Veda, a collection of sacred Hindu writings, and were closely aligned with elements of nature: earth, air, fire and water. Devas found their way into Zoroastrianism and from there evolved into angels.

Couples resolve problems with counseling

Helping out:
As a marriage counselor, Vilma Valente helps couples to get their relationships back on track.



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According to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, marriage is the relation between a husband and wife. The flip side is divorce, the real and legal dissolution of a marriage.

In between, there are people like Vilma Valente, a psychologist and marriage and family counselor, who helps individuals and couples get their relationships back on track.

But before that can happen, the parties involved many times need to overcome one thing - the stigma of marriage counseling.

"People hesitate to come in because they feel they should be able to do it on their own," said Valente. "They think, 'There must be something wrong with

me, if I have to get help.'"

Valente has been a counselor for 15 years, working with 10-15 people a week in her office in the Newman House at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Also on the faculty of the college's psychology department, Valente has a master's degree in marriage and family counseling from Wayne State University and a master's degree in education from the University of Detroit Mercy.

It was the program at WSU that attracted her to marriage counseling.

"I like to negotiate with people and help people negotiate with each other," she said. "Now I help people resolve their problems themselves."

Not surprisingly, it generally is the man who doesn't want to go for coun-

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seling. But usually, if one spouse starts, the other will get curious and start joining in, Valente said.

The right tools

And she finds couples are surprised that once they have the tools for a relationship, the rest seems to fall into place.

"It takes a lot of energy," she said. "A good relationship doesn't just happen. It happens over time with the right tools."

Her counseling sessions run 45-60 minutes a week, although the time between sessions can gradually increase as the situa-

tion begins to improve. How long they are in counseling depends on the couple. Valente likes to see people for a minimum of three sessions.

"It depends on how much the couple wants to do and when they're satisfied with the results," she said. "I've worked with some and they've resolved their differences in three sessions or three months."

Some people balk at the idea of counseling, fearing they will be told how to run their lives. That's part of the misconception of marriage counseling. A counselor, according to Valente,

"helps them realize where the problem come from and how they can resolve it."

"In talking, we help them figure out what their problem stems from," she added. "Sometimes, they drift apart, sometimes, they focus entirely on the children. They do everything around the kids and don't leave time for themselves."

If that's the case, Valente will tell her clients they should do two days and two nights together without the children. If they don't do anything together, they can't build on their friendship, she said.

"Couples have to remain friends; they have to make time for each other," she said. "Once a week is ideal and a minimum is twice a month."

"Get a baby sitter, do whatever you have to do, but go out without the kids. You need to do something so you can talk to each other."

Valente may suggest books that are useful while helping the couple to work as a team and communicate with each other.

Last-ditch effort

In many instances, a spouse who is thinking about leaving a

marriage decides to make "a last-ditch effort" to go to counseling, although some may not have the energy to resolve their problems.

"Working with a couple is a whole lot of fun, especially when both parties are willing to work," Valente said. "But sometimes you get a couple where one partner wants to work on it and the other is already gone emotionally. Then you help that partner accept reality. It can be very difficult."

Sometimes, one spouse doesn't have the energy to save the marriage and decides on divorce. The

marriage counselor can help the couple say goodbye and resolve issues involving the children.

"If both are committed, no marriage has to end in divorce," she said. "But it does take two."

"Each situation is as unique as the people involved. Their problems might have a common theme, but how they deal with them depends on the people involved."

For more information about marriage counseling, call Valente at (734) 464-2160.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Just a few: Jeanette Gabel of Farmington Hills doesn't know how many angels she collected over the years. In fact, even though she has "many, many" of them, she doesn't consider herself a collector.

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Colo., and Mary Matthews of Dallas, Texas. It has more than 300,000 members, including first lady Hillary Clinton and enthusiasts living in China, Sweden and Canada.

"It started when one of the founders read about the other in a newspaper," Gabel said.

ACCA holds biennial national conventions, featuring speakers, authors, banquet, visits to angel gift shops and field trips. One year, conventioners visited the Angel Museum in Beloit, Wis. Housed in an old church, the museum has 13,000 angels, including a number that were donated by talk show host Oprah Winfrey.

This year's convention will be Sept. 9-12 in Niagara Falls, N.Y., hosted by the Angel Collector's Club of Western New York.

"It's wonderful," said Gabel. "You get to see friends from all over. You can sign up for secret pen pals, the quote group ... Each month you send a quote to a member in the group. There's seven in our group."

It was Saltarelli's husband who found out about ACCA when he called to order an angel birdbath from a catalog. Draper learned about ACCA from an article a friend had found in an antiques publication.

Saltarelli knows there are plenty of angel collectors in the

area and would like to add new members. She also knows the time the club meets can be a hindrance. She hopes that the chapter can get enough new members to start a group that meets in the evening.

"If you belong to the club, you always have someone to talk to about angels," said Saltarelli. "There's always a lot of unusual stories to tell about angels, and almost everybody who belongs has a strong belief in angels as well as love of collecting."

Angel enthusiasts interested in joining the Great Lakes Chapter can call Virginia Saltarelli at (734) 261-5636

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Four basketball playoffs, they mocked me with sarcastic remarks about how stupid I was. They think I am very strange."

Do these stories point up these two men's priorities? You bet. Sadly, a great number of people let their "feel good" instincts override a decent value system.

"Sure, I value my family," says Mike, a 33-year-old account executive. But Mike's actions speak otherwise. He spends 10 hours a day at his office and another six

hours on Saturday on the computer at home.

His wife used to appreciate the amount of money he brought home because of his hard work, but no longer. Her values about money changed when the first child was born. Unfortunately, his didn't and they now have enormous conflicts because of it. If you are a parent, there is a secret out there that may help you set your priorities. Kids

know by your actions what you value most. Let us hope that you have chosen them.

Jacquie Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or at her e-mail address: downsj@mail.resa.net

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE TO ALL CAT/DOG OWNERS:

Animal licenses are currently due on May 1st, 1999. If you have not renewed your animal license, mail or bring a copy of your rabies vaccination certificate and the fee of \$5 per year to City Clerk's Office, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI 48135.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer

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Read Sports

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

#20001C, Special land Use Approval for Proposed McDonald's Restaurant with Drive-Thru, Parcel #063-02-001-000, Northeast Corner of Wayne Road and Palmer Road, SW-1, Ronald J. Nelson.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 4, 1999.

Written comments may be sent to the Westland Planning Department at 37095 Marquette Avenue, Westland, Michigan - 48185.

ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS

To the owner or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any land in the City of Westland: (APPENDIX A)

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, must be destroyed on or before the 15th day throughout the months of May, June, July, August and September of 1999. Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the dates mentioned shall be liable to the imposition of penalties set forth in Section 106-97 of the Westland Code of Ordinance and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the City in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner, occupant, or agent, shall be spread against the property on the next County and School tax roll or the next general City tax roll.

City of Westland
Commissioner of Noxious Weeds

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NOTICE TO CUT

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Public Notice Required by MCL 324.20120d(3) and Rule 299.5605,
Part 201 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, as amended
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Environmental Response Division
S. E. Michigan District Office
38990 Seven Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48152

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF A REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has received a proposed remedial action plan for the Middlebelt Hill site, located on Edward E. Hines Drive, City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan. This document is a revision of the remedial action plan submitted to the MDEQ in June of 1998. The Middlebelt Hill site is the location of environmental contamination which is the result of landfilling activities conducted in the 1950's. Sampling of the waste material in 1991 revealed that elevated levels of lead, arsenic, and other heavy metals are present.

This notice is provided according to the requirements of Part 201 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), 1994 PA 451, as amended, MCL 324.20101 et seq, or the Part 201 Rules, 1990 AACR R 299.5101 et seq, to notify interested persons that the MDEQ has received the proposed remedial action plan. This notice is also intended to provide a brief summary of the proposed remedial action and to offer an opportunity for public review and comment prior to final action on the proposed plan.

Approximately 15' of fill material, composed primarily of municipal rubbish, was placed on the Middlebelt Hill site in the early 1950's to increase the elevation of the former sledding hill. The fill material contains lead and arsenic concentrations in excess of residential direct contact standards promulgated under Section 20a(1)(a) of the Part 201 Rules. Wayne County, the property owner, proposes to remedy any potential direct contact hazards by capping the hill with a one foot thick layer of compacted clay overlain by a one foot thick layer of clean soil and topsoil. An inspection and maintenance plan is included in the remedial action plan to assure the integrity of the protective cap is maintained. Please note that the revised remedial action plan contains the same remedy as the document submitted to the MDEQ in June of 1998. Supplemental groundwater data and additional construction details were added in response to MDEQ review comments concerning the original plan.

Written public comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM, May 24th, 1999. The MDEQ will carefully consider and address significant public comments before a final decision is made regarding the proposed plan.

A copy of the complete remedial action proposal, including site investigation data, is available for review at the William P. Faust Public Library, 8123 Central City Parkway, City of Westland, during normal business hours. This review period will not be less than 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

Comments should be addressed to:

STEVEN KITLER
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Environmental Response Division
38990 Seven Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48152
(734) 969-1458

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Support group meets

The Women's Resource Center of Schoolcraft College is sponsoring a divorce support group that meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in Room 225 of the McDowell Center, Haggerty north of Six Mile, Livonia.

The group provides a forum for discussion and the receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating, in the process or having difficulty adjusting to

divorce. There is no charge and registration isn't required.

The discussion group meets the second Tuesday of the month and is facilitated by Cynthia Koppin, a professional counselor.

The speaker's session takes place on the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information about the group, call the Women's Resource Center at (734) 462-4443.

CITY OF WESTLAND
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **Tuesday, May 11, 1999, at 11:00 a.m.** (no exceptions) for the following:

Motor Grader for the Department of Public Service

Complete bid packages may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. For further information pertaining to the specifications, please contact Theodore Williams Sr., at the Department of Public Services at (734) 467-3245. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

JILL B. THOMAS
Purchasing Agent

Bid Item No: 661-051199
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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, April 27, 1999, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hills, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

| YEAR | MAKE | BODY STYLE | COLOR | V.I.N. |
|------|--------|---------------|--------|-------------------|
| 88 | YUGO | 2DR | WHITE | VX1BA1212JK407879 |
| 85 | PONT | 4DR 6000 | SILVER | 1C1AG19R2FT215446 |
| 87 | CHRYS | 2DR LEBARON | BLUE | 1C3C741K8HG138488 |
| 88 | MERKUR | 2DR SCORPIO | RED | WF1BT81V7JE898242 |
| 84 | CHEV | 4DR CELEBRITY | BROWN | 2G1AW27X3E1105489 |
| 88 | FORD | 2DR T-BIRD | BLUE | 1FABP6045JH160933 |

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

| YEAR | MAKE | BODY STYLE | COLOR | V.I.N. |
|------|---------|--------------|--------|-------------------|
| 85 | JEEP | 2DR | GRAY | 1JCCM87E4FT177710 |
| 81 | FORD | 4DR LTD | BLACK | 1FABP27D6BG179217 |
| 79 | FORD | 2DR T-BIRD | BLACK | 9C87F126095 |
| 92 | GEO | 2DR METRO | BLUE | 2C1MR246N8787204 |
| 84 | PONT | 4DR 6000 | TAN | 2G2AG19X8E1287012 |
| 87 | FORD | 2DR ESCORT | WHITE | 1FAPP2592HT179025 |
| 89 | CHEV | FU | BLUE | 1GCBS14EXK2233034 |
| 89 | FORD | ESCORT | BLUE | 1FAPP16J3MWS83296 |
| 85 | DODGE | OMNI | BLUE | 1B3BZ18C8FD207632 |
| 91 | FORD | 4DR ESCORT | BLUE | 1FAPP16J3MWS83291 |
| 84 | LINCOLN | 4DR TOWNCAR | YELLOW | 1LNBP96F5EY708625 |
| 89 | CHEV | 2DR CAVALIER | RED | 1G1JF11WKK7141298 |
| 80 | PONT | 2DR SUNBIRD | BLACK | 1G2HB11K1K7520842 |
| 86 | FORD | VAN | BLUE | 1FDEE14N3GH14803 |
| 85 | PONT | 2DR FIREBIRD | GRAY | 1G2AS8719DL220681 |
| 86 | MERCURY | 2DR COUGAR | BLACK | 1MEBP9236GH604596 |
| 78 | BUICK | 4DR ELECTRA | WHITE | 4X96X8H443765 |

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

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CC Moms ready for annual show

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It was an easy sell for Nancy Chapman and Kathy Snyder. In just 10 days, 760 tickets were sold for the Catholic Central Mother's Club annual luncheon and fashion show.

Slated for Sunday, April 25, at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn, guests will be treated to "An Enchanted Garden" theme, starting with the social hour at 11 a.m., followed by lunch and fashions provided by the shops of the Somerset Collection.

"The hardest part of this is to get someone to commit to the fashion show," said Chapman, who is co-chairing the event with Snyder. "You want to have a nice show for the guests so they want to come back, so I guess they must have enjoyed themselves last year because we sold out so quickly."

The garden theme will start in the reception area where there will be a bench and garden decor. Table decorations will feature topiary centerpieces, garden angel table favors and goodie

bags filled with seeds and garden items.

Even the invitations fit the theme. Found by Snyder, they feature garden angels and match the table favors.

The benefit got its start about 24 years ago as a card party held in the gymnasium of the high school, located on Outer Drive in Detroit at the time. The participants brought their own brown bag lunches and dessert and coffee was served.

Eventually, it evolved into a fashion show and moved to banquet facilities around the area. Being at the Ritz this year marks the return to a popular spot, according to Snyder.

"We were at the Ritz for two evening shows about 10 years ago," she said. "The Ritz is wonderful presentation-wise. The moms wanted to come back and were happy we chose it this year."

For the fashion show, the Somerset Collection will showcase casual, everyday, sporty and evening wear. And for what has become a fashion show tradition,

14 Senior Board mothers will model evening dresses, escorted by their 15 sons (there's one set of twins) who will wear tuxedos provided by Steve Petix.

And if that's not enough, benefit-goers will have a chance to win some of the more than 150 raffle prizes. Cindy Patrick and Susan White have been coordinating acquisitions for the raffle and have jewelry, gift certificates, overnight stays, including one at the Ritz Carlton, Waterford crystal and CC spirit baskets among the prizes.

"I don't know how they do it," said Chapman. "They have \$15,000 in donated prizes and they're still working on it."

"Last year, we sold \$4,000 in raffle tickets the day of the show," added Snyder. "We didn't have enough raffle tickets and used coat check tickets. We raised around \$8,000 with the raffle."

The club raised about \$12,000 and Chapman and Snyder hope to hit \$15,000 this year. The money raised is used to purchase

items for the school. This year, the club will make a "sizable contribution" to put air conditioning in the cafeteria, which doubles as a mini auditorium.

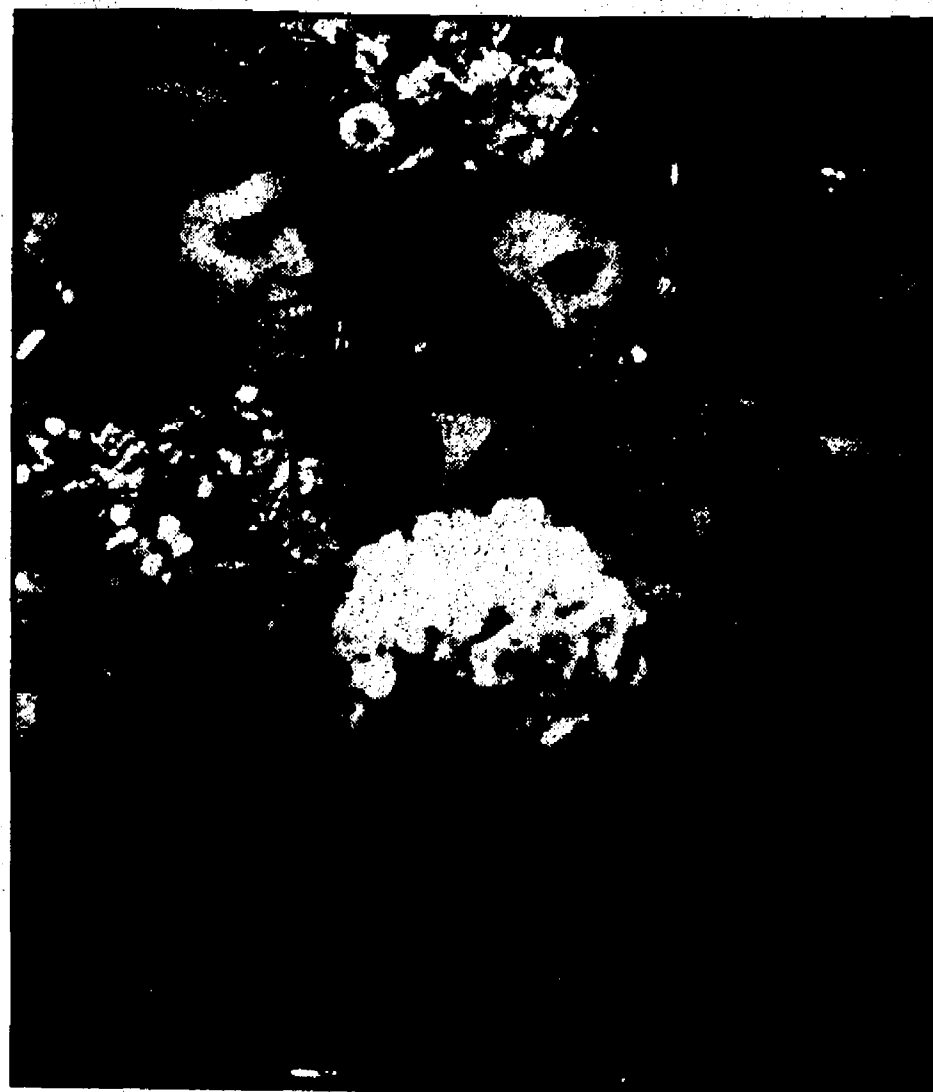
And even though the show is a sellout, there's still plenty to do. Chapman and Snyder and a cadre of volunteers, including many fathers and sons, will be at the Ritz at 7 a.m. the day of the benefit to help with the setup.

"It'll be a busy morning," said Chapman. "All of the committees, about 40 women, and anyone else they can bring will be there."

The mothers of CC students are automatically members of the Mother's Club. It is "the gift of time" that they generously give to the school, according to Chapman.

"It's a wonderful group of ladies," she said. "Some of the mothers give 60 plus hours for an event. We had 30 women help do the mailings for this."

"There's nothing like the experience of being a CC mom. It's hard to describe."



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Garden delights: Nancy Chapman (left) and Kathy Snyder look over topiaries that will serve as centerpieces on tables at the sold-out Catholic Central Mothers Club's annual fashion show.

Special honor

MWF recognizes 5 women

Five women are on tap to be honored as Women of Achievement and Courage at benefit galas, sponsored by the Michigan Women's Foundation.

The accomplishments of Erma Henderson of Detroit, Pam Aguirre of Grosse Point Park, Elizabeth Upjohn Mason of Kalamazoo, Margaret Taylor Smith of Birmingham and Alecia Woodrick of Grand Rapids will be celebrated at the 10th annual dinners for Thursday, April 29, at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids and on Tuesday, May 4, at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn.

Tickets for the dinners are \$150 each and can be purchased by calling the Michigan Women's Foundation at (734) 542-3946.

Both dinners are sponsored by the General Motors Corporation. During the past decade, the number of guest at the dinners have more than doubled and revenues have increased from \$47,000 to \$225,000.

This year, Detroit co-chairs Deborah Dingell, president of the General Motors Foundation, Geneva Williams, executive vice-president and COO of United Way Community Services, and honorary co-chair Trudy Duncombe Archer expect to attract more than 850 people at The Ritz-Carlton and raise more than \$150,000.

"This 10th anniversary of the dinner gives us much cause for celebration," said Dingell. "Funds raised at this year's dinner will allow MWF to directly support more critical programs serving women and girls in Michigan."

"At the same time, it is an opportunity for us to celebrate the outstanding contributions of women of our state, both over the course of the century and during our lifetimes."

Honorees are selected for their leadership, vision, passion and achievements. Henderson will receive the first ever Trillium Award for Lifetime Achievement from MWF at the dinner in Grand Rapids.

A renowned labor leader, civil rights activist and political pioneer, she has fought tirelessly throughout her lifetime to promote social justice and put an end to racism and discrimination.

Ironically, Henderson will receive her award in the very same establishment where in 1938 she organized a sit-in to end segregation at was then the Pantland Hotel.

A life of firsts, she was the first African American port secretary on the Great Lakes, the first woman trustee of Wayne County Community College and the first African American

woman in history to be sworn in as a member of the Detroit City Council, becoming its president in 1977.

Women of Achievement and Courage honoree Aguirre is CEO and chairman of the board of the Detroit-based Mexican Industries and benefactor of the Hispanic community. She has devoted much of her time fulfilling the company's vision as articulated by her father, the late Detroit Tigers all-star pitcher Hank Aguirre.

An author, Taylor Smith is the first female board president of the Kresge Foundation. A self-described volunteer, she has served as mentor for women and girls during her lifetime through her vision and leadership with the Detroit Medical Center, Legal Aid Society of Oakland County and New Horizons of Oakland County to name a few.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Duke University, Taylor Smith has endowed a directorship in women's studies at her alma mater and served on both the national board of Women and Philanthropy and the advisory council for the MFW.

Mason has log many decades of community involvement and philanthropy, stemming from a strong family tradition of volunteerism. The president of Upjohn National Leasing, her current focus is on the Women's Education Coalition which utilizes its million-dollar endowment to assist women in completing their education.

Woodrick a philanthropist and community volunteer, has served on the board of directors for Grand Rapids Opportunities for Women (GROW), Special Olympics and Grand Rapids Art Museum. As co-founder of the Grand Rapids Children's Museum, she was instrumental in articulating its vision for the future. She also has helped build three Habitat for Humanity homes.


The Michigan Women's Foundation was founded in 1986 to respond to the significant barriers and challenges that prohibit women and girls from reaching their full potential and to create a permanent financial for programs to help them. MFW promotes economic self-sufficiency and personal well-being for women and girls, so that they may maximize their contributions to society.

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CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING MUSICAL

The John Glenn Theatrical Guild is planning to perform George M. Cohan's "Give My Regards to Broadway," at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 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."

