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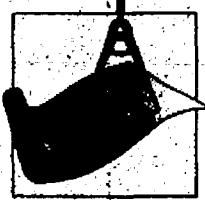
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Vote mulled for new rec center



City Councilman Glenn Anderson on Monday called for a referendum on building a recreation center and new city hall in Westland. If such a vote were to take place, it would be on Nov. 2.

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A proposal to build an upscale recreation center and a new city hall should be placed on the Nov. 2 ballot for Westland voters to decide, some council members say.

Councilman Glenn Anderson on Monday called for a referendum on the issue, saying city leaders shouldn't rely on a poll of 600 residents that indicated support for the plan.

"The only way this council and mayor will know whether the taxpayers of this community support this project is to ask them - not 600, but all of them," he said.

Anderson unveiled his plan during a meeting that marked the council's first serious discussion about a possible ballot question on new city buildings.

Mayor Robert Thomas, who initiated a proposal for new buildings, was out of town.

Anderson said council members shouldn't embark on "one of the largest municipal improvements in the history of the city" without asking residents who will pay to maintain the buildings.

Thomas has said the city can build a new recreation center and city hall - estimated at \$20 million or more - without seeking a tax increase. He has suggested using revenues from a spe-

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Norris partners want to keep cash

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Business partners who received \$361,000 from the city to help build a once-controversial apartment complex are again asking for help.

Partners involved in Norris Apartments, on Palmer near Merriman, want to keep \$10,830 that they earlier agreed to give the city each year.

General partner Kathy Makino, in a letter to the city, said the money would be placed in a reserve account to be used for repairs and property improvements to the three-year-old development.

Makino indicated that the money would help business partners maintain a quality, 60-unit apartment complex

while offering affordable rent to low-income residents.

James Gilbert, Westland housing/community development director, conceded that the arrangement "would be a first" between city officials and partners involved in apartment complexes.

Gilbert unveiled the proposal to Westland City Council members during a study session Monday. A vote will come later.

Some council members indicated that they will have questions about the Norris plan.

"I'm looking at a parity issue of sorts," Councilman Richard LeBlanc said, after learning that no other apartment complex has received such

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Man faces rape charges

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A Canton Township man is accused of going to his ex-girlfriend's Westland house and raping the paraplegic woman, police said.

Nunzio Austin Stout, 48, faces a preliminary hearing today in Westland 18th District Court following allegations that he knocked the woman out of her wheelchair, took her into a bedroom and sexually assaulted her on Feb. 11, Sgt. Michael Terry said.

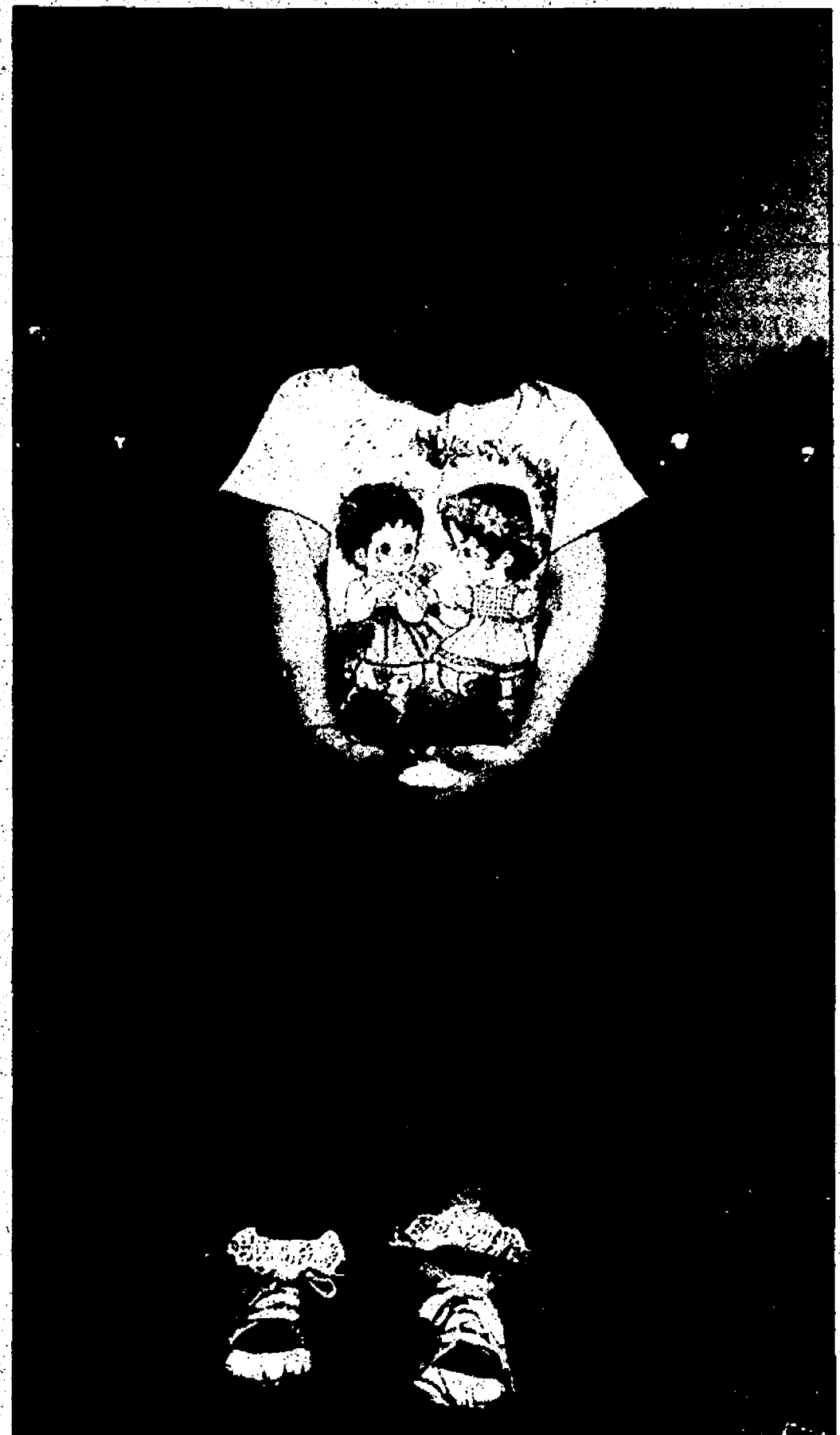
Stout and the victim have two teenage children from a relationship that ended about eight years ago, but the former couple has had "no relations" since 1996, Terry said.

"He's an ex-boyfriend who just showed up at her house," the sergeant said, based on the victim's allegations. "The relationship had been cut off completely."

Stout faces a hearing today on four counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of first-degree

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Fun under the sun



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Fun time: Malissa Poma, 3, of Westland enjoys her time at the Westland Parks and Recreation kite fly Saturday.

Let's go fly a kite

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The kites looked beautiful Saturday afternoon against the blue skies over Central City Park. The occasion was a kite fly offered by Westland Parks and Recreation, and participants rose to the occasion.

"We are building our own kites," said Cindy Williams, a building supervisor for parks and recreation. Kids who didn't bring their own kites could build them from kits.

"The pictures are outstanding on these kites," said Williams, pausing

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Sky's the limit: Jim Gilfix of Westland (from left), Marcela McClatchey, 13, and Monica Firestone, 13, both of Ann Arbor, like to fly kites.

15TH ANNUAL ACADEMIC ALL STARS

Top scholars are featured in special section today

BY RENEE SGOGLIND
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In today's paper, the Observer proudly introduces its 15th annual Academic All-Star team and the runners-up.

Take time to read this special section, which profiles the accomplishments of 48 talented high school seniors selected for the honor by a committee of area high school principals.

We guarantee it will be a good read.

Katherine Anne Braunstein of Farmington Hills found out just how well she had done on her SAT exams when she called her mom from the band room at North Farmington High School.

Her mom told her to sit down. She had scored a perfect 1600.

"I didn't think I would get a 1600 because I skipped a question," she said. "I couldn't believe."

Braunstein is headed to the University of Michigan this fall to study pre-medicine in the school's honors program. Besides a perfect SAT score, she'll take with her the experience of her involvement in several extracurricular activities.

"To me, she's more of a people person," she said. Nathan Platte of Redford, a senior at Catholic Central, dreams of playing his trom-

bone in a symphony orchestra and teaching music at a college. A dual degree in musical performance and liberal arts from the University of Michigan will help him reach that goal.

Platte loves playing music from the Romantic period - Mahler, Wagner, and Tchaikovsky. He hopes to study abroad, perhaps at the Paris Conservatory of Music, during his college years. Never mind that he doesn't speak French or any other foreign language.

"Languages sound musical to my ear," he said.

Evan Leung of Canton will study computer science at the University of Michigan after he graduates from Plymouth Salem High School. He said he's been somewhat of an outsider in high school and considers himself an "observer" of his generation.

"Lots of kids have potential, but they don't develop it because they're focused on being cool. So many kids have the potential to become good people, but it's up to them."

Leung said he tries hard to be sensitive towards others and not laugh at their awkward misfortunes, like tripping in a school hallway and falling in front of other students. "I've fallen lots of times," he said.

Influential teachers

Behind every outstanding student, there's a

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Top scholars: The 1999 Observer Academic All-Stars are (left front to back) Evan Leung, Plymouth; Salim; Jeannine Whelan, Ladywood; Emily Braunstein, Farmington Hills; Robert Lillis, Redford; Kenneth Tsang, Dearborn; Jarret Kuo, North Farmington; (middle row front to back) Valerie Taylor, Plymouth Canton; Katherine Braunstein, North Farmington; Nathan Platte, Catholic Central; Ariel Shnyder, Harrison; Matt Neal, Farmington Hills; (right front to back) Kevin Wilcox, Farmington Hills; Evan Leung, Canton; Nathan Platte, Redford; and John Gardal, Catholic Central.

Chamber taps new leaders

The Westland Chamber of Commerce recently elected new leadership.

Officers for 1999-2000 are: Nancy Barrons, Standard Federal Bank, president; Scott Lopez, Joy Manor, treasurer and vice president-operations; Barb Marocco, Westland Car Care, secretary; Margaret Lourdes, attorney, vice president-governance affairs; Mary Denning, Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, vice president-community and educational development; Rick Ficarelli, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, vice president-marketing and membership; Dick Isham, International Minute

Four board seats were filled, with terms running May 1 of this year to April 30, 2001.

Press, vice president-business and economic development; Bonnie Carre, NBD, past president. Four board seats were filled, with terms running May 1 of this year to April 30, 2001. Board seats are being filled by Barrons; Lourdes; James Vermeulen, Vermeulen Funeral Home; and Sharon Klicker, Sharon's Heating & Cooling.

Neighbors reach accord in bus flap

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No-parking signs that stirred a bitter neighborhood dispute near a north-side school bus stop are coming down.

Westland City Council members Monday agreed to remove the signs after neighbors on Ravine - a dirt road south of Joy - chose to police themselves.

Once-feuding neighbors learned that they can resolve issues without city interference, Ravine resident Virginia Klein said.

"We can, if we are encouraged to talk to each other, resolve issues," she said.

Many parents became angry last fall when the city erected no-parking signs to ease traffic congestion on Ravine, near a school bus stop at Joy Road.

The city installed the signs following complaints from corner homeowners Larry and Peggy Sullivan, who said vehicles created unsafe conditions by crowding along Ravine near the Livonia district bus stop.

Westland police Chief Emery Price commended Klein for accepting a leadership role in resolving the neighborhood dispute.

The Sullivans also notified the city about their property being damaged by vehicles trespassing on their land.

Angry parents fired back that they wanted to ensure their children's safety by driving as close as possible to the bus stop and by waiting with the youngsters until their transportation arrived.

But critics said the parents appeared to be using the Sullivan property for social get-togethers when taking children to and from the bus stop.

To convince city officials to take down the no-parking signs, parents earlier this year indicated they would obey rules by parking

at least 30 feet from a Ravine-Joy stop sign and by not blocking the Sullivans' driveway.

City officials agreed Feb. 1 to remove the signs altogether if Ravine residents for three months proved that they could restore neighborhood harmony.

Residents kept their promise to police themselves.

"I think everybody has made remarkable strides," Westland police Sgt. Peter Brokas said Tuesday.

His traffic bureau had been in charge of enforcing rules on Ravine.

Council members Monday said they're pleased the situation is resolved.

"I think it worked out for the better," Westland Councilman Glenn Anderson said.

Westland police Chief Emery Price commended Klein for accepting a leadership role in resolving the neighborhood dispute.

"If every neighborhood had a Virginia Klein," he said, "it would solve a lot of our problems."

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Lowe's a possibility for long-vacant site

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City leaders are hopeful that a major home improvement company will move to the site of the former Source Club on the southwest corner of Warren and Newburgh roads.

Mayor Robert Thomas has announced that Lowe's is "interested" in the site where the Source Club building has stood vacant about five years.

Beyond that, officials have said little about a possible Lowe's store coming to Westland. The company sells lumber, tools, appliances and home decor items, among other merchandise.

Thomas, presiding last week over a public hearing about proposed new city buildings, made

his comment in passing.

He couldn't be reached later for further comment, and other administration officials have since chosen not to elaborate on the brief remark.

"I'm going to have to beg off on that one," Economic Development Director Scott Veldhuis said.

A secretary at the city's Economic Growth Center on Marquette said Tuesday that no one there could even say how long the Source Club has been closed.

Lowe's is described as one of the world's largest retailers of home improvement products, with more than 525 stores in 37 states.

Its most recently reported annual sales top \$10 billion. The company is based in North Wilkesboro, N.C.

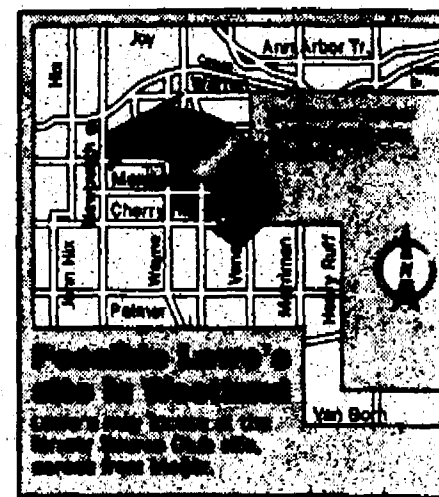
Contacted there on Monday, Lowe's real estate manager Wade Laufenberg declined to discuss a possible move to Westland.

"I can't comment on anything we might be doing in Detroit," he said, adding that he meant "the entire metro area."

It wasn't even clear whether Lowe's would occupy the existing Source Club building or tear it down and build anew.

One city council member questioned why the possible Lowe's deal suddenly became so hushed in the wake of the mayor's brief remark.

"I believe that if the mayor made a public statement, then certainly the residents of our community could be deserving of an acknowledgment of what's going on - and how residents



and other city people can assist," Councilman Richard LeBlanc said.

"As the largest vacancy in town," he said, "we all want to see something done with that property."

City resident to put best foot forward at pageant

Alicia Marie Kozub of Westland was recently selected to participate in Nationals' 1999 Miss Jr. Teen Detroit pageant competition. The competition will be May 30.

She will compete for more than \$20,000 in scholar-

ships, prizes and specialty gifts. She will compete in the Miss Jr. Teen division, one of five divisions for ages 7-23 competing in modeling routines, casual wear and formal wear. She will be interviewed by this year's judging panel, with person-

ality as the number one aspect of judging.

Kozub enjoys sports, acting and modeling in her spare time. If she wins, she will represent Detroit and the surrounding communities within a 200-mile radius of Detroit at the national competition in Orlando, Fla.



Competing: Alicia Marie Kozub is competing for Miss Jr. Teen Detroit.

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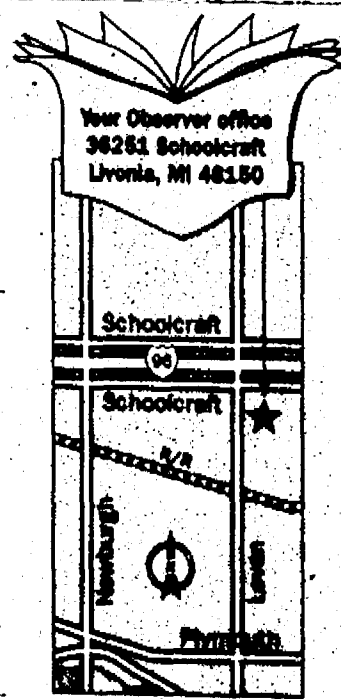
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Welcome: Future freshmen will have the opportunity to find out what is going on at Wayne, such as the National Hispanic Honor Society. Looking at photos of trips members, seniors Sarah Gibelyou (left to right), Michael Moore and Amy Maylone.

Celebration helps teens become involved at Wayne

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The transition from middle school to high school can often be overwhelming, even frightening. But Wayne Memorial High School hopes to change all that by welcoming next fall's incoming class with open arms in staging its first-ever "Celebrate Wayne Day" on Tuesday, May 11.

Nearly 600 eighth-graders from Franklin, Adams and Stevenson middle schools will receive the red carpet treatment.

Duke basketball player Shane Battier, a Rhodes Scholar candidate, will also speak to middle schoolers during morning and afternoon orientation sessions about the value of extracurricular activities and their relation to school.

Booths, created solely by the high school students, will display 51 different student and extracurricular activities inside the school's media center.

The booths range from football, to forensics, to the D.A.R.E. program, to various after-school clubs including newspaper, skiing, Spanish and robotics.

"This was born out of our ninth-grade initiatives program established by our superintendent of schools, Dr. Greg Baracy," said Bill Gray, Wayne High's school psychologist, who came up with the idea for "Celebrate Wayne" along with the school's Student Senate. "We saw the need because many of our ninth-graders are having a difficult transition from middle school to high school as related to school achievement, school attendance and involvement extracurricular activities."

Once middle school students get off the bus, they'll be greeted by the high school color guard with the marching band serenading them with the Zebras' fight song.

"This whole activity is student-driven," Gray said. "They will be presenting these booths, encouraging and teaching students as far as who and why they should be involved."

"We'd like to do this annually." On Tuesday, May 11, Wayne's ninth-graders will get a sneak preview of the expo during third,



Good memories: Yearbook staffers and seniors Melissa McKinzie, Jenny Wojie and Valerie Weiss show off a yearbook that the students help design.

fourth, fifth and sixth hours. The middle school students will also receive a school tour and meet the 6-foot-8 Battier, the College Defensive Player of the Year who helped lead the Blue Devils reach the NCAA final against Connecticut.

Battier will speak to students in the school auditorium. (Sessions will run from 9-11 a.m. and noon to 2 p.m. with a lunch break in between.) "Celebrate Wayne" will also involve parents, who will be invited back to tour the school and see the activity booths 6-8 p.m.

Activity booth presenters, however, will not be finished following the day-long festival.

"Students and teachers involved with this project will meet again during the summer for a picnic," Gray said. "They will be doing follow-ups, sending postcards and making phone calls to the kids who have shown interest in the various activities."

"We believe there are some good things going on at Wayne."

"It's along the lines of the service learning projects where kids are taking more responsibility for themselves."

Helping to coordinate "Celebrate Wayne" are Principal Don Chastain, along with Assistant

Principal Christine Bak.

"This is a total staff and student effort to make this happen," Bak said. "We're selling our school and the kids are playing an important role."

"We're trying to tap into their interests. Then, we'll contact them over the summer. And when they get here in the fall, we'll make sure somebody here will be looking out for them and helping to support them."

A \$4,500 grant from Lynn Malinoff of Drug Free Schools helped make "Celebrate Wayne" possible.

Several faculty members, who are active in Teachers for Social Responsibility, have also assisted in the effort including Louise Hart, Fran Grossman, Pam Ruokalainen, Joe Nowaske, Julie Klabunde and Leslie Rosaen.

"We felt that many ninth-graders weren't prepared when they got here, and we're trying to do something to make it better," Bak said. "Plus, there is a direct correlation between after-school activities and academics. We find that kids involved after school generally have a much higher grade-point average. The success benefits are enormous."