FREE SEEDLINGS

The Friends of the Museum are celebrating Arbor Day by giving away tree seedlings 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Westland Museum, 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB

State Sen. Gary Peters, Senate Democratic Caucus chair, will speak at the April meeting of the Westland Democratic Club 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road. For more information, call (734) 422-5863.

SKATING PROGRAM

"Signs of the Seasons" will be presented by the Westland Figure Skating Club 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 29-30, 6 p.m. Saturday, May 1, and 1 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at Westland Sports Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood, between Hunter and Ford. Guest skaters are Danielle and Steve Hartsell, national pairs champions. (Danielle Hartsell won't skate during the Thursday performance.) Admission is \$6, \$4 for seniors and children 12 and under. Tickets may be bought in advance at the arena concession stand.

TOWN HALL

The next city of Westland town hall meeting is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at Holiday Park, 34850 Fountain Blvd., off of Wayne Road between Warren and Joy roads. Mayor Robert Thomas and his staff will be available to answer questions and concerns.

FUN RUN/WALK

The North Brothers Ford and the city of Westland 5K Fun Run/Walk is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, June 12. Race starts at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road. Registration is at 8 a.m. Cost is \$10 for 18 and under; \$12 for preregistration fee for adults and \$15 late registration after June 4. Preregister at North Brothers Ford customer care department. Registration includes prizes for the top five male and female race winners, T-shirts for all participants, race refreshments, water and snacks. All proceeds benefit Race for the Cure and go locally to the Barbara Karmanos Cancer Institute.

AT THE LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library meet at 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 Commerce 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 recognizes 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) 326-7222.

GOLF CLASSIC

The 19th annual Westland Chamber Golf Classic at Pheasant Run Golf Club is planned for Tuesday, June 22. Reservations for four-somes 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 6-8:50 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

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S

Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in its 2-year toddler-parent class on Friday mornings; 3-year class Monday and Wednesday mornings; and the 4-year class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Classes run from September to May. Parents are required to help out at the school. All classes are in the Newburg United Methodist Church

on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. For more information, call Susan at (734) 416-9543.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a pre-primary impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL

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

GARDEN CITY CO-OP

The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through 4 years. Tot class meets on Wednesday mornings, and 3- and 4-year-olds meet 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. Call (313) 561-4110.

CHARTER SCHOOL


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

LITTLE PEOPLES

Livonia Little Peoples Co-op Preschool is now enrolling for the fall in programs for 3- and 4-year-olds. For more information, call (734) 422-1176.

LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is accepting registration for the 1998-99 school year. Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a



Dream Team

Concept car: The Dream Team at the William D. Ford Career Tech Center made the final cut in the DaimlerChrysler "Build Your Dream Vehicle" contest for the second year in a row. This year's team consisted of Mariene Bryant, Kyle Bufalini, Tony Canfield, Kris Gerbe, Ann Gleneski, Chris Jensen, Jason Puck, Mike Plosewski, Spencer Pyne, Devin Short, Tom Tatro, Kellie Terreault, Joe Turma, John Wheeler and Jackie Zunic. The competition, which is judged on a concept car the team creates, is critiqued by representatives from DaimlerChrysler on feasibility, design, market plan, cost/profit estimates and the teams' presentation skills. With their entry, the Alogo, the Ford Center team placed eighth out of more than 40 entries.

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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 co-op, with parents working once each month. Call (734) 422-0149.

HISTORY

PERRINSVILLE

The historic Perrinsville one-room school will be opened to the public 1-4 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month from April through September. People are welcome to come and

visit the renovated 1856 schoolhouse at Warren and Cowan roads, west of Merriam in Westland.

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

SENIOR WALK

The Fourth Annual National Senior Health and Fitness Day Walk begins 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, at the Westland Senior Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. The walking route will be about 1.9 miles. The luncheon and 1998 T-shirt are \$6. Luncheon only is \$3. No 1999 T-shirts will be ordered. An Oakwood Hospital exercise physiologist, Diane Hamilton, will present pre-walk instruction and consultation. The fire department will do blood pressure screening, distribute orange juice and supply medical personnel along the route; the police department will be directing traffic. Registration is required. Senior of the Year for Leadership and Service will be announced. Pick up nomination forms at the Friendship Center.

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.

DEPRESSION SEMINAR

Learn to recognize the difference in the symptoms between sadness and depression at a seminar at the Westland Friendship Center 1-2:15 p.m. Friday, May 28. Light refreshments will be served.

TIGER 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 person 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. First 23 seniors to register.

FRIENDSHIP PICNIC

A Friendship Center Summer Picnic will be held noon to 4 p.m. Friday, June 11, at Coburn Park behind the Westland Friendship Center. The picnic is open to Friendship Center members and Westland residents only. No tickets will be sold after Friday, June 4. Cost is \$6 for Friendship members and \$9 for non-member Westland senior citizens.

CASINO TRIP

A trip to Mt. Pleasant Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort starring Engelbert Humperdinck is planned for Thursday and Friday, June 17-18. Trip cost is \$130 with platinum tickets and \$127 with gold tickets (per person double occupancy two days and one night at the new hotels). Nonmembers must pay \$5 more. Arrive at the Friendship Center 8 a.m. Thursday, June 17, to depart at 8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast will be served at the center before leaving. Lunch will be included the first day at the Fire Fly Restaurant. Breakfast will be included the second day. Depart casino at 4 p.m. Friday, June 18, and return to center at about 6:30 or 7 p.m. Call (734) 722-7632. Final payment must be made by May 15.

WINDSOR RACEWAY TRIP

A trip to Windsor Raceway is set for Wednesday, Aug. 4. Cost is \$25. Leave Friendship Center at 5 p.m., dinner is served at 6:30 p.m., post time is 7:30 p.m. with races over at about 10:45 p.m. Return to center about midnight. Call (734) 722-7632.

DINNER AND SHOW

A trip to dinner and to

"Titanic" is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 23. Cost is \$85. Arrive at the Friendship Center at 4 p.m., eat at Three Brothers Restaurant at 5 p.m., arrive at Detroit Opera House at 7:30 p.m. Play starts at 8 p.m. Return to center at 11:30 p.m. Call (734) 722-7632.

SENIOR CHOIR

A Friendship senior choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, has been started. The choir meets 9 a.m. Thursdays at the Westland Senior Resources Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Anyone who enjoys singing may join.

EXERCISE

Musical Chairs is a new program from Jazzercise designed for exercisers older than 40. The program provides a low to moderate workout geared for the older adult. The exercise improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates resistance exercises using rubber tubing and light weights with walking and jogging patterns. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise mat are suggested. Robert Cassidy is the certified Jazzercise instructor. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

TRAVEL GROUP

The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents, \$12.50 for nonresidents. Call (734) 722-7632.

CARD GROUP

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

MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE

The Wayne Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal for people 50 and older 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road two blocks south of Ford. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for nonmembers. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to Big Band music and door prizes. Call (734) 728-5010.

WORK REFERRAL

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

DYER CENTER

The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday through Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.; a Hawaiian dance exercise class will be 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Hall A. Instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax to 734-691-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Pearson-Hoffman

Diane Lyne Pearson of Commerce, formerly of Livonia, and Anthony Allan Hoffman of Livonia are planning an August wedding at Fox Hills Country Club in Salem Township.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John G. Pearson. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Hoffman of Romulus.



Fox-Latham

Richard and Elsie Fox of Greenwich, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenny Lynn of Canton, to Matthew James Latham, the son of William and Mary Latham of Novi.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of South Central High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed at Gudel Lineartec Inc.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Novi High School and the University of Michigan. He is employed at Diamond Tool Manufacturing.

A May wedding is planned at the Dearborn Christian



Reformed Church.

Bingham-Chapman

Kevin Alan Bingham and April Leigh Chapman were married at Weller's in Saline. The Rev. Gary Mayer, uncle of the bride, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Clyde and Dee Chapman of Vassar, Mich. The groom is the son of Michael and Marilyn Bingham of Garden City.

The bride is a graduate of Vassar High School and Michigan Technological University. She is employed by Pulse/FX as a Web page designer.

The groom is a graduate of Garden City High School and Michigan Technological University. He is employed in computer support by Kimberly Clark in Wisconsin.

The bride asked Christi Chapman to serve as maid of honor with Lori Bingham as bridesmaid.

The groom asked Tim Hass to



serve as best man with Tony Gartrell as groomsman. The ushers were Marla Bingham, Cathy Sturgeon and Amy Thayer.

The couple received guests at a reception in Weller's Carriage House. Following a wedding trip to Chicago, they are making their home in Menasha, Wis.

Franzen-Martin

Carol Lobeck of Warren and David Franzen of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Suzanne, to Kevin Joseph Martin, the son of Claude and Judy Martin of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism and plans to graduate from Oakland University in December with a master of arts degree in English. She is employed as editor of C-E Publishing in Warren.

Her fiancé attended the Center for Creative Studies. He is employed as a graphic artist at the Macomb Daily newspaper in Mount Clemens.

A November wedding is



planned at St. Mark Catholic Church in Warren.

Koetje-Lehoczky

Richard and Ruth Koetje of Mattawan, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen R., to Trevor K. Lehoczky, the son of Kenneth and Norma Jean Lehoczky of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the Bronson Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. She is employed at Promed Pediatrics in Portage as a registered nurse.

Her fiancé is attending Western Michigan University.

An August wedding is planned



at Grace Christian Reformed Church in Kalamazoo.

McDonough-Marschall

Joanne McDonough of Clinton Township announces the engagement of her daughter, Shannon Marie, to Matthew Stephen Marschall, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Marschall of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in speech pathology. She is employed as a summer day care teacher for the Utica Community Schools.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed as a design engineer at Assembly Technology & Test in



Livonia. A June wedding is planned at St. Sylvester Catholic Church.

Rice-Frieders

Timothy and Kathleen Rice of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Marie, to Christopher John Frieders, the son of John and Jane Frieders of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor with a bachelor of business administration degree. She is employed as a public accountant at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of John Glenn High School. He also attended Schoolcraft College. He is employed as a technician at AirTouch Cellular.

A September wedding is



planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

Cibor-Cameron

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Cibor of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Rochelle Angel, to John Jeffrey Cameron, son of Jack Cameron of Farmington and Maureen Cameron of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Kalamazoo College. She expects to graduate in April with a master of science degree in physical therapy from Grand Valley State University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of University of Detroit Jesuit High School and the University of Michigan. He is employed by



Cameron Sales. A spring wedding is planned at St. Mary's of Redford Catholic Church in Detroit.

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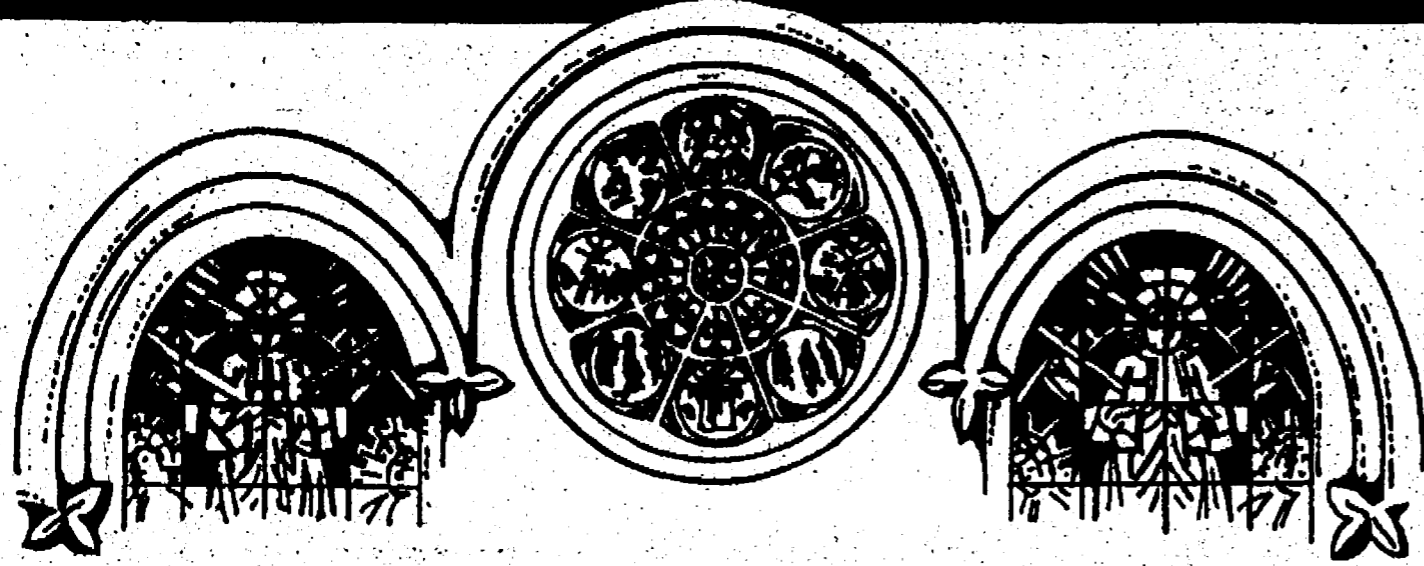
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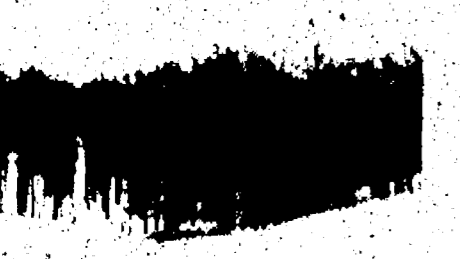
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Teens gather at Silverdome for 'Acquire the Fire'

More than 70,000 teenagers from throughout the United States, Canada, England and Jamaica will gather at the Silverdome in Pontiac Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, for "Acquire the Fire's Day One."

Sponsored by Teen Mania Ministries of Garden Valley, Texas, the gathering will put a new teen image before the nation - young people who are not ashamed of their belief in Jesus and who are ready to lead their generation into the new millennium.

"Day One" will feature hard-hitting inspirational messages from Philadelphia Eagle Irving Fryar and national Christian leaders E.V. Hill, Jack Hayford, Josh McDowell and Ryan Dob-

son, the contemporary Christian rock sounds of the Newboys, Fred Hammond, Out of Eden, Third Day and Rebecca St. James and dramatic skits with state-of-the-art multimedia and pyrotechnics.

The event will culminate when participants sign a "Teenage Bill of Rights," asserting their values - sexual purity, personal accountability, families with both parents present; purpose, respect for authorities and caring about other people - and intention to move the nation forward with honor and integrity.

"Because of their sheer numbers alone, this generation of teenagers - just as their Baby Boomer parents - will set the course of the nation in the next

millennium," said Ron Luce, president and CEO of Teen Mania. "While Madison Avenue and Hollywood see these teenagers as a profitable target market, we concentrate our time and attention to help them profit - and ultimately the nation - by building a personal foundation in Jesus Christ.

"They want to lead their generation, not follow it, and send an encouraging message to teenagers everywhere that they are not alone and that God loves them.

"They are passionate about their faith and want to boldly assert their decision to chart their own course and define their own values, rather than passively accepting the labels assigned

to them by popular culture."

A leadership summit for youth pastors will be held simultaneously at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Over the last 10 years, Teen Mania has hosted more than 500,000 teenagers in "Acquire the Fire" events around the country.

The two-day youth conventions employ biblical teaching, contemporary praise and worship and skits to challenge young people to become WorldChangers for Jesus.

Since the first "Acquire the Fire" eight years ago, Luce has witnessed a groundswell of teenagers looking to break out of the popular culture mold and take their own message of faith

to the world.

Luce oversees Teen Mania's mission training through the Global Expeditions program and Teen Mania Academy and has taken the gospel to more than 50 countries. He also hosts the weekly "Acquire the Fire," shown on the Trinity Broadcasting Network and New Inspirational Network and other North American outlets.

"It's time to stop pretending that everything is OK and start rescuing these teenagers from the zeitgeist that says 'whatever goes,'" Luce said. "We want to rally around them as they proclaim they will not let the world steal their innocence, pervert their minds, confuse their morals or distort their destiny."



Ron Luce

RELIGIOUS NEWS

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.

Y2K CHALLENGE

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will present a panel discussion and information forum, "The Y2K Challenge," 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 22, in the sanctuary of the church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township.

Concerns as to what individuals can do to prepare for Y2K and what problems to expect will be addressed by the panel that will include Y2K consultants and a representative from the Emergency Management Division of the State Police. The goal is to present a range of views on what to expect concerning the Y2K situation.

For more information, call the church's evangelism department at (248) 374-5937.

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.

RUMMAGE SALES

The Women's Service Club of Meadowbrook Congregational Church will hold a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 23, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the church, 21355 Meadowbrook, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile in Novi.

Aldersgate United Methodist Spring will have their annual rummage sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford. White elephant, kitchen equipment, small appliances, toys and books will be sold in Wesley Hall. Clothing

of all sizes will be in the Fellowship Hall with special women's garments in the Boutique. Proceeds will be used for church and district missionary projects.

The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church of Garden City will have their annual rummage sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, in the Fellowship Hall of the church, 6443 Merriam. Lunch will be available, and \$2 a bag sale 1-2 p.m.

Newburg United Methodist Church will have a spring rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 30, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 1, at the church, 6500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Clothes, housewares, toys, furniture, craft items, Christmas store, jewelry and more will be featured.

MOM'S SALES

St. Edith/St. Kenneth M.O.P.S. will have a Mom's Sale 9 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.

PROSPERITY PLUS

Unity of Livonia will present "Prosperity Plus," a seminar for anyone who is interested in changing life for the better, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the church, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia.

The seminar will feature master prosperity teacher Edwene Gaines and cover such topics as setting, meeting and exceeding

personal development goals, keeping universal abundance circulating in your life, discovering your divine purpose in life and the benefits of forgiving yourself and others.

The seminar is offered on a love offering basis. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-1760 or visit the church's Web site at www.unityoflivonia.org.

ILLUSIONIST SHOW

Illusionist/magician Andre Kole will bring his magic show to Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Tickets are \$5 and available at Christian Family Store in the Ford Road Sheldon Shopping Center or by calling (734) 913-9595.



Andre Kole

In addition to earning the highest award from the Academy of Magical Arts in Hollywood, Kole is the creative consultant for David Copperfield. Several years ago, he was challenged to

examine the miracles of Jesus Christ from the standpoint of an illusionist and a skeptic to determine if they could have been the work of a master magician. In making his investigation, he made some discoveries that changed the course of his life. He will share some of these findings during his performance.

SPRING MUSICAL

The "Jesus Jammers" Choir of Memorial Church of Christ will present its spring musical, "Oh, Jonah," at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Memorial Church of Christ, 34575 Five Mile, Livonia. The choir is made of children in grades one-six and is directed by Sue Ford, Judy Anderson, Barb Pilat and Liz Garofali.

MISSIONS RALLY

"How Shall I Hear Without a Preacher" will be the theme of

the Faith Promise Missions Rally Sunday, April 25, at Memorial Church of Christ, 34575 Five Mile, Livonia. The Faith Promise goal for 1999 is \$87,000. Kevin Dooley, executive director of F.A.M.E. (Fellowship of Associates of Medical Evangelism) will speak at the morning worship services.

WIND AND FIRE

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

GUEST SPEAKER

Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano will be the guest speaker when the Men's Club of the First Congregational Church of Wayne meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 26, in the sanctuary of the church, 2 Towne Square, Wayne. A dinner will be served by the church at 6:30 p.m. For a reservation, call the church office at (734) 729-7660.

SISTERHOOD

The Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. Following the meeting, there will be a guest speaker, Louis Schneider, who will discuss "Jewish Achievements." Guests are invited. Refreshments will be served.

PARENTS' DISCUSSION

Timothy Lutheran Church's Parenting Book Discussion Group on parenting will be held 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, April 28-29, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. The group will begin with Thomas Lickona's "Raising Good Children." The church will supply the books as long as participants register at least one week in advance. For more information, call (734) 427-2290.

FASHION SHOW

St. Genevieve Catholic Church will host at "Roman Garden" Fashion Show Thursday, April 29, at the church on Jamison in Livonia. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., with the fashion show at

7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$17 and are available by calling Billie Ray at (734) 422-1109.

IN CONCERT

World-renowned composer-singer David Haas will be in concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton.

Haas is regarded as one of the pre-eminent liturgical composers in the English-speaking world. He has produced more than 25 collections of liturgical music. He serves as the director of the Emmy Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry in St. Paul, Minn.

Haas will be joined by local musicians Stephen Petrunak and Zack Stachowski, both of Sterling Heights. Petrunak is a

distinguished guitarist and composer. Stachowski is an accomplished violinist who performs with the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Concert tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children and \$20 for an entire family in advance and \$10, \$5 and \$25, respectively, at the door. Call (734) 844-8404 for tickets.

On Saturday, May 1, Haas will conduct a Day of Renewal for people involved in liturgical ministry. Participants will gain a stronger understanding of their role in the church and come away with a renewed sense of purpose and spirituality. The workshop costs \$20.

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NEW VOICES

Amber Rose Carranza of Westland announces the birth of Cheyenne Jade Dec. 7 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Urbano and Terry Carranza of Westland.

Monty and Jill Mullins Jr. of Westland announce the birth of Taylor Madison Dec. 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins three sisters, Linzie, 5, Alysa, 3, and Mary, 5. Grandparents are Monty and Ava Mullins, Jack Ball and Dorothy Oliver, all of Taylor.

Raymond B. and Lynn S. Danol of Westland announce the birth of Raymond Chase Jan. 20 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Oakland in Pontiac. He

joins two sisters, Colette, 22, and Brittany, 10. Grandparents are Ken and Pauline Kunkel of Northville, Donald and Dorothy Musser of Royal Oak and Frank and Shirley Bartosh of Belleville. Great-grandparents are Reno and Josephine Capra of Westland and Angelina Musser of Jackson Center, Pa.

Michael and Linda Robb of Redford announce the birth of Dale Matthew Dec. 8 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He joins a sister, Rose, 3. Grandparents are Evelyn Robb of Livonia and Arnold and Barbara Johnson of Walled Lake. Great-grandmother is Rose Calcagno of Garden City. David and Kate Bale of Can-

ton announce the birth of Annabelle Sofia Dec. 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two siblings, Stevie, 13, and Shelly, 12. Grandparents are Margaret and Stuart Bale and Josephine Rugg, all of the United Kingdom.