"They'll also take more pride in their school."



Join In: Art club members Brian Sasanos and Jennifer Curtis will take part May 11.

ACHIEVERS

Two Westland students at Walsh College received winter scholarships. Weiping Huang received the Walsh College Presidential Scholarship and Monique Johnson received the Ameritech Educational Achievement Scholarship.

They were among 338 students at the Troy-based college who were awarded scholarships for the winter semester. Scholarships were awarded based on merit and financial need. To qualify for merit scholarships, students were required to have a minimum grade point average of 3.5.

Julie P. White of Westland has been named to the Dean's List at Albion College for the fall 1998 semester. Students named to the list must achieve a minimum grade point average of 3.5 while taking at least three units in graded courses and successfully complete four units.

White is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and the daughter of James F. and Patricia A. White of Westland. The Albion senior is majoring in biology.

Kimberly Smith of Westland is among Saginaw Valley State University students whose work was on display in the University Art Gallery recently. The Senior Art Student Exhibition highlighted the work of seniors as a completion of the formal undergraduate program. Painting, drawing, print-

making, design, sculpture, clay and photography were included.

A team of Spencer Pyne of Westland and Steven King of Redford will compete against the clock and others May 13 in the sixth annual Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills National Quality Care Challenge state finals.

Pyne and King will represent the William D. Ford Career/Technical Center in Westland in the contest, the first to feature a 1999 Ford Escort that has been deliberately sabotaged by testers. The contest will take place at AAA Michigan's Dearborn headquarters.

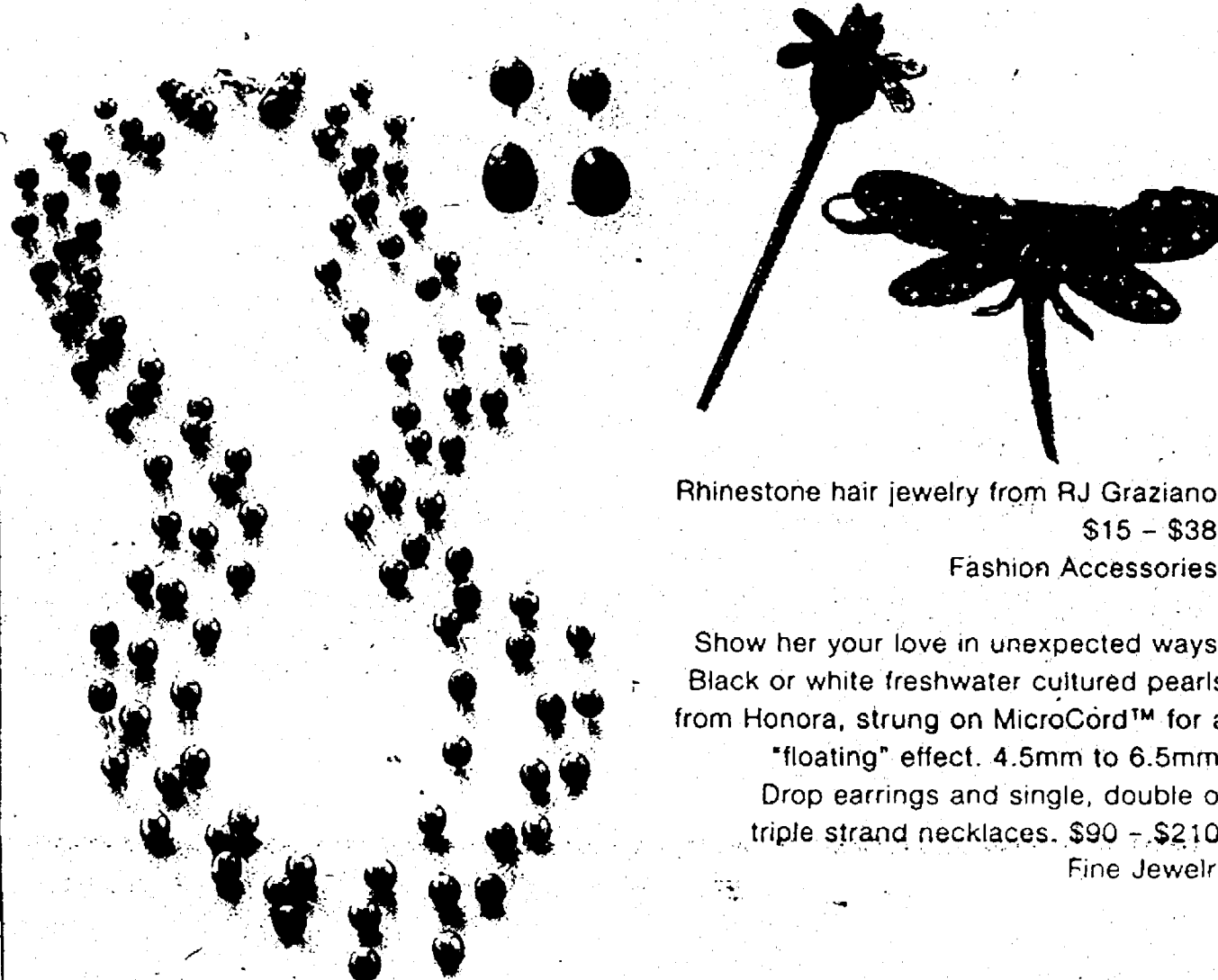
The winning team will represent Michigan in the national Student Auto Skills contest June 21 in Washington, D.C. Each team qualified for the state finals by scoring among the 10 highest team scores statewide in a written test.

Rebecca Putnam of Westland recently completed the two-semester Emerging Leaders Program at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Students from the campus cooperative education programs discuss leadership development with community leaders during the first semester. Students put leadership theory and knowledge in practice as they return to the workplace in the second semester.



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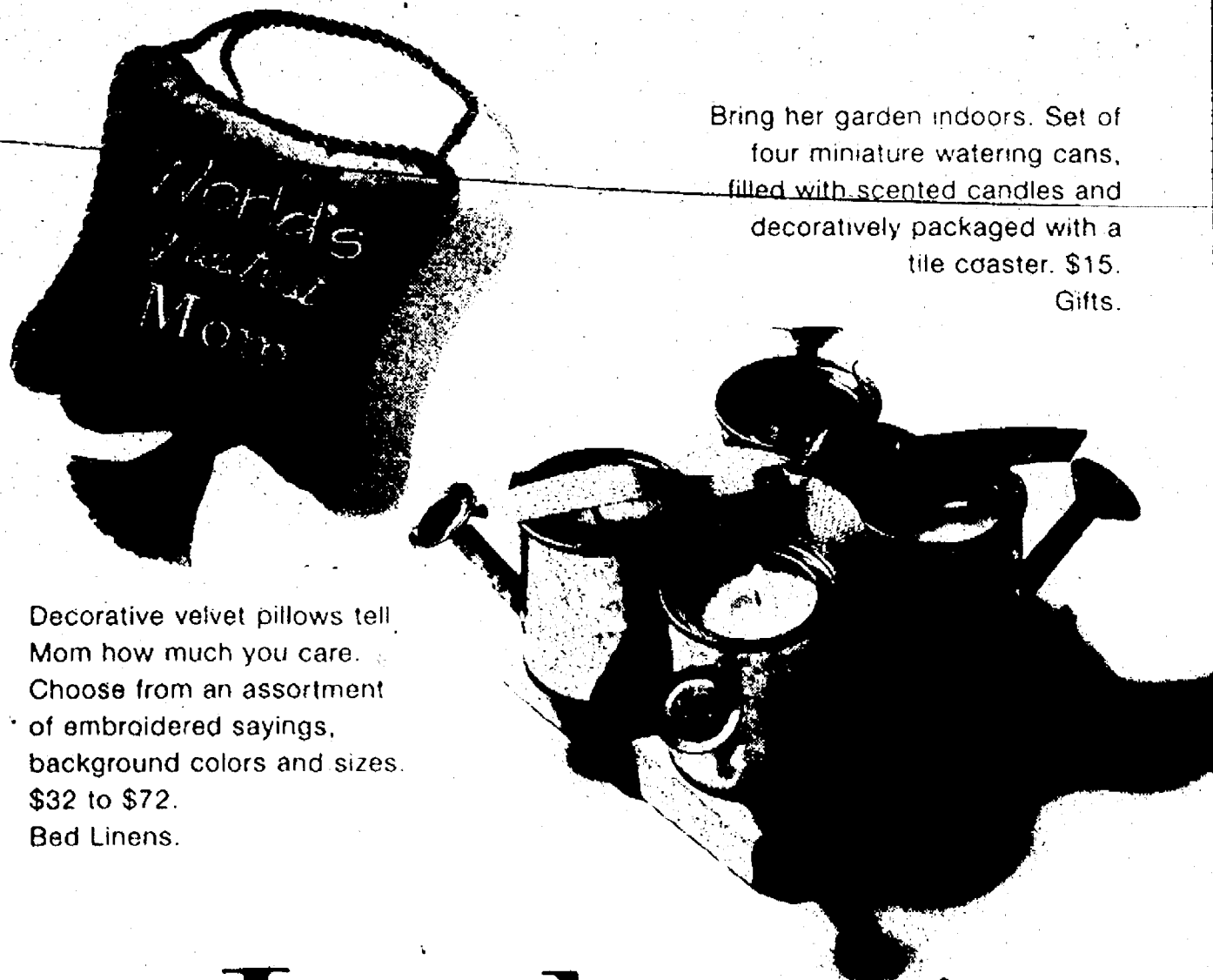
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cial Tax Increment Finance Authority district, already in place north of Ford Road.

Anderson's ballot proposal drew a warm response from two of his colleagues, but it's uncertain whether he can muster support from three others. A seventh council seat is currently vacant.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc joined Anderson in supporting a ballot question and said, "I think it's very good timing."

Anderson said placing a ballot question on the Nov. 2 ballot wouldn't cost any extra money because the city already has a council election to decide.

President says yes

Council President Sandra Cicirelli said a ballot proposal on city buildings could boost voter turnout.

"I certainly would support that," she said.

But Councilman Charles

"Tray" Griffin called the ballot proposal "premature," in part because the city hasn't even acquired land for new buildings.

Thomas had hoped for a site behind a Kroger-anchored strip center at Ford Road and Central City Parkway, but land owners want nearly \$4 million - more than twice what city officials say it's worth. Thomas has labeled negotiations "dead."

On Monday, Griffin still voiced support for using TIFA dollars to construct new buildings, which he said the city needs to be competitive with Canton, Livonia, Dearborn and other communities.

Otherwise, he said, "We're doomed to lose our citizenry and lose some of our housing values."

Council members Sharon Scott and Justin Barnes, who missed Monday's meeting, also have voiced strong support for new city buildings.

On Monday, Cicirelli asked city attorney Angelo Plakas for an opinion on whether Anderson's ballot proposal is sufficient to submit to voters.

Some council members had doubts that they could ask voters for an advisory opinion on new buildings - since a tax increase wouldn't be part of the ballot question.

They also want to study whether they have enough time to go through the legal steps to place a question on the ballot.

Thomas has called for new buildings to replace Bailey Recreation Center, 20 years old, and City Hall, more than 30 years old. The mayor has labeled both existing buildings inefficient.

Anderson's proposal for a ballot question came six days after a public hearing on new buildings drew only 60 people - many of them city employees and parks advisory board members.

"I would like to have heard more from the average person in the community," Anderson said. Cicirelli echoed that she was "displeased with the turnout."

Seeking residents

Parks and Recreation Director

Robert Kosowski said officials tried to draw a larger audience by announcing the meeting in newspapers, schools and on the municipal cable channel.

LeBlanc said that, during the hearing at John Glenn High, he was surprised to hear Thomas suggest demolishing the Bailey Center.

"I think it would be a crime to tear that building down (after) 20 years," he said.

A poll of 600 residents in January found that 67 percent of Westland residents who use the Bailey Center say it meets their needs.

The same survey also found that 83 percent of city residents support building a new recreation center, although only 51 percent said they were "very" supportive.

Some city leaders said they were upset by comments made during the April 27 public hearing - particularly by parks advisory board member Patricia Sawyer.

Sawyer said she goes to Livonia for recreation and added, "Where recreation is concerned, I think Westland is Wasteland."

LeBlanc questioned why administration officials running the meeting didn't rebuke a parks advisory board member for making such comments.

Kosowski, parks director, said he also was "offended by that comment" but didn't want to curb free speech.



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Kite fan: Benjamin Miskulin, 7, of Garden City works on his kite design, featuring aliens. The Saturday event drew a crowd to Central City Park.

CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

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home invasion. He is accused of entering the house - uninvited - through an unlocked door.

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Earlier, questions had been raised in court about whether the suspect would be competent for court proceedings.

However, a report from doctors prompted Westland District Judge C. Charles Bokos to rule last week that Stout is competent - a decision that cleared the way for today's preliminary hearing, a court clerk said.

According to police, Stout's behavior has been combative at times. During his initial arraignment in district court, he became angry and began resisting the proceedings, forcing police and security officers to wrestle him under control, Terry said.

Kite from page A1

between helping some 16 people with designs midway through the program. Designs included dinosaurs, aliens, rainbows and stick figures of Mom and Dad. Lots of those today."

Nearby, Jim Gilfix of Westland was helping friends to fly kites. He finds kite flying helps him cope with the stresses of his job as a social worker at the Wayne County jail.

"I'm a weekend clown and balloonist. Sometimes kites," he said. The key to flying high is "different kinds of kites and a good tail. Today, I brought 17 of my kites, not quite all."

Saturday wasn't particularly windy, which made it more challenging to get the kites aloft. The delta kite was best for the day, "sort of like the basic batwing," Gilfix said. "They could stay there for days as long as the wind stays."

The park was full of people enjoying spring's arrival, including many playing on the Imagination Playstation. This is the second year for the kite fly, which drew many Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts last year, Williams said.

Participants was Benjamin Miskulin, 7, of Garden City. He agreed it was "kind of neat" to see the kite in the air. The Henry Ruff Elementary School second-grader added he'd rather fly a kite than go to school. He chose aliens for his drawing.

John Dely of Westland brought his own kite. "I've been trying to get this kite aloft for the last hour and a half," the Westland Meijer employee said.

He bought the kite at Meijer and had heard about the kite fly through family. "It'd be better off if it was a little more breezy," Dely said.

He's found the art of pulling the string and working the kite from left to right is the key. "I love it because I'm a nature person," he said of kite flying. "I'm a free-spirited individual."

Another adult enjoying the kite fly was Connie McClatchey of Ann Arbor. "It's wonderful, it's fun. It's really fun," said the self-employed tailor, who came to the event with Gilfix. She didn't do much kite flying as a child, but has done more recently.

"The kites are much better than when I was a child," McClatchey said.

GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1999

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the annual election for School District of the City of Garden City will be held in said School District on Monday, June 14, 1999.

Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, provides in part as follows:

The inspectors of election at an annual or special election shall not receive the vote of a person residing in a registration school district whose name is not registered as an elector in the city or township in which the person resides....

The last day for receiving registrations for the annual election will be Monday, May 17, 1999. Persons residing in said School District registering after 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 17, 1999, will not be eligible to vote at the annual election. The City Clerks' Office will be open Saturday, May 15th between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Under the provisions of Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, registrations will not be taken by school officials, and only persons who have registered as general electors with the appropriate Clerk of the City or Township in which they reside, or through registration at a Secretary of State drivers license bureau, are registered school electors.

Members for the Board of Education of School District of the City of Garden City will be elected.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of School District of the City of Garden City, County of Wayne, Michigan.

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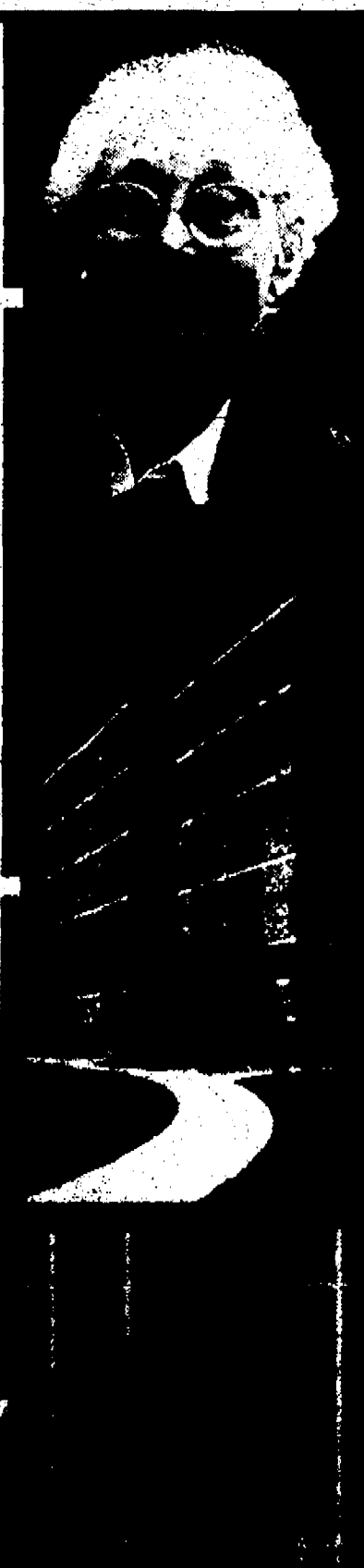
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Wayne County joins drive to aid Kosovar refugees

A call for help from Cardinal Adam Maida has prompted Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara to step forward to help lead a local humanitarian effort to send blankets and relief aid to Kosovar refugees.

In the past month, more than 600,000 Kosovar residents have been displaced from their homes in Europe. McNamara, who served in World War II, and Maida conferred about what could be done locally to ease the suffering of refugees.

"We are troubled by the agony and despair being endured by the thousands of refugees coming out of Kosovo," said McNamara, who announced the relief effort at an afternoon press conference on Wednesday. "This is a time for people of good will from Wayne County and the entire region to come to the assistance of suffering people."

McNamara contacted mayors, supervisors and police chiefs throughout Wayne County and they have agreed to have donation boxes placed inside each city's police station. "We wanted to make the dropoff points convenient for people," McNamara said.

Residents are being asked to drop off either new blankets or a check made out to one of the relief agencies listed below by Tuesday. Donated blankets should be new for sanitary reasons. Reasonably priced blankets are available at a variety of local stores.



McNamara

Teaming up with McNamara are WJR-AM, the Archdiocese of Detroit, Lufthansa Airlines, British Airways, Northwest Airlines and GeoLogistics Americas Inc., a freight forwarder and customs broker which has offered to ship the blankets at the end of the drive. Also contributing to the relief effort are all of the Wayne County employee unions whose members have volunteered to pick up the donations and deliver them for shipping.

Maida said the archdiocese appreciated the assistance of Wayne County residents in the relief effort.

"The Catholic community is very concerned about the condition of the Kosovo refugees and I assure you the money and material donations will reach the people in need," wrote Maida.

Cash donations are also being encouraged and

citizens are being urged to make checks payable to either:

Catholic Relief Services, Kosovo Relief Fund, Gabriel Richard Building, fifth floor, 305 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI 48226, (313) 237-5800

American Red Cross International Disaster Relief Fund, Box 77000, Detroit, MI 48277, (313) 833-4440

McNamara said he was encouraged by the "wonderful cooperation" Wayne County was receiving from mayors, city and township officials and law enforcement agencies in all 43 of Wayne County's communities.

For information on Wayne County's Kosovo relief drive, contact Wayne County at (313) 224-0286.

Parks plan nature hike Saturday

Discover the fascinating world of woodland spring flowers on a floral fantasy hike through the Cowan Section of Holliday Nature Preserve 1:30 -3:30 p.m. Saturday.

The program is offered through the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center and has been made possible through funding from the parks millage.

Participants can expect to learn about the rich folklore surrounding woodland spring flowers and how their use helped shape the United States. The hike, approximately one mile, will highlight wildflowers growing in the preserve, including trillium and skunk cabbage.

Suitable for ages 8 and above, the cost is \$1 per person and advance registration is required. This hike is not suitable for strollers, as some areas of the trail may require some climbing and balancing.

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Schoolcraft trustees OK tuition hike starting fall

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Schoolcraft College students will be paying more for tuition this fall.

Trustees approved a \$1 increase per credit hour for the college district residents on April 28, along with hikes of \$2 for out-of-district students and \$3 for out-of-state residents.

This is the sixth consecutive year in which trustees have approved a tuition increase.

The board also approved a \$43.7 million budget and the unchanged millage rate of 1.8521 mills. With residents' taxable value increases capped at the inflation rate, that will mean their property taxes will grow at

about that rate.

Tuition will cost \$53 a credit hour for district residents, while nonresidents will be charged \$78. Out-of-state residents must pay \$116 per credit hour.

The college district includes the school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi school districts. Students who live in those districts and take 15 credits of classes can expect to pay \$636 this fall, up from this year's \$624.

Butch Raby, Schoolcraft's vice president for business services, told trustees the increase puts Schoolcraft slightly over the average for community college tuition.

For 15 credit hours and a four-

class load of English, math, science and a sociology classes, Schoolcraft had a \$880 cost with the hikes, which included lab fees, Raby said.

While tuition at Henry Ford, Delta and Macomb community colleges cost more for these average class loads, Schoolcraft is more expensive than Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne County community colleges.

Trustee Brian Broderick asked how the rate per credit hour compared to those schools. Raby said the average was about \$53.43. "So our rate (\$53) fit in comfortably," Raby said.

Schoolcraft gets 41 percent of its revenue from property taxes, 31 percent from tuition, 26 percent from the state and 2 percent from other sources.

SMART posted increased ridership at height of last winter's heavy snow

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January's heavy snow turned buses into a more appealing ride for area residents, according to SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority of Regional Transportation) officials.

"We thought January ridership would be less than 1998, but it was up 1 percent," said SMART General Manager Dan Dirks.

In fact, SMART experienced one of its best weeks ever for ridership during the last week of January with 210,000 customers, Dirks said recently at a meeting with the Conference of Western Wayne.

CWW is a legislative consortium of elected officials from Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne, Westland and

Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

Garden City, Livonia, Redford and Westland voters are levying a one-third mill tax for SMART, which also costs the owner of a \$100,000 home with a taxable value of \$50,000 about \$16.50 a year.

Approximately 9 million riders rode SMART buses in 1998, up 1 million from 1997. Dirks expects that number to climb to 10 million this year.

While those numbers are significant, what the riders mean to Michigan businesses may be more important to their bottom lines.

Dirks said SMART had recognized and cited Kmart officials for their instrumental efforts in last year's successful tax campaign. Dirks told Kmart that a Michigan Transit Coalition Survey showed that 500,000 cus-

tomers and employees rode buses to Kmart stores annually. With each ride calculated at a conservative \$10, that would result in \$5 million spent at Kmart.

Others shared in the SMART buses' transportation to bring employees and customers to retail businesses: Wal-Mart, 300,000 people, \$3 million spent; Meijer, 900,000, \$9 million spent. Grocery stores, 1.3 million, and \$13 million spent.

Dirks acknowledged that they must market SMART as an important cog in the economies of local communities. SMART has 30 connector buses in Wayne County, 70 in the tri-county region and over 120 planned to be bought in tri-county region.

"SMART feels we are joining hips to the community," Dirks said. Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey was receptive to expanding

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Graduation to showcase SC public safety program

Television reporter Vince Wade will be the featured speaker at the Schoolcraft College public safety graduation on Friday.

Wade is a familiar figure in Detroit area television, having been a reporter for both WXYZ and WJBK. He won three Emmys and a first place in both the New York and San Francisco film festivals for the best documentary.

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uates will receive certificates and associate's degrees at the event, which begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Physical Education Building.

Robert Pearce, associate dean

of college centers, said the event gives Schoolcraft an opportunity to showcase its public safety department.

"The combined graduation shows in a grand way the resources we have at Schoolcraft which relate to public safety training," Pearce said.

"It sends a message to the community that we have a full-service department that takes into account all aspects of public safety. By showcasing it, we hope to generate added interest in the programs."

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

SMART from page A7

the local connector service there, so SMART planned more meetings on the topic, Dirks said.

Southfield's Work First program highlights jobs that are

available through a "geocode." A person has an opportunity to make choices where they want to work particularly closer to where they want to live, Dirks

said. "When they find a closer job, they quit, because they have day care considerations and they want to be close to home."

All Stars from page A1

most of outstanding teachers. Our Academic All Stars were generous in their words of praise for the teachers who significantly impacted their lives.

Platte said his first trombone teacher, David Jackson, taught music with joy and enthusiasm. He not only made Platte a better trombone player, but showed him "how to enjoy making music."

For Anne Margaret Nagrant, a senior at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, teacher Louise Scudlo challenged her "to strive for perfection in everything."

Thomas Habitz, Jr., a senior at Lutheran High School in Westland, said his eighth-grade teacher, Mark Baumgartel, "taught me discipline and a love of learning."

Clifford P. Bracey, a senior at Franklin High School in Livonia,

said teacher Wilma Wagner taught him lessons for life. "She taught me tact, inspired me to become more involved, and instilled more confidence in me through her constant support."

Parent praise

When it comes to their children, our Academic All-Stars' parents deserve A's for effort and achievement.

Leung said his mother taught him "all this stuff" before he went to high school. He knew algebra before he studied it in class. "My parents had very high expectations for me."

Alison Chambers, a senior at Garden City High School, said her parents always expected her to do her best. No hard-to-enforce rules, just expectations. "They trusted me."

Debbie Braunstein, mother of Katherine Anne Braunstein,

cannot pinpoint just how she and her husband, Alan, contributed to their daughter's academic success.

"We're not one to do their work for them, but if they needed direction we pointed them to the resource."

Debbie Braunstein said she didn't ban television or set up a special study room. However, the Braunsteins are a family of readers who expected homework to be done after school and kept their children involved in lots of extracurricular activities.


Congratulations parents and teachers. Your children and students reflect your input. Evan Leung summed up the perspective from which our Academic All-Stars face the future:

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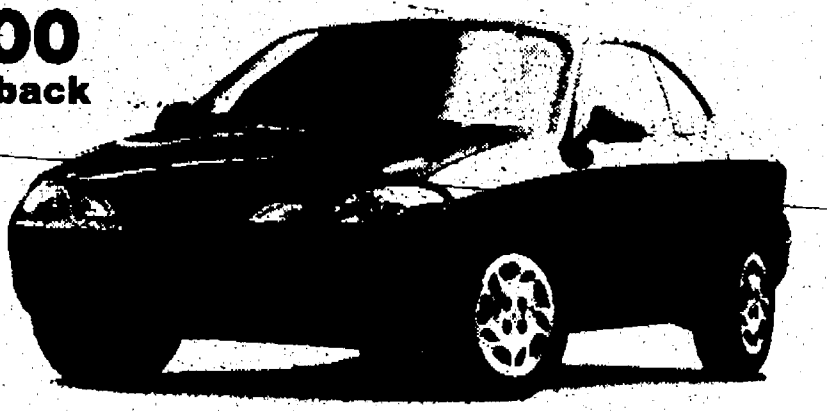


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College degree

Diploma is just the beginning for these ambitious grads

When Janet Ruth Elliott graduates from Schoolcraft College Saturday it will be the culmination of an effort that began in 1978.

Elliott along with Cathy Habbert of Garden City, Brenda McPherson of Redford Township, Angela Lorentz of Livonia and Stacy Morris-Lorentz of Garden City have special stories to tell about how their quest for an education has changed their lives.

Elliott is serving on the committee for her 50th high school class reunion. She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1949, raised five children and ran her own cake decorating

business. When her first husband died in 1970, she had 12-, 15-, and 16-year-old sons at home and an 8-year-old daughter.

To help support the family, she went to cosmetology school, and after she remarried in 1976, she began to think seriously about getting an associate degree. She enrolled in college in 1978.

Elliott attended a number of area community colleges, taking classes here and there, and spent six years caring for her second husband, who became quite ill and subsequently died.

"Finally, two years ago, I figured I have the credits. I might

as well finish up," she said.

Some of her 13 grandchildren ask her, "Grandma, why do you go to school? Why do you get up so early when you don't have to?"

"I tell them if you don't set a goal, where are you going? You are just stagnant. I see too many people my age who just complain about their aches and pains. I've gone through heart surgery, but you go on with your life, forget your problems and make the best of it."

Getting her degree is a source of both relief and satisfaction, but Elliott has already set herself a new goal. She will sell her condo in Westland, buy a new one in Howell and move there. Of course, that's close to Lansing Community College and Michigan State University.

"I imagine I will keep taking classes," she said. "I find studying very satisfying."

Dream come true

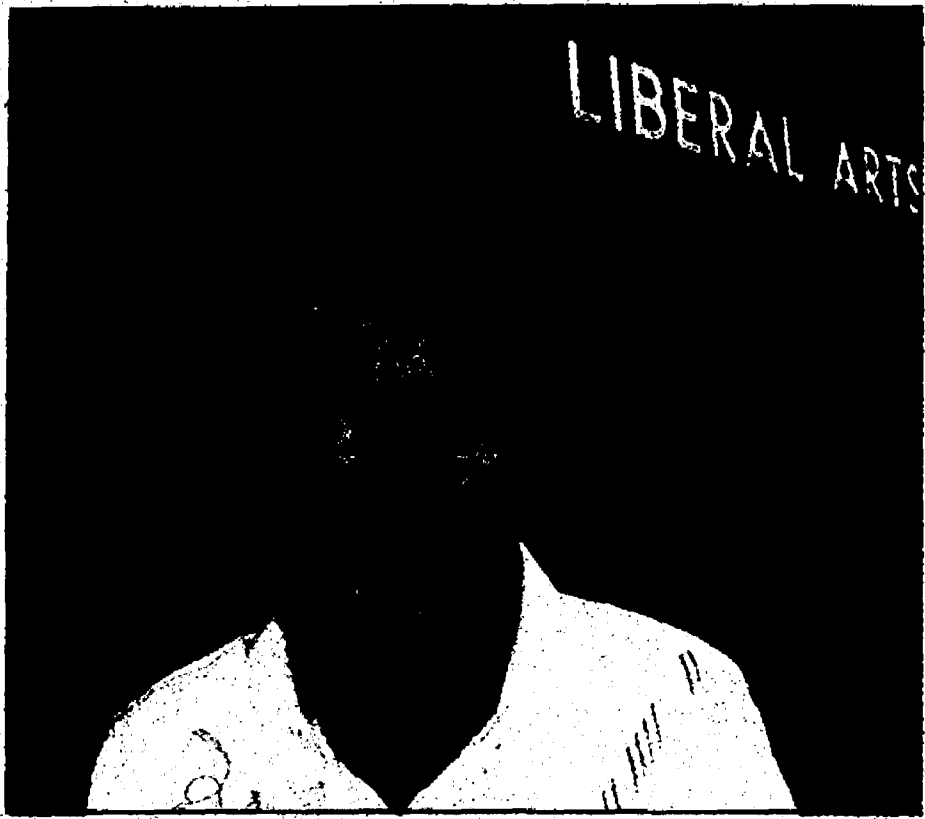
Cathy Habbert, who will receive her associate degree in nursing Saturday says she "wanted to be a nurse all my life, but never did anything about it."

It has taken her six years to complete the program, and she admits to being "absolutely pooped," trying to juggle studies, children, working and life during those years.

Habbert graduated from Garden City East High School in 1979 and married. She worked for a bank for several years, but never enjoyed it. When her marriage broke up, she asked herself if she really wanted to go back to the bank. The answer was no. With her children aged 16 months and three years, she started college



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Looking ahead: Getting her associate's degree is a source of both relief and satisfaction, but Janet Ruth Elliott of Westland has already set a new goal. She plans to continue her studies toward a bachelor's degree.

at Schoolcraft.

"I was scared to death," she recalled. "I said, 'What am I getting myself into? I will never be able to do this.' I had to go back and refresh my math skills, take basic biology and complete a number of prerequisite classes. There was a whole lot I didn't remember, but I've been able to stay on the dean's list almost all the time."

She took two or three courses each semester, went to school four days a week, worked the other three days as a nurse's aide in oncology at Garden City Hospital, and studied at night after the children were in bed, if she could keep her eyes open.

"I don't think about it. If I did, I would be overwhelmed."

During her schooling, she received child care payments, food stamps and Medicaid. There were problems with the Friend of the Court, and only help from the Women's Resource Center saved her child care payments from being cut off. She lost her Medicaid benefits because she made \$10,000 one year, while supporting a family of three.

"Many times I felt discriminated against because of having food stamps or Medicaid," she said. "I don't ever want to be there again."

Habbert hopes to get a job at Garden City Hospital as a full-

time registered nurse. If she does, she knows she will not begin on the day shift. "I have two children. I will do what I have to do. My goal is to support my kids and be comfortable."

Hard work pays off

Brenda McPherson of Redford Township is a study in contradictions, a real contrast between the "then" and the "now." Then she was so scared, she had to have a friend walk her to her first two classes. Now she vows to strut across the auditorium floor to receive her degree at Schoolcraft College commencement. Then she

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was intimidated, even by words. Now she works as a prison guard in a correctional facility housing 1,200 men. Then she had a 1.8 grade-point average. Now she has a solid 3.4.

McPherson was not a good student in high school. She worked full-time the last two years and graduated with a 1.8 grade-point average. She married and was a "domestic engineer" for 20 years. When her husband left her, she had nowhere to go, no job skills, no benefits and no retirement fund. "I was not a fighter," she said. "Words would scare me."

A friend told her she had to do something for herself and had to get more education. The friend

had heard of Schoolcraft's Chocolate Chips to Microships program for displaced homemakers, and literally walked her to her first two classes. "I actually was that scared to do for myself," she said.

"In the program, I learned the new words. Instead of driving the kids, I was a chauffeur; instead of keeping the checkbook, I was managing the money. Here I thought I didn't know anything. It opened up a whole new world for me. I even learned to do the hustle. I could never dance before. I learned I had rhythm."

McPherson stayed at Schoolcraft and chose a criminal justice curriculum. She took whatever

jobs she could get, part- or full-time for the first three years, when a corrections job came up as a prison guard.

"I said I'd take it. I had never been in a prison and had no street smarts," she said. Now she has been a corrections officer for three years, bought her own home, and resisted the temptation to quit her education and concentrate on the job.

"With a job, there is advancement," she said. "With an education, there is more advancement." This past year has been the most difficult because she switched to working midnights so she could fit in her last set of classes.

"I'm scared to death of suc-

ceeding, of finishing," she said. "I'm still trying to adjust to doing for myself. I'm scared but so excited. It actually makes me stutter." McPherson isn't finished yet, however. Her next goal is a bachelor's degree, so she can be promoted, get better pay and become a parole/probation officer for juveniles.

But first, she has to strut across the floor at commencement and take hold of her degree.

Sisters graduate

Stacy Lorentz-Morris of Garden City is four years older than her sister, Angela Lorentz, so it came as a bit of a surprise when they discovered they would be

graduating together from Schoolcraft College this May. "Last fall Stacy said she would graduate this spring, and I told her I would too," said Angela, a Livonia resident. "She said, 'You can't. You're my little sister.'"

Stacy was in college when Angela graduated from high school, but set aside her studies for a time to marry and have a child. When she started school again, her little sister had caught up.

"We had political science together, and the teacher thought we were twins," said Stacy, who is studying to be a registered nurse and works at Oakwood Hospital. "I could give her pointers, tell her about the instructors and which classes were easy. Her fiancé graduated from Schoolcraft last year, so he could point out things. We all worked together and wrote papers together. I would call up her fiancé and ask him what he did for a particular class. It was

neat." Stacy plans to earn a bachelor's degree at Madonna University, and Angela said her sister initially got her interested in the medical field. Angela will continue at Wayne County Community College, studying to become a dental hygienist.

"Being with Stacy in college made me take her a little more seriously, and she took me a little more seriously," said Angela. "We've always been close friends, but this was a different side of her I got to know."

The sisters plan to walk together in the commencement procession, and celebrate at a family dinner after the ceremony. Angela says when they finish their next degrees, they plan to join another sister and all three will go on a cruise.

"There was a lot of cooperation between us," said Stacy. "That's what you want to do - help each other out."

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Court orders interest on delinquent child support

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Three bad things can happen to a dad who skips town and doesn't pay child support:

■ He can run up an \$89,000 debt, as did Patrick J. Law of Ferndale.

■ He can be sent to prison for two years, which Law has served.

■ And now the state Supreme Court says Law must pay 15 years interest on the debt, telling Oakland Circuit Judge Steven N. Andrews to calculate the amount.

"We hold that a trial (circuit) court does have the authority to

award interest under the Crime Victim's Rights Act," wrote Justice Clifford Taylor in a 6-0 decision.

"Money has a 'use value' and interest is legitimate element of damages" to "compensate a party for the lost use of funds," said Taylor, quoting an earlier decision. He also cited federal appeals decisions and state courts in Alaska and Colorado.

Judge Andrews had rejected the claim for interest from 1979-87 because the judge in the Laws' divorce case hadn't granted it. A Court of Appeals panel upheld him. A member of that panel was Marilyn Kelly, who was elected to the Supreme Court in 1996. Justice Kelly took no part in the Supreme Court deliberations.

Appealing to the Supreme Court was Oakland Prosecutor David Gorcyca. Handling the

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State Supreme Court*



Justice Taylor

appeal was assistant Marilyn J. Day. "He (Law) never responded to our appeal," Day said.

Law pleaded guilty to desertion and abandonment, was sentenced in 1992 to two years in prison and ordered to make restitution, Taylor's opinion said.

Day said Law was in Arizona for 10 years. His ex-wife was a White Lake Township resident

who since has moved to Ohio.

From May 1979 through July 1992, Law was supposed to pay \$43 a week. He also was to pay nearly \$42,000 in medical costs arising out of his daughter's injuries in an auto accident.

"He's paying \$146 a week now," Day said. That could increase after the circuit court adds in the interest.

In reversing Andrews and the

Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court said interest could be ordered because Law was being prosecuted under a criminal statute, the Crime Victim's Rights Act.

That act includes "the right to restitution." Said Taylor: "The term restitution is understood in Michigan to include interest ..."

Source: *People vs. Law*, Docket No. 109763, decided April 8.

Tax cuts icky

State Treasurer Mark Murray would like to appeal a case won by Michigan Bell Telephone Co. (now Ameritech), but the Supreme Court recently denied leave (permission) to appeal.

The Court of Appeals last year ruled in Bell's favor, saying the state Treasury should refund \$4.6 million in use taxes Bell paid on tax-exempt equip-

ment. The equipment was exempt because customers ultimately paid the tax on their phone bills.

The Court of Appeals also said Bell didn't have to pay \$2.7 million in taxes on uncollectible bills because the tax was levied on the customers, not Bell. The April 1998 opinion was written by Judge Robert Young Jr., now a Supreme Court justice, and joined by Judge Roman Gribbs of Northville and Barbara Sawyer.

"In addition to the tax policy implications," Murray said, "the fiscal year 1999 impact would be the loss of additional revenue we are collecting due to Michigan's strong economy." Murray did not give a dollar figure for the amount of the loss.

So Murray is asking the Legislature to make repairs in the use tax law.

AAA opposes legislation to increase truck speed

AAA Michigan opposes HB 4377, which would amend the Michigan vehicle code to increase truck speed limits to 70 miles per hour on 1,592 miles of Michigan freeways. The measure would also raise the current speed limit for both cars and trucks on U.S. highways, and state trunklines that are considered all-season truck routes from 55 miles per hour to 65.

"Lawmakers should consider the latest vehicle speed differential research," said Jerry Basch, manager of Community Safety Services for AAA Michigan. "An appropriate speed difference between cars and trucks should always be maintained since trucks' extended stopping distances, heavy weights and large size, devastating crash potential and lane limitations make higher speeds for trucks unworkable. And speeds on all two-lane roads should be maintained at no more than 55 mph. We know that an increase in speed would guarantee an increase in injuries and fatalities."