Alan and Janice Erickson of Livonia announce the birth of Alicia Kelsey Dec. 8 at the University of Michigan Hospitals in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Ken and Barbara Kelsey of Farmington Hills and Jerry and Carol Erickson of St. Clair. Great-grandmother is Betty Listerman of Farmington Hills.

Jeff and Jessica McGrath of Westland announce the birth of Kaitlin Marie Dec. 23 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Tyler, 2. Grandparents are Frank Rincon of Westland, Dennis McGrath of Westland and Sharon Holcomb of Gainsville, Ga.

David Johnson and Amy Preve-Johnson of Plymouth

announce the birth of Sullivan Conall June 9 at St. Joseph Hospital, Ypsilanti. Grandparents are Sue Pryor of Jackson Gary and Kay Prevo of Livonia. Great-grandparents are Mildred Limmer-Jackson, Katy and Jerry Stanley and Helen Bradley, all of Livonia.

Michael and Renee Bone of Canton announce the birth of Jessica Ann Dec. 24 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Kyle Anthony, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Dave and Donna Bone of Canton and Pam and Ron Ryan of Plymouth.

Charles Alex and Debra Ann Bezzina of Livonia announce the birth of Ethan Marion Nov. 15 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. Grandparents are Earl and Laurel Nelson of Grosse Ile and Carmelo and Josephine Bezzina of Farmington Hills.

Jeremy and Jessica Luttrell of Redford announce the birth of Shannon Keith Dec. 28 at the

Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Shannon joins a brother, Dakota Joseph, 5 1/2. Grandparents are Dan and Barb Osowski of Farmington Hills and Paula Speer of Piggott, Ark.

Keith and Renee Postler of Redford announce the birth of Kelsey Marie Dec. 8 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. She joins three siblings, Ashley, 8, Brandon, 5, and Alex, 3. Grandparents are Dan and Paula Peterson of Livonia, Marion Postler of Redford, and the late Harry Postler. Great-grandparents are Harley and Marie Trygg of Inkster.

Kevin Lucas and Rebecca Baleja of Canton announce the birth of Kayley Jordan Lucas Dec. 29 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Mitchell, 5, and Kyle, 3. Grandparents are Jim and Debbie Lucas of Ypsilanti, Linda Gildea of Westland and Walter Baleja of Belleville.

James and Renee Scherer of Canton announce the birth of

Brendan Michael Jan. 2 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are John and Irene Rothermel of Canton, and Joe and Marilyn Scherer of Taylor.

Michael and Deborah Gase of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of Zachary Louis Dec. 30 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Jacob, 3. Grandparents are Ron and Bonnie Pietryka of Garden City and Ed and Valerie Sinnamon of Livonia.

James Brooks and Lisa Frederick of Redford Township announce the birth of James Henry Brooks Jr. Jan. 15 at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. Grandparents are Mike and Patricia Frederick of Redford, Melody Burton of Redford, and Gary Brooks of Lincoln Park. Great-grandmothers are Betty O'Neil of Detroit, Doreen West of Garden City, and Audrey Frederick of Redford.

Scouts' Bailer named to Leadership America

The executive director/chief executive officer of the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council has been selected to participate in the 1999 American Issue Forum of Leadership America.

The selection process for Leadership America is highly competitive and the inclusion of Penny Bailer in the 1999 forum reflects her status as an established leader in Detroit's community and professional arenas.

Leadership America brings together 100 women nationwide in a yearlong series of intense professional development sessions held in three cities across the country. It unites women of high achievement and diverse geographic, ethnic, cultural and professional backgrounds as they explore national and global issues.

Bailer has been the CEO of the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council for 16 years. She has received the 1997 United Way Executive of the Year award and is on Crain's Detroit Business's 1997 list of Detroit's Most Influential Women.

Among her many community service activities, Bailer is a member of the Council of Schools of the 21st Century; member of the Board of Directors of New



Penny Bailer

Detroit Inc. and appointee of Mayor Dennis Archer to his seven-member Mayor's Education Task Force and a steering committee member for Detroit's Promise: The Alliance for Children.

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Pilon runner-up

Wayne State junior Laura Pilon (Livonia Stevenson) took second place with a personal best time of 18:14.78 in the 5,000 meters this week at the Akron Quadrangular.

At the Bowling Green-Toledo Triangular, Pilon lowered her personal best in the 3,000 meters by 10 seconds, clocking 10:21.45.

"Pilon has been working hard and is really becoming a great Division I runner," said Tartars' coach Guy Murray.

Mansfield Relays

Livonia Churchill's Ryan Kearney took second place in the 300-meter hurdles at the Mansfield Relays April 16-17. Kearney was timed in 39.6 seconds.

The Chargers' Guy Dikow was fourth in the discus with a throw of 147 feet, 6 inches.

Travel baseball

The Westland Federation Baseball Club has openings for its age 15-16 Little Caesar's travel team.

For more information, the correct numbers to call are (734) 326-5626 and (734) 326-4074. A previously published number was incorrect.

LW kids baseball

Youngsters ages 4-9 may still sign up for T-ball and Coach Pitch in the Wayne-Ford Civic League in Westland.

The league is under new management this season, which begins May 10. For more information, call John Hall at (734) 721-8922.

Patriot Relays

The First Annual Patriot Relays will be held starting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at Livonia Franklin High School.

Participating teams will be Franklin, Livonia Clarenceville, Wayne Memorial and Redford Union.

Long jump and pole vault relays open the program, with the throwing and long jump relays starting at 10 a.m. Running events begin at 10:45.

Admission is \$3. T-shirts and concessions will also be available at the meet.

Maize 'N' Green golf

The Michigan State Spartans and the University of Michigan Wolverines will team up to raise money for the Special Olympics Oakland County on Monday, May 24, in the Eighth Annual Maize 'N' Green Tournament at Oakland Hills Country Club.

The charity golf event provides alumni, players and coaches the opportunity to team up in an event which raised \$43,000 last year.

The day begins at 9:45 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast, followed by a shotgun start at 11 a.m. The awards presentation and reception will be 4-6 p.m.

Sponsorships are \$500 per person, a portion of which is tax deductible. Reservations can be made by calling (248) 674-4924.

Soccer players sought

The United Soccer Academy is looking for players to participate in a developmental program in Europe July 13-Aug. 2.

The program will consist of a five-day training camp in Denmark followed by participation in both the Gothia Cup in Sweden and the Dana Cup in Denmark.

Teams will be formed in boys and girls age groups from U-11 to U-19.

For more information call United Soccer Academy at 1-800-656-5499 or www.unitedsocceracademy.org.

Chamber Golf Classic

The 1999 Chamber Golf Classic will be played Wednesday, June 30, at the Links of Novi with a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

The event is sponsored by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce. The early-bird rate is \$125. The fee is \$140 after May 15.

Reservations can be made with Visa or Mastercard or by mailing a check to F/FH Chamber of Commerce, 83000 Thomas Street, Suite 101, Farmington, MI 48336.

For more information, call the Chamber office at (248) 474-3440.

Rockets pound Spartans, 12-2

Sometimes that first victory of the season is the hardest. And sometimes it isn't.

Westland John Glenn recorded its first win Monday, drilling Livonia Stevenson, 12-2, behind the five-hit pitching of Stephanie Fedulchak. She survived six walks and struck out one.

SOFTBALL

The Rockets tattooed the Spartans' LeAnne Schraufnagel for 12 hits in raising their record to 1-2 for the season. Stevenson is now 2-3.

Nikki Reisinger had three hits and drove in four runs for host John Glenn. Amanda Ross, Stephanie Crews and Samantha Crews each had two hits and drove in a run. Samantha and Stephanie each scored twice as well.

John Glenn scored 10 runs in the fourth when it sent 15 batters to the plate.

LADYWOOD 2-10, DIVINE CHILD 8-3: Shelly Moros hurled a three-hitter in the nightcap to give Livonia Ladywood a split after Dearborn Divine Child had handed the host Blazers their first defeat of the season in the opener.

Moros walked two and struck out five to gain the second-game win. It made Livonia Ladywood 3-1.

Sara Thiesmeyer smacked a solo home run while Melanie Grewe had a

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Safe at home? Westland John Glenn's Stephanie Fedulchak is safe at home as Livonia Stevenson catcher Stephanie Harris and the ball have parted company. But from the looks of Harris' foot, Fedulchak's fingers aren't very safe at all Monday in the Rockets' 12-2 victory over the Spartans.

Brzezinski will remain an Eagle as pro

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Doug Brzezinski didn't go to Redford Catholic Central just to play football. But that was part of it.

He didn't attend Boston College strictly for football, either. But that was part of it.

The only academic course the Philadelphia Eagles offer, however, is Football 501. So Doug Brzezinski will do his graduate work in training camp and on Sundays next fall.

"I was happy to get picked," Brzezinski said after Philadelphia made him its third-round selection last Saturday in the opening day of the National Football League draft.

Once an Eagle, always an Eagle, you might say.

"I'm leaving today for mini-camp, and I'll probably come back home after the weekend," he said.

It will be Brzezinski's indoctrination into Advanced Football, the graduate course for college players for-

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tunate enough to have the skills to qualify.

The 6-foot-4, 300-pound lineman played tackle and guard for the college Eagles and was drafted as a guard by the professional Eagles.

The Livonia resident doesn't know precisely what he's in for, but he's been trying to pick up tips for the last year or so, ever since he began to have an inkling that football might be his post-graduate occupation.

"I've heard that this will be a long year," Brzezinski said. "It will be pretty tough. There's a lot thrown at you, as far as schemes and that. And looking for a place to live and like that."

The first order of business, mini-camp aside, will be getting signed. His agent, Neil Schwartz, who handles Denver Broncos' running back Terrell Davis among others, will handle that.

It's the latest stop on a long road Brzezinski has taken.

Catholic Central was his high school of choice. He drew the attention of college recruiters playing football for the Shamrocks' high-profile team.

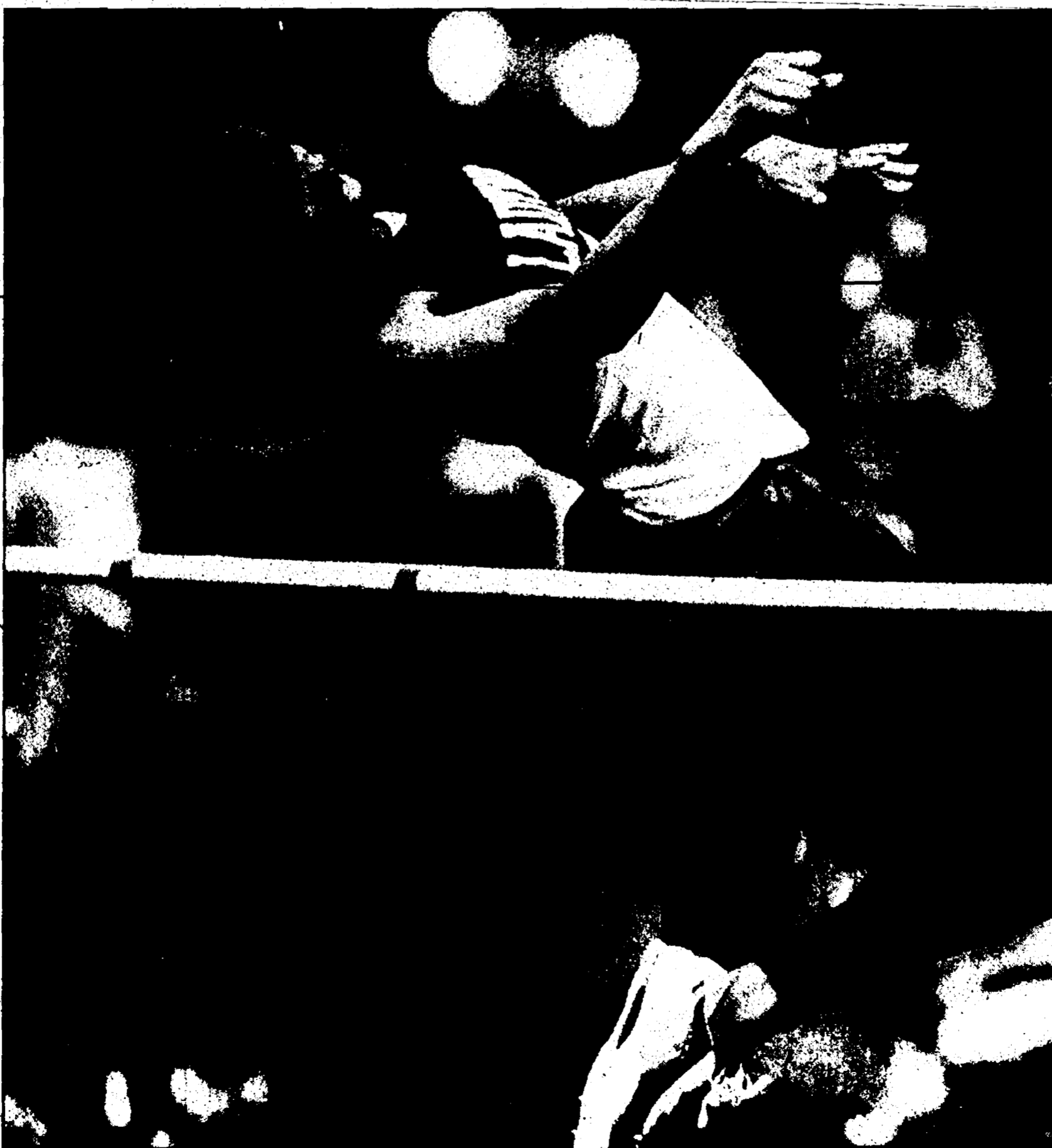
In one of those twists of fate that life is full of, the assistant coach who tried to recruit Brzezinski for Michigan State, Pat Shurmur, is now an assistant coach with Philadelphia.

But Brzezinski chose Boston College instead of Michigan State.

"It was a good school and I could get a good education there," said Brzezinski, who didn't know anybody there at the time. "I just knew that Boston College was a good school and I liked the coaches, the players."

Brzezinski majored in Sociology, graduating in 1998. But even though he was done with classes,

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Up and over: Alexi Noel captures the high jump for Livonia Ladywood's girls track team Tuesday, although the Blazers lost to Farmington Hills Mercy for the first time in five seasons.

Blazers have bright future in girls track

Two good things about coaching kids: they bounce back from adversity and they nearly always improve through the course of a season.

Visiting Farmington Hills Mercy defeated Livonia Ladywood for the first time in five years Tuesday, 76-52, but Coach Rod Sorenson of the Blazers saw lots of good things ahead.

"We're in a rebuilding year so we're a young team," Sorenson said. "We had some people step up there (in the short distance races)."

"I was a lot of good marks but they didn't score. That was very encouraging coming from our younger, less experienced athletes. It's pretty clear we're going to get a lot better this season."

One place where Ladywood stood out was in the relays, where the Blazers took three of the four.

"I was pleased with our 4 x 200 time," Sorenson said, "but I was disappointed. We certainly had the ability to have won that one."

"Our exchanges need a little bit of work. That certainly would have been a nice package to have won (all) four of those."

Stacey Schroeder, Emily Donnellon, Erin Hayden and Jennifer Koterba combined to win the 3200 relay with a time of 10:53.2.

Ladywood took the 1600 relay in 4:32.4, the runners being Suzanne Peplinski, Donnellon, Carey and Page Ahrens.

Brianna Watson started the Blazers out to victory in the 400 relay. She was followed by Katie McGraw, Kelly Prednesky and Kelly Carey. Their winning time was 54.2 seconds.

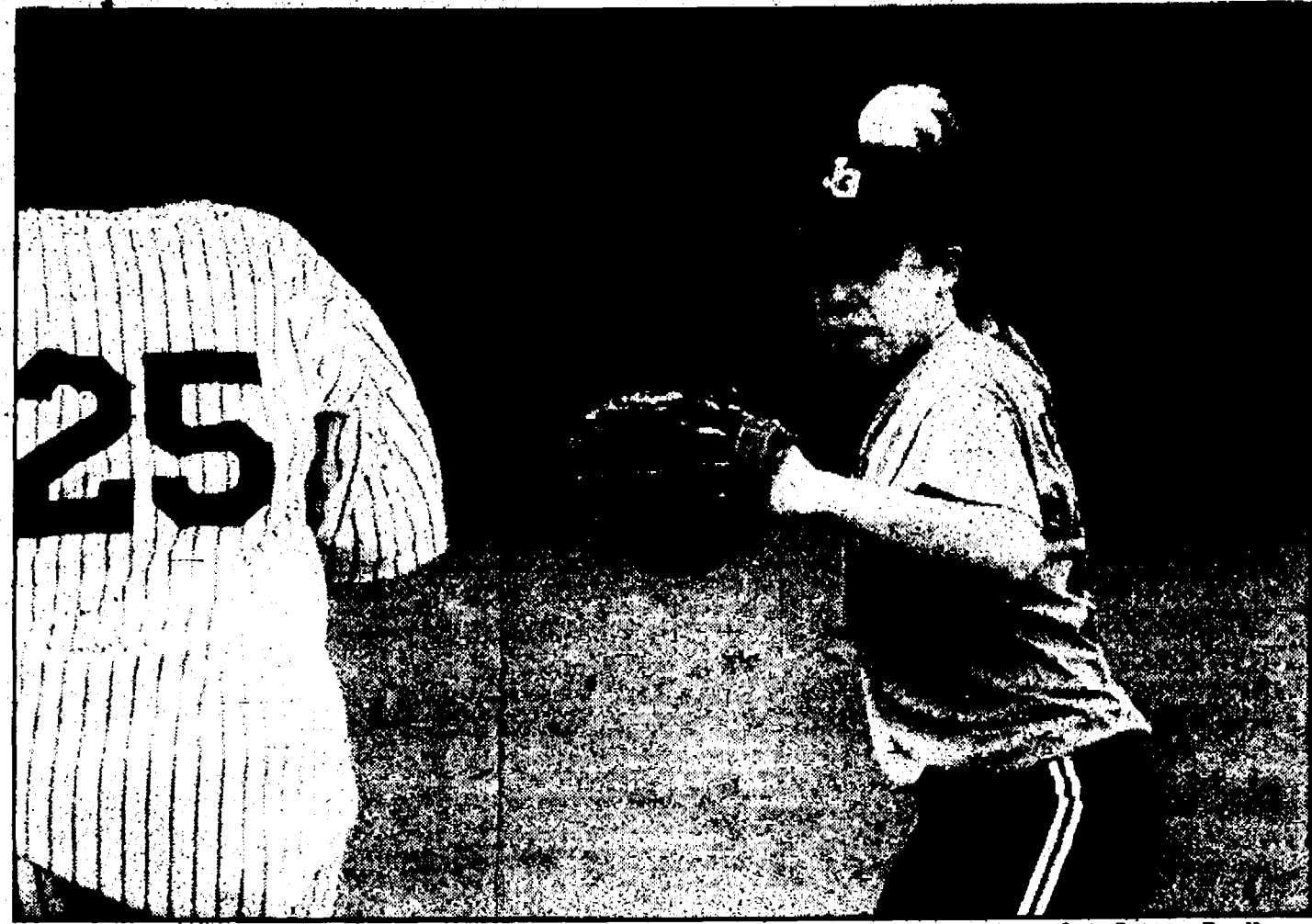
Injury and illness forced Sorenson to do some personnel shuffling "an hour before the meet," he said. "So we ended

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 April 20 at Redwood...
 Shot put: Brad...
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Staff Photo by Tom Hawley
 Taking two: Amanda Ross of Westland John Glenn is about to complete a double play against Livonia Stevenson, whose Stephanie Ladd has already been put out.

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double and two RBI, one of which she collected on a successful suicide squeeze bunt. Margaret Day had a double and an RBI while Jen Dudas, Erin Pickens and Courtney Wilmering each singled. Kristen Barnes had a double.

Pickens was the losing pitcher in the first game. She walked two but both came in the fifth when the Falcons scored five times.

Pickens gave up four hits and struck out eight.

Grew had a pair of singles, as did Becky Mitchell and Thiesmeyer.

The Blazers scored both their runs in the first and left the bases loaded without scoring in each of the next two innings.

LADYWOOD 14-6, PIONEER 8-5: The Blazers knew when the season started they were deep in pitching and they were right.

Rebecca Pawlik scattered nine hits in the first game Monday to help Livonia Ladywood get its season started the right way. She struck out two and walked three.

Michelle Moros opened the second game and worked the first four innings before giving way to Megan Karney.

Karney worked the last three innings and became the winning pitcher when Becky Mitchell tied the score with a fifth-inning home run and Ladywood rallied for a run without a hit in the sixth.

Mickey Finn walked, stole two bases and scored the game-winner on a passed ball.

Mitchell stole three bases and Bev Allen had a pair of hits. Pioneer outhit Ladywood, 7-5.

In the first game, Pioneer held a 9-8 edge in hits but Finn collected three of Ladywood's hit, scored three times and drove in three teammates.

Melanie Grew had two hits and one RBI.

"Considering Pioneer had already played four games, I'm pretty happy," Coach Bob Lulek said. "These were our first games."

"We made a few errors but our pitchers threw strikes and we hit the ball hard."

HARRISON 1, FRANKLIN 0: Lindsay Emmett's sacrifice fly with the bases loaded in the fifth Monday was all Ali Ault needed to pitch Farmington Harrison to the victory.

Two walks and a one-out infield single by Ault loaded the bases for Emmett.

Ault allowed only one hit — a single by Jeanette Bertrand with one out in the seventh — struck out six and didn't walk a batter.

Tara Muchow gave up only four hits, walked four and struck out five.

"It could have gone either way," Patriots' coach Linda Jimenez said. "It was a good ballgame. I was proud of the way we played defense."

"And we only struck out six times against an outstanding pitcher."

Franklin is now 2-1 overall and 0-1 in the WLAA.

NORTHVILLE 4, CHURCHILL 0: Maureen Emaus outdueled Adrienne Doyle on Monday to pitch Northville to its victory.

Emaus allowed just four hits while her teammates were getting five off Doyle, who allowed just one earned run. She didn't walk a batter and struck out six.

Emaus walked two, struck out 11 and betted a two-run triple in the bottom of the second. The Mustangs also tacked on two in the fifth.

Churchill's first two batters, Kelly Stahley and Raegan Tisher, reached on one-out singles in the sixth but two straight fielder's choice played stymied the threat.

The Chargers are now 2-3 overall, 0-2 in the WLAA.