Information provided by the Michigan Truck Safety Commission (MTSC) shows that the stopping distance on dry pavement for a large truck traveling 60 mph is 350 feet -- more than the length of a football field. If it were going 10 miles per hour faster, the stopping distance would increase about 80 feet.

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eight U.S. traffic fatalities -- or more than 5,300 deaths -- in 1997 involved a large truck," said Basch. Of those, 78 percent were occupants of the other vehicle. In addition, large trucks are much more likely to be involved in fatal multiple-vehicle crashes, as opposed to a fatal single-vehicle crash.

Lower speeds reduce the severity of a crash and, more importantly, give valuable seconds to prevent accidents from driver error. Regardless of who makes the error, all drivers -- and especially professional truck drivers -- given additional time, can take evasive action to prevent a crash.

"This legislation would begin to unravel a decade's worth of work that has positioned Michigan as a leader in truck safety," Basch said.

H.B. 4377, introduced by Reps. Stephen Vear, R-Hillsdale, and Ron Jelinek, R-Three Oaks, was expected to be taken up Tuesday by the Committee on Transportation.



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Between events golfers can use the recreational and exercise facilities at the Summit on the Park Conference Center. End the day with a meal prepared by the Summit staff and a live auction.

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ages from which to choose. For \$1,000, the President's Club Package offers 18 holes of golf and a cart for four, sponsorship sign at the tee, preferred golf time, lunch, golf clinic, tournament bag tag, use of Summit, door prizes, contests, full-course dinner, auction participation and recognition in Schoolcraft publications.

Morning golf packages at \$175 and afternoon packages at \$200 will be offered. These include 18 holes of golf and cart, lunch, golf clinic, tournament bag tag, use of Summit, door prizes, contests, full-course dinner and auction participation.

A hole sponsor package for \$300 can be purchased, which provides a scholarship sign at the tee and recognition in Schoolcraft College publications. A dinner only package

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- Footballs autographed by Lions Charlie Batch, Barry Sanders and Herman Moore.

State business programs qualify for national innovation award

Two programs administered by the Michigan Economic Development Corp. have been named semifinalists in the Innovations in American Government awards competition.

The Michigan Renaissance Zone program and the Michigan Virtual Automotive College (MVAC), along with 96 other programs, have been chosen to advance to the semifinalist round. The semifinalists represent seven percent of the total pool of 1,609 applicants.

"This is a great honor for us. We believe that our programs are exceptional, but it's always nice to find out others do, too," said Doug Rothwell, president and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Michigan's Renaissance Zones are 11 geographic areas of the state designated as virtually tax free for any business or resident presently in a zone or moving into a zone. The zones are designed to provide selected communities with the most powerful market-based incentive — virtually no state or local taxes — to spur new jobs and investment. To date, the zones have attracted 76 projects and more than 4,500 new jobs to some of Michigan's most economically distressed areas.

"Offering tax-free status is a

powerful tool. Both blighted urban areas and struggling rural areas have been positively affected by the zones," said Rothwell. "Renaissance Zones have brought life back to communities that have had some trouble attracting new business."

The Michigan Virtual Automotive College was established in 1996 by the State of Michigan, University of Michigan and Michigan State University in partnership with the automotive industry as a non-degree granting institution. It was created to respond, in part, to the automotive industry's need for employees that are educated and trained in manufacturing foundational skills, quality standards and new technological advances in auto manufacturing.

MVAC differs from traditional education in that it uses alternative forms of training, including through the use of the Internet, video, video conferencing, satellite, CD-ROM and on-site instruction at business sites. Today, it is a division of the Michigan Virtual University, which was created in 1998 as part of the Governor's 7-Point Michigan Technology Empowerment Plan to increase the role of technology in the classroom.

"With changes in technology

every day, it is important to keep Michigan workers on top of the new advances," said Rothwell. "MVAC is not only benefiting employers by helping them educate their employees, it is also giving our workers skills that make them more valuable."

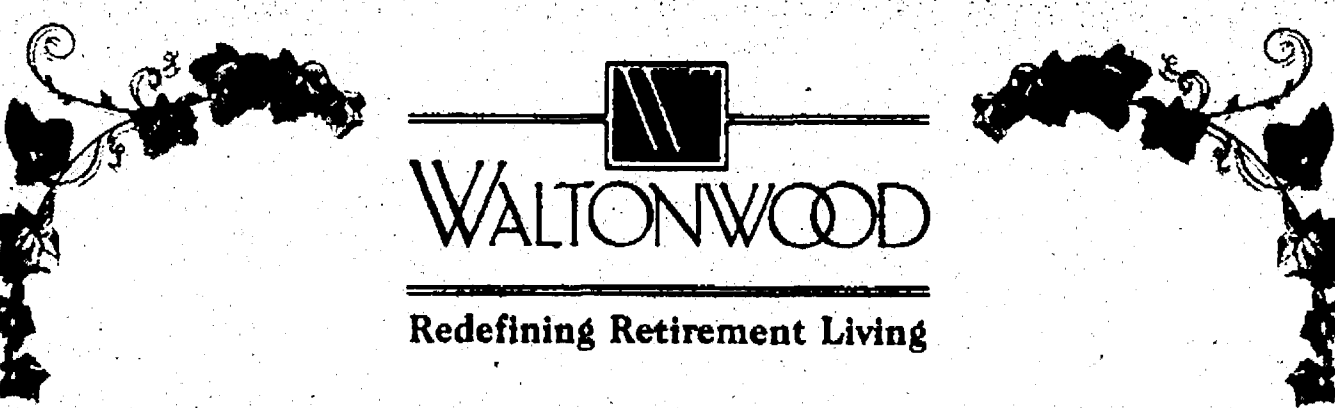
Innovations in American Government, which was started in 1986, is sponsored by the Ford Foundation, and administered by Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government in partnership with the Council for Excellence in Government.

Award semifinalists were selected according to four criteria: originality of the approach; effectiveness in addressing important problems; value of services to clients; and the potential for replication in other jurisdictions.

In October, 25 semifinalists will move on to the finalist round. After the finalists host a two-day site visit by an innovations evaluator and make a brief presentation before the national selection committee in Washington, D.C., 10 will be selected as winners and will receive a \$100,000 award from the Ford Foundation.

The remaining 15 finalists will each receive \$20,000.

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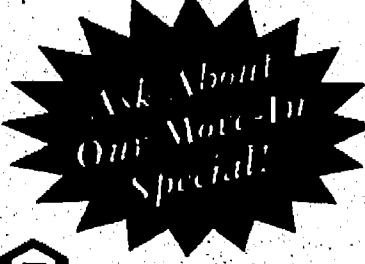


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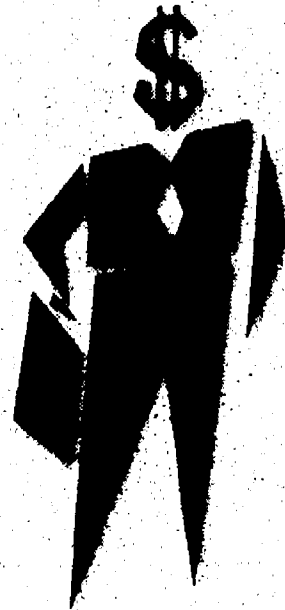


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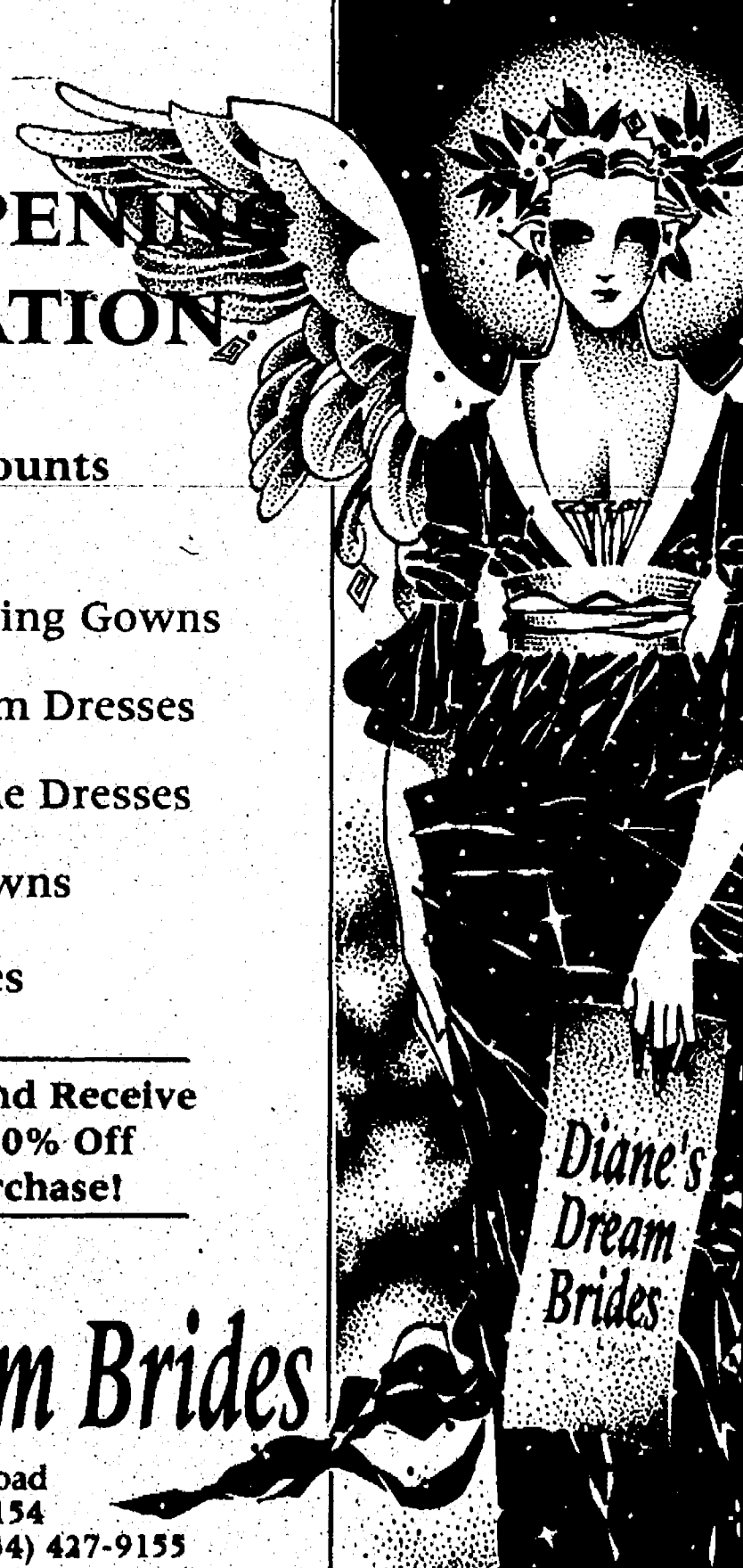
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SC commencement crowd to hear Granholm

Almost 1,100 students will graduate from Schoolcraft College this year. Approximately half will enter the job market while the remainder continue their studies toward a bachelor's degree, according to a college spokeswoman.

The 34th annual commencement ceremonies will take place at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Physical Education Building on the Livonia campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads.

Keynote speaker

Jennifer Granholm, Michigan's new attorney general and the state's first female attorney general, will deliver the commencement address.

Granholm will receive an honorary degree along with Robert and Beth Beson. The Besons are active supporters of community college education and Schoolcraft College. Robert Beson is founder and former owner of the Phoenix Group, Inc.

This year's recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award is attorney Mary Jane Bevelheimer of Plymouth.

Granholm made history in November 1998 when she was elected the state's first female attorney general.

A Northville Township resident, she graduated from the University of California at



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Berkeley with a perfect academic record and graduated with honors from Harvard Law School. She clerked for the Federal Court of Appeals for the Honorable Damon J. Keith and was a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office, achieving a 98 percent conviction rate.

She was rated as "outstanding prosecutor" by the U.S. Department

of Justice each year she served as a prosecutor. In 1994, she became the first woman and youngest person appointed Wayne County Corporation Counsel, overseeing 75 employees, 2,000 cases a year and an annual budget of \$9.5 million. Her office reduced by 87 percent the money Wayne County taxpayers paid to defend lawsuits

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College supporters

Robert Beson founded the Phoenix Group, Inc., an international customer communication company in Farmington Hills. The firm was ranked as one of the top 100 fastest growing companies in Michigan for three years, and has offices in Europe,

Canada, South America and the Caribbean. With more than 700 employees and sales approaching \$50 million, Beson sold the company in 1997.

He served on the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board of Governors for four years and has been a generous contributor to student success. Under his auspices, the Phoenix Group donated professional time and talent to the success of a Foundation campaign. He is an alumnus of Delta College and the University of Michigan.

Beth Beson is active in the Northville Public Schools and Catholic Central High School Parent Associations. The Besons are advocates of community college education and consistently have supported Foundation events.

They recently established the Robert and Beth Beson Scholarship, specifically to help students who have interrupted their education and are returning to college.

Distinguished alum

Bevelheimer, defines the Human Potential Seminar at Schoolcraft College as a turning point in her life, giving her the impetus to go back to school, become an attorney, practice law and work as a public defender.

She began her professional career as a registered nurse,

married and had six children before moving to Michigan from Nebraska. In 1973, she attended the Human Potential Seminar, which provided the incentive to enroll in Schoolcraft. She earned an associate degree in 1977, and went on to the University of Michigan and the Detroit College of Law.

During her years as a law student, Bevelheimer became a single parent, renewed her license to practice nursing, worked part-time and cared for three teen-aged boys. After completing her law degree in 1984, she continued to work as a nurse while she looked for employment as a lawyer.

Attorney Nevin Rose hired her to do public defender work and in 1988 she became a partner in the firm of Rose and Bevelheimer, PC. Currently, she practices general law and public defender work from her office in Westland. She is a confirmed believer in Schoolcraft College, its programs and services. In her practice, she often refers clients to Schoolcraft College, in particular the Women's Resource Center, where they can learn to make the transition from home to the paid work environment.

Her path to her present career is a success story that reminds us we can all reach our goals in spite of barriers and delays.

Job outlook 'very good' for grads with skills

The job market continues to be very good, especially for graduates with good communication and computer skills, says Donna Nordman, coordinator of the Career Planning and Placement Center at Schoolcraft College.

Starting salaries have risen to the mid-\$30,000 for technical positions. Nordman said companies offer graduates additional incentives in this tight job market.

"One company recently opened in Novi, with a position for a customer service rep," she said. "The starting salary was \$25,000, and the benefit package included full health and dental coverage, as well as tuition assistance and vacation time available immediately."

The biggest need is for graduates with computer skills, whether they are seeking employment in business or a technical field. Nordman said jobs in the business world include customer service representatives, administrative assistants and help desk support positions.

Technical positions include drafters, engineering assistant technicians and service technicians. Auto suppliers are hiring, but Nordman said students need to be familiar with quality standards.

"Most of the jobs we list will supply some on-the-job training," she said. "Employers ask that graduates have the course skills, and they will teach what needs to be done for their specific industry."

Expo to focus on helping vets find new jobs

The Michigan Department of Career Development will host Employ-A-Vet Expo '99 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, at the Detroit Light Guard Armory, 4400 E. Eight Mile Road, Detroit.

Employers will be there with job openings for programmers, system engineers all areas of management, marketing, communications and many other areas.

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Safe schools

We all need to work together

School safety is a big concern to everyone from educators and parents to other community residents. And, lately, rumors of possible violence have been rampant in local schools.

An evacuation at John Glenn High School followed the pulling of a fire alarm last week. The student involved was suspended and faces possible criminal charges. Many are nervous in the wake of the murders at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., and other school tragedies.

Rumors of threats to safety are a perennial problem and have prompted letters sent home to parents. In Livonia, a school hotline has been set up to deal with rumors and to take information on potential safety threats.

Part of school officials' frustration comes from intense media interest in school incidents. Television cameras camped outside of John Glenn High School on Friday to pursue a story based on rumors — just that — of possible violence. School officials say their efforts to restore post-Littleton calm have been made more difficult. Responsible media behavior is certainly called for, along with appropriate student behavior.

Local school officials and police appear to be doing what they can to respond to threats of violence. They say every rumor has been investigated.

Calling in a bomb threat or other such action is cowardly and cannot be excused, no matter how young the student. When public safety is involved, the additional efforts of law enforcement, through beefed-up patrols, deserve support and respect.

Local school officials and police appear to be doing what they can to respond to threats of violence. They say every rumor has been investigated. Even so, many Glenn students missed school Friday because of mere rumors of violence.

One of the lessons of the Columbine tragedy is that any school could become the target of violence. We all have an interest in seeing that it doesn't happen here. Let's take care of each other, avoid spreading rumors and work with school officials to see that learning takes place.

All-Stars show future's bright

Met the Observer's 15th team of Academic All-Stars. You will like what you see.

They include future doctors, engineers, teachers, scientists, computer experts, music-makers and a journalist or two. You'll find young men and women who plan to change the world.

Take a good look at the young men and women who continue to have great expectations for their generation. And in spite of all the tragedy the world hands out, these young men and women retain the optimism of youth.

The 17 winners and 31 runners-up are about to complete their high school careers and head for colleges here in Michigan and across the nation.

They are to be congratulated. They represent the young people our high schools, communities and parents most often deliver.

The 1999 team is headed by Katherine Anne Braunstein of North Farmington High School. Braunstein scored a perfect 1600 on her SAT.

Other team members include: Nathan Platte of Catholic Central, Peter Lin of Livonia Churchill, Kenneth Tseng of Livonia Churchill, Robert Lillibridge of Livonia Churchill, Jarret Kuo of North Farmington, David Hansen of Thurston, Valerie Taylor of Plymouth Canton, John Gardai of Catholic Central, Ariel Shwyder of Harrison, Emily Yambasky of Livonia Stevenson, Jeanne Whalen of Ladywood, Evan Leung of Plymouth Salem, Kevin Wilson of Livonia Franklin, Lisa Wuerth of Thurston, Samip Mallick of Plymouth Canton, and Matt Nizol of Livonia Stevenson.

As we reflect on the recent tragedy in Colorado, it's important to listen and hear what a few of these bright, high-achieving students think their generation will accomplish.

Katherine Braunstein expects her generation to redefine society's moral foundation by building strong marriages and demanding a "high moral code" from politicians.

"This resurgence in somewhat old-fashioned values will be an attempt by my genera-

tion to give our posterity an even better standard of living than we have today."

About the future, Nathan Platte says, "While I believe my generation has the drive to push through today's boundaries to set new standards, I also feel this generation has a unique sensitivity towards life and the world in which we live."

"Thus, I feel this generation will both pioneer new frontiers in the realm of space and work harder than ever to protect and conserve the environment and resources of the precious planet on which we live."

Kenneth Tseng is confident his generation will expand technology in a way that benefits all mankind. "I expect that we will discover a cure for cancer."

John Gardai is a man of firm conviction when it comes to his generation's future. "My generation will give this nation a new sense of morality and ethics."

Emily Yambasky's generation and technology are forever linked, she said. "We are the first generation to have grown up with advanced technology, and it has become a part of our lives. This early knowledge will help us develop fully the technology we have come to depend on."

Jeanne Whalen says her generation is very diverse. "I expect we will contribute many new perspectives and ideas to society along with unique methods for attacking the world's problems."

Evan Leung hopes his generation directs its "open-mindedness" in a positive way to new information and other cultures; he said he is mindful of its acceptance of sex and drugs.

"However, that doesn't mean that I think my generation will contribute little or meaningless things. I think because we are humans, we have the capacity to create great things, but as I see that won't be happening until my generation straightens out."

Samip Mallick has simple, but profound, expectations of his generation: "Hopefully, an increase in civilized, learned and philosophical behavior."

We salute our 1999 All-Stars and wish them well as they head on to new challenges.