CHURCHILL 12-2, COUNTRY DAY 0-1: Adrienne Doyle and Meghan Misiak were the winning pitchers Saturday in the Chargers' sweep of the Falcons.

Doyle scattered three hits and struck out eight in the opener while Misiak turned in five innings of one-hit ball in the second game. She walked six but struck out 10.

In the doubleheader, Christine Fones went 4-for-5, including three doubles, with four RBI. Doyle had a pair of hits, a double and a triple.

Stahley also had a pair of hits while Sallie Kuratko had two hits good for an RBI.

AP IC CHRISTIAN 12-14, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 3-3: Allen Park Inter-City Christian pounded out 11 hits in each game Saturday to beat up on Lutheran High School Westland.

Victim of the hitting attack in the first game was Katie Heiden, who walked three and struck out three in five innings.

Heather Rose led the Warrior hitting attack with a 3-for-3 game, driving in two of her team's three runs. She had a double.

Sarah Marody and Heiden each had two hits. Lutheran Westland had nine hits but couldn't string them together to take advantage of the four errors made by Inter-City Christian.

In the second game, it was 5-1 after the first but Allen Park didn't put the issue out-of-doubt until the fifth, when it scored seven times.

Rose pitched for the Warriors and walked 10. Carrie Swick restricted Lutheran Westland to just three hits.

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Brzezinski had playing eligibility remaining. So he stuck around campus to take some graduate courses and complete Football 401.

He knew professional football was an option, unless all those people telling him so were lying, but he was also aware certain other things were necessary. Things like getting another year's experience both physically and mentally.

"My attitude was always, 'If it happens, it happens,'" he said. "This is just another step, I guess."

In a way, he's fortunate to have gone back to play that last year of college football.

He could have been drafted by Philadelphia last year and gotten a terrible introduction to pro football playing for a team with a horrible record.

But after the season, the Eagles changed coaches. And that bad 1998 record led to the drafting of promising quarterback Donovan McNabb of Syracuse.

"I knew they have a new coach, I know they have Donovan McNabb and that's pretty much it," Brzezinski said. "Oh, and I knew they're in Philadelphia."

The atmosphere around the Eagles is sure to be one of hope. Even though they will be going through what is likely to be a trying season of change because of the new coach, a new system and a lot of turnover among personnel.

He'll also will know one of his teammates, defensive end Mike Mamula, who graduated from Boston College a couple of seasons ahead of Brzezinski.

"I'm just looking forward to getting started," he said. "I've been waiting around not knowing where I was going to be the last couple of months. Now I'm just looking forward to it."

"I just want to play, do the best I can."

A decade sounds about right to Brzezinski. Then he can get on with the rest of his life.

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Madonna takes tournament

Madonna's softball team won the Spring Classic tournament, held at the University of St. Francis (IL) Spring Classic.

The Lady Crusaders won four of five games, with Leschinger earning three of the victories — including a tournament-starting 14-0 no-hitter against Tri-State University Saturday. Leschinger surrendered just two walks and struck out five.

Kristy McDonald (from Redford Thurston) led the offense in the romp, collecting three hits and three runs batted in. Courtney Senger also had three hits and two RBI, Vicki Malkowski got two hits and two RBI, Jamie Cook (Westland John Glenn) had three hits and scored three runs, Tanya Liska contributed two hits and two RBI, and Kelly Zurawski had a hit and two RBI.

Saturday's second game was just the opposite of the first — except that Madonna still won, by a 5-4 margin. Leschinger got the win in relief of Janelle Schmidt; Leschinger did not give up a hit, walked two and struck out two in two innings.

Madonna won the game with two runs in the bottom of the seventh. Cook was the hitting hero with three hits and an RBI; McDonald added a triple and an RBI, and Missy Bako (from Garden City) chipped in with a hit and an RBI.

The Crusaders played their third game Sunday at Madonna's home field, where they defeated the host team, 5-1.

Madonna had 11 hits in the game, with Jen Walker and Jenny Krusel each getting two with an RBI. Zurawski also had two hits, while McDonald and Cook added a hit and an RBI apiece. Malkowski contributed a hit and scored two runs.

In the tournament semifinals, the Crusaders edged St. Xavier 1-0 in eight innings with Leschinger again starting on the mound. This time she fired a three-hit shutout, improving her record to 12-4; she walked five and struck out five while pitching eight innings.

The game's only run was delivered by Krusel with a double in the eighth, one of her two hits.

In the final, Madonna outduelled St. Francis 3-1 thanks to the combined pitching effort of Janelle Schmidt and Leschinger. Schmidt got the win, allowing one unearned run on six hits and no walks in four innings. Leschinger worked the last three innings and was again unscathed, earning her first save of the season. She gave up two hits and struck out two.

Malkowski's three hits and an RBI led the attack.

Madonna 1-5, Cornerstone 3-2; Janelle Leschinger rebounded from a loss in relief

in the first game against the team that led the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference through the weekend by beating them in the second game Tuesday at Madonna.

Leschinger allowed one hit and two runs (one earned) in one inning in the first game, in relief of Janelle Schmidt, who gave up just one run on three hits and two walks, with one strikeout. Madonna managed just three hits in the defeat off winner Tarrah Brown, Missy Bako singled in the Crusaders' only run.

In the second game, Leschinger tossed a three-hitter, surrendering two runs (none earned) and one walk, with five strikeouts. Her record is 13-5.

Jen Walker had three hits and an RBI, Vicki Malkowski had three hits and Kelly Zurawski had two hits and two RBI in the game. Kristy McDonald added a double and a single, with one RBI, and Courtney Senger had a double and struck out two.

Brown absorbed the loss for Cornerstone, which is 19-9 overall, 10-6 in the WHAC. Madonna is 22-18 overall, 7-7 in the conference.

Crusaders split with Cougars

The road trip to Spring Arbor College Tuesday started well, but finished poorly for Madonna University's baseball team.

The Fighting Crusaders used a strong pitching performance by Jeff Warholik and clutch hitting by Derrick Wolfe and Daryl Rocho to beat the host Cougars 5-3 in the opening game of their Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference double-header. In the nightcap, however, Spring Arbor reaped its revenge, routing Madonna 13-1.

The split left the Crusaders with a 16-16-1 overall record, 6-8 in the WHAC. Spring Arbor is 8-18 overall, 5-7 in the conference.

Warholik went the distance in winning the opener to even his record at 3-3. He allowed three unearned runs on six hits and five walks, striking out three. Warholik also had a single and a run batted in.

Wolfe went 3-for-3 at the plate

BASEBALL

with two RBI and Rocho had two hits and two RBI. Rich Reid took the loss for the Cougars.

In the second game, E.J. Roman was tagged for 13 runs (six earned) on 11 hits (including three doubles and two homers) and a walk in 2½ innings to fall to 2-3 for the season. The game was halted after five innings by the mercy rule.

Madonna managed just five hits in the contest off Spring Arbor starter and winner Kyle Gaffner. Rocho singled in the Crusaders' only run in the first.

Madonna 14-20, Concordia 4-3: The Crusaders erupted for 34 runs in a WHAC double-header Sunday at Concordia College.

Mike Butler was the winner in the five-inning mercy in the opener. He gave up four runs on four hits and three

walks, striking out two while improving to 3-2. Justin Krupsky was the loser.

Delano Voletti cracked his ninth home run of the season and a double; he had three hits and three RBI in the game. Neil Wildfong (Plymouth Canton) also had three hits, with three runs scored and an RBI. Todd Miller added two hits and an RBI.

In the second game, Madonna's 18-hit attack was led by Nick Dedeluk, who had four hits (including two doubles), three runs scored and three RBI; Aaron Shrewsbury, who clubbed his 12th home run of the season and a triple, scored three runs and drove in four more; Jeff Warholik, with two hits and three RBI; Voletti, with two hits (including a double); and two RBI; Derrick Wolfe, with two hits (including a double) and an RBI; Bob Hamp, with two hits, three runs scored and an RBI; and Wildfong, with two hits and an RBI.

Dedeluk was also the winning pitcher (he's 1-0), in relief; he pitched the last five innings, giving up two runs on seven hits and two walks, with seven strikeouts. Steve Lezotte took the loss for Concordia (4-22 overall, 2-12 in the WHAC).

Stevenson golfers stay unbeaten

Tuesday was a good day for golf, especially a good day for Livonia Stevenson golf.

Stevenson's girls golf team defeated Farmington, 202-227, Tuesday to remain unbeaten this season. The Spartans are 2-0 overall after winning their Western Lakes Activities Association opener. The Falcons are 0-1.

Farmington's Cassie Jemison was the medalist with a fine 44 but that was 11 strokes lower than her next closest teammate.

Junior Carl Heppner paced Stevenson with a 46 with senior

Mara Mazzoni right behind at 48.

Sophomore Katie Carlson shot a 53 and junior Laura Haddock a 55.

Karen Berger trailed Jemison for Farmington with a 55. Carrie May and Nikki Bourgeois each carded 64s.

FRANKLIN EDGED: Junior Katie Beasley medaled with a 55 Monday at the Links of Pinewood but it wasn't enough as Livonia Franklin fell, 241-249, to Walled Lake Western.

Chanette's 58 with the Warriors' other three scorers all within four shots.

Becky Finley shot 60, Lindsey Bornhoffer a 61 and Kim Shay a 62. Megan O'Connor was second for Franklin with a 59; Colleen Yorick had 66 and Colleen Frizzell shot a 69.

CHURCHILL ROMPS: Livonia Churchill swamped Westland John Glenn, 176-296, Monday at Fellows Creek.

Heidi Aittama medaled with a 40, while both Ashley Johnson and Kelley Parzuchowski carded 44s. Julia McLaughlin shot a 48 to round out the Chargers' fourth win of the season in their WLAA opener. Glenn's lowest scorer, Nicole Ziegler, shot a 69.

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up changing three of the relays. "I felt we were put a little bit off balance by that, in the 200 meters and 100 meters, especially."

Alexi Noel won the high jump for the Blazers with a 4-10 effort while Peplinski captured the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 48.5 seconds.

Koterba stepped up in the 800 run and won with a time of 2:46.3.

"I was pleased to see how our distance runners fared," Sorenson said. "I expected them to be a little bit less of a factor. We went 1-2 in the 800 and were second at 1600 and in the 4 x 800 relay."

"We know that Mercy is always very strong in the distance races. So that's something we can be happy with."

"We got really commendable efforts from Brianna Watson in the sprints."

"And we got a very good mark (2:48.8) from freshman Michelle Taylor at 800 in her first open

800. That's something to build on."

It was the first dual meet of the season for both schools. It was also a Detroit Catholic League meet.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 215
SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 90 1/2
ROYAL OAK SHRINE 28
PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 8
HARPER WOODS 3 1/2
April 20 at Lutheran Westland

Discus: Anna Schwewe (LW), 93-7; long jump: Anna Rolf (LW), 14-6; two-mile relay: Southfield Christian, 10:54.4; 100-meter hurdles: Hana Hughes (LW), 17.7; 100: Chelsea Romero (LW), 12.6; 880 relay: Lutheran Westland (Romero, Bekah Hoffmeier, Hughes, Krissy Rose), 1:58.0; mile: H. Wright (SC), 5:45.8; shot put: Schwewe (LW), 29-10; 440-relay: Lutheran Westland (Romero, Sarah Vetting, Karen Abramczyk, Rolf), 57.6; 440: Dillard (ROS), 1:04.5; 330 hurdles: Hughes (LW), 51.0; high jump: Hoffmeier & Amanda Sales (LW), 4-8; 880: Wright (SC), 2:36.4; 220: Romero (LW), 29.7; 2-mile: Averill (SC), 12:21.9; pole vault: Kelly Clark (LW) 6-6; mile relay: Lutheran Westland (Rose, Tess Kuchne, Erin Jung, Hughes), 4:35.4; Coach Dave

Brown's comments: "Southfield Christian beat us by seven points last year and won our regional, while we finished third."

"So this was a big meet. They're in our regional again this year."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 144 1/2
DETROIT COUNTRY DAY 75
BLOOMFIELD HILLS ROEPER 14 1/2
PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 4
April 15 at Country Day

Long jump: Anna Rolf (LW), 14-8; discus: Jen Dash (LW), 90-0; shot put: Anna Schwewe (LW), 30-81/2; high jump: Bekah Hoffmeier (LW), 5-0; 3200 relay: Detroit Country Day, 11:46; 100-meter hurdles: Rolf (LW), 17.4; 100: Lee, (DCD), 13.9; 800 relay: Lutheran Westland (Chelsea Romero, Krissy Rose, Hoffmeier, Hana Hughes), 1:57.7; 1600: Roeder (DCD), 5:55; 400 relay: Lutheran Westland (Romero, Sarah Vetting, Rose, Hughes), 54.8; 440: Erin Jung (LW), 1:07.9; 300 hurdles: Hughes (LW), 51.9; 800: Tess Luehne (LW), 2:45.9; 200: Rose (LW), 27.7; 3200: Roeder (DCD), 12:55; 1600 relay: Lutheran Westland (Rose, Hoffmeier, Jung, Hughes), 4:36.0

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FUND-RAISERS

TU BANQUET
The Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited is holding its 35th annual fund-raising banquet on Thursday, April 22, at the Royalty House in Warren. Tickets are \$40 per person and \$75 for couples. The event includes a prime rib or broiled whitefish dinner, raffles, auctions, door prizes and more. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. For tickets and more information call (248) 594-8283.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

SALMON STAKES
The 21st annual River Crab Salmon Stakes charity fishing tournament and raffle will be held Saturday April 24 in St. Clair. Money raised through the sale of \$10 raffle/entry tickets will benefit the Blue Water Mental Health Clinic and other programs that help troubled children, adults and their families statewide. Raffle prizes include a trip for two adults and two children to Mackinac Island, use of a private suite for a Detroit Tigers baseball game, a weekend for two in Chicago, \$500 in gift certificates to Chuck Muer restaurants, and a limousine ride and dinner for two at a Chuck Muer restaurant. Ticket stubs are also good for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at participating Chuck Muer restaurants. There are also cash prizes for the anglers, boats and clubs who catch the biggest salmon and trout on tournament day. Tickets are available at Charley's Crab in Troy, Meriwethers in Southfield, Muer's Sea Food Tavern in West Bloomfield, Big Fish in Dearborn, Big Fish Too in Madison Heights, Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor, or by calling the

River Crab at 1-800-468-8727.

SEMINARS

SPRING BREAK FOR BICYCLING
Learn the basics of body mechanics, bicycle mechanics and bicycle touring during this class, which is sponsored by Working Wheelers Cycling Club and begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at Eastern Mountain Sports in Farmington Hills. Space is limited and the registration deadline is Saturday, April 24. Call (248) 553-7764 for more information.

BOATING SAFETY
Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be on hand to explain boating safety and what they look for during a boat inspection, during the regular meeting of the Metro West Steelheaders, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

WOMEN'S FLY FISHING
River Bend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring a Women's Fly Fishing School on Sunday, May 23. Participants will spend a fun-filled day learning the basics of fly fishing including lessons in casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Cost is \$125 per person and class size is limited. Call Pat Rofe at (248) 350-8484 for more information and to register.

FLY FISHING SCHOOL
The Riverbend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring several fly fishing schools in the upcoming months. Held at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden and Hunters Creek Hunt Club in Metamora, the schools include lessons in basic fly fishing techniques including casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Classes are scheduled for April 25, May 8 and 16, June 6 and 19, July 11 and 25, August 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 to register and for more information.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Join author Mike Terrell and learn where to go mountain biking in the northern Lower Peninsula during this class, which begins 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times in May, June and July. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

ACTIVITIES

SEVEN LAKES HIKE

Enjoy a scenic 5-mile hike through the Holly Recreation Area with members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on Saturday, April 24. Participants should meet at 11:30 a.m. behind the Marathon Station at 12 Mile Road and Telegraph. Call Liz Allingham at (313) 581-7579 for more information.

PAINT CREEK HIKE

Take a fast-paced hike over level terrain along the Paint Creek Trail with members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on Sunday, April 25. Participants should meet at noon behind the Michigan National Bank on 14 Mile Road, east of I-75 (south edge of the Oakland Mall). Call June Cox at (248) 435-9522 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

FREE FISHING

Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend will be held June 12-13.

TROUT

Trout season opens April 24 on designated streams, rivers and lakes.

FLIES-ONLY TROUT

A special catch-and-release, flies-only trout season runs through Friday, April 23, on a special section of the Huron River at the Proud Lake Recreation Center. Call (810) 685-2187 for details.

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Walleye season opens April 24 on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

SAUGER

Sauger season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

MUSKY

Musky season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower peninsula.

PIKE

Northern pike season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

CLUBS

FLY TYING

The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim

Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

ARCHERY

3D LEAGUE

Royal Oak Archers will hold a 15-week 3D league beginning at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, on its walk-through range in Lake Orion. Call (248) 693-9799 or (248) 589-2480 for more information.

MOTHER'S DAY SHOOT

Oakland County Sportsmans Club will host a Mother's Day 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 9, on its walk-through range in Clarkston. Mothers shoot free. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE

The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for chil-

dren. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

YOUTH SHOOT

Detroit Archers will host a youth shoot on Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2, at its clubhouse and grounds in West Bloomfield. Every participant age 17 and under will receive a trophy. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 836-2110 for more information.

INTRO TO ARCHERY

The Livonia Archery Range will host a beginner archery class on May 1. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

SPRING CLEANUP

Spring cleanup days are scheduled for Saturday, April 24, at Lake Erie (1-800-477-3189) and Kensington (1-800-477-3178). Most programs last one-half day and lunch is provided for all volunteers who register in advance.

WACKY WOODCOCK

An indoor discussion followed by an outdoor observation session of the woodcock's aerial mating display begins at 8:30 p.m. Friday at Indian Springs.

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Rabe nearly hurls no-hitter for Stevenson

It may have been chilly for some people, but Roy Rabe was hot.

Blazing hot, to the tune of 13 strikeouts and two hits as the right-hander went the distance for Livonia Stevenson in a 3-1 decision over Westland John Glenn.

Rabe had a no-hitter until Dale Hayes broke it up with a single in the seventh. Hayes was the losing pitcher for the Rockets, allowing only two hits himself. He struck out eight and walked two.

Rabe (1-1) walked two. Stevenson scored single runs in the first, third and fourth to raise its overall record to 1-2 and win its first Western Lakes Activities Association game of the season.

Glenn, 3-2 overall and 0-1 in the WLA, scored its run in the seventh.

Brad Buckler and a double and scored a run for the Spartans while Tim Lawson had an RBI groundout.

• REDFORD CC 6-2, B. BROTHER RICE 2-0: Catholic Central senior Mark Cole delivered key hits in both ends of a double-header sweep Saturday. Cole visited Birmingham Brother Rice.

Cole had a bases-loaded single to drive in three runs in the 6-2 first-game win. He hit a solo home run — the Shamrocks' only hit — in the fifth inning of the 2-0 second-game win.

Seniors Anthony Tomey and Dan Duffey picked up complete-game pitching victories in the first and second games, respectively.

Tomey threw a five-hitter with five walks and nine strikeouts in raising his record to 2-0. The Shamrocks scored three runs in the third and five in the fifth in support of their hard-throwing right-hander.

Cole's bases-loaded single got past the Rice outfielder for an error, sending him to second and

letting three runs score. He was credited with two RBI.

Adam Kline, who was hit by a pitch, Bob Malek, who walked, and Matt Loidas, safe on a fielder's choice, scored ahead of Cole.

Tomey added an RBI single and Mario D'Herrin picked up an RBI on a ground out for the Shamrocks.

In the second game, Duffey struck out 10 while allowing three hits and six walks in earning the shutout. The Shamrocks scored on four straight walks in the third, the fourth issued to Casey Rogowski, and Cole's solo homer in the fifth.

The sweep improved the Shamrocks to 6-0 overall, 4-0 in the Catholic League Central Division.

Malek was twice by pitches after being hit on the elbow April 13.

CC coach John Salter thinks teams are pitching Malek tight, but not purposely hitting him.

"One was a curve ball, it's not like they're throwing at him," Salter said. "He's just having a streak of not being able to get out of the way."

Malek made a fine running catch in centerfield in the second game, spun and threw out a runner who was caught leaning too far off first base for a double play.

• HARRISON 5, FRANKLIN 3: Farmington Harrison rebounded from its opening-game defeat last week and rallied to beat host Livonia Franklin.

The Patriots scored all their runs Monday in the bottom of the third inning. The Hawks were scoreless until the sixth when they pushed across two runs, and they won the game with a three-run seventh.

With runners at second and third and nobody out in the seventh, senior Andy Gutierrez put down a squeeze bunt that scored

the tying run.

Seniors Dave Pesci and Blake Ashley followed with RBI singles to give Harrison a 5-3 lead. Junior Brian Nelson had an RBI double in the sixth.

Ashley finished with three hits, including a double, and two RBI. Senior Mike Hoad had two of Harrison's nine hits.

Senior Joe Ghannam pitched a complete game for the Hawks (1-1), striking out eight and walking one. Franklin had six hits.

David Ward went the distance for the Patriots (0-3). He struck out seven and walked three.

Franklin's Tony Saia and Tom Jones had two hits apiece. Saia also had two RBI and Jones one.

• LUTHERAN WESTLAND 13, LUTHERAN EAST 5: The visiting Warriors broke the game open with eight runs in the fifth, sending 11 batters to the plate.

Scott Archer and Charlie Heoft each had a two-run double Monday in the big inning.

Heoft went 2-for-3, both doubles, with three RBI while Archer went 3-for-4 with a triple added to his double. Ryan Isler went 3-for-4 with a run batted in.

Tom Habitz worked four innings to gain the victory. He walked one, struck out six and gave up six hits.

Lutheran High Westland is now 2-1.

• REDFORD UNION 10, STEVENSON 4: RU and Stevenson beat the rain to complete one of the two games scheduled in a Saturday double-header.

The Spartans won the first game 10-4 and the second game was called in the fifth inning with the score tied.

Sean O'Connor was the winning pitcher in the first game, allowing four runs, two earned, through six innings. He walked four and struck out four before Kris Montambo pitched one inning in relief.

Macek was 2-for-5 with two runs scored, clubbing a two-run homer in the fourth and a double.

Rigley was 1-for-3 with two runs scored. Mike Taylor was 2-for-3, scored two runs and knocked in two.

Clint Strohle had a bases loaded double for three RBI and was walked another time to drive in a fourth run. Nick Dyc was 1-for-1 with three RBI.