Alm high



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Working together: Parks and recreation staffer Cindy Williams (left) works with Rylan Whitehead of Westland and mom Jill Whitehead on making kites. The Saturday kite fly at Central City Park brought many together for spring fun.

LETTERS

Preventing tragedies

After watching numerous talk show hosts and their guests attempt to unravel some kind of explanation for the Colorado high school massacre, I offer the true dilemma of the American public school system. It's not the three R's missing — it's the three P's.

1. Prayer. By removing prayer, students have no moral compass to mold their value system. If there is no God, then there are no absolutes of right or wrong. As a result, rebellion reigns and no respect for authority exists.

2. Paddle. Paddling, the liberal pundits say, is child abuse. I declare not using the rod of correction in the nonviolent appropriate way is child abuse. We Baby Boomers not only got a few swats at school but at home as well. There is no real fear of punishment today.

3. Purity. What happened to the modest dress of girls and the clean-cut look of boys? Girls, in numerous cases, are scantily-clad while boys wear red-spiked hair, earrings and shirts with some barbaric-looking rock star on the front.

What type parent allows his child to appear in such manner? The same one who has abandoned prayer, paddling and purity. Perhaps the three P's properly and lovingly instilled in America's homes today could have prevented these recent school tragedies.

Steve Jeffers
Westland

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Wrong war, wrong time

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With one stroke, the Cold War flames have been rekindled. Our embassies now attacked, even as we bomb.

We approach the new millennium in a few months with stock markets overvalued, currencies in chaos, computers crashing, China looming and Japan and Europe tying themselves into economic pretzels to survive.

We all know that Clinton is a chance taker — even to the point of being, at times, dangerously self-destructive. Is this to be his long-sought legacy?

Why do we need this war? Why now?

Walter Warren
Westland

Lawsuits knocked

First they sue the tobacco companies, now they what to sue the gun makers. Where is it going to stop? Is the fast food industry next on their rampage? (Let's get as much money from the so-called rich as we can.)

For as long as I remember, tobacco products had the warnings on them. The government has always taxed them. Now they say that the gun makers are to blame for people getting killed with guns.

When are they going to say that people are unhealthy because of fatty fast food and sue them? We the people need to make our government stop this now.

Howard Perrydore
Garden City

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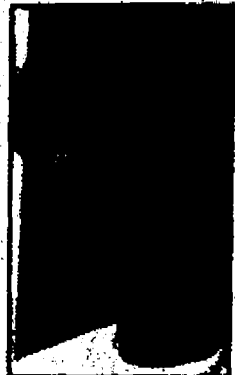
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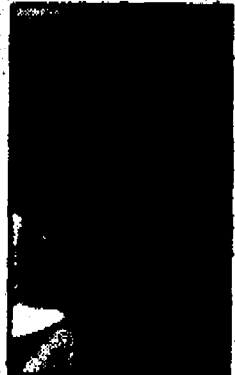
"I guess just hanging out in the sun."
Sheldon Wells
Westland



"I used to love to camp."
Ruth Palmer
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"Playing soccer, stuff like that."
Sam Vella
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"Planting flowers. I'm also a new grandmother this spring. I will enjoy spotting my twins."
Cecile Parker
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LETTERS

A time for thanks

The Good Book tells us that "there is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens."
 A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot the plant, a time to kill, and a time to heal, a time to tear down, and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to be far from embraces, a time to seek and a time to lose,

These people will be always in my heart, for all they have accomplished, and my only wish is that I can accomplish half of what these two dedicated people have done. Take good care of yourselves, and let us hear from you both, and may God richly bless you both, and keep you in His care.

a time to keep and a time to cast away, a time to reap, and a time to sow, a time to be silent, and a time to speak, a time to love, and a time to hate, a time of war, and a time of peace. (Ecclesiastes 3).

Now, the time has come to give two wonderful people the words to speak on their behalf, namely Justine Barns and Charles Pickering, who have dili-

gently served the city of Westland and the state of Michigan. They both will be missed very much.

I had the extreme pleasure of being an intern with Justine in Lansing. I was shown every courtesy, from sitting in session at the Capitol and being introduced to lobbyists, who wanted certain bills passed. If Justine did not approve of what they were attempting, she quietly listened, but made no comments. It was a reward-

ing experience that I will always treasure, and it was time well-spent in learning for me. It has been told that there are only two things we must learn in life - one is to grow older gracefully, and to learn to step down from higher places, which Justine has done. I was always remember her kindness to me.

The second person also has become a personal friend, when my late husband, Louis, and I were appointed to serve on the Operation Bread Basket Committee. This, too, has been a challenging experience and after 20 years of service, I still find it rewarding.

We had ups and downs and differences of opinion, however, we ironed them out. This committee works to give food to the needy in the city of

Westland, and believe me, we do have them.

Applicants are screened to make sure they qualify. We purchase food from Gleaners food bank, and we also receive donations of other items, such as bread, rolls, occasional vegetables and fruit.

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Margaret Luchewski
Westland

POINTS OF VIEW

DeVos seeks public money for religious schools

Well, the cat is four-fifths out of the bag. The Religious Right (not to be confused with conservatives) is coming out for parochial - state money for church-related schools.
 It has been a stealthy process, for the Religious Right is not especially courageous about stating its goals openly. It was Ralph Reed, then of the Christian Coalition, who used the term "flying under the radar" to describe the tactics of those who want government support of their religion. Theirs, not necessarily yours.
 To review: Michigan voters in 1972 amended the state constitution to prohibit any form of state aid to private and sectarian schools. Since then, there has been a series of efforts to weaken that rule:
 ■ Special education - All kids get services, whether in public or private schools or even the misnamed "home" schools. Attorney General Jennifer Granholm even opined that a girl in a nonpublic school must get occupational therapy in her school; she can't be required to travel to a Head Start

facility.
 ■ College work - A high school student wishing to take college classes can take, as they say, his state aid with him to the college of choice - public or private.
 ■ Charter schools - Many are built around "ethnic" and "cultural" themes, but sectarianism isn't far below the surface.
 ■ Scholarships - About three years ago, the RR started a program of seeking private contributions to a fund that would pay tuition for "poor" kids to attend private and parochial schools. Former state Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, gets credit for immediately spotting the trick. The next step, she predicted, would be state-paid tuition grants for poor kids to attend private schools.
 ■ State-paid tuition grants - Amway heir Richard DeVos last month announced a petition drive to amend the constitution to do precisely what Berman predicted. The cat is four-fifths out of the bag.
 As I read the news accounts, the "scholarships" would go to students in



TIM RICHARD

a few dozen selected school districts. Even if voters were conned into buying the scheme, two things are very wrong with it:
 First, the U.S. Constitution requires "equal protection" of the laws. One can't give state money to kids in Detroit and Inkster and ignore those in Freesoil and Pickford.
 Second, whenever you give any benefit to one group, everyone will want it. Who says the cutoff point is \$20,000 income? Let's make it \$25,000; or \$40,000; shucks, let's give it to everybody.
 DeVos is the husband of Betsy

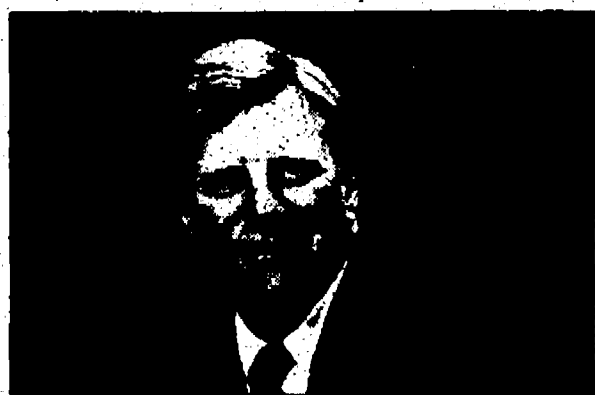
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DeVos, state Republican chair. She hasn't a good word to say about public schools, PTA or anything associated with them. I watched Dick DeVos in the two years he was on the State Board of Education. He had an improper habit of voting for school property transfers if the parents wanted them, and the heck with the impact on the districts, the bus lines, the tax base, any court orders affecting segregation.
 Many of us expected this church-aid gimmick to surface in 1998. It didn't, apparently because Gov. John Engler didn't want to see it as a campaign issue, though he probably favors it. Engler won't be running for state office in 2000.
 Instead, Engler is trying to slip through a batch of bad policies to let

people enroll kids in nonpublic schools but get the advantage of public school sports, bands and clubs. Another bad Engler idea is one school district set up a "satellite" operation in another district.
 The DeVos gimmick is clothed in rhetoric about "kids first" and "choice." The true agenda, ever since the battle of 1972, has been to get public tax money for sectarian schools. Their goal is state support of religion, as if the tax-exempt status, the freedom from MEAP tests, the loose reporting requirements and zoning protections weren't enough.
 Tim Richard is retired from full-time employment as of May 1, but will continue his column periodically. His e-mail address is trichard@oe.homecomm.com

Lawyers, guns and money

I never expected to write this column. For years, I've had it in for the trial lawyers, who I've always regarded as little more than ambulance chasers with a vested financial interest in bringing frivolous lawsuits. But I've changed my mind about trial lawyers - at least some - and I'm obliged to explain why.
 It all has to do with the way the trial lawyers have functioned to loosen up our political system; a sort of laxative for stopped-up politics.
 In the absence of any meaningful campaign finance reform, our political system remains infested with special-interest money. Politicians interested in getting re-elected solicit big contributors such as the tobacco companies and the gun industry.
 The big contributors, having contributed, naturally expect some return on their investment. This means that when legislation comes up that hurts their interests, lobbyists pay calls on elected officials reminding them of past contributions and suggesting it's time to fulfill their part of the bargain.
 And guess what? The offending legislation fails.
 Although we like to say we are a democracy, in practice our politics often work as a plutocracy, "a government or state in which the wealthy rule," according to the dictionary. In our case, "the wealthy" consist of special interests that understand how a few million contributed here and a few million there can thwart public opinion and get their way.
 It is the plutocratic workings of our politics, for example, which enabled tobacco companies that contributed millions and millions of dollars to scuttle forever legislative attempts to restrict or outlaw cigarette advertising designed to hook kids. While public attitudes overwhelmingly favored restrictions on smoking and cigarette advertising, big tobacco money stuffed up the legislative process for years and years.
 What finally loosened up the process? The trial lawyers, that's who.
 They had been going after the tobacco companies with wrongful death and damaged health lawsuits for years and years, always failing but keeping at it. Finally, the attorneys general of the various states around the country who have been spending billions of taxpayer dollars treating illnesses caused by smoking finally joined in.
 And suddenly, the financial resources of the tobacco industry were equally matched by the trial lawyers and the attorneys general. They joined forces in the final big lawsuit that scared the tobacco industry into settling out of court by paying billions of dollars to the states and agreeing to restrictions on cigarette advertis-



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ing.
 What the political system could not or would not do finally got done by the trial lawyers.
 We now see exactly the same process starting over again, this time involving gun manufacturers and the National Rifle Association.
 For years and years, the NRA terrorized lawmakers, bottling up attempts to regulate the sale of guns or require safety mechanisms that allow guns to be fired only by their legitimate owners. This in the face of overwhelming public attitudes toward guns that are much like public attitudes toward smoking: there are too many guns and the gun makers aren't serious about doing anything to make their product safe.
 Enter the trial lawyers. By inventing a novel legal theory - "Through a calculated strategy of willful blindness, the defendants exploit, rely upon, and help to maintain an active illegitimate secondary market in firearms", according to the suit filed last week in Wayne County Circuit Court by Detroit and Wayne County - the legal process is being deployed to unstop a political system that would not act.
 Detroit-Wayne County joins six other local governments - Cleveland, Chicago, New Orleans, Miami-Dade County, Atlanta and Bridgeport, Conn. - in suing the gun industry.
 I have no idea whether these suits will eventually succeed. But I see a pattern beginning to unfold: A political system that cannot or will not respond to public outcry can be bypassed by recourse to the legal system.
 The next target? Your guess is as good as mine. But most folks consider the entertainment industry to be all-powerful. And well, well. Now comes Geoffrey Fieger, suing the folks who run the Jenny Jones show, alleging the show was the proximate cause for a murder.
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Families have fun at fitness day in county park



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Park presents: Barbra Polich of Civitan International and Karen Gregory hand out T-shirts to (from left) Jared Kopiczko, 12; Frances Pelle, Sandro Pelle, 12, and Valeria Pelle, 9, at last Saturday's fun and fitness day at Nankin Mills. At right, youngsters from throughout western Wayne County have fun jumping and bouncing inside an inflatable dragon.

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'Pensive, Intelligent'



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Scapegoat: Ed Altounian (photo at left, from left) and Jon Ameal of the band Glitch are frustrated that intense music "always gets the blame," while shock rocker Marilyn Manson, who performed April 15 at The Palace of Auburn Hills (photo above), says he's been labeled a scapegoat.

Goths dismayed by 'Colorado connection'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Slipping through broken glass, around a stray homeless person, and skipping over severely cracked asphalt, the midnight walk into the Leland City Club in Detroit is intimidating yet thrilling.

Regulars to the goth club pass by dressed in the obligatory black — black trench coats, concert T-shirts, Doc Marten boots, jeans, skirts or pants — masking any hint of sexuality. An abundance of silver jewelry peppers

their otherwise pale white skin.

The entrance to this club resembles a haunted house. Snakes through the abort mass of black walls and visitors are greeted with the somber sounds of bands like Bauhaus and Joy Division.

Fights are rare in City Club, save for the occasional skinhead or punk who comes in to "look at the freaks," many goths said. Instead, black-clad goth fans sit at tables and talk, sit quietly on the beer-soaked benches, or dance alone.

The basic descriptions may slightly resemble those of Dylan Klebold and

Eric Harris, who gunned down 12 students and one teacher at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., Tuesday, April 20. Although the duo has been labeled as "goth," 16-year-old Kristen Brown explained that goths are a far cry from the "Trench Coat Mafia." Not one to stereotype, Kristen said goth followers are generally pensive, contemplative, intelligent and observant.

"(It's) someone who is more observant. Most goth people that I know that think they are goth aren't how the media describes them," the Plymouth

Salem High School student said. "It sounds kind of arrogant, but they're usually more intelligent. I don't mean to sound like other people from other groups aren't intelligent. Most of them I know are kind of quiet, so they take more time to observe things. They're not just flapping their mouth the whole time."

"I don't think it's a fashion thing or even the kind of music you listen to. It's more of a way of life than your outside appearance."

Dark beginnings

Webster's New World Dictionary defines goth as "any member of a Germanic people that invaded and conquered most of the Roman Empire in the third through fifth centuries" and "an uncouth, uncivilized person; barbarian."

Hundreds of years later, "Goth" took on related meanings within architecture — characterizing the use of ribbed vaulting, flying buttresses, pointed arches, steep, high roofs from the 12th-16th centuries — and literature by the

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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Breakfast puts vouchers in food program

Sarah (the name is changed for anonymity) called our Family Resource Center this winter with a truly sad tale of woe.

She divorced last year, contracted cancer this year and recently lost her job due to absences. She applied for food stamps as quickly as she could and was told there would be a 30-day wait.

While in the holding pattern, she called us because she had heard that we have a food voucher program. Without needing to jump through hoops, we provided her with a \$50 gift certificate to a grocery store within hours.

It's hard to believe that in this time of flush economy, anyone in suburbia would be in need of something as simple as food. Food requests come to us as often as one a day and our bank account that bragged of 60 vouchers in December is now nearly depleted.

In fact, last year, the \$1,200 account stretched from June until May of the following year. This year, we have already had two fund-raisers and can't stay ahead of the need.

This is where you come in. We rely on individual and business donations to keep the Empty Bowls program alive.

On Saturday, May 15, we will host a Teddy Bear Pancake Breakfast. All proceeds will go to the food bank. Sam's Club of Westland has graciously offered to match funds.

The Teddy Bear Pancake Breakfast will sport "little chairs" at every table for children who bring their favorite stuffed animal. Mr. Teddy Bear also will be on hand for photo opportunities with kids and their families. Mayors, judges, civic leaders and

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Concerts, radio show appeals to Christian rockers

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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The Christian swing/rockabilly band The W's started out like most struggling bands. They played a few small clubs, a few restaurants just to get their name out there.

"We expected to play small shows. Like we were playing at parties and pizza places," said Valentine Hellman who plays tenor sax and clarinet. "We paid to play there. We would try to collect enough money at the door to break even."

But the tide soon turned when Christian rock mainstay DC Talk asked The W's to join it for its arena tour.

"We didn't think we were very good. We weren't like spectacular musicians. God just opened doors for us," he said. "It's crazy. It's not what we expected to play. We'd rather be playing smaller shows and clubs and stuff. (In arenas) you can't see the person you know way off wherever and there's big lights in your eyes."

The Friday, May 7, show featuring The W's, DC Talk and Jennifer Knapp at The Palace of Auburn Hills heralds the slew of Christian artists coming to the area this month.

The Waiting and Chasing Furies play Tri-City Christian Center in Canton on Friday, May 14, while Detroit First Church of the Nazarene in Northville is hosting "The Peacemaker Tour" on Sunday, May 16.

The host of WPLT-FM's Sunday morning Christian show "Cross Trax," David Christian, isn't surprised that Christian music is making an impact.

"Someone who doesn't know much about Christian contemporary music, they think of choir music and inspirational music," said Christian, who lives in Minnesota but produces the show specifically for WPLT, 96.3. "What they

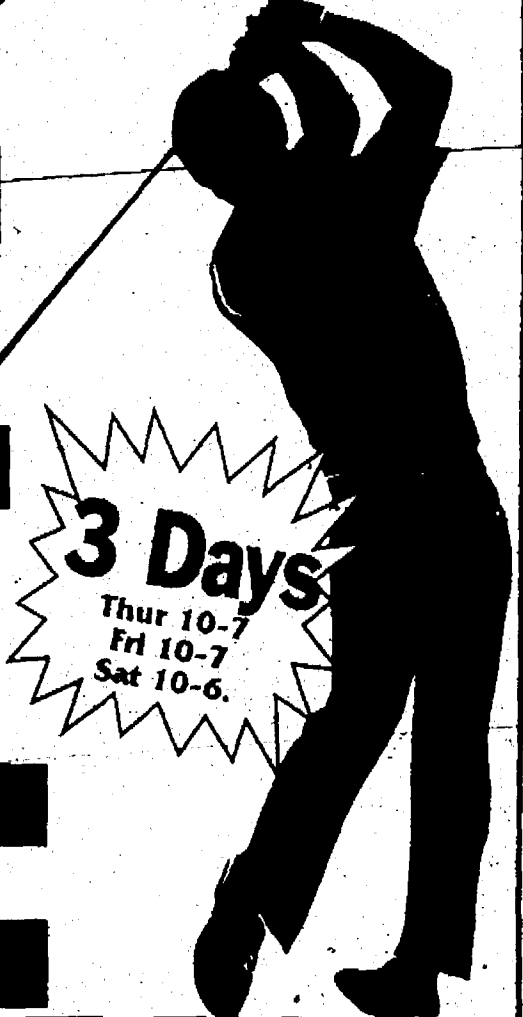
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In concert: Christian music takes center stage at The Palace of Auburn Hills on Friday, May 7, with The W's and Jennifer Knapp performing with DC Talk (above).

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BY XIAN

Historical museum hosts Victorian tea

The Detroit Historical Museum will offer a special Mother's Day program, a Victorian tea and video presentation of the new storybook classic, "The Legend of Sleeping Bear," for mothers and children on Saturday, May 8.

The tea will be 1-3 p.m. at the museum, Woodward and Kirby in Detroit's Cultural Center. Admission is \$3 in addition to the regular museum admission charge of \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for seniors and children ages 12-18 and free for children under age 12.

Seating is limited and will be handled on a first come-first served basis. For advanced reservations, call (313) 833-1262.

Published in 1998 by Chelsea's Sleeping Bear Press, "The Legend of Sleeping Bear" is Kathy-Jo Wargin's poignant story of the unconditional devotion of a

mother bear to her cubs as they journeyed across Lake Michigan to escape a forest fire in the west.

Gijsbert van Frankenhuisen's brilliant illustrations are brought to life on the video, which is narrated by actor Jeff Daniels.

The Victorian tea will include teas, cakes and sandwiches, and participants will make their own Victorian cards and sachets while learning about the history of Mother's Day. Each participant will receive a treasure bag to take home.

The activity is targeted for children ages 4-12 and their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends. An adult must accompany all children, and participants are encouraged to wear their best "tea" suits and dresses.

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likes of Edgar Allen Poe and Mary Shelley.

Goth was reportedly reassembled in the late 1970s and early 1980s when bands like Bauhaus, Siouxsie and the Banshees, the Damned and the Sisters of Mercy stepped on the stage with their brand of dark, brooding music that often reflected feelings of loss, abandonment and isolation.

More than that, goth is a way of life for some 15- to 30-year-olds. Baggy black clothing is encouraged so people will be thought of for their minds, not their bodies. Sunlight is discouraged.

"I guess the goth culture really comes from a sense of growing up alienated, having a love of things that are a little bit on the dark side, as far as our poetry and things like that are concerned," said Patrick Hogan of the Detroit-based bands Dragon Tears Descending and Rogue Angel Seven. "It was more generally accepted 100 years ago than now. It provides a place for a lot of creative people to have a point for art."

(Plus) City Club is one of the safest places you can go on a Saturday night.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURBCHMANN

Feelings of frustration: Kristen Brown of Cantlon is among fans who say goths are a far cry from the "Trench Coat Mafia" in Littleton, Colo.

Childhelp offers tips to protect children

According to national statistics, every 10 seconds a child is abused. Each year, more than 3 million child abuse reports are made.

The following tips can help protect your children - or those you care for - from becoming one of the statistics, according to Childhelp USA.

The organization, which is observing its 40th year, recommends that parents:

- Never discipline your child when your anger is out of control.
- Participate in your child's activities and get to know your child's friends.
- Never leave your child unattended, especially in the car.
- Teach your child the difference between "good touches," "bad touches" and "confusing touches."
- When your child tells you he or she doesn't want to be with someone, this could be a red flag. Listen to them and believe what they say.
- Be aware of changes in your child's behavior or attitude, and inquire into them.
- Teach your child what to do if you and your child become separated while away from home.

- Teach your child the correct names of his or her private body parts.
- Be alert for any talk that reveals premature sexual understanding.
- Pay attention when someone shows greater-than-normal interest in your child.
- Make certain your child's school or day care center will release him or her only to you or someone you officially designate.
- As an additional precaution, Childhelp USA also suggests:
 - Writing down a physical description of your child, including special characteristics or visible identifying marks.
 - Having recent photos available.
 - Having your child fingerprinted and know where to find dental records.

For additional information about child abuse and neglect, call the Childhelp USA National Child Abuse Hotline at (800) 4-A-CHILD. The 24-hour hot line is staffed with professional crisis counselors.

Additional information is available by visiting the organization's Web site at www.childhelpusa.org.

Doesn't add up

None of this, Kristen said, adds up to murder.

"I was disgusted," she said when she heard that Klebold and Harris were called goth. "Just blaming it on like superficial things kind of bothered me. They should focus the blame on more things, like things that actually matter other than, like 'Marilyn Manson's music-made them do it.'"

"I think maybe it escalated their views on a lot of things but I don't think it was the cause. We've talked about this in almost all my classes, and most of the kids feel the same way about it. It wasn't those superficial things that made them go

out and massacre students."

Instead, Kristen and her peers believe it is a "collection of a lot of things, like them being made fun of, and probably not having a very good home life. Some people could say that they seemed happy but you never know. Teenagers are really impressionable so it could have been like small things, like their parents didn't make their favorite dinner."

"Teenagers obsess about a lot of small stuff," she added. "If you're already unstable there's a lot of things that could contribute to it, but they don't necessarily cause it."

Nevertheless some of Klebold and Harris' favorite bands like Marilyn Manson, KMFDM and

Rammstein received a fair share of the blame. Out of respect for the murders, Manson said, he postponed the last five dates of his band's tour.

Hammering home the point that Klebold and Harris weren't goth, Hogan explained that Marilyn Manson isn't a goth band. Manson leans toward the industrial side of music, he said.

According to Ed Altounian of the industrial band Glitch, goth music primarily involves acoustic instruments while industrial music is heavier, incorporating samples and "rare sounds that you don't hear in everyday top 40 music."

Jon Ameal, also of Glitch, said he's frustrated that "intense music" always gets the blame. "If somebody commits suicide

or whatever, why is it whenever somebody happens to listen to an intense style of music, all of a sudden it's the music's fault? Why don't we see news reports about hillbillies holding up liquor stores and getting in bar fights, and them (cops) going out and investigating Conway Twitty?" said Ameal, who works at a physics research laboratory.

Altounian added that it shouldn't matter which bands Klebold and Harris listened to, or whether they were goth or not. It comes down to the parents and the teens' psychological conditions.

"What it really comes down to, is they took the music and interpreted the music the way they wanted to," said Altounian, a Westland resident.

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don't realize is there's a great amount of great contemporary music out there that sounds a lot like they hear on secular stations all the time. It has a message. It's fun to listen to.

"It brings to the table a lot of the same things that secular music brings. The only difference is the music is positive."

"Cross Trax" play list includes modern acts like Jays of Clay, Rebecca St. James, Newsboys, Jennifer Knapp, Sarah Masen of Royal Oak and Plumb.

"It's very mainstream and it's really targeting females just because The Planet (the nickname for WPLT), their big target is 18-34 females," Christian said. "The main thing is we want the show to sound like the radio station does all week. The difference is the music is Christian music on our show."

Like many of the bands coming to town this month, Christian doesn't get preachy on his radio show.

"I don't stand on a soapbox and tell people about Christ," he said. "I let the music do that. I talk about the artists and about some of the things that are going

on in their world."

Christian attributed the new-found professionalism of Christian music to its recent increase in popularity.

"The music is so good that you can't avoid it. I think possibly a lot of that is people get fed up with all the negative music and those kinds of things," he said.

believe that people especially that are very active in their Christian walk and stuff, they like to listen to the music on secular stations and they like to hear Christian music that is similar.

"They've really brought it to

that level of professionalism."

The professionalism - whether they believe it or not - is one contributing factor to The W's quick success. Recently, The W's won two Dove Awards - Modern Rock/Alternative Recorded Song of the Year for "The Devil Is Bad" and Modern Rock/Alternative Recorded Album of the Year for its 1998 debut "Fourth from the Last."

"We thought 'The Devil Is Bad' was really catchy and lots of kids would like it," Hellman said. "We thought it might do well on the charts but we didn't think it was going to be Modern Rock/Alternative Recorded Song of the Year."

He grew always suspecting that he would play clarinet in a symphonic band or sax in a rock and swing band.

Hellman said, "I think we do a terrible job, actually. We always screw up a lot. Everybody seems to think that we do a really good job of carrying over musically. But we make up for our mistakes by putting on a good show."

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 26, 1999**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its regular meeting of Monday, April 26, 1999, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 99-005

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000,000 CITY OF GARDEN CITY SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 1999 (LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION); TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY CO JNCIL TO ISSUE THE BONDS IN DEFINITIVE SERIES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Determination of Necessity: Authorization of Bonds.

The City Council determines that it is necessary to issue refunding bonds of the City in pursuance of the authority set forth in Chapter VI of Act 202, Public Acts of Michigan, 1943, as amended ("Act 202"), for the purpose of refunding and defeasing all or part of the callable bonds of the City's Limited Tax General Obligation Wastewater Treatment System Bonds dated May 1, 1991, Limited Tax General Obligation Wastewater Treatment System Bonds dated May 1, 1993, and Sewage Disposal System Bonds, Series 1995B (General Obligation Limited Tax) (Collectively, the "Prior Bonds"), previously issued by the City to pay the City's share of the cost of construction, installation, alteration, and improvement of the City's sewage system and storm drain system and related street improvements as a part of the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Program being administered by the County of Wayne, and paying the cost of issuing the bonds, in an amount not exceeding \$11,000,000. Sewage disposal system refunding bonds (limited tax general obligation) are hereby authorized to be issued for such purposes in an amount not to exceed \$11,000,000, subject to the provisions of the ordinance.

SECTION 2. Payment of Bonds.

The bonds authorized by this ordinance shall be payable from such sums as the City may raise annually by taxation or from other sources as the City Council may deem necessary to pay interest on the bonds, and to pay the principal thereof as it falls due, to the full extent authorized or permitted by Act 202 or law.

SECTION 3. Bonds Subject to State Law: Determination of Details.

The bonds shall be subject to the provisions of Act 202, shall bear interest as determined upon public or private sale thereof, but not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law, and shall mature as permitted by Act 202 in not to exceed thirty (30) annual installments. The City Council shall determine by resolution to issue the bonds authorized by this ordinance in one or more series, specify the title and date of issue of each series, amounts of bonds maturing annually, redemption provisions, if any, and such other details as shall be necessary or convenient for issuance of the bonds, and all other actions relating thereto are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

SECTION 4. Sale of Bonds.

The bonds shall be sold subject to the provisions of Act 202 in a manner approved by resolution of the City Council.

SECTION 5. Rescission, Publication, Effective Date.

All ordinances, resolutions and parts thereof in conflict with this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall be published as required by the City Charter and shall take effect upon publication or ten days after its adoption, whichever is later, as provided by the City Charter.

Adopted: April 26, 1999
Effective: 04-26-1999
Publish: May 6, 1999

**NOTICE
CITY OF WESTLAND**

Nominating petitions for the office of Councilman are available at the Department of City Clerk. The last day for filing nominating petitions for the office of COUNCILMAN to be voted on at the City of Westland Primary Election, September 14, 1999 is **TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 1999 AT 4:00 P.M.** D.L.S.T. Petitions are to be filed with the City Clerk at 38801 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS
Westland City Clerk
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Publish: May 6, 1999

**WESTLAND
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Westland Downtown Development Authority is requesting proposals to provide general renderings of commercial buildings and landscaping in the D.D.A. district. The purpose of these renderings is to provide building owners or tenants a conceptual idea of the visual impact of reconstruction. The rendering is intended to furnish a format that provides a consistent frontal design throughout the commercial corridors of Westland. A knowledge of the architecture in an auto-oriented situation and a knowledge of the community is essential to the idea of a coordinated visual appeal of the commercial buildings. Most rendering will involve designs of single building fronts (30'x40'). A few may involve multiple fronts.

The proposal should contain the following information:

- Experience in providing this type of service.
- Examples of previous design renderings.
- Hourly rates.
- Approximate completion time of this type of rendering.

The selected firm will have a working knowledge of the zoning requirements and codes standards of Westland. The firm will also be required to submit periodic construction progress reports during the construction period and properly coordinate with development district representatives concerning the Westland Downtown Development Authority. The Westland Downtown Development Authority is located at 600 N. Westland Avenue, Westland, Michigan 48186. For more information, call (313) 734-9211-9272.

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other dignitaries will be there to meet and greet pancake eaters, and the entire event will be a prelude to a city-wide garage sale, held by the Westland Youth Assistance, the remainder of the day.

All of this fun and frivolity costs only \$4 for adults and \$2 for children and supports a worthwhile cause.

Come a join us - 8:30-10:30 a.m. May 15 at the Bailey Recreation Center, behind the West-

**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for:

WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT AT WILSON FOOD SERVICE

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the office of the Board of Education Maintenance Department, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

Bid security in the amount of 5% of the total proposal, in the form of Bid Bond or Certified Check must accompany each bid. Performance bond and payment bond may be required of the successful bidder.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part in the interests of uniformity, design, equipment, delivery time or preference, to waive any informalities and to award to other than the low bidder, with rationale to support such a decision.

Publish: May 6 and May 8, 1999

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Dunn-Crespi

Robert Dunn and Eileen Dunn of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Eileen, to Christopher Joseph Crespi, the son of Ken and Barb Crespi of Newton, Pa., formerly of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Mercy High School and a 1995 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed in management consulting in PricewaterhouseCoopers in Bloomfield Hills.

Her fiancé is a 1986 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and a 1990 graduate of Lake Forest College. He is employed in consulting at Data-space Inc. in Ann Arbor.

A June wedding is planned at



Marygrove Chapel in Detroit.

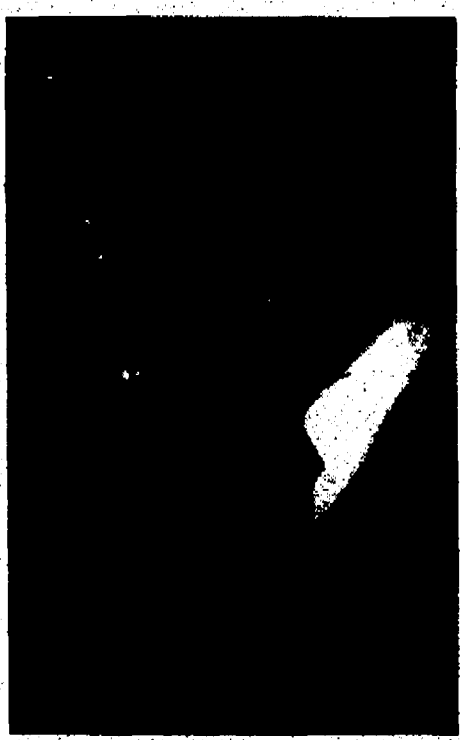
Ramsay-Krautler

William and Elisabeth Ramsay of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Lynn, to Brian Krautler, the son of Charles and Patricia Krautler of Morrisville, N.C.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Columbia University. She is employed by PricewaterhouseCoopers in New York City.

Her fiancé is a graduate from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. He is currently serving aboard the USCGC Sassafra in Guam.

A November wedding is planned at Riverside Church in New York City.



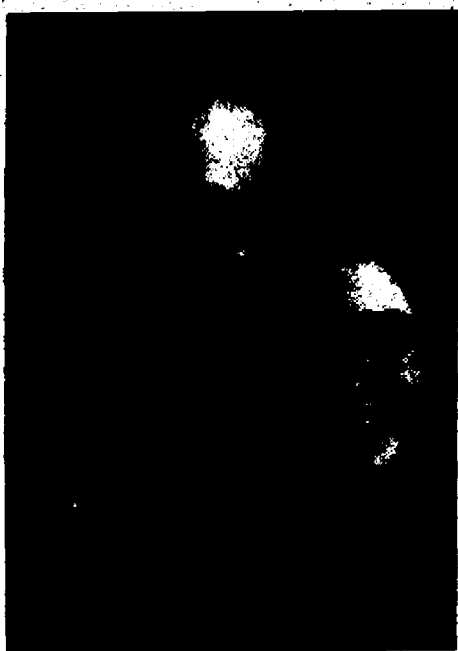
Hafemeister-Marble

Gary and Marla Hafemeister of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Alyssa Leigh, to Joseph Albert Marble, the son of Lynn and Sharon Marble of White Lake.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She will graduate from Grand Valley State University in December.

Her fiancé is a 1997 graduate of Grand Valley State University. He is employed at IBM in Grand Rapids.

An August wedding is planned at the groom's parents' home in White Lake.



Crosby-Napolitano

David Crosby and Lee Crosby of Essexville announce the engagement of their daughter, Janelle, to Jason Napolitano, the son of Al and Kathie Napolitano of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed by St. John Health System in Mount Clemens.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed by Altair Computing in Troy.

A May wedding is planned at St. Brigid's Church in Midland.



Ramsay-Westerkamp

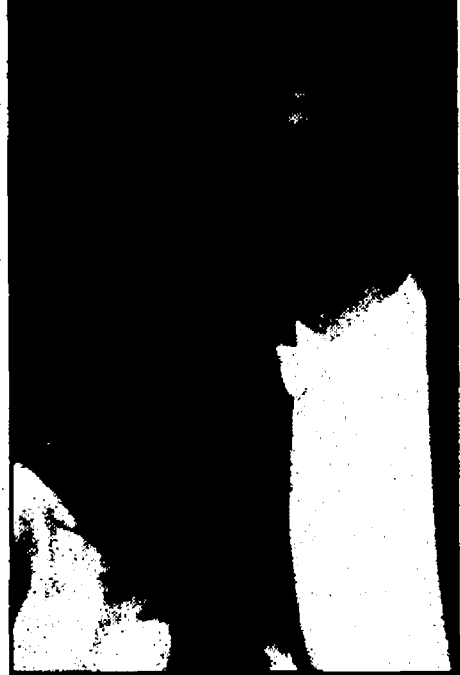
James Kyle Ramsay and Deborah Anne Westerkamp were married Feb. 6 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Livonia by the Rev. Willie J. Herrington.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Joy Westerkamp of Farmington. The groom is the son of William and Elizabeth Ramsay of Plymouth.

The bride is a graduate of Kalamazoo College. She was employed by the law firm of Foley & Mansfield.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Engineering. He is employed as a management consultant for PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Following a cruise of the Caribbean, the couple is making



their home in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

March-Roberts

Timothy and Connie March of Wixom announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Christine, to Kevin James Roberts, the son of Connie Roberts of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is employed by a computer design company.

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of Lutheran High School-Westland. He is employed by the Ford Motor Co.

A June wedding is planned at the United Assembly of God Church in Plymouth.



Love-Malronis

Robert and Joyce Love announce the engagement of their daughter, Monica Rae, to Daniel V. Malronis, the son of Robert and Betty Malronis.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Brighton High School. Her fiancé is a graduate of Garden City High School.

A June wedding is being planned.



Wade-Bowen

Lee and Melba Wade of Canton and Marie Wade of Detroit announce the engagement of their daughter, LaKeisha, to Damon Bowen, the son of Paul and Sandra Bowen of Detroit.

The bride-to-be expects to graduate from the University of Michigan in May with a degree in industrial operations engineering. She plans to pursue a master's degree in business administration or management in the fall.

Her fiancé is an assets protection team leader, a part of the executive team for Mervyn's California Corp. He plans to complete work on a dual degree in architecture and criminal justice.



A July wedding is planned in Detroit.

Shaw-King

Joe and Eunice Shaw of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Margaret, to Casey N. King, the son of Rose Quinn of Fenton and Clarence King of Auburn, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as an account executive at Ecor Data Services in Pontiac.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of Michigan State University and is pursuing his teacher's certification at Eastern Michigan University. He is employed at the University of Michigan Dermatology Laboratory.

A May wedding is planned at St. Aidan Catholic Church in



Livonia.

NEW VOICES

Ron and Ronda Moore of Westland announce the birth of Cory Matthew Dec. 30 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins three siblings, Christopher, 7, Kevin, 3, and Melanie, 6. Grandparents are Ron and Carol Moore and Ron and Sarah Sledge, all of Wyandotte.

Christopher Blackwell and Heather Goshen of Westland announce the birth of Kayla Ann Marie Blackwell Dec. 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Michael Arron Tapper, 2. Grandparents are Matt and Cheryl Tapper of Garden City.

Vish and Radhika Vadari of Canton announce the birth of Sangitha Jan. 11 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Sangitha joins a sister, Haritha. Grandparents are Sarala and Ramachandran of Madras, India.

Tim and Stephanie McCaffrey of Westland announce the birth of Parker Lynn Dec. 31 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Parker joins a brother, Timmy, 9, and Nicole, 7 1/2. Grandparents are Deborah Coyle of Westland, Barb and Kevin Wenetpalo of Detroit and Mike McCaffrey of Garden City.

Dave and Lynn Walker of Westland announce the birth of Frank Anthony Jan. 19 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a brother, Clint. Grandparents are David and Gladys Walker of Westland, and William and Janet Bury of Canton.

Kelly and Myong Donner of Westland announce the birth of Leeza Maxine Jan. 1 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Chon Yi Soon and Song Hi Sop of Kunsan, Korea, and Max J. Donner of Suttons Bay.