Stevenson scored on a sacrifice fly by Rob Wilson in the third, RBI singles by Matt DiPonio and Tim Lawson and a walk with the bases loaded to Peter Pinto.

John Ritter started for Stevenson.

• ALLEN PARK 6, WAYNE 2: Freshman Ryan Ybarra is getting valuable, if not painful, experience.

Ybarra came on to pitch in the first inning Monday with the bases loaded and nobody out, allowing just one run to score.

He worked the next six innings but still lost his second game of the season. Ybarra also had a pair of singles.

Wayne got a single and a double from Scott Teasdale.

Two errors in the fourth contributed to a pair of Allen Park runs which snapped a 1-1 tie. Both teams had five hits in the game.

Host Allen Park is now 4-1 overall, 2-0 in the Michigan Mega Conference White Division. Wayne Memorial, which made four errors, is now 1-6 overall and 1-1 in the division.

• AGAPE 12, HURON VALLEY 1: Jeremy Husby had a pair of Westland Huron Valley Lutheran's five hits Tuesday.

Rene Arnal had a double and score a run while Alan Kleinke stroked an RBI single in the fifth. The game was the season opener for both.

Pat Hoepner was the losing pitcher in the five-inning mercy.

Whalers earn honors

Robert Esche, who helped guide the Plymouth Whalers into the third round of the OHL playoffs last season, was named to the American Hockey League's All-Rookie Team.

A sixth-round draft choice of the Phoenix Coyotes in 1996, Esche — playing with the Springfield Falcons — had a .906 save percentage this season in 54 games.

Ambassadors can win

The Compuware Ambassadors are one game away from a clean sweep in the Robertson Cup Championship Series and the overall North American Hockey League title after beating the St. Louis Sting twice last weekend in St. Louis in the best-of-three series.

The Ambassadors, who were the NAHL's regular-season champions, beat the St. Louis Sting 3-1 on Friday. The Ambassadors beat the Sting 2-1 on Saturday. They followed that with a 3-1 triumph Sunday.

In Friday's game, Compuware scored on a 2-0 lead after one period but was then swept away in the last 10 minutes of the second. St. Louis rallied to tie it at goal. Jim Abbott, who had two goals for the Sting, got the tying goal.

But the Ambassadors had too much Josh Bowers for the Sting. Bowers, who scored four times in the game, got his third at the 18:11 mark of the second period to put the Ambassadors up for good. J.J. Swistak, Jack Hedwood and Steve Jackson also scored for Compuware.

On Sunday, Bowers again got the Ambassadors going early, scoring his fifth goal in two games 1:13 into the opening period. Just 1:27 later, defenseman Troy Milam made it 2-0 in favor of Compuware, and another defenseman, Pete Broccoli, pushed that advantage to 3-0 early in the second period.

A goal by the Sting's Stefan Petruski closed the gap to 3-1, but the Ambassadors answered with goals by Jackson and Mark Mink. John Shounyia had three assists in the game.

Compuware is now 5-0 in the playoffs and, including its regular season-ending win streak, has won 12 straight.

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Stevenson rips North

Good way to break in a new goalie.

Livonia Stevenson erupted for 10 goals Monday against North Farmington while junior Katie Westfall, in her first start, earned the shutout without having to make a save.

Sophomore forward Lindsay Gusick scored two goals and had two assists, sophomore forward Dana White scored twice and added one assist while junior Andi Sied had two goals.

Midfielder Michelle Vettraino, defender Jill Richardson and freshman midfielder Jamie Hartrick each scored a goal. Midfielder Sarah Whittrock had a goal plus an assist.

The Spartans' third shutout raised their record to 3-1 overall and 3-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association while North Farmington dropped to 2-3. The score was 6-0 at the half.

JOHN GLENN 2, WL CENTRAL 0: Goalie Jade Fukuda stopped 24 shots to get the shutout and the visiting Rockets their first WLA victory of the season.

The game was scoreless through the first half but sophomore Sarah Pack broke the tie with 21:50 left, assisted by Katie Krause.

Krause scored her own goal with 15 minutes to play, netting a tremendous direct kick from 25 yards out.

The Rockets are now 2-1-1 overall and 1-1 in their division.

SOUTHGATE 4, WAYNE 3: The Zebras were looking at a tie until Southgate scored with 36 seconds to go.

Southgate forced goalie Jenny Sheppard to make 15 saves.

Wayne Memorial is now 1-4 overall, 1-1 in the Michigan Mega Conference Blue Division. The score was 1-1 at the half.

Kristine McCahill, Sheila Honeycutt and Alana Green scored the goals for visiting Wayne Memorial.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 5, HARPER WOODS 1: A hat trick by Angie Matthews sparked the Warriors to their Metro Conference victory.

Callie Hines and Emily McWiggen also scored as visiting Lutheran High School Westland held Harper Woods to just an Ann McDonald goal.

REGINA 3, LADYWOOD 1: Sophomore Stefanie Stachura scored the Blazers' lone goal, in the second half.

Freshman Katie Rozum assisted Tuesday as visiting Livonia Ladywood fell to 2-4 overall, 1-3 in the Detroit Catholic League. It was 3-0 at halftime.

Liz Obrecht was in goal for the Blazers.

MARIAN 5, LADYWOOD 2: It was all over by halftime as Birmingham Marian piled up a 4-0 lead.

Freshman Katie Rozum, assisted by sophomore Melissa Harakes, scored one goal for the Blazers. Sophomore Stefanie Stachura notched the other, assisted by Rozum.

SALEM 3, FARMINGTON 1: Scoring goals a problem?

Not lately for Plymouth Salem. The Rocks, who managed just three goals in their first three games while posting an 0-2-1 record, ended their slump Monday.

Salem followed a 7-0 pasting of WLA Lakes Division opponent Westland John Glenn last week with a 3-1 victory over another divisional foe.

"We finally came out and scored some goals," said Salem coach Doug Landefeld, his team now 2-2-1 overall and 2-0 in the division.

In the Farmington game, the Rocks led 1-0 at the half and 3-0 until, with two seconds left in the match, Emilie Villemonte converted a penalty kick to put Farmington on the board.

Jami Coyle scored Salem's first goal with 10 minutes left in the first half, nailing a shot from 30 yards out.

The score remained that way until 15 minutes into the second half when Jessica Bucks crossed the ball to Jenny Fisher at the far post for the finish and a 2-0 lead. Natalie Thomas made it 3-0 five minutes later on an assist from Kellie Mullin.

"The game was much closer than the score indicates," Farmington coach Bob Neff said, adding Salem had just a 16-12 edge in shots on goal. The Falcons are 2-2-1 overall, 0-1 in the division.

BISHOP FOLEY 5, MERCY 2: The visiting Marlins scored first Tuesday, but defending Catholic League champion Foley rallied to claim the victory.

Mercy's Carrie Kluska scored the first goal with an assist from Susie Roble in the sixth minute. The Marlins held the lead for the next 22 minutes, but the Ventures rallied for a 2-1 halftime lead.

Roble scored the second Mercy goal, assisted by Abbey Shepherd. Kelly Fuller made 16 saves in goal for the Marlins as Foley outshot Mercy, 21-6.

"(The Ventures) were good, but I thought we came out strong," Mercy coach Deepak Shivraman said, adding that playing Foley presents a mental stumbling block for the Marlins.

"More than anything, it's a mental hurdle we need to get over and a few adjustments we need to make before we play them again.

"Bishop Foley played with a lot of composure and didn't get rattled when we scored the first goal. When we were scored on, we started backpedaling instead of playing a direct game at them. We need to try to emulate them under pressure."

The Marlins are 2-1 in the league and 4-2 overall.

WAYNE 3, TAYLOR UNIVERSITY 0
April 22 at Taylor University
No. 1 singles: Justin Raveland (W) def. Tim Windham, 6-0, 6-3; No. 2: Sean Rowland (W) def. Jason Cooper, 6-0, 6-3; No. 3: Phil Sackett (W) def. Herb Brundage, 6-2, 6-4; No. 4: Brian Schroeder (W) def. Tommaso Vitale, 6-0, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Allen Fry-Brad Ballard (W) def. John Lewis-John Edwards, 7-6, 6-1, 7-5; No. 2: Tim Stark-Jay LaBelle (W) def. Mariusz Kutcha-Ryan Borrego, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Clinton Fry-James Fink (W) def. Lamon Green-Nick Buck, 6-3, 0-6, 7-6; No. 4: Ken Duneak-Josh Hahn (W) def. Kurt Wenzel-Ahijj Mondade, 6-2, 6-0.

(Wayne Memorial's record: 2-1 overall, 1-0 Michigan Mega.)
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 6
LIVONIA STEVENSON 0
April 20 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Robert Sirkow (LC) def. Maher Salah (LS), 6-0, 6-4; No. 2: Tom Wallis (LC) def. Sean Mann, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Ben Luong (LC) def. Brian Adams, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Ross Puchalsky (LC) def. Brendan Corneissen, 6-1, 7-6.

No. 1 doubles: Ian Quay-Bobby Koivunen (LC) def. Todd Lavery-Matt Demgen, 6-3, 6-4; No. 2: Mike Horka-Scott Risner (LC) def. John Schiltlinger-Pat Peterson, 6-2, 7-6; No. 3: Adam Rourke-Zac Tibbles (LC) def. Jon Scheel-Derek Kogut, 6-3, 6-2; No. 4: Chris Singleton-Tom Fitzstephens (LC) def. Kartik Srinivasan-Eric Lambers, 6-1, 6-1.

Livonia Churchill's record: 1-1.
FARMINGTON HARRISON 6
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 2
April 19 at Westland John Glenn

No. 1 singles: Ryan Shade (FH) defeated Danny Kovacs, 6-0, 6-2; No.

2: Tim Vanden (FH) def. Dave Novak, 6-3, 6-0; No. 3: Dan Price (FH) def. Anthony Lambert, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0; No. 4: Brian Schmitt (FH) def. Evan Wadell, 6-3, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Dave Stephens-Raj Doshiya (JG) def. Ari Szymayer-Jeff Brown, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Brandon Laczkowski-Ralph Plumley (FH) def. Jeff Droter-Rob Dabuan, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Chuck Farley-Pat Sonak (JG) def. Ray Welch-John Kluka, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Brian Studer-Eric Sutton (FH) def. Ougman Afzal-Glen Oliver, 6-0, 6-1.

Best records: Harrison 1-0, John Glenn 0-2.

ROCHESTER ADAMS 4
REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 3
April 20 at Redbecker Adams

No. 1 singles: Kai Blache (RA) defeated Mike Findling, 6-2, 6-3; No. 2: Andy Formanczyk (RA) def. David Atallah, 6-1, 6-4; No. 3: Brett McLeod (RA) def. Evan Currie, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Brian Potter (RA) def. Ian McHenry, 6-4, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Rob Sparks-Jeff Fleazar (CC) def. Greg Nowalkowski-Steve Panutto, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: J.D. Shade-Nick Gray (CC) def. Andrew Boulton-Jason Benedict, 6-3, 6-1; No. 3: Mark Fleazar-Eric Tomkiewicz (CC) def. Joe Droste-Joe Desteiger, 6-2, 7-6; No. 4 (withdrawn): Ryan Cibor-Matt Rowe (CC) def. Nate Parr-Nick Austin, 6-1, 6-4.

CC's dual meet record: 2-1 record.
REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 6
ALLEN PARK CARRON 6
April 19 at St. Sebastian College

No. 1 singles: Mike Findling (CC) defeated Jeff Vrabec, 6-0, 6-3; No. 2: David Atallah (CC) def. Bill Baker, 6-3, 6-2; No. 3: Evan Currie (CC) def. Chris Pfeiffer, 6-3, 6-0; No. 4: Ian McHenry (CC) def. Nick Sotest, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Rob Sparks-Jeff Fleazar (CC) def. Mike Bizon and Mike Serpenti, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Nick Gray-Mark Fleazar (CC) def. Jerry Whisenand-Chris Rogates, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Ryan Cibor-Eric Tomkiewicz (CC) def. Justin Leonard-Andy Kaczorowski, 6-4, 6-2; No. 4: Matt Rowe-Nick Gonzales (CC) def. Bill Love-Eric Schmidt, 6-1, 6-0.

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 6
DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD 6
April 18 at Henry Ford

No. 1 singles: Mike Findling (CC) defeated Matt Dryje, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: J.D. Shade (CC) def. Steve Brudzowski, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: David Atallah (CC) def. Anish Patel, 6-4, 6-1; No. 4: Evan Currie (CC) def. Ken Gayci, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Jeff Fleazar-Rob Sparks (CC) def. Brian Sommariva-David Lindyk, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Nick Gray-Mark Fleazar (CC) def. Gary Jil-Ran-Mike Gredzik, 6-3, 6-3; No. 3: Eric Tomkiewicz-Ryan Cibor (CC) def. Ryan Bauer-Tim Sitkauskas, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Andy Cubba-Nick Gonzales (CC) def. Mike Mattese-Paul Zilhard, 6-0, 6-1.

NORTH FARMINGTON 6
FARMINGTON 0
April 18 at Farmington

No. 1 singles: Brad Jaffe (NF) defeated Jon Gore, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Chris Erickson (NF) def. Randy Hassan, 6-2, 6-0; No. 3: Justin Street (NF) def. Chad Moore, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Brandon Finkel (NF) def. Brandon Mytty, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Mark Frankel-Jay Bertram (NF) def. Eric Bruce-Ben Broder, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Brady Dwyer-Geoff Streit (NF) def. Dan Turkovich-Gullgaume Odendaal, 6-1, 7-6; No. 3: Josh Wool-Andy Golaszewski (NF) def. Shamik Trivedi-Hemanth Srinivas, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Rob Frankel-Steve Jaffe (NF) def. Laren Klein-Chris Hall, 6-2, 6-3.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Thursday, April 22
Clarenceville at Harrison, 4 p.m.
Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Macomb at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 23
Franklin at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Farmington, 4 p.m.
N. Farm. at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Lahser at Redford CC, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 24
(all double-headers)
Flat Rock at Luth. Westland, 10 a.m.
Crestwood at Churchill, 11 a.m.
Tay. Kennedy at Stevenson, 11 a.m.
John Glenn at Garden City, 11 a.m.
Redford CC at Notre Dame, 11 a.m.
Clarenceville at S'field Christian, TBA.

GIRLS SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 22
Thurston at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Macomb at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 23
Churchill at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Farmington at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at N. Farm., 4 p.m.
Ladywood at Regina (2), 4 p.m.
PCA at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 24
(all double-headers unless noted)
Rochester North Star Classic, 9 a.m.
Salem Tournament, 9:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Tay. Kennedy, 11 a.m.
Det. Dominica Tournament, TBA.

BOYS TRACK
Thursday, April 22
Harrison at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
W.L. Western at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
Salem at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 23
Dick Waters Relays, 9:30 a.m.
Belleville Tiger Relays, 10 a.m.
Monroe-Jefferson Invitational, TBA.

Monroe Invitational, TBA.
DeLaSalle Invitational, TBA.
GIRLS TRACK
Thursday, April 22
Churchill at Harrison, 3:30 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 3:30 p.m.
Stevenson at N. Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
Southgate at Wayne, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Salem, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, April 23
Saginaw Valley St. Inv., 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, April 24
Franklin Patriot Relays, 9:30 a.m.
Dick Waters Relays, 9:30 a.m.
Belleville Tiger Relays, 10 a.m.
Monroe-Jefferson Invitational, TBA.
DeLaSalle Invitational, TBA.

GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 22
Ladywood at Bishop Foley, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, April 23
John Glenn at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Fairlane, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 24
A.A. Huron at Stevenson, 11:30 a.m.
Churchill at Roch. Adams, 12:30 p.m.
Franklin at Ladywood, 1:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
(all double-headers)
Thursday, April 22
Saginaw Valley at Madonna, 1 p.m.
Saturday, April 24
Aquinas at Madonna, 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 25
Sienna Heights at Madonna, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
(all double-headers)
Thursday, April 22
Madonna at Saginaw Valley, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 24
Madonna at Tri-State, noon (CST).
Sunday, April 25
Madonna at Aquinas, noon.
TBA — time to be announced.

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SATURDAY



Singer Nancy Wilson performs 8 p.m. at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Tickets \$30 and \$35, available at Southfield City Hall, 26000 Evergreen Road, or call (248) 645-6666.

SUNDAY



Popular jazz flutist Alexander Zonjic turns classical for "Two Flutes and a Piano," a 3 p.m. concert also featuring flutist Ervin Monroe and pianist Margaret Kapasi, in the shrine chapel on the campus of St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake Road at Commerce Road. Tickets \$15 and \$25, call (248) 683-1760.



Rehearsing: PuppetArt members rehearse for their upcoming production of "Kolobok" at the Detroit Puppet Theater.

Professional puppeteer: Igor Gozman (below), artistic director of PuppetArt, Detroit Puppet Theater, holds one of the puppets used in the troupe's production of "The Story of Esther."

Theater showcases puppet art

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It's lunchtime in downtown Detroit on Tuesday. The sun is shining, the sky is blue, it's warm enough to walk around without a jacket, but there's no one on the corner of East Grand Boulevard near Woodward Avenue.

A fence surrounds the pit that used to be J.L. Hudson's across the street. It's a desolate scene. Alva Dworkin of Southfield waves to me as I approach what appears to be a vacant building, welcoming me to the Detroit Puppet Theater.

The theater is a dream come true for Igor Gozman and his wife Irena Baronovskaya of Auburn Hills, Natasha Khousid of Oak Park and Lyndville Mikhayenko of West Bloomfield. Immigrants from the former Soviet Union, they met about seven years ago and formed PuppetArt, a troupe of professional puppeteers.

Inside the renovated space, formerly three storefronts, Mikhayenko is working with Diane Spratt, who recently joined PuppetArt, and Baronovskaya on a scene from "Kolobok," the Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man."

After a quick tour, Dworkin, who has been working with the group since 1995 and serves as its managing director, says "you know destruction is part of the creative process. Before you can create, you have to destroy. Think about it. An artist starts out with a blank sheet of paper, but until they ruin it, make a mark, it's just a blank piece of paper."

"I saw one of their puppets, and I was absolutely astounded," said Dworkin explaining how she met the puppeteers. "I knew they could be a big success."

A graduate of Cass Tech High School, Dworkin earned a master's degree in art education. She taught in the Detroit Public Schools and later nursery school. Before retiring she worked for the State of Michigan licensing nursery schools.

Dworkin is managing director of

PuppetArt — Detroit Puppet Theater

Where: 25 E. Grand River (between Woodward Ave. and Farmer St.) Detroit. Performances: Noon and 2 p.m. **What:** Premiere of "Kolobok" a Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man." **Opens Saturday, April 24. Performances:** at noon and 2 p.m. "Kolobok" continues noon and 2 p.m. Saturdays through May 15. **Tickets:** \$8 adults, \$6 children with the exception of the April 24 premiere.

Tickets for this performance are \$6.50 adults, \$5 children. Proceeds from the April 24 performances benefit the Regional Puppetry Festival to be hosted by Detroit Puppeteers Guild. A puppet making workshop follows all performances. The cost is \$8 per person. Call (313) 961-7777 for information.

Detroit Puppeteers Guild "A Day of Puppetry"

When: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24. **Where:** Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. **Cost:** Adult registration \$32.50 (includes 6 month membership in the Detroit Puppeteers Guild), Detroit Puppeteers Guild Members \$25, Teens (ages 13-18) \$20. Register at the door or call Nancy Henk, (810) 463-0480. **Highlight:** There is a children's workshop performance package for children ages 7-12. Children will meet at 1 p.m. to make a puppet, then watch a 2 p.m. performance featuring magical surprises by the Amazing Clark, and Brad Lowe's presentation of "Rumpelstiltskin." There is a \$5 fee per child, registration limited to 25 children. Additional tickets for the 2 p.m. puppet show are \$3 each.



PuppetArt and handles publicity, contracts and grants. "I beat the bushes to get jobs," she said.

It's absolutely a labor of love. "These are incredibly talented people who needed someone to help them," she said. Detroit has a long history of puppetry, and we're not just talking about the ones who pull strings at city hall.

The Detroit Puppeteers Guild, an organization devoted to the art of puppetry, was founded in 1946 and is affiliated with the Puppeteers of America Inc.

Puppetry is an ancient art. Puppets were found in Egyptian tombs. Haydn composed operas for marionettes, and Bernard Shaw wrote plays for them. Native Americans used puppets for magic effects and in religious ceremonies.

Dworkin introduced me to puppeteers to the Guild, and they said, "these are our people."

Guild adviser Nancy Henk and her "Puppets to Go" performed at the Detroit Puppet Theater, which opened last July, on April 10.

"It's like a little miracle in downtown Detroit," said Henk about the Detroit Puppet Theatre. "In the larger downtown theater district you have this wonderful little theater devoted to puppets. It's been a dream for the people involved, and I've been happily watching their dream come true."

Dream

It's a dream that took over seven years to come true.

"I was a drama director in Leningrad," said Mikhayenko. She wanted to meet other Russian immigrants who, like her, were involved in theater in Russia. "I put up flyers in apartment buildings and other places," she said. Mikhayenko believes it was fate that brought the four puppeteers together. "I fell in love with the puppets," she said. "A puppet can do more than a live actor."

From the beginning, the group's

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Jekyll-Hyde role challenge met by versatile actor

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Twenty years ago actor Chuck Wagner was there at the beginning for the musical "Jekyll & Hyde."

Wagner was a student at the University of Southern California in 1979 when fellow students Frank Wildhorn and Steve Cuden devised a musical based on Robert Louis Stevenson's popular tale of good-hearted Dr. Jekyll who creates a serum that turns him into

evil Mr. Hyde.

"I did the original demo tape that was used to get a record deal. Then Colm Wilkinson got to do the album..." Wagner said.



Chuck Wagner

The show went through various changes over time. In the mid 1980s, established lyricist Leslie Bricusse ("Oliver," "Stop the World I Want to Get Off") signed on to write lyrics and reshape the book.

In 1991 Wagner got his chance to perform the lead role on stage in the world premiere production at Houston's Alley Theatre. The show opened on Broadway in 1997 to mixed reviews. But it won a popular following of devoted fans who call themselves "Jekkkies."

Wagner is now on the first leg of a yearlong national tour, playing at the Fisher Theatre through May 9.

Composer Frank Wildhorn has gone on to have wild success on Broadway with an astounding three musicals currently playing on the Great White Way — "Jekyll & Hyde," "The Scarlet Pimpernel" and "Civil War."