Claus and Jennifer Radtatz of Canton announce the birth of Alexander Dwight Jan. 19 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. He joins a sister, Katja, 1. Grandparents are Dwight and Gabriele Radtatz of Ridgway, Colo., and Thomas and

Susan Memmel of Bolingbrook, Ill. Allen Ezell of Garden City and Lolly Myrold of Westland announce the birth of Joshua Daniel Myrold Jan. 4 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two brothers, Keith, 3, and Michael, 4. Grandparents are Andy and Pat Myrold of Romulus and John and Barbara Padgett of Garden City.

James and Mary Kay of Canton announce the birth of Alyssa Marie Jan. 22 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins brothers, Bryan James and Matthew Joseph. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph

Plotzke of Clinton Township and Mary Ann Kay of Westland.

Theodore and Tonia Phillips of Canton announce the birth of Alexis Marie Jan. 4 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Teddy, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Elizabeth Phillips of Livonia and Dave and Sue Gibbs of Farmington.

Perry and Becky West of Garden City announce the birth of Ashley Inez Jan. 24 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins siblings, Mike, Daniel and Lizi. Grandparents are Roger and Shirley Stombaugh of Garden City and Edith Miller of Clinton, Tenn.

David John Stokes of Roseville and Julie Eileen Schultz of Redford announce the birth of Andrew David Stokes Jan. 5 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Jim and Juanita Stokes and Russell and Eileen Schultz, all of Roseville.

Joseph H. Isaac and Nancy Dockham of Westland announce the birth of Jacob Joseph Isaac Jan. 26 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a sister, Amber Lynn Gillay. Grandparents are Joseph Isaac and Ethel Willoughby, both of Westland.

Kenneth Brown of Garden City and Elizabeth Hobig of

Wixom announce the birth of Kayla Elizabeth Brown Jan. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two siblings, Michael Alan May, 2 1/2, and Kendra Dae Brown, 4 1/2. Grandparents are Ernest and Sue Brown of Garden City and Steve and Rebecca Hobig of Harrison Township.

Rusty and Tammy Vore of Monroe announce the birth of Dawson Edward Jan. 22 at the Birthing Center at Mercy Hospital in Monroe. Grandparents are Tim and Helen Banyai of Westland and Frank and Carol Vore of Monroe.

Wixom announce the birth of Kayla Elizabeth Brown Jan. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two siblings, Michael Alan May, 2 1/2, and Kendra Dae Brown, 4 1/2. Grandparents are Ernest and Sue Brown of Garden City and Steve and Rebecca Hobig of Harrison Township.

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CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS
The city of Westland mayor's office will accept nominations for the residential and nonresidential beautification awards beginning Monday, May 10. The last day that nominations will be accepted is 5 p.m. Friday, July 30. Judging for the residential nominees will be based on the overall appearance of the front and back yards. This includes flowers, color combinations, trees and greenery. Judging for the nonresidential nominees will be based on the overall appearance of the grounds surrounding the business. This includes flowers, color combinations, trees and greenery as well as the cleanliness of the business and its property. Condominiums and apartments will be judged under the nonresidential award category. To submit a nomination, call (734) 467-3200 between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or send nominations to: Mayor Robert J. Thomas, Beautification Awards, city of Westland, 36601 Ford, Westland, MI 48185. The residential prizes are: first place, plaque, dinner for two with Thomas via limousine and a yard sign; second place, certificate of recognition, \$30 dinner certificate for two at Alexander the Great restaurant and a yard sign; third place, certificate of registration, \$25 gift certificate to Westland Shopping Center and a yard sign. The nonresidential prizes are: first place, plaque and yard sign; second place, certificate of recognition and a yard sign; third place, certificate of recognition and a yard sign. All winners will receive their awards at a ceremony to be announced at a later date. They will also be highlighted on television.

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.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
The Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan will hold its May meeting 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the William P. Faust Library, 6123 Central City Parkway in Westland. Speaker Dorothy Skiba will give a presentation titled "Strategies for Dating Old Photographs." Free. Call (310) 247-7891 for more information.

MADD RUN/WALK
Mothers Against Drunk Driving will hold its annual Run/Walk from the Heart Saturday, May 15, at Edward Hines Park, Nankin Mills Picnic Area, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive in Westland. Registration will begin 8 a.m., the race/walk 9 a.m. Donations are the entry fee, and there will be awards to runners. The event is in memory of Caryn Cases, who was killed by a drunken driver while running in the park. For information, call MADD at (734) 721-8181.

RUN RUN/WALK
The North Brothers Ford and the city of Westland 5K Run/Walk is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, June 12. Race starts at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36601 Ford. 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

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

RECREATION

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

FIGURE SKATING
The Westland Figure Skating Club formed an adult introductory precision team. The team is for those who want to have fun with other skating adults and get exercise. Practices are 6-6:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. Call (734) 722-1091.

VOLUNTEERS

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

SCHOOLS

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) 416-9643.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Steubeny Early Childhood



To your health

Feeling good: Registered nurse Sally Talarczyk of Oakwood Hospital checks the blood pressure of Westland resident Tamis Hobbs at a health fair. Above left, C.C. The Nurse does a little cosmetic surgery on 13-year-old Westland resident Angel Desoets. Studying the body painting procedure is Angel's friend, 12-year-old Amanda Beachley. C.C. is really RN Charlene Teeter, who runs the ER at Oakwood Hospital. The health fair is a partnership project of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and Oakwood Health-care System. It was held April 29 at Lincoln Elementary and served Jefferson-Barns and Lincoln elementaries. The response was overwhelmingly positive, said Cynthia Swift, director of curriculum and staff development for the school district. "It was just a real nice cooperative effort."

and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a 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. Tots 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) 581-4110.

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 nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. Call (248) 471-2077.

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

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

MOM'S MORNING OUT
Children, ages newborn to 6, and their mothers are invited to a Mom's Morning Out 9-11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Newburg United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and New-

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burgh, 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.

HISTORIC

PERRINSVILLE
The historic Perrinsville one-room school will be opened to the public 1-4 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month 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 meets 7 p.m. on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette, between Newburgh and Wayne roads. 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 will begin 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 direct 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.

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 Humperdink 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). Non-members 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.

BROWNE AND SNOW
A trip to dinner and to "Titanic" is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 23. Cost is \$85. Arrive at the Friend-

ship 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 CHORUS
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, pinochle, bridge, Uno, rummy and poker. Light refreshments are served. Call (734) 722-7632 for information or just show up to play cards. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh.

MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE
The Wayne Ford Civic League 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 non-members. 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 Kamme 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 734-832-7278. 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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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Rev. Mack joins St. John's Episcopal

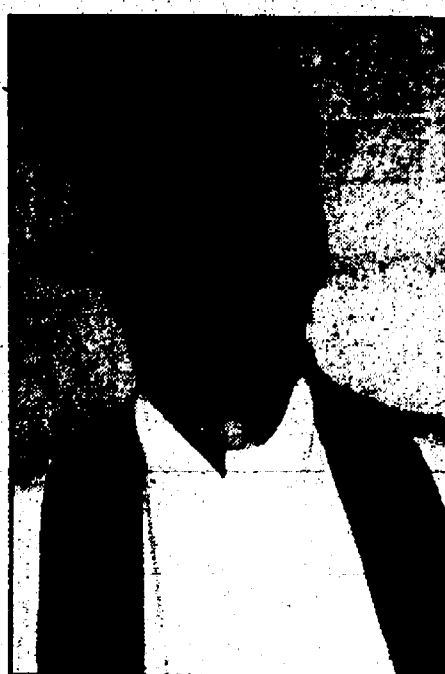
St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland recently installed the Rev. Arthur Mack as its new pastor.

Mack comes to St. John's from Trinity Episcopal Church in Lancaster, N.Y., filling a more than two-year-long vacancy following the death of the Rev. Raymond Zips in 1996.

The Rt. Rev. R. Steward Wood Jr., bishop of the Diocese of Michigan, led the celebration. His chaplain was the Rev. Beverly Moore Tasy, rector of St. Clement's Episcopal Church in Inkster. The interim pastor, the Rev. Paul Hiyama, preached during the service.

Representing the Westside Area Council were the Rev. Daniel Appleyard, rector of Christ Church in Dearborn, and the Rev. William Lieber, rector of St. Christopher/St. Paul Church in Detroit.

The oldest of seven children,



Rev. Arthur Mack

Mack grew up on a dairy farm in upstate New York. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in 1964, and

served in the U.S. Army Artillery in Hawaii, Vietnam and Oklahoma.

While at Fort Sill, Okla., he was called into the ordained ministry, studying for three years at the General Theological Seminary in New York City.

He spent six years on active duty as an Army chaplain, serving congregations at Fort Monroe, Va., and Fort Richardson, Alaska. He also served as an Army reserve chaplain for 17 years and saw active duty with a hospital unit during the Persian Gulf War.

In addition to Trinity, he has served at St. Paul's Cathedral in Syracuse, N.Y., Trinity Church in Lowville, N.Y., and Epiphany Church in Sherburne, N.Y.

He built up two congregations from scratch on small military bases. He also revitalized the cathedral church school with pastoral visits to homes,

improved teacher training and morale and increased concern for the children's attendance and joy in worship.

Married, Mack and his wife, Susan, have two children, Kara and Dan, who attend Marshall Middle School in Westland. He also has two grown children, David and Andrew, by a former marriage. They are serving in the U.S. Army in Germany.

"Having devoted considerable study and practice devoted to the ministry of healing, I believe that God desires both good health and wholeness for people," Mack said. St. John's has been a part of the Wayne-Westland Community for almost 100 years. The congregation started as a mission in Wayne in 1901 and reached parish status in 1943. It moved to its current Wayne Road site in Westland in 1956.

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.

NEW BEGINNINGS

The Rev. Kurt Stutz will speak about "Help for the Family in Grief" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit charitable organization, is offering Tai Chi classes at 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, and St. Paul United Methodist Church, 165 E. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Tai Chi is a complete and integrated exercise which works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for people of all ages and conditions of health. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

As part of the National Day of Prayer, a prayer and praise service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church-Campus, 46001 Warren Road. The service, sponsored by the Board of Women's Ministry, will focus on the greatness of the Lord and petitions for the nation and its leaders, churches, community and families.

The theme for the National Day of Prayer is "Light the Nation ... with Prayer." The observance was established by federal law in 1952 when the U.S. Congress signed a joint resolution, signed by President Harry Truman. The law was amended in 198, designating the first Thursday in May as the official National Day of Prayer.

For more information, call Suann Dibble at (734) 522-6830.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United Suburban West-Detroit will celebrate Fellowship Day, Friday, May 7, at the First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River, Farmington. The program, "God's Sweet Surprises: Angels, Mentors and Friends," will be at 9:15 a.m. and includes a continental breakfast. The cost will be \$2. Participants should bring their Love pillows for the children's hospitals.

"DOLLS GALORE"

"Dolls Galore" will be the theme of a mother and daughter banquet Friday, May 7, at Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Isabel Stanton will talk about

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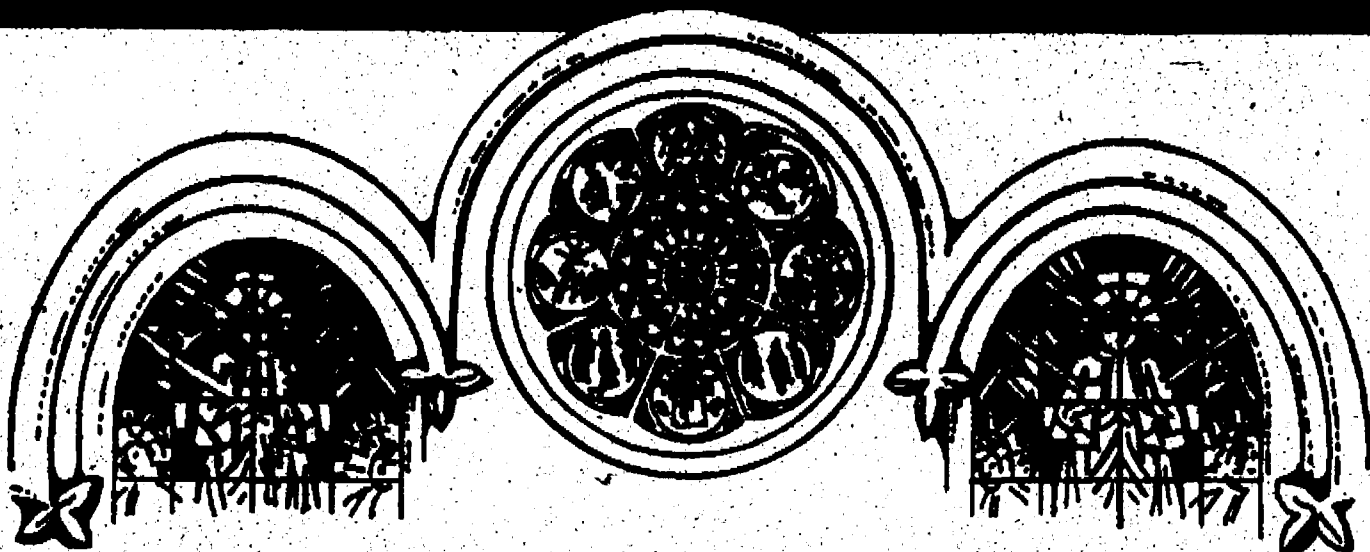
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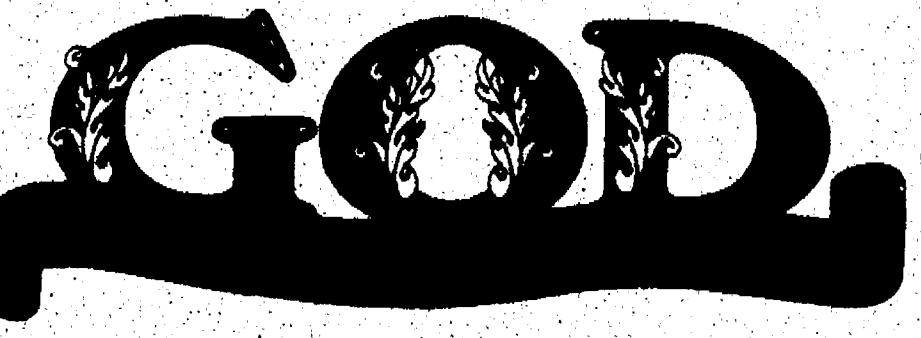
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The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will have its Spring Rummage Sale and Plus Room 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 7, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 8, at the church, 3739 Newberry, across from the post office, Wayne. There will be a bake shop and refreshments and the Plus Room, featuring collectibles, antiques, designer clothes, glassware and better furniture. Saturday will be \$1.50 a bag day (excluding the Plus Room). For more information, call the church office at (734) 721-4801.

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The Westland/Canton Chapter of Women's Aglow International will have Cynthia Khan, a missionary to Muslims, as its speaker, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 8, in the Community Room of AutoNations USA, 39600 Ford Road, Canton. Born and raised in Pakistan, she loves Jesus and simply teaches about Him. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call Penni at (734) 261-5268.

Farmington Aglow will have Anne Campbell as its speaker 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, May 10, in the downstairs meeting room of the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. Twelve Mile Road. Campbell was delivered through the power of Jesus Christ from years of depression, compulsive overeating, anxiety, cancer, a failed marriage and ruined finances. For more information, call Karen at (248) 682-3733.

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HEARTSONG

Northville Christian Assembly will present HeartSong, a musi-

cal ensemble from the Central Bible College in Springfield, Mo., at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, at the church, 41355 Six Mile Road, Northville. The group combines traditional and contemporary gospel music into a worship experience in churches and at youth meetings and conventions across the nation. For more information, call the church at (248)348-9030.

SPRING CARD PARTY

St. Hilary Rosary Altar Society will have its annual spring card party 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, at the church, 23901 Elmira, Redford. There will be a dessert buffet table, table prizes, door prizes and raffle prizes. The cost will be \$6 and reservations can be made by calling Betty at (313) 533-8239 or Dorothy at (313) 533-5698.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other May 14-16 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or at www.rc.net/detroit/wmwe.

MARIAN CONFERENCE

An all-faith Marian conference, "Heaven's Last Call to Humanity," will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 15, in Lobby B of the Domino Farms Warehouse, east of U.S. 23 and the Plymouth Road exit, Ann Arbor.

The conference is sponsored by Missionary Servants of Holy Love. Visionary Maureen Sweeney-Kyle who has received apparitions and messages from Jesus and Mary since 1985, will speak about the "Message of Holy Love."

Joeyp Terelya, who was tortured for 20 years in Soviet prisons because of his faith, will speak. His biography, "Witness," details his experiences which include the Blessed Virgin appearing to him numerous times while he was in prison. His famous icon, "Mary-Mediator of All Graces," will be at the conference.

The other speakers include John Hine, who was miraculously cured in 1988 on the Feast of the Holy Rosary and is charged with the mission to spread devotion to the rosary, and Brother Sebastian Barresi who has made 31 trips to Medugorje and is a

team member that has supplied Bosnia with \$50 million worth of medical supplies.

A healing service will be held after the conference which costs \$15. Seating is limited and participants must register in advance by calling June at (313) 381-1298 or Barbara at (313) 678-0428.

WORSHIP MUSICAL

The Adult Choir of Memorial Church of Christ will present the worship musical, "My Utmost for His Highest," at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at the church, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The "Jesus Jammers" Choir also will be featured in the musical, based on the classic devotionals by Oswald Chambers which have promoted spiritual growth among Christians for generations. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-6722.

SALAD LUNCHEON

The women of Lola Valley United Methodist Church will have their spring salad luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, at the church, Puritan and Delaware in Redford. Tickets are \$6 and are available by calling the church at (313) 255-6330.

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Merriman Road ready for team

The nationally recognized Power Team is coming to Merriman Road Baptist Church Wednesday-Sunday, May 19-23.

The Power Team is a group of world-class athletes who combine great exhibitions of strength, power and speed with a message of inspiration and motivation.

During nightly performances at the church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City, the team members give individual Christian testimony while using feats of strength as not only a tool to draw people in, but as an illustrated sermon.

"This is going to be one of the biggest and most powerful events ever to hit this community," said the Rev. Wayne Parker, pastor of Merriman Road Baptist Church. "We're taking a stand in our community and we're hoping that literally thousands will come to hear this great message of hope."

In addition to the nightly performances, the Power Team will conduct assemblies in at least

seven area schools. During the school assemblies, the men perform feats of strength to gain the students' attention, then deliver their message.

Team members talk about the danger of drugs, alcohol and AIDS. The team also tells how each student has value and how each should never give up on individual goals and dreams.

The team has performed in more than 40 countries and at more than 7,000 public school assemblies. The Power Team's television show, "The Power Connection," airs weekly on the Trinity Broadcasting Network.

For more information about the Power Team's visit, call Merriman Road Baptist Church at (734) 421-0472.

Parents Without Partners to sponsor cancer benefit

The Huron Valley Regional Council of Parents Without Partners Inc. will hold a "Celebration of Life" benefit ball Friday, May 7, at Roma Hall in Garden City.

The dance, which will feature a silent auction, will be 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the hall on Cherry Hill Road west of Merriman Road. Tickets are \$10 in advance at (734) 464-1969, or \$12 at the

door. The dance will help raise money for the fight against cancer. Proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, and the University of Michigan Cancer Center.

The inspiration for the benefit is Diane Griffin, past president of the Huron Valley Regional Council and a cancer survivor.

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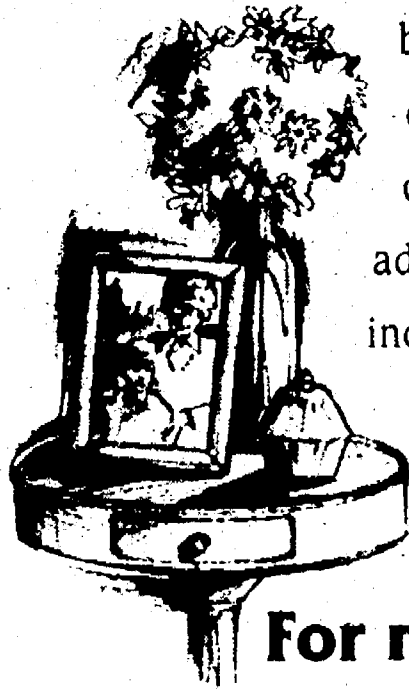
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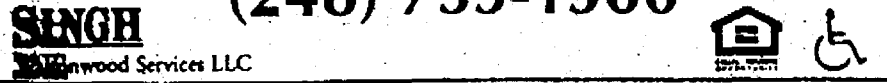
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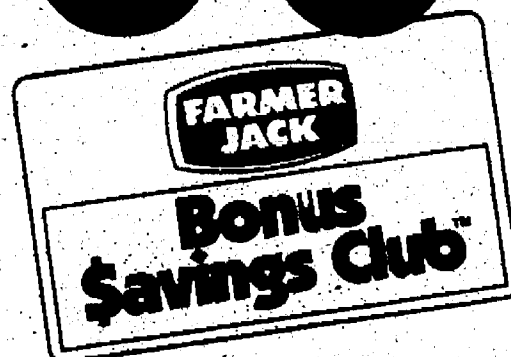
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Taormina is fast learner in triathlon

The triathlon news was significantly better Sunday for Livonian Sheila Taormina.

Only a week earlier, the 30-year-old Taormina succumbed to dehydration under the 90-degree heat less than a quarter-mile from the finish line in the St. Anthony's Triathlon held Saturday afternoon (April 25) on The Pier in St. Petersburg, Fla.

After taking two IVs to regain her strength that day, the Stevenson High product immediately went back to training and was at it again Sunday in Austin, Tex. competing in the Bally's Total Fitness, a U.S. Triathlon Series event.

Taormina finished second in the female pro division with a time of 2 hours, 12 minutes, 56.9 seconds. She took home \$750 in prize money and also earned additional \$250 for the fastest swim.

"I was not in racing shape because I was still hurting from Florida," said Taormina, who completed a 72-mile training ride Tuesday. "But it was good getting the experience I need and I was able to ride in a pack and draft with some new girls."

Taormina, former University of Georgia standout, was an Olympic gold medalist in the women's 800-meter freestyle relay in 1996 at the Atlanta Games.

Taormina was second in the women's division behind 24-year-old Julie Ricketts, a Great Britain transplant who competed for Louisiana State University.

Rickett's total time in the 1,500-meter swim, 24.8-mile bike and 6.2-mile run was 2:11:30.3.

Taormina's times were 21:34.2 in the swim; 1:10:18.4 in the bike (19.62 MPH); and 39:18.4 in the run (6:33 per mile).

At St. Anthony's, 1995 Hawaii Ironwoman champion Karen Smyers fought off a strong challenge by Taormina, overtaking her in the third loop of the 10K run.

But the heat was just too oppressive and despite being disappointed at not finishing, Taormina was upbeat about the experience. She learned some valuable lessons in only her fourth race of the year.

Things like wearing a hat during the run to block the sun and implementing drafting strategy on the bike were two items that will not be overlooked in the future.

Taormina, who has an eye on next year's Olympic Trials, will compete again in a U.S. Triathlon Series race Sunday, May 23 in San Dimas, Calif.

With the help of coach Lew Kidder and training partner Karen McKeachie, a veteran age-group competitor, Taormina is certainly making great strides and could be a force to be reckoned in the new Olympic event by this time next year.

Remembering Scicluna

Who wasn't touched by the tributes made last week on behalf of the late Paul Scicluna?

The 57-year-old Eastern Michigan University women's soccer coach was tragically killed in a one-car accident (April 25) while returning from a recruiting trip in Ohio.

Scicluna's influence on the soccer world reached far and wide.

Nearly 1,000 gathered April 28 at "The House that Paul Built," Total Soccer, the full-sized soccer indoor complex in Wixom.

"He turned his dreams into reality," said friend and co-club coach Paul Dugan. "He believed people needed a place to play year-round."

"There was also an instant bond with the people he met and the players he coached. His love the game was infectious."

Said former Livonia Bentley High player Amy Weber: "He was my hero. It took this tragedy to make me the person I am today."

Added friend and longtime club coach Tom Coyne: "He was the maestro of results, the wind beneath our wings."

Another former player from EMU, Michelle Fatute: "He taught good traditional values. He touched so many lives. He was just a class act."

And then there was close friend Rich Azanger: "Paul brought out the best in all of us. It's better to give than receive, and he lived it all the time."

Approximately 150 players from Scicluna's Livonia Y club teams

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Hitting stride: Livonia Churchill's Ryan Kearney figured in a pair of first-place finishes at the 29th annual Observerland Boys Track & Field Relays held Saturday at Redford Union's Alumni Track. Kearney repeated as the individual 110-meter hurdles champion with a time of 14.71. He was also a member of the victorious 800-meter relay team as the Chargers finished runner-up behind Plymouth Salem in the team standings. See complete meet summary below.

Salem repeats Observerland title Chargers 2nd; CC discus thrower shatters record

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Plymouth Salem is still the team in Observerland boys track and field — the team others are still trying to catch and emulate.

The Rocks repeated as champions of the annual Observerland Relays and won their third title in four years Saturday night at Redford Union's Kraft Field.

Salem won six events and finished 17 points ahead of Livonia Churchill, the runner-up for the second year in a row, 89-72. The Chargers were much closer than the 58½ points that separated the teams last year.

"We like the fact Plymouth Salem has an outstanding program, to the point we aspire to be as good as they are," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "If not for them and the great competition, I don't think we'd be the team we are."

"You need a team like that. They make us better. The next step is to take the Charger track team to the point we're an outstanding team like Salem."

"That's our ultimate goal. You have to respect Salem and its coaching staff for the great run they've enjoyed."

Salem, which has won six times overall — five in this decade, was most dominant in the distance events.

Nick Allen, Bobby Cushman and Jon Little combined with Manvir Gill to set a meet record in the 6,400-meter relay (18:06) and with Trevor Davis to win the 3,200 relay.

Salem's Matt Anderson, Andy Gabriel, Craig Little and Donnie Warner began the finals of the running events with a victory in the distance medley relay.

"They worked hard to get there, and they know what it takes to win," said

Salem coach Geoff Baker of his distance crew, adding there was much more to the Salem victory. "I thought we had a good, solid, team performance today."

The Rocks, led by Gabe Coble's meet-best jump of 20-5, won the long jump with help from Pat Johnson and Ryan Silva and scored in every field event but the pole vault.

"We had to doctor our sprints, because our best sprinter (Mike Shull) was out (with a strained hamstring)," Baker said.

Salem accomplished that "by putting other people in certain spots," he added. "It shows we do have a little depth in the sprints; we're not just a distance team."

Gabriel, Mark Sheehan, Chris Mason, who was sixth in the 100 dash, and Coble won the sprint medley. The Rocks also were third in the 400 relay and second in the 1,600.

"The sprint medley (win) was kinda unexpected," Baker said. "We put good guys in there, and we thought we'd place. That was a good win."

The coup de grace was Salem's victory in the shuttle hurdle relay. With points from that event, the high jump and pole vault outstanding, the Rocks had an insurmountable, 79-58 lead over Churchill.

But the Rocks won that event, too, with the team of Dave Clemons, Rob Showalter, Silva and Ryan Thomas by less than half a second over the Chargers.

"I was a little nervous," Baker said when he heard the meet officials call for a re-run in the shuttle hurdles, "but it wasn't our heat; so we kinda lucked out."

Clemons competed but also was bothered by a pulled hamstring muscle.

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OBSERVERLAND TRACK RESULTS

29TH ANNUAL OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK & FIELD RELAYS

May 1 at Redford Union

<p>Team standings: 1. Plymouth Salem, 89; 2. Livonia Churchill, 72; 3. Redford Catholic Central, 48; 4. Farmington Harrison, 46; 5. Plymouth Canton, 43; 6. Livonia Franklin, 42; 7. Redford Thurston, 28; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 25; 9. Farmington, 16; 10. Westland John Glenn, 15; 11. (tie) Northville and Garden City, 14; 13. Redford Bishop Borgess, 12; 14. North Farmington, 11; 15. Redford Union, 10; 16. Southfield-Lathrup, 7; 17. Wayne Memorial, 4.</p> <p>Shot put: Catholic Central (Mike Morris) 61-3; Nick Brzezinski 50-6; John Kave 46-6; 148-3; 2. Thurston, 136-5; 3. Churchill, 129-4; 4. Salem, 125-4; 5. John Glenn, 115-9; 6. Harrison, 114-1. Best thrower: Mike Morris (Catholic Central), 51-3.</p> <p>Discus: 1. Catholic Central (Nick Brzezinski) 177-11; Mike Morris 125-2; Lou Willoughby 119-8; 422-9; 2. Thurston, 377-6; 3. Stevenson, 377-0; 4. Churchill, 372-5; 5. Salem, 352-4; 6. Canton, 343-8. Best thrower: Nick Brzezinski (Catholic Central), 177-11; meet record: old record: Bob Pittaway (Salem), 180-9.</p> <p>High jump: 1. Canton (Chris Kalls) 6-2; Jordan Chapman 5-0; Juan Cortes, 4-0; 18-2; 2. Northville, 17-6; 3. Farmington, 17-4; 4. Salem, 17-4; 5. Churchill, 17-4; 6. Harrison, 17-0. Best jumper: (tie) Chris Kalls (Canton) and Alex Heines (Northville), 6-2.</p> <p>Long jump: 1. Salem (Gabe Coble) 20-5; Pat Johnson 19-3; Ryan Silva 17-8; 57-4; 2. Harrison, 56-5; 3. Churchill, 56-2; 4. Wayne, 53-8; 5. Catholic Central, 53-7; 6. Franklin, 52-9. Best jumper: Gabe Coble (Salem), 20-5.</p> <p>Pole vault: 1. Garden City (Joe Frenco) 12-0; Ian Billington 11-6; Simon Shannon 10-8; 34 feet; 2. Harrison, 31-0; 3. Churchill, 30-0; 4. Canton, 29-6; 5. Franklin, 29-0; 6. North Farmington, 29-0. Best vaulter: Joe Frenco (Garden City), Jordan Chapman (Canton) and Ryan Shippert (Franklin), 12-0 each.</p> <p>8,400-meter relay: 1. Salem (Manvir Gill, Nick Allen, Bobby Cushman, Jon Little), 18:06 (meet record); old record: 18:09, Catholic Central, 1985; 2. Churchill, 19:04; 3. Stevenson, 19:12; 4. Catholic Central, 20:01; 5. Canton, 20:17; 6. North Farmington, 20:19.</p>	<p>110 hurdles: 1. Ryan Kearney (Churchill), 14.71; 2. Nick Hall (Harrison), 15.04; 3. Pat Hayes (Franklin), 15.08; 4. Ryan Thomas (Salem), 15.4; 5. David Brown (Redford Union), 15.58; 6. Brian Jones (Stevenson), 16.16.</p> <p>Distance medley relay: 1. Salem (Matt Anderson, Andy Gabriel, Craig Little, Donnie Warner), 10:55.7; 2. John Glenn, 11:05.1; 3. Canton, 11:06.8; 4. Redford Union, 11:07.9; 5. Stevenson, 11:12.2; 6. Franklin, 11:18.7.</p> <p>800 relay: 1. Churchill (Devin White, Eric Scott, Paul Karolek, Ryan Kearney), 1:32.6; 2. Canton, 1:35.3; 3. Franklin, 1:36.4; 4. Thurston, 1:35.9; 5. Stevenson, 1:36.1; 6. Farmington, 1:37.0.</p> <p>1,600 run: 1. Josh Burt (Franklin), 4:25.5; 2. Dan Jess (Catholic Central), 4:26.5; 3. Cherlie Stamboulain (North Farmington), 4:26.8; 4. Ed Traynor (Garden City), 4:27.5; 5. Kevin Arbuckle (Northville), 4:39.8; 6. Jason Rutter (Canton), 4:41.9.</p> <p>3,200 relay: 1. Salem (Trevor Davis, Bobby Cushman, Jon Little, Nick Allen), 8:15.3; 2. Catholic Central, 8:33; 3. Churchill, 8:34.5; 4. Stevenson, 8:36.8; 5. Redford Union, 8:49.3; 6. Canton, 8:56.</p> <p>100 dash: 1. Kevin Woods (Harrison), 10.9; 2. Ramon Scott (Bishop Borgess), 11.3; 3. Derek Anderson (Catholic Central), 11.4; 4. Scott Genrod (Thurston), 11.5; 5. K.J. Singh (Canton), 11.5; 6. Chris Mason (Salem) 11.7.</p> <p>Sprint medley relay: 1. Salem (Andy Gabriel, Mark Sheehan, Chris Mason, Gabe Coble), 2:31.3; 2. Canton, 2:33.8; 3. Southfield-Lathrup, 2:34.9; 4. Northville, 2:35.3; 5. Thurston, 2:35.3; 6. John Glenn, 2:35.7.</p> <p>Shuttle hurdle relay: 1. Salem (Rob Showalter, Ryan Silva, Dave Clemons, Ryan Thomas), 1:01.9; 2. Churchill, 1:02.3; 3. Franklin, 1:06.0; 4. Stevenson, 1:07.3; 5. Redford Union, 1:08.3; 6. North Farmington, 1:10.3.</p> <p>400 relay: 1. Harrison (Nick Hall, Agim Shabaj, Andre Davis, Kevin Woods), 44.0; 2. Farmington, 44.8; 3. Salem, 45.0; 4. Bishop Borgess, 45.5; 5. Thurston, 45.5; 6. Southfield-Lathrup, 45.6.</p> <p>1,600 relay: 1. Franklin (Kevin Schneider, Ryan Kratch, Nick Houstakakis, Pat Hayes), 3:30.2; 2. Salem, 3:31.4; 3. Churchill, 3:32.3; 4. John Glenn, 3:35.7; 5. North Farmington, 3:37.3; 6. Farmington, 3:37.5.</p>
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Charger ace: Churchill's Adrienne Doyle pitched well enough to win vs. Canton.

Plymouth Canton comes through, averts upset bid by Churchill, 3-2

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Plymouth Canton is supposed to win. That should be clearly understood. The Chiefs won the Western Lakes Activities Association softball title last season and advanced to the Class A semifinals before falling, and nearly everyone from that team is back.

Their record — 14-2 overall — may indicate they've lived up to expectations, but don't be fooled. It hasn't been easy this season.

Monday's home game against Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division rival Livonia Churchill is a case in point. Canton had to battle back to get a 3-2 victory, scratching out an unearned run in the bottom of the sixth. Anna Keil, a pinch-hitting menace of late for the Chiefs, came through in the clutch with a two-out, run-scoring double that delivered Angie Neu (who reached base on Churchill infield error) with the game-winner.

"We played some good defense," said Churchill coach Dana Hardwidge. "I hate to see it end on a play like that (an error). I thought (Adrienne) Doyle pitched well, she did a good job mixing it up."

"We're fighting for consistency right now." Which brings more sharply into focus Canton coach Jim Arnold's frustration with his team. Churchill is 5-7 overall, 0-4 in the division. It's a team the Chiefs' coach

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believes should be handled more easily. "We just seem to play real well against the good teams, but not so well against the not-so-good teams," he said. "At least it seems that way. I don't know why. We try to tell them anybody who beats us, it's going to make their season."

What frustrated Arnold was the Chiefs' performance against Churchill came after they had played so well in winning the Temperance Bedford Tournament Saturday. Canton's pitching ace, Gretchen Hudson — who missed 10 days with a sprained knee — was on target in a 2-0 win in the title game against the host Kicking Mules. Hudson fired a no-hitter, walking one and striking out nine — including fanning the side in the second inning on nine pitches.

"I thought that would be a great confidence-builder," said Arnold of the tournament win. But on Monday, it was the Chargers who seemed to want it more.

Canton took the early lead, getting a run in the first inning on a single by Paula McKernan, a stolen base and Christina Kiesel's run-scoring base hit. But Churchill answered with two runs in the third on a rally initiated by two errors that allowed Sarah Hen-

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according to Baker. "We didn't want to have to come in looking like Ryan Kearney again," he said. "I know that his speed and hurdling ability, he was coming back."

Despite the final result, it wasn't clear sailing for the Rocks all through the meet, however.

"We had a good scare going," Baker said, adding Salem was disqualified in the 800-relay and its runner didn't get checked in on time. "That brought us back to people and started making us nervous."

There was only a one-point difference between the Rocks and Chargers at that point.

"We knew we still had some good events to come," Baker said, "but anything can happen — a dropped baton or an injury."

"In the shuttle hurdles, our leadoff guy (Clemmons) had a

strained hamstring, and we weren't sure he was going to be able to go. If he goes down, there's no points for us there. That's 10 for (Churchill) and a 20-point swing."

Churchill was led by Kearney, who won the individual high hurdles, anchored the winning 800 relay team, led the Chargers to a second-place finish in the shuttle hurdles and helped Churchill get third in the 1,600 relay.

"I'd like to congratulate my team; they're having a very good year," Austin said. "Jason Richmond was coming off an injury and turned in a PR in the 1,600. Ryan Kearney ran super again. As Ryan goes so does our team."

"I'm very proud of all our kids, because they believed they could come here and score a lot of points and make it an interesting meet."

"I'd like to congratulate Geoff Baker and the Salem track team for demonstrating once again, with their super performances in just about every event, why they should be Observerland champions."

Redford Catholic Central was the only multiple team-event winner other than Salem with firsts in the shot put and discus.

CC senior Nick Brzezinski set an individual record in the discus with a toss of 177-11, shattering former Salem athlete Bob Pittaway's record of 160-9.

THE LAST WORD: "I appreciate the fact the Observer Newspaper sponsors this event," Austin said. "I think the Observerland Relays is one of the most prestigious events in the state."

"Year after year we have quality performances at this meet and, if not for the Observer sponsoring this event, I think the sport of track and field would die."

Shuttle event: Livonia Franklin's Pat Hayes maneuvers over the hurdles during Saturday's 29th running of the Observerland Boys Track Relays. Hayes took third individually in the 110 hurdles and his Patriot relay team was also third in the shuttle hurdle event.



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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK RESULTS

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND 130 - LUTHERAN NORTHWEST 22 HAMTRACCK 21
May 4 at Lutheran Westland
Shot put: Andy McLaughlin (LW), 39 feet, 9 inches; discus: Brian Rose (LW), 104-8; high jump: Ryan Ollinger (LW), 5-8; long jump: Ryan Ollinger (LW), 19-8; pole vault: Jason Davis (LW), 10-8; 120-yard hurdles: Ollinger (LW), 15.5; 330 hurdles: Ollinger (LW), 43.0; 100 dash: Brock (H), 10.5; 220: Mike Clark (LW), 2:17.0; 440: McDaniel (Nwest), 55.2; 880: Matt Rae (LW), 2:17.0; mile: Sternemann (Nwest), 5:07.0; 2 mile: Steve McFall (LW), 11:27.1; 440 relay: Hamtracck, 49.9; 880 relay: Lutheran Westland (Clark, Clint Gowen, Justin Combs, Andy Moldenhauer),

1:38.7; mile relay: Lutheran Westland (Rae, Nick Doherty, Combs, Rose), 3:55.7; 2 mile relay: Lutheran Westland (Adam Voight, Jeremy Fabris, Justin Ericson, Rae), 9:50.5.
RAM RELAYS
May 1 at Flat Rock
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Ida, 80 points; 2. Carleton Airport, 76; 3. Lutheran High Westland, 56; 4. New Boston Huron, 52; 5. Eriemason, 50; 6. Flat Rock, 49; 7. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 32.
Lutheran Westland Firsts
110-meter hurdles: Ryan Ollinger, 15.2; 400 relay: Clint Gowen, Andy Moldenhauer, Mike Clark, Ollinger, 45.9; freshman-sophomore relay: Andy Moldenhauer, Clark, Nick Doherty