"I think Frank has a gift, the ability to write songs that are beautiful and emotional," Wagner said of his fellow USC alum. "You don't just hear them but feel them. But they're also simple and accessible to people."

The score includes the hit songs "Someone Like You" and "This Is The Moment."

Wagner has carved out a varied career since graduating from USC. He's performed as a regular on soap operas, appeared on "The Dukes of Hazzard," starred in a movie called "Automan" and performed in several successful stage productions including national tours of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" and as Javert in "Les Miserables." He also

performed as Sir Lancelot opposite the original Lancelot Robert Goulet's King Arthur.

But the role of Jekyll and Hyde is a special challenge.

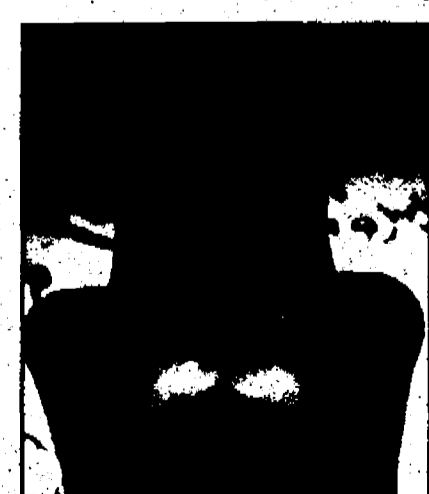
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POPULAR MUSIC

Eminem is ready for controversy

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Marshall Mathers, otherwise known as Eminem, strolls into Harmonie Park Studios in Detroit, the picture of insecurity. His hands are pushed deep



Returning home: Rapper Eminem, otherwise known as Marshall Mathers or Slim Shady, plays the State Theatre in May.

into the pockets of his baggy jeans, his blonde-dyed head of hair is pointed down to the ground. Mathers can't seem to focus, glancing quickly around the small studio.

Mathers was there to perform for the now-defunct alternative radio station WXDG-FM and its "Edge Session," something of which he was unaware.

"I came here this morning and absolutely had no idea what I'm gonna do because nobody told me. But I can do what I want to do," he said.

"OK, listen. If I'm gonna do some freestyles and I'm gonna do a show, I'm gonna do a little performance there, everybody's got to stand up or this will be very boring."

The studio pumps an instrumental version of Eminem's hit "My Name Is" through the speakers. Encouraging the sound engineer to turn it up, Eminem

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Esham hopes to follow peers

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Sitting back on a plush



Mixing it up: Detroit rapper Esham works the boards at Overture Studios in Novi.

couch in Overture Studios in Novi, rapper Esham Smith explained he's the real deal.

He described growing up on the mean streets of New York City and Detroit near Seven Mile and Hoover roads. Unlike Kid Rock and I.C.P., Smith said he doesn't call the suburbs home.

"When I talk about some (stuff) it's more realer than when another (person) talk about it. They just playin'," he said of rappers from the suburbs. "We can't get over the fact that we come from the ruins. Detroit is ruins. I don't care what anybody else say," said Smith, who calls himself "an extreme realist."

"They should blow that

Please see ESHAM, E7



Bonstelle romps with 'Once Upon A Mattress'

The Bonstelle, Wayne State University's undergraduate theater company, presents the rollicking musical "Once Upon A Mattress" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 23-24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25 at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (313) 577-2960.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

The rollicking, tongue-in-cheek humor of "Once Upon A Mattress," the musical version of the fairy-tale "The Princess and the Pea" makes for a fun, light-hearted evening of theater. The Bonstelle company has lavished enthusiasm and creativity into their final show of the season.

Unlike its tame origin, "Once Upon A Mattress," this production tells the "real" side of the story, with double entendres and adult humor. In a kingdom ruled over by a shrewish, domineering queen and a mute, lascivious king, no one may wed until Prince Dauntless shares his marriage bed. However, Mama has made sure that a dozen princesses to date have all failed their royalty tests. Matters become more urgent when Lady

Larkin informs Sir Harry that his impending fatherhood makes it imperative that a bride be found soon.

Sir Harry's quest produces a most unusual potential bride — the endearing, unconventional, and most-swimming Princess Winnifred, whose wildly offbeat personality excites Prince Dauntless, much to the queen's dismay.

The colorful and uninhibited role of Winnifred was made for junior Maribeth Monroe, whose exuberant personality has captured the Bonstelle stage this season. Whether belting out a song, kicking up her heels, delivering comic lines or sending the audience into gales of laughter with a well chosen facial expression, Monroe is the wonderful girl named Fred. Her senior year at the Bonstelle ought to be promising.

Suzan Michelle Gouine as Queen Aggravain epitomizes the character you love to hate, with her intrusively funny invasion. Her glares, stares and pompous indignation brought delightful laughter from the house.

Caleb Gilbert as the Minstrel and Mark Shock as the Jester delivered strong performances,

and formed a comedic trio with the mute King Sextimus, played by Stephen Blackwell.

Junior Patrick O'Reilly of Livonia makes his Bonstelle debut as the shy, mama's boy Prince Dauntless. He makes a nice puppy-dogish, naive counterpart to Princess Winnifred over-the-top extrovert.

The songs are spirited and funny, from "Opening For A Princess," to the Spanish Panic dance, the not-so-quiet "Quiet" to the enthusiastic finale.

There are smooth, easy on the ears love songs, as well: "In A Little While," "Normandy," and "Yesterday I Loved You" with Lady Larkin and Sir Harry.

Princess Winnifred gets the house laughing with "Shy," and "Happily Ever After."

The costumes were striking and coordinated, with a basic white color scheme accented with bright jewel-toned colors. The ladies' hats had amazing wing spans, creating a delightful touch of whimsy. The set was very versatile, with the crew, dressed as royal pages, swiftly choreographing the scene changes.

Puppetry from page E1

dream was to have their own theater.

"Puppetry is attractive and additive" said Gozman, the theater's artistic director. No other art form covers so many bases — painting, sculpture, drama, music and ballet. "Every production is original. The music and everything."

The puppeteers design the puppets, create sets and even music for their productions. After performances guests can attend a workshop to make their own puppets to take home.

"Puppets are a great opportunity to form a child's imagination, which adults are losing," said Gozman. "Puppets are useful tools, they can educate children and teach them how to behave."

"Kolobok," opening Saturday, is a one of the first stories children learn in Russia. "Children learn how to behave," said Gozman. "They learn that they must do what their parents say. It's also

■ 'Puppetry is attractive and additive.'

Igor Gozman
Detroit Puppet Theater CEO

quite musical."

Their goal is to host more guest puppeteers such as Henk, and build a larger audience that includes school groups who can visit the theater during the week. PuppetArt members also tour throughout the state presenting puppet shows at schools and other venues.

Another goal is to introduce children to other cultures through puppetry to introduce them to these cultural treasures. They're working on a Japanese story.

"We've created a theatrical atmosphere here," said Mikheyenko. "I think that's

important for children to experience. Puppetry is not just for children, it can be interesting for adults too."

The Detroit Puppeteers Guild is presenting "A Day of Puppetry," 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24 at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

The event, co-sponsored by the Livonia Civic Center Library, offers an opportunity to learn more about the art of puppetry.

There are a variety of workshops including Improvisational Marionette Theatre, Fun with Walk-Around Puppets, and How To's of Youth Puppet Theater.

A Children's Workshop/Performance Package for children ages 7 to 12 with Maureen Schiffman gives kids the opportunity to make their own puppet. Afterward, they will attend performances featuring magic by the Amazing Clark, and "Rumpelstiltskin," presented by Brad of TV's Hot Fudge Show.

Jekyll-Hyde from page E1

"Anytime you play the full dichotomy of mankind, to be as good as you can be and as bad as you can be, it's a challenge," he said.

"The interesting thing about this show is that both Jekyll and Hyde are delighted with their lives. Though his father's madness leads to his experiments, Jekyll is happy with his life and with his fiancée. And when Hyde is freed, he's delighted to be alive despite the evil things he does. There's a visceral joy to his excitement."

The role has been a favorite of many film actors. John Barry-

more, Fredric March and Spencer Tracy all did classic versions. Wagner said the musical draws on those old films for some elements of the story.

"The novel is very thin, a first-person narrative that doesn't go anywhere. There's no love interest," he said.

Wagner said Wildhorn added the part about Jekyll's father being insane to give motivation for his experiments. The good fiancée and the good-hearted prostitute were developed in several film versions and have become standard elements since.

Wagner said he enjoys musical

comedy and the rapport it builds with audiences.

"There's nothing like singing and acting. It takes you to the edge, you open your heart and feel the emotions. When that happens it's cathartic for the performer and the audience. It's a symbiotic relationship, very thrilling," Wagner said.

Wagner said "Jekyll and Hyde" is the most physically wearing role he's done.

He will be sharing his music with audiences with a new CD, "Broadway Bound" which will include songs from the shows he's done.

UMS announces '99-'00 season

The University Musical Society has announced its 121st season, which includes 79 public performances of 60 events in eight different venues.

Highlights include the first regional appearance since 1965 of the Berlin Philharmonic with Claudio Abbado directing; Yo-Yo Ma, Anne-Sophie Mutter and Murray Perahia; a series devoted to the music of J.S. Bach on the 250th anniversary of his death; the UMS debut of jazz legend Oscar Peterson; a women in dance series; Neeme Jarvi appearing with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and his other ensemble, the Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra; Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra in a Swing Dance Tour; the Chieftains a week before St. Patrick's Day; and a return of "The Harlem Nutcracker" to the Detroit Opera House.

A season brochure will be mailed out at the end of April. To be added to the mailing list, call UMS Box Office at (734)764-2538.

The UMS series:

For October: Laurie Anderson's "Moby Dick," Sept. 30 to Oct. 2;

Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Oct. 3; Ballet Folklorico de Mexico, Oct. 5-6; Paco Pena and Inti-Illimani, Oct. 8; Lyons Opera Ballet, Oct. 16-17; The Berlin Philharmonic, Oct. 20; "Moon-drunk," Oct. 22; The King's Singers, Oct. 23; Sankai Juku, Oct. 27; Bill Frisell's New Quartet, Oct. 28; Orquesta Ibrahim Ferrer & Ruben Gonzalez y su Grupo, Oct. 30.

For November: Emerson String Quartet, Nov. 5; American String Quartet, Nov. 7; Les Arts Florissants, Nov. 10; Theatre of Voices, Nov. 12; Paco de Lucia and His Flamenco Quartet, Nov. 19; Kremerata Baltica Soloists, Nov. 21; "The Harlem Nutcracker," Nov. 26 to Dec. 5.

For December: Handel's "Messiah," Dec. 4-5; Boys Choir of Harlem, Dec. 9; Frederica von Stade, Dec. 10; Gabrieli Consort & Players, Dec. 14.

For January: The Romeros, Jan. 9; Bebe Miller Company, Jan. 15; Take 6, Jan. 17; Yo-Yo Ma, Jan. 20; American String Quartet, Jan. 23; Russian National Orchestra, Jan. 24; Barbara Hendricks, Jan. 29.

For February: Jazz at Lincoln Center Sextet, Feb. 4-5; Gothen-

burg Symphony Orchestra, Feb. 5; Meredith Monk's "Magic Frequencies," Feb. 9; Drummers of West Africa, Feb. 10; Martha Clarke's "Vers Le Flamme," Feb. 11; Anne-Sophie Mutter, Feb. 12; Estonian Philharmonic, Feb. 13; Murray Perahia, Feb. 16; New York City Opera's "Barber of Seville," Feb. 17-19; Christian Tetzlaff, Feb. 20.

For March: The Chieftains, March 8; Ballet d'Afrique Noir, March 9-10; English Consort, March 11; Ustad Ali Akbar Khan and Ustad Zakir Hussain, March 17; Oscar Peterson Quartet, March 18; American String Quartet, March 19; Thomas Quasthoff, March 20; Forgiveness, March 24; Mamma's, March 25; Beaux Arts Trio, March 26; Moscow Virtuosi, March 31.

For April: Czech Philharmonic Orchestra, April 1; The Watts Prophets, April 8; Trisha Brown Company, April 12; Susanne Mentzer, April 13; Australian Chamber Orchestra, April 14; Bach's St. Matthew Passion, April 16; Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra Swing Dance Tour, April 22.

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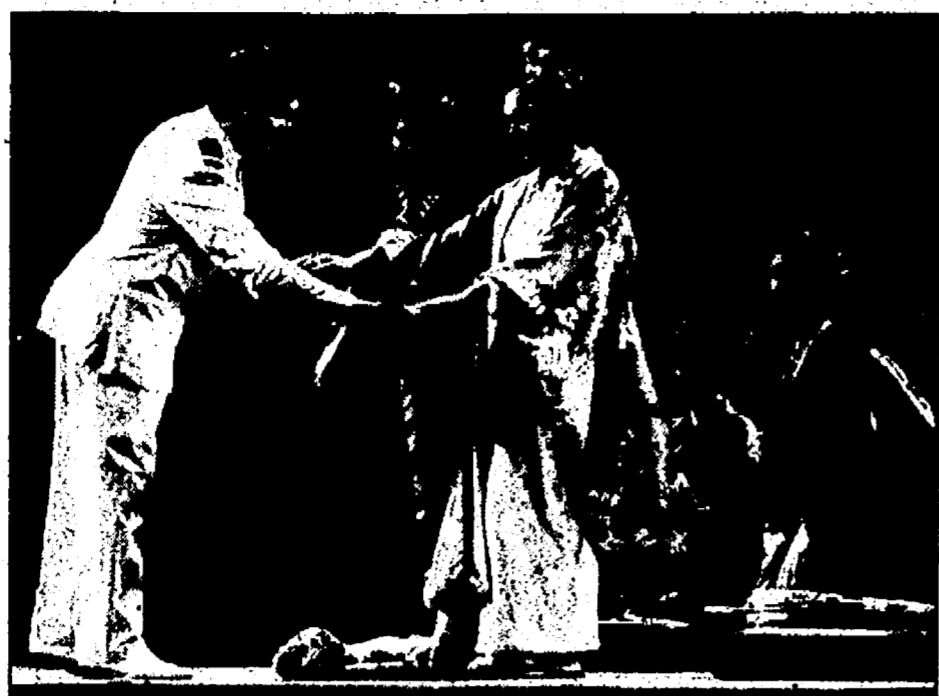
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Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" has long been one of the most popular works in the operatic repertoire for its heart-rending portrayal of love and trust brutally betrayed.

The Michigan Opera Theatre's current production is so lush, delicate, precise and believable that it would draw a rush of tears from the most hardened heart.

"Butterfly" is the source for the hit musical "Miss Saigon" and tells a simple but gripping story. The year is 1904 and a callous but charming American naval lieutenant marries a beautiful, naive 15-year-old Japanese geisha Cio-Cio-San in a ceremony that he mocks. After he has



MARE MANCINELLI, MOT

False love: Francesco Grollo as Lt. Pinkerton takes the hand of bride Cio-Cio-San, Sun Xiu Wei in the MOT's "Madame Butterfly."

abandoned her to return to the United States, she bears his son, knowing in her heart that her Lt. B.F. Pinkerton will return.

But when he does, it is with his American wife and plans to take his son, driving Butterfly to a last desperate act of ceremonial

suicide.

At the heart of this fine production on Saturday's opening night was Chinese soprano Sun Xiu Wei, who is not only a magnificent singer capable of soaring and beautifully controlled high notes but also an actress of fine subtlety capable of suggesting both joy and anxiety in a few facial and hand gestures. Her *Un Bel di Veremo* is incredibly moving.

Francesco Grollo drew a hearty round of boos as he took his bows, a tribute to his perfect Pinkerton, all swagger, arrogance and, ultimately, cowardice in facing his deceit. Grollo's huge tenor embraces the rich romantic charm that makes Pinkerton's deception so real. He also looks the part of a young naval lieutenant and acts with the easy "we rule the world" attitude that was just beginning to make "ugly Americans" a common phrase.

The love duet here is a complex well of conflicting emotions that are vividly conveyed by these two outstanding performers.

Victor Ledbetter brings

warmth, rectitude and a deep sense of maturity to the role of the American consul Sharples, using his voice to brilliant effect. Kathleen Segar handles the emotional role of Suzuki with admirable restraint and then finally succumbing with a voice that pierces.

"Madame Butterfly" is Puccini's most melodious, sweeping and emotional opera. The music is rich, inventive, playful as it incorporates Japanese folk music and American marches. The orchestra, under Steven Mercurio, is in top form, drawing all the many nuances and warmly

supporting the leads. The choral work is excellent.

Mario Corradi's direction is as delicate, suggestive and beautiful as a Japanese painting. The end of Act II is especially effective.

Zack Brown's simple set of Cio-Cio-San's house and the lighting of Kendall Smith add to the perfection of this production.

Sun Xiu Wei and Francesco Grollo sing the leads April 24 and May 1. On April 23, 25 and May 2, the roles of Cio-Cio-San and Pinkerton will be sung by Natalia Dercho and Carlo Ventre.

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'Rocky Horror' full of haunting surprises

Meadow Brook Theatre presents "The Rocky Horror Show" through Sunday, May 9. A special late-night performance will take place 10:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1. A costume contest will precede the show. Tickets \$24 to \$35, call (248) 377-3300. Student and group discounts available. MARY JANE DOERR SPECIAL WRITER

If there are any Rocky virgins still lurking around, Meadow Brook Theatre is spreading its luring fishnet to catch them with a terror treat — the stage version of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

This rock musical, which is still touring after 25 years, is full of fiendishly funky good fun on the normally respectable Meadow Brook Theatre stage.

For his swan song, artistic director Geoffrey Sherman has come up with a "fasten your seat

belts" horror spoof about the 1950s passion for RKO midnight "B" rated double features.

There are some wonderful surprises in this production of the "Rocky Horror Show."

Meadow Brook Theatre regular Paul Hopper dons spiffy red bell bottoms as he brings out an Elvis voice that he's been hiding in the Coke Cola cooler all this time. John Michael Manfredi, another familiar face, may be embarking on a new career playing Drag Queens. So inciting is he as transvestite Frank-N-Furter, the alien spy from the Transylvanian galaxy, Manfredi stimulates the audience into a rousing "Time Warp" dance.

If you don't know the dance, neither does the straight couple Janet Weiss and Brad Majors at first. Actors Janet Caine and Scott Crownover do know all of the right moves as these two Denton High School delinquents

on their way to see their high school science teacher, Mr. Scott, when a flat tire on a stormy night diverts to Dr. Frank-N-Furter's unfriendly castle.

Something should have told them all was not right when the hunchback Riff-Raff (John Michael Norman) answers door, and doesn't show them to the phone. Pretty helps Columbia and Magenta take the couple's clothes not just their wet coats.

As the narrator, David Regal's dark and powerful voice warns the audience of foul play, but Janet and Brad don't want to get the message and are beguiled by Frank and Frankenstein Place where lingerie is the raging fashion. Science fantasy has helped Dr. Frank create Rocky, played by gym enthusiast Jeff Applegate, as his perfect playmate. But Frank hasn't heard of cloning, and Rocky is more interested in Janet.

The Fishnettes Band lead by Tim Link on the keyboards including Mike Dungan, Tim Baum, and Dave Legacy, make the music a listenable experience.

The tunes are very humble though some might refrain from singing the lyrics.

Caine ("Touch A Touch Me"), Crownover ("Once in a While"), and Applegate are especially good singers. Although he claims he is not a singer, Manfredi stops the show for applause with "Going Home."

Susan Taran-Kohler and Jodie Kuhn Ellison are strong as Frank's helpers Magenta and Columbia.

Taran-Kohler does a wonderful opener with the song "Science Fiction" and has fun bringing this thrillerless thriller to its final conclusion.

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DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
"Magda's Story," through May 23, 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 13103 Woodward Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

FINE ARTS THEATER
"The Silent Cry - God is Watching You," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, April 23-25, through May 2, at the theater, 2952 Woodward, Detroit. \$20. (248) 645-6666/(313) 831-7835

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

JET
"The Caregiver" follows a famous, yet fading conductor, watching as his son tries to follow in his footsteps; Wednesday, April 28, to Sunday, May 30, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900 or <http://comnet.org/jet>

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
"The Rocky Horror Show," through Sunday, May 9, at the theater in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

MUSIC HALL
"Fame - The Musical," Tuesday-Sunday, April 27-May 2, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$27.50-\$50. (313) 983-6611/(248) 645-6666

NEW STUDIO COMPANY
"Master Class," Wednesday-Sunday, April 28-May 16, Varner Studio Theatre, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, April 28-May 1, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 2, 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, May 5-8, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 9, 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 12, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, May 12-15, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16. New Studio Company is a new alliance between Meadow Brook Theatre and OU's Department of Music. \$18-\$25. (248) 377-3300/(248) 645-6666

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY
"Jitney," through May 9, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 6 p.m. Sundays, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren at Brush, Detroit. \$15-\$18, \$10 previews. (313) 872-0279

ROBERTS - A LIVE ADVENTURE
Friday-Sunday, April 30-May 9, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 7 p.m. Friday, April 30, 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, May 1, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2, 7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, May 4-7, 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, May 8, and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, May 9. \$12.50, \$19.50 and \$25. (313) 983-6611

OPERA

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE
"Madame Butterfly" featuring Bolshoi Opera (Moscow) star Marina Mescheriakova and Chinese star Sun Xiu West, 8 p.m. Saturdays, April 24 and May 1, Sundays, April 25 and May 2, and 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 237-SING/(248) 645-6666

COLLEGE

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
"Pippin," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, April 22-24, and April 29-May 1, and 2 p.m. Sundays, April 25 and May 2, in Aday Auditorium on campus, 5101 Evergreen, south of Ford Road, Dearborn. \$10, \$8 students/seniors. (313) 845-9900 or <http://theatre.henryford.cc.mi.us/>

U-D MERCY THEATRE
"Biloxi Blues," through Sunday, April 25, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, in the McAuley Theatre on the campus at 8200 W. Outer Dr., Detroit. \$10, \$8 seniors/students. (313) 993-1130

WBU BONSTELLE THEATRE
"Once Upon a Mattress," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the theater, 3424 Woodward, \$8-\$13. (313) 577-2960

WBU MILBERRY THEATRE
"American Enterprise," runs in rotating repertory to May 15; "The Playboy of the Western World," runs through May 8 in rotating repertory, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE
"The Sound of Music," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through April 25, at the Civic Playhouse, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$16 students/seniors. (734) 971-ANCT or <http://www.a2ct.org>

ARON PLAYERS
"Children of Eden" opens 8 p.m. Friday, April 30, 1185 Tenken Road, Rochester Hills. Performances 8 p.m. May 2, May 7-8, May 14-16, May 20-22. Tickets \$15. (248) 608-9077.



Champion skaters: Elizabeth Punsalan and Jerod Swallow, five-time U.S. Dance Champions, are featured in the John Hancock Champions on Ice 1999 Tour stopping at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit Saturday, April 24. The all-star line-up includes Michelle Kwan, Oksana Baiul, Surya Bonaly, Nicole Bobek, Brian Boitano, Victor Petrenko and Todd Eldrege. Performances 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets \$25 to \$55 call (248) 645-6666.

FIANDRE
"The Foreigner" by Larry Shue, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, through April 25, at 1515 Broadway. (248) 645-6666/(313) 965-1515

HARTLAND PLAYERS
"A Thousand Clowns," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, April 23-24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon. \$8, \$7 students/seniors. (810) 220-3521

RIGGDALE PLAYERS
"Into the Woods," a musical by Stephen Sondheim, April 30-May 2, 7-8, 14-16 and 21-23, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 206 W. Long Lake between Crooks and Livernois. \$13, \$12 seniors/students. (248) 988-7049

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS
"The Dining Room," April 23-24, April 30-May 1, and 7-8, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River east of Lahser, Detroit. \$10. (313) 537-7716/(313) 532-4010

SHAKESPEARIENCE
A workshop production of "The Tempest," through May 2, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, special celebration April 23-24 in honor of Shakespeare's birthday, at Planet Ant, 2357 Caniff, east of I-75. Hamtramck. \$10, suggested donation. (313) 365-4948

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM
"Long Day's Journey as Living Art," excerpts from O'Neill's play and discussion 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 642-5800. Events precede Players production of play to run May 14-29. (248) 644-2075

ZEITGEIST THEATER
"Dutchman," and "The Owl Killer," through May 1, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the theater, 2861 Michigan Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-9192

YOUTH

MARQUIS THEATRE
"Velveteen Rabbit," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through April 25, and 2:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 8-9, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$7. (248) 349-8110

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS
"Jack and the Beanstalk," runs Saturdays-Sundays to May 23, 1 p.m. Saturdays (lunch 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

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS
"The Fabulous Fable Factory," 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Plymouth Community Arts Council, Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon St. (at Junction), Plymouth. \$5. (734) 416-4278

YOUTH THEATRE
"Home Sweet Home" with Max the

Moose and Marc Thomas making beautiful "Moosic" together, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25, and 11 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$8, \$7 advance. (313) 963-2366

SPECIAL EVENTS

DETROIT MUSIC AWARDS
With performances by Demotition Dollrods, Telegraph, Willie Max, Miracles, Enemy Squad, Jeff Haas w/Marcus Belgrave. Today's Generation, The Suicide Machines, an all-star blues jam led by Mark Pisman of Mudpuppy, plus a sneak preview of "The MCS: A True Testimonial," 7 p.m. Friday, April 23, State Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10, \$15 and \$25. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheater.com>

DETROIT ZOO
Cynthia Moss renowned for her 30-year study of African elephants, talks about elephant families as well as her sometimes dangerous experiences on the African savanna, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. \$25. (248) 541-5717, ext. 1205

GRAYFOX VISITS
Sunday, April 25, tour the refitted U.S. Navy Torpedo Recovery Ship at the foot of Hart Plaza after attending an 11 a.m. service in Mariner's Church (next to the entrance of the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel) honoring the Naval Sea Cadets Corps of Michigan and Ontario. (313) 259-2206

MCMA MUSIC AWARDS
Wayne County Music Awards hosted by Benny and the Jets with award-winners Over Easy, Steve King and the Ditties, Jeff Jennings, Cub Koda and Elvis Shelton, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Lucille's, 43714 Michigan Ave., west of I-75, Canton. Free. 21 and older. (313) 730-1627 or <http://www.fast.to/bennyjets.com>

MICHIGAN STUDENT FILM & VIDEO FESTIVAL
The 30th annual festival co-sponsored by the Detroit Institute of Arts and Detroit Area Film & Television, features films and videos by students, grades K-12, Saturday, May 1, at the Detroit Film Theatre. Free. (248) 547-0847

"OCEANS OF PUPPETS"
Performances and workshops for puppet enthusiasts including parents and teens, featured performers are the Amazing Clark, and Brad Lowe of TV's Hot Fudge Show, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. (810) 230-0105/(810) 463-0480

SPRING CELEBRATION
Benny Cruz y la Buena Vida salsa band, comedian Barry Crimmins, and cartoonists Mike Konopacki and Gary Huck in a spring festival sponsored by the Detroit Sunday Journal, 3-8 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the IBEW Hall, 1358 Abbott Street near Trumbull, Detroit. Food, refreshments and a silent auction featuring original artworks also featured. Gary Graff, George Waldman

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WAYNE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS
Recognition reception for winners of this year's awards: Marcus Belgrave, George N'Nandi, Joanne Winkelman Hulce, Rosalind Meyers, and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit. \$25, includes buffet. (313) 943-3095

BENEFITS

CELTIC RHYTHMS
An evening of traditional Irish music with singers, dancers and instrumentalists, features Mary Callaghan Lynch, Caitlin Lynch and Pat Lynch, 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, Opdyke Road, south of Hickory Grove Road, Bloomfield Hills. Free, donations go to the Metro Detroit Ulster Project. (248) 644-5460

NEW MORNING SCHOOL AUCTION
The "Western Extravaganza" includes live and silent auctions of Jerseys autographed by Fedorov, Yzerman and Shanahan, trips to Vegas/Vail, Disney and Tahoe, whitewater rafting, NASCAR driving, diamonds, digital camera, Red Wings tickets and more, 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 24, at Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. \$55, includes dinner; proceeds go to the K-8th grade parent cooperative school in Plymouth. (734) 420-3331

"STARRY NIGHT"
Preview gala for the Farmington Community Festival of the Arts with music by Matt Michaels Trio, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, proceeds from an auction will help fund the festival, at the William Costick Center, 11 Mile and Middlebelt roads, Farmington. \$15, \$25 a couple. (248) 478-3258. Festival opens to the public April 25 and runs to May 2 with live musical performances, art council display, student talent, demonstrations, and art work for sale.

DICK WAGNER
Legendary guitarist performs with guest Immunity, 10 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Augie's, 31660 John R, Madison Heights. \$15 donation, benefits multiple sclerosis research. 21 and older. (248) 588-3120

FAMILY EVENTS

WILL DANFORTH
A children's folk concert, 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Borders, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION
Nature hikes, scavenger hunt, seed planting and earth craft activities, and information on landscaping with native plants of southeast Michigan, selected plants available for sale, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 24, begins at the Farm Demonstration Building in Maybury State Park, Eight mile, west of Beck Road, Northville. Free with state

park motor vehicle permit. (248) 349-8390
ANDRE KOLE
Illusionist performs at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. \$5, available at Christian Family Store in the Ford Road Sheldon Shopping Center. (734) 913-9595

PETFEST
A celebration of animals owned and loved by people across the U.S. features contests, activities, veterinary and grooming tips, advice on improving pet manners, free doggie bag, on-site dog and cat adoptions, and PAX-TV's PetStar Search for undiscovered animal talent, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Petsmart, 5650 Mercury Dr., Dearborn.

DAVID SYME
Dubbed "The Human Jukebox," pianist Symes performs 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. \$8, \$5 non-members. (248) 661-7649/(248) 967-4030

CONCERT BANDS

NOVI CONCERT BAND
Featuring the Metro Horn Quartet playing "Concerto for Four Horns" by Heinrich Hubler, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25, in the Novi Community Center, 10 Mile Road, west of Novi Road. (248) 932-9244

WARREN CONCERT BAND
With the Warren Community Chorus, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Warren Woods Fine Arts Auditorium, 12 Mile Road, west of Schoenherr, Warren. \$8. (810) 465-0497

CLASSICAL

ARBOR QUARTET
Perform compositions by Ida Gotkovsky, Alfred Desencios, Russell Peck, Paul Nagle and others, 4 p.m. Monday, April 26, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$8, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

SARA CLEVELAND
The cellist performs Schubert, Beethoven, Elgar, and Brahms with pianist Heysook Kim, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$8, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With violinist Kurt Nikkanen and conductor Jerzy Semkow perform Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No. 2, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 22-23, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48 (box seats \$40-\$63). (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroit-symphony.com>

NHK SYMPHONY OF TOKYO
With Charles Dutoit, conductor, Sarah Chang, violin, and Kazuo Sawayama, koto, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$16, \$30, \$40 and \$50. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

PONTIAC-OAKLAND SYMPHONY
8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Lake Orion Performing Arts Center. \$15, \$10. (248) 370-3013

ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY
"Show Boat," starring Howard Keel, Kathryn Grayson and Ava Gardner, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30, organ, overture begins 30 minutes before performances with Tony O'Brien, at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

POPS/SWING

JIM PARAVANTES
With Meridian, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through April, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

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Celebrates release of CD "Swing As You Are," with party and performance, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

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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

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Auditions for a walk-on role 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 22 at WDIV TV 4 Studios, 550 W. Lafayette, Participants must arrive at WDIV by 2 p.m. Be prepared to sing the entire "Fame" theme. Participants must be at least 17, call (313) 223-2266 for details. Final auditions at Fairlane Town Center 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 25.

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Auditions for performers, dancers and singers ages 8 and up (males and females) for the semi-musical/comedy gospel drama theatrical stage play "When God Comes Down from Heaven," experience necessary. (313) 865-2375

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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

STAGECRAFTERS YOUTH THEATRE
Auditions for ages 8-18 for "Bye, Bye Birdie," 10 a.m. Saturday, May 1, registration begins at 9 a.m., at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances July 23-25, 29-31 and Aug. 1. (248) 541-4832, Workshop 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 24 at First Presbyterian Church, 529 Hendrie St., Royal Oak. (248) 288-6055

CHORAL

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS
"Jump 'n Time" concert of '30s and '40s swing music 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, at Clarenceville High School, Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. \$7, \$5 seniors/students. (248) 620-4807

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
The 125-voice chorus celebrates its 25th anniversary with a concert of patriotic, sacred and rock songs, love ballads, and Broadway and movies tunes, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. \$8. (734) 455-4080

SCHOOLCRAFT CHOIR
"Spring concert" featuring songs by Bach, Benjamin Britten and Mendelssohn, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, between Merriman and Middlebelt roads, Livonia. Donations will be accepted at the door. (734) 462-4435

JAZZ

TEDDY EDWARDS
9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, and 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Serengeti Ballroom, 2957 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20. (313) 832-3010

HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD CURTIS
7-10 p.m. Tuesdays in April, at La Bistecca Italian Grill, 39405 Plymouth Road, between Newburgh and Haggerty; 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; 8-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Northern Lakes Seafood Company in the Kingsley Inn, 1475 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 646-7900; 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 23-24, at D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-0550 (jazz, pop, blues)

LINCOLN CENTER JAZZ ORCHESTRA
With Wynton Marsalis, "Jazz at Lincoln Center Celebrates the Ellington Centennial America in Rhythm and Tune," 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$16, \$26, \$32 and \$36. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

LIQUID SOUL
8 p.m. Friday, April 30, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (avant jazz)

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, with trombonist Ron Kischung Thursday, April 29, 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

SHAHIDA MURULLAH
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 23, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass/drums)

JIM PARAVANTES
With Meridian, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays-Saturdays in April, Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road, at Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

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

GARY SCHUNK
8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday, April 22, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

SCOO! JAZZ AND PRIME
Michigan Vocal Jazz Arrangers Tribute Concert, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, on the Radcliffe campus of Schoolcraft College, Garden City. \$5 minimum donation, proceeds go toward traveling expenses for an international tour this summer. (734) 354-9593

PIETE BERS TRIO
With Johnny O'Neal, drums and Jeff Faloney, bass, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

NARVY THOMPSON
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at

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Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)
PAUL VORNHAGEN
 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 30; at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. (248) 645-2150 (saxophone, piano/bass/drums)
URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
 With Dan Koltun, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300
CEDAR WALTON TRIO
 With Don Mayberry, bass and Bert Myrick, drums, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

NEW AGE

"MONSTERS OF GRACE"
 A new opera in 3-D with music by Philip Glass, design and visual concept by Robert Wilson, and performed by the Philip Glass Ensemble, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 22, Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$20, \$24, \$30 and \$32. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org

WORLD MUSIC

BATTLEFIELD BAND
 The world famous band from Glasgow, Scotland headlines an evening concert of Scottish music and dance, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at the Royal Oak Music Theater. \$15.50. (248) 645-6666
DISTRACTIONS
 9 p.m. Thursday, April 22, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish)
MOQUE DOYLE
 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish/rock)
IMMUNITY
 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, April 30, Hamtramck Funtrain at Holbrook Cafe, 3201 Holbrook, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 875-1115 (reggae)
JO NAB
 9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (reggae)
LATIN PLAYBOYS
 Featuring David Hidalgo and Louis Perez of Los Lobos, and producers Mitchell Froom and Tchad Blake, with Lisa Germano, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 22, The Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (eclectic)
TERRY MURPHY
 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish)
JIM PERKINS DUO
 9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish/folk)
DETROIT TAMBURTZA ORCHESTRA
 Annual spring concert 6 p.m. (doors open) 6:30 p.m. (concert begins) Saturday, April 24, Troy High School, 4777 Northfield Parkway, off Long Lake Road between Coolidge and Crooks. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 children 6-12. concert & Reception Dance; after concert at St. Lucy's Church, Wattles Road (between Rochester Road & Livernois) Reception tickets, \$15 adults & children, \$10. (810) 775-4899 or (810) 776-8496

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

PETER HIMMELMAN
 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com
JAN KRIST
 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101
PATTY LARKIN
 With Jennifer Kimball, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com
CHRISTINE LAVIN
 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org
BILL MILLER
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DAVE PARA
 Wh Cathy Barton, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org
BALDUCK MOUNTAIN RAMBLERS
 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Sunrise Sunset Saloon, 15222 Charlevoix, east of Alter Road, Grosse Pointe Park. (313) 822-6080
RFD BOYS
 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org
JACK ROUSH
 The singer/songwriter performs songs from his upcoming album including "My

Dog" and "Future Day Utopia," 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Free. (248) 615-9181
HIIRD TYME OUT
 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, Oakland Community College, 739 S. Washington St., Royal Oak. Tickets at the box office. (248) 544-4900

POETRY

CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN AUTHORS SERIES
 Features Caribbean poet and novelist Merle Collins reading from her works, 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, in the Madame Cadillac Building's Alumnae Hall at Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit. Free. (313) 927-1448/(313) 927-1430
OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT
 8 p.m. Thursdays in April, at Borders Books, Music, Video and Cafe, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. All poets must sign up in advance. (248) 652-0558
"POETRY IN MOTION"
 Sista Otis with special guest Ja Meets Jesus, and Detroit scene poet Jim Perkinson, 6-10 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Free. (248) 615-9181

DANCE

COUNTRY/WESTERN DANCE
 7:45 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Plymouth Elks, 41700 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. \$7. (734) 425-2207
DANCE ENSEMBLE WEST
 "Dance Collection 1999" concert, an annual presentation of ballet and modern dance works, 3 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Plymouth Canton High School Little Theater, 8415 N. Canton Center Road, south of Joy Road, Canton. \$9. (734) 420-4430
EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
 World premiere of choreography by Colin Conner and Laurie Eisenhower, 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township. \$22. \$18. (810) 286-2222
TANGO CLASSES
 8 p.m. Fridays (beginning), at the Troy Dance Studio, 4963 Rochester Road, at Long Lake Road (\$5-\$10), (248) 689-3393; 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.

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
 Kirk "Fabioman" Noland and David Scott, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 22 (\$5), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24 (\$12); Allyln Bail, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 29 (\$5), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1 (\$12), 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
 Bobby Slayton, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, April 23 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, April 24 (\$15, \$27.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 25 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package); Diana Jordan, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, \$15, \$20.95 dinner show package, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), 7 p.m. Sunday, May 2 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), and ladies only night, 8 p.m. Monday, May 3 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885
MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
 Mark Cordes and Michael Jr. Thursday-Sunday, April 22-25, Stanley Ullman Wednesday-Thursday, April 28-29, Craig Shoemaker and Stanley Ullman Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 2, 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
SECOND CITY
 "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, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222
JOHN VALBY "DR. DIRTY"
 7 p.m. Friday, April 30, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 general admission seating. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451
SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER
 8 p.m. Thursday, April 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

MUSEUMS

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
 "Breaking Through: The Creative Engineer," an exhibit exploring creativity in engineering everything from roller-coasters to Colorado's Hanging Lake Viaduct, continues to April 30 in the Exhibit Hall; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, and multiple showings of "Everest" and "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R. (at Warren),

Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400
DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM
 "Spring Fitting Out Party," featuring the opening of the exhibit "Folk Art of the Great Lakes," a visit by U.S.S. Grayfox, a 100-foot vessel sponsored by the F.C. Sherman Division of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets from Port Huron, and tours of the ship from noon to 4 p.m., all from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the museum, 200 Strand Dr., on Belle Isle, Detroit. \$2, \$1 seniors and children ages 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger. (313) 852-4051
HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE
 Spring Farm Days, Friday-Sunday, April 22-25 see what life was like on farms during the 18th and 19th centuries, activities range from sheep shearing, plowing, costumed presenters; the village is now celebrating its 70th season with a host of activities including the opportunity to view Merino sheep giving birth to lambs, a young team of working steers in training; also Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair is back on view after a week of conservation efforts, also a life mask made 60 days before his assassination, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALCOHOLIC ZEBRAS
 Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guest Pain Station, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921
THE ALLIGATORS
 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (blues)
ARK ROYALE
 With Climax Divine and Blake Chen, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://golddollar.com (pop/rock)
JOCELYN B.
 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. \$5. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues)
JOHNNIE BASSNETT
 With the Blues Insurgents, 9 p.m. Thursdays in April at Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown; with Joe Weaver, 9 p.m. Friday, March 30, at the Music Menu. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)
BUGS BEDDOO BAND
 9 p.m. Friday, April 23, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (blues)
BIG BROTHER AND THE HOLDING COMPANY
 Janis Joplin's former band, with special guests Al Hill and the Love Butlers, 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, The Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., two blocks west of Main Street, between Liberty and Washington streets, Ann Arbor. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 or http://www.bbc.com/BigBrother.html or euphoria@metrotimes.net (rock)
BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS
 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.bigdave.com (jump blues)
BLACK BEAUTY
 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)
"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"
 With Jane's American Revolution, The Never Beans, and Redline, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)
BLUECAT
 7 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (blues)
BLUE ROSE
 35980 Grossebeck, Clinton Township. Free. 21 and older. (810) 792-8252; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, Nancy Whiskey's, 2644 Harrison, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 962-4247 (blues)
BLUE SUIT
 9 p.m. Friday, April 30, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)
BONNE TEMPS ROULLE
 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 (R&B)
BUMPIN' UGLIES
 With The Unfriendly's and The Daggers, 9 p.m. Friday, April 30, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://golddollar.com (punk)
THE BURROS
 9 p.m. Friday, April 23, CK Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (roots rock)
GRETCHEN BUSAM ENSEMBLE
 With Jarimelo, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 22, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (indie rock)
SCOTT CAMPBELL GROUP
 8 p.m. Friday, April 30, Borders Books

and Music, 17141 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe. Free. All ages. (313) 885-7667 (rock)
BLAKE CHEN
 With Tim Prosser, 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Suggested donation, \$7. \$5 students ages 13 and older, \$3 for kids. All ages. (734) 327-2041 (singer/songwriter)
CHISEL BROS. WITH CHEF CHRIS
 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)
COMPANY OF STRANGERS
 9 p.m. Friday, April 30, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (rock/irish)
CONNIPTON
 With Black Lodge and Sunday Afternoon, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)
CRAZY FLYING GIANTS
 With Climax Devine and the Fringe, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)
DRU HILL
 With Faith Evans, Total and Case, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Fox Theatre, 2241 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$45. All ages. (248) 433-1515 (R&B)
ELIZA
 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, and Wednesday, April 28, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (pop)
THE EX-HUSBANDS
 6:30 p.m. Fridays April 23 and 30, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (rock)
FACE
 With Hemigod and Kingsnakes, 9 p.m. Friday, April 23, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock/blues)
THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY
 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (acoustic blues)
FAT CATS
 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (rock/blues)
500 FEET OF PIPE
 With Atomic Numbers and Fl. Oz., 9 p.m. Friday, April 23, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://golddollar.com (hip-hop)
FOOLISH MORTALS
 10 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Shark Club, 6650 Highland Road, Waterford. Free. 21 and older. (248) 666-4161 (rock)
GORDON BENNETT
 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (rock)
GRAVITY WELL
 With Poignant Plecostomus and Prime Numbers, 9 p.m. Friday, April 30, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)
GRR
 7 p.m. Friday, April 23, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675; 10 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (rock)
WAYNE "THE TRAIN" HANCOCK
 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (blues)
AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS
 9 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, April 27-May 1, The Habitat inside Weber's, 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor. 21 and older. (734) 665-3636 (blues)
THE HOPE ORCHESTRA
 8 p.m. Friday, April 30, Borders Books and Music, 43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 347-0780 (alternative rock)
HOWLING DIABLOS
 With Park and Niacin Jay, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$7. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (funk/rock)
LISA HUNTER
 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, Coffee Beanery, 307 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 650-3344; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 994-3940 or http://www.lb.com/onemanclapping/li sa.htm (acoustic rock)
IMPACT 7
 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 29-30, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues)
J-TRAIN
 10:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (R&B)
J.D. AND THE BOB'S
 9 p.m. Friday, April 23, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)
JUVENILE
 With Cash Money Millionaires, Hot Boys, B.G., Big Timers, Trick Daddy featuring Trina, Tre+6, and DH Sides, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$45. \$30 and \$15 general admission seating. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or http://www.statetheatre.com (R&B)
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/comedian)
MIKE KENOE
 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, April 23, 5 Hole in The Second City, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free before 10 p.m. 21 and older. (313) 471-3300 (rock)
LAGWAGON
 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)
STONEY MAZAAR AND THE WESTSIDERS
 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)
LARRY MCCRAY
 With Carl Weathersby, 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (blues)
MISS BLISS
 With The Arthur White Experience, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)
MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY
 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 9 p.m. Friday, April 30, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)
NOBODY'S BUSINESS
 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rockability)
OUT IN WORSHIP
 With Drumhead, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://golddollar.com (dub)
PAPA VEGAS
 With Kent, 6 p.m. Friday, April 23, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (alternative rock)
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'Goodbye Lover' is entertaining and engaging

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

"Goodbye Lover" is the cinematic equivalent of a stylish fun house, filled with shadows, distortion, echoes, knotted turns and expensively dressed beings vaguely reminiscent of human replicants in Ridley Scott's "Blade Runner." Be advised that, as you enter the fun house, you would be wise to take very little at face value.

The movie stars Patricia Arquette as Sandra Dunmore, an empty soul who is like a life-size performing doll acting out her life, intent on making the world her apple by acquiring money, money and more money. As the

story opens, she's selling toney real estate around town, but this gal is hungry when it comes to money, honey. She's like a shark in the midst of a feeding frenzy, and no way are mere real estate commissions going to do it for her. Soon, we'll see what she has in mind (sort of) as a step up.

Enter her razor-edged husband, Jake, played by the sweet-faced Dermot Mulroney, who absolutely nails his slippery role. Jake is as steeped in alcohol as a fruitcake, but he fully shares his wife's appetite for moving up in the world and, together, they make a particularly deadly duo, even as he plays with the brightly colored toys he designs, even as she sings in the church choir.

And even as she "acts out" her sexual fantasies, indulging in a sizzling affair with her husband's older brother, Ben, played coolly by Don Johnson looking as if he just stepped from the glossy pages of GQ, Ben is an executive at a prestigious public relations firm called Iconage, who likes to remind his staff that "People worry that it's a dangerous...world; we've got to convince them that it's safe." Whether he actually believes the world is safe, or believes that's an empty lie, or doesn't know what he believes is beside the point. Preserving image is his life and his livelihood.

One of the most refreshing performances in the film comes

from Ellen DeGeneres, who plays a middle-aged detective named Rita Pompano, practically deadpan. If Pompano ever believed that such things as absolute truths existed, that was a long time ago. "Either the world's right side up or upside-down, it depends on how you look at it," she observes to another character. From the point of view of the veteran detective, the world is not a pretty sight.

In supporting roles, Mary-Louise Parker as a chameleon-like assistant at Iconage (watch her change her image as the film progresses), and Ray McKinnon as a true-blue detective add to the labyrinthine action.

Director Roland Joffe underscores his serio-comic study of the influence of image, presenting his story against a highly detailed backdrop. Television is everywhere (including the examining room at the morgue).

Movies and photos figure prominently, as do tape recordings of saccharin show tunes and self-help advice. One of the most significant scenes in the film features a reflecting pool as its centerpiece. In numerous scenes, we view the action either through glass or as a slightly-disorienting mirror image, one or two steps removed from "reality."

Picture "Double Indemnity" and other 40's thrillers, especially some of those tangled love affair flicks with Joan Crawford. Add a touch of Hitchcock. Mix in a little Brian DePalma-Orson Welles influence. Stir it all together with a bit of "Death-trap," and the chilling, nightmare tang of Ridley Scott's "Blade Runner," and you have some idea of what "Goodbye Lover" is like. It seems influenced, as a matter of fact, by countless films, although this is not to say that it's tired or lack-

ing in surprise and suspense at all.

Joffe's steeply angled shots, overripe colors and imaginative lighting stylishly enhance this '90s story about a world gone askew. (At the film's conclusion, the director takes special pains; by the way, to bring us in and make us a part of the images we have been watching.)

"Goodbye Lover" started out as a stage drama created by Ron Peer, and evolved into a screenplay written by Peer and Joel Cohen and Alec Sokolow. Though it has a few implausible spots, it's tight, taut tone and fast pace should keep most movie-goers entertained and engaged throughout. It's commentary on the thin, blurry edges that appear to separate image from the real thing nowadays may even provide food for thought after these flickering bits of light have faded from the screen.

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Altman's 'Cookie's Fortune' is leisurely, well-observed story

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As leisurely paced as a Southern Sunday afternoon and as precisely observed as a Faulkner story, Robert Altman's "Cookie's Fortune" is the latest triumph for America's most idiosyncratic director.

Altman gave us a rainy, claustrophobic Savannah in last year's overlooked but intriguing "Gingerbread Man," from a story by John Grisham. "Cookie's Fortune" is also a gothic mystery of sorts, but it's more a study of small town relationships, idle moments, conversations. It's eccentric in the best sense.

Jewell Mae "Cookie" Orcutt is a family matriarch in Holly Springs, Miss., living in a somewhat ramshackle old Victorian home with her black handyman Willis. They have warm relationship, kidding each other, keeping score on who one-ups the other. Then one day Cookie decides it's time to be reunited with her husband Buck. She covers her head with a pillow and shoots herself.

Willis is charged with murder, though the deputy sheriff, Lester, keeps telling everyone that he couldn't have done it because "I go fishin' with him."

Around this story screenwriter Anne Rapp and Altman populate the town with a fascinating cast of characters, played by a perfect group of actors.

The indefatigable Patricia Neal at 79 is still a luminous performer. She makes Cookie a woman of raw wit and good sense, with that touch of madness that descends upon us all with age.

When Cookie's suicide is discovered by her niece Camille, a simple gesture of resignation turns into a grave mistake. Glenn Close lets out all stops as Camille, one of those controlling, self-centered, crazed Southern



Friends: Liv Ullmann and Charles Dutton as Emma and Willis share a trusting friendship in "Cookie's Fortune."

women, who once reigned supreme as belle of the ball. Camille won't accept suicide in her family. "How could you do this to me?" she says. Watching Close recreate the crime that never happened is a lesson in fine acting. While trying to hide a suicide, Camille is also directing the church play, a version of Wilde's "Salome," improved by Camille.

There are so many fine performances here. Evil Camille's opposite is Charles S. Dutton's Willis, the soul of kindness. He's a quiet, intellectual man who offers help, sympathy and warmth to everyone. Dutton is a master at this sort of character and here he has a role that commands attention.

Julianne Moore is Camille's dim sister Cora, or so she seems. Moore plays Cora as a burnt-out case, a walking zombie of Southern cliches, a holder of deep secrets. Moore has proven that

she can play anything and here she catches us with quick smiles and darting glances. Watch closely.

Liv Ullmann is Cora's wayward daughter Emma, at war with her Aunt Camille who stays with Willis in jail as a sign of solidarity with her old friend.

But jail is a loose place where Emma carries on with the young deputy played by Chris O'Donnell. Easy-going Lester is played by Ned Beatty with his usual warm befuddlement.

Add in Lyle Lovett as a voyeuristic catfish farmer, bluesman Rufus Thomas as saloon-keeper, Donal Moffat as a wise lawyer and Detroit's Courtney Vance as an exasperated investigator and you have a fine bouquet abaisse.

This is a low-key, enjoyable human comedy in the best sense. Altman shows again why he is a rare treasure in American film.

'Metroland' tells of growing up

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In 1968, Chris and Toni were Mods with an attitude, rebellious suburban boys with dreams of ooh-la-la in Paris and ditching their parents supposedly emotionally cramped lives at the end of the metro line.

"Metroland" is about the passage to adulthood, from snarling boyhood to accepting responsibility for yourself and others.

In a tradition of British films dating from the early 1950s, it offers a nicely detailed, intimate portrait of individuals in conflict with their own emotions set against the specifics of English social life.

By 1977, Chris is wearing ties and bell-bottomed suits and commuting on that same metro line to a job in the city. He's married to an attractive, level-headed wife and has a toddler daughter who seems to cry at the worst possible times. Toni is still out there in the big world, carrying on in an "open" relationship, jet-setting about. He's returned to London to challenge Chris and agitate all his doubts and fan-

tasies.

Philip Saville's film, screenplay by Adrian Hodges from a book by Julian Barnes, is told in three time periods - when the boys were 16, when Chris is 21 and playing at being an art photographer in Paris and in 1977.

Christian Bale gives an outstanding performance as the conflicted Chris. He's a wide-eyed, innocent, romantic in the always dangerous and beautiful Paris and a somewhat absent-minded 30-year-old father, yearning for what he had but not yet aware of all he has.

The Paris scenes are a love story within a love story. It's a story of a callow young man who takes up with a free-spirited, sexy, beautiful French girl, the great English fantasy. What he doesn't realize is that she is as innocent and as vulnerable as he is. Elia Zylberstein is every young man's dream as Annick in her micro-mini skirts, her cigarettes, her peek-a-boo hairstyle, her sexual abandon.

Ah! And this was the Paris of the student rebellion, the New Wave movies - the cafes at night, revolution in the air.

In a departure from her usual roles as a somewhat disturbed and other-worldly woman, Emily Watson plays the down-to-earth Marion, the British girl that Chris marries. It is this relationship that is the heart of the movie. For Marion carefully steals Chris from his French lover and his Paris idyll. She knows the real ways of the world, the ways of home, family, responsibility and a deeper love.

The story would be a bit more compelling if Toni and his lifestyle were more appealing in contrast. Lee Ross makes Toni a slick-but rather nasty character, who talks a big show but is obviously not happy. At least that's obvious to everyone but Chris. But the London club scene of the late '70s with loud, obnoxious punk bands, phony rich radical chic partygoers and trivialized sex is so unappealing it only offers a minute's worth of temptation to Chris.

There are interesting questions raised here about the trade-offs of dedication for passion, responsibility for freedom, family for free-love. This is a thoughtful if not always compelling film.

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nearly causes the speakers to pop.

Leading the group in a chorus of "Slim" and "Shady," Eminem's nickname, he freestyled through "My Name Is."

His impromptu lyrics honor Detroit. "I came back one time to make Detroit famous." "Detroit, make this frickin' party hype."

"I want to give everybody props for showing Slim Shady love," he said.

Detroiters are showing its rappers a lot of love. Romeo native Kid Rock, known to his mother as Bob Ritchie, has hit platinum. Clown rappers I.C.P., who will release an album in May, have generated their fair share of controversy.

Eminem's "The Slim Shady LP" sold 500,000 copies within the first two weeks of its release. He performed live during MTV's "Spring Break" and returns to Detroit in May to play the State Theatre. Esham Smith, another Detroit rapper, is hoping to follow in their footsteps.

Kid Rock, Eminem and Smith are nominees at the Detroit Music Awards set for Friday, April 23, at the State Theatre.

"It's crazy, crazy," Eminem said of the hype that surrounds him. "It's like something you want to happen but you don't know if it's going to. You know what I mean? When it happens, it's like, whoa."

Esham from page E1

up. All that's in there is ruins, right now. I hate to say it like that but it is. Ruins. So you tell me how the music ain't gonna be as hard as the city."

"Mail Dominance" on Overcore/Gotham, a subsidiary of Overture Music in Novi, is Smith's latest collection of tapes from the street. For "Mail Dominance," he looked to Overture Studios and producer Jade Scott Santos. The partnership worked well, according to Smith's manager Brian Major.

"To watch Esham work, he's truly a genius and I can't speak in enough superlatives to describe him. What was really beautiful was when he had an idea in his head of what a song should sound like, he'd articulate it to Scott, and Scott would translate that into the beat. Now you've got this slamming music loop that has been created in maybe two to three hours."

"Mail Dominance" explores several elements of hip-hop including slow grooves ("Slow Motion"), old school influences ("Oatcha Atmosphere"), speed raps ("Reload"), ballads ("Au Revoir") and funk ("King of Hearts"). "Whoa" is innovative and relentlessly catchy with its 1950s pop melody. Smith explained that he likes to mix it up.

"I kind of get-sick of the same old type of rapping going on, and just the rhythms that people are using. I'm kind of like multi-posi-

He attributes the success to "a couple reasons, probably. Just on the LP being timed right, and I feel right now kids are more into hip-hop now more than ever. I feel like I say a lot of things that a lot of people can relate to."

His Eminem/Slim Shady persona is a direct contrast to his awkwardness. Marshall Mathers' story has been well documented. The rapper, whose face stares out from the cover of the current Rolling Stone, spent his formative years in the Detroit area, the exact city is up for debate. Most claim that he grew up in a trailer park on the east side of Detroit. He has a toddler daughter with an on-again, off-again girlfriend.

He left Detroit for Los Angeles where he took second place in the rap Olympics. It was there he was introduced to his mentor, Dr. Dre of the gangsta rap group NWA and Aftermath Records.

"When I was coming up on the local scene, you know a lot of people wasn't trying to hear me. Thanks to the help of Dr. Dre, I'm thankful to come back and rep my city the right way," he said.

It was Dr. Dre who christened Eminem "Slim Shady."

"Slim Shady is like an alter ego, it's just like another name I gave my temper. It's like another way to describe my anger. It's like just a thing," Eminem said

after his performance.

Rappers like Smith claim Dr. Dre only got involved with Eminem because he is white. Preparing for that, Eminem responds on "Role Model" off "The Slim Shady LP."

"Some people only see that I'm white, ignore skill/ 'Cause I stand out like a green hat with an orange bell," he raps.

Eminem's first hit is the catchy "My Name Is," but the clean version of the song on the radio and on MTV doesn't let on to the theme of the rest of "The Slim Shady LP." Throughout "Slim Shady," Eminem raps graphically about sexually transmitted diseases, HIV-infected women, driving around with his daughter while her mother's body is stuffed in the trunk; stealing, and drug use.

The cover of "The Slim Shady LP" shows Eminem and his daughter staring out into the ocean while a person's legs hang out of a trunk. It's not exactly fodder for water-cooler conversation, and Eminem knows this. He's ready for whatever controversy may come forth.

"I'm expecting that. I'm already gettin' a little bit but you know whatever comes my way, I'm like, whatever. It doesn't matter to me. I'm ready for it," he said.

about Smith is that he's a devil worshipper. His side project is Natas, satan spelled backward. Smith's management didn't respond to requests about the controversy.

But it was the dark imagery that pushed sales of Smith's 15 solo albums and the six with Natas past the 100,000 mark - all without a major marketing push.

"Nobody was doing this type of music. We were using dark imagery to the point where some of our records couldn't get into the store because of the album cover itself," he said. "Now they got albums out with darker imagery that we ever tried to use on a rap album."

The plan is to bring Smith up from the underground with "Mail Dominance." Smith got a hint of mainstream success last year when a song of his, "Hot Booty" from his "KKKill the Poetus" album, appeared in and out of three scenes of the Warren Beatty film "Bulworth."

Despite this success, Smith hasn't inked a major label contract.

"A lot of the major labels feel threatened by Esham because they could look at his track record and see that he's already been successful. He doesn't need that external validation from a major label saying we're gonna make you a success. He already is one," Major said.

Big Dave brings it home



CHRISTINA FUOCO

At Big Dave and the Ultrasonics' CD release party, celebraters packed the Blind Pig, danced cheered and sang along with the music. That's a typical show for the blues band.

"It was a smash. We work at it. We work at getting people into it and getting active and enjoying themselves," singer/harmonica player "Big Dave" Steele said.

Now Big Dave and the Ultrasonics are spreading the bluesy message throughout the United States and Canada during a tour that includes stops in New York, Quebec, Minnesota, Oregon, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Arizona, Utah and California. The band, which will be on the road until Aug. 8, returns home to play three shows this weekend.

They are touring in support of "Big Dave and the Ultrasonics," their debut for Burnside Records and their third overall. Big Dave and the Ultrasonics inked a deal with Portland, Ore.-based label after meeting up with executives at a Portland festival.

"Burnside has a record store in Portland. They saw us and they wanted to sign us up on the spot," Steele explained.

"Big Dave and the Ultrasonics" was produced by Ron Levy, a well-respected member of the blues community. His credits include playing with Roomful of Blues, B.B. King and Albert King.

"It was really good for me personally. It was an excellent experience as far as working with a professional with a lot of experience, especially in blues. He does a lot of different kinds of music."

"He has a definite deep understanding of blues which is basically where I come from. He made a lot of good suggestions to me. He showed me a couple guitar licks which I started using. Also, he was very positive toward me, very encouraging and very positive about the way I sang. He just pumped me up a little bit and made me feel good about what we do. It was nice to hear."

Levy also encouraged the band to focus its arrangements.

Steele grew up in Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh, and moved to Ann Arbor eight years ago to form Big Dave and the Ultrasonics with acquaintances.

"The four of us lived in a town in Pennsylvania where I went to school. We were just playing for fun and different people moved to different parts of the country. They persuaded me to move out here and start the band."

"I just enjoy the blues and that's one of the reasons I got persuaded to come here in the first place. There's a lot of good blues in the Detroit area - Johnny Bassett, Mr. B., George



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HUBBICEMAN

Returning to town: In the midst of a U.S. tour, Big Dave and the Ultrasonics return to the Detroit-area this week.

Bedard, Madcat Ruth. There's a lot of excellent musicians that I continue to look up to."

Big Dave and the Ultrasonics perform at 9 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at Fifth Avenue, 215 S. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. There is a cover charge for the 21 and older show. Call (248) 542-9922 for more information; 9 p.m. Friday, April 23, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. There is a cover charge for the 21 and older show. (734) 278-5340; and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555.

They return to play Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, at 10 p.m. Thursday, June 10. (734) 455-8450. For more information about Big Dave and the Ultrasonics, e-mail the band at bigdave2@earthlink.net or music@burnsiderecords.com.

Misc.

Jason Fisher of Royal Oak raised more than \$500 at his show Saturday at the Xhodos Cafe in Ferndale for the family of Nick Schamanski, who died Sunday, April 11, in Auburn Hills. Fisher, who had played in a band with Schamanski years back, has released one CD.



"Jason Fisher, Your Future Over Chamomile."

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Stir Crazy Cafe opens in Great Lakes Crossing

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

With the speed that Italian restaurants opened in Metro-Detroit only a few years ago, Asian-influenced eateries are now sprouting up across the area.

The latest is Stir Crazy Cafe in District 6 at Great Lakes Crossing, Auburn Hills, that opened last Friday, April 16.

Since 1995, founder and president Gary Leff has successfully operated three Stir Crazy Cafes in the Chicago area. This is his inaugural in the highly competitive, moderately-priced eatery scene of southeast Michigan.

Leff, a Northwestern University MBA grad, who worked as a management consultant for Fortune 500 companies, conceived the Stir Crazy idea during a trip to Asia in 1992. Attracted to the many healthy ingredients and clean, bold flavors of Asian cuisine, Leff redirected his career to that of entrepreneurial restaurateur.

He says he chose the Great Lakes Crossing location because "Auburn Hills is an up and coming area with strong demographics, but presently under serviced. Being near the 25-screen Star Theater complex is a great draw."

Location just inside the District 6 entrance is a big plus for diners who come to eat seriously-prepared food, but don't wish it complemented by entertainment and the amped-up atmosphere offered at other eateries in the heart of District 6.

Adding to its stellar reputation as the area's busiest restaurant designers, JPR Architects of Farmington Hills and the Ron Rea team, have come up with another savvy plan offering plen-

Stir Crazy Cafe
Where: Great Lakes Crossing, Auburn Hills, District 6 (off I-75 use either Joslyn Road or Baldwin Road South exits).
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m.
Menu: Fresh, creative Pan-Asian with noodle and stir-fry dishes. Create-your-own or sit-down full service.
Cost: Lunch \$7-10. Dinner \$8-14. Kid's menu, seven items \$4-5, including free dessert.
Reservations: Call ahead seating.
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ty of visual stimulation, setting an Oriental mood. At a cost of \$1.5 million for the interior, soft maple wood stained a honey color, creates a glow sending your eyes upward to the lighting and the voluptuous silk fabric shades.

Stir Crazy's Crazy Buddha Bar with hammered iron wok torchieres, inspired by a wok and chopsticks motif, move your eyes to the large, gleaming exhibition kitchen with its four double wok stations. Wok cooks, under direction of Malaysian native and executive chef Wah Chew Boey, face diners creating their meal at the interactive food bar.

More eye candy on the walls — a bright "wok on the wild side" Oriental mural depicts among other activities, a colorful dragon opening chopsticks. Chinese characters printed in classical calligraphy send "crazy" messages to those able to translate them.

In one word, Stir Crazy Cafe is "cool." Add that it offers fresh, high-quality food at reasonable prices in a fun, yet sophisticated environment, and you have a happening place before or after shopping or a film at the new Star Theater.

Best food deals at Stir Crazy are on the limited lunch menu,

offered Monday to Friday from opening until 4:30 p.m. Prices then are 25 percent less than dinner, yet only downsized portion-wise by 10 percent.

If as Midwesterners, we're anything like Chicagoans, top appetizer selections will be Crispy Sesame Calamari served with a wasabi cocktail sauce, Coconut Shrimp with a sweet and sour tamarind dipping sauce and classic, crispy, delicate Vegetable Spring Rolls with Thai sweet and sour sauce.

Chinese Chicken Salad is number one in this department and among noodle dishes, favorites are Pad Thai with Shrimp and Crazy Chow Fun with Shrimp, loaded with pea pods, bean sprouts, mushrooms and onions in a black bean sauce.

Wok-Tossed Entrees and Specialty Plate winners include Kung Pao Chicken, Ginger Beef, Sesame Chicken and Asian Cajun Tuna.

Some selections are marked with one (spicy) or two (very spicy) chilis. As a reference point from one who likes Asian dishes kicked up, Stir Crazy very spicy is moderate compared to Thai spicy.

For those who like to move around, create-your-own stir-fry



Staff photo by John Storkman
Fired-up: General manager Andy York (left to right), and Chef Wah Chew Boey work with other chefs to prepare orders at the newly opened Stir Crazy Cafe.

begins with all vegetarian at \$8. Depending on choice, chicken, beef, shrimp, fresh fish or calamari can be added for \$2 to \$3.50. Fill your bowl from the market bar, choose from two styles of rice and two types of noodles, then add a sauce from the selection of a dozen.

Among desserts, overwhelming first choice is Famous Banana Wontons, deep-fried with white chocolate, vanilla ice cream, and caramel sauce.

A large selection of beverages and specialty drinks, including seven bottled Asian beers, are available. Wine drinkers rejoice.

Any wine on the small but crafty list is \$5 per glass or \$18 per bottle. Each wine comes with a suggested menu-item.

Looking to the future and late 2000, owner Gary Leff hopes to have more Stir Crazy Cafes, one in Birmingham and the other in Novi.

WHAT'S COOKING

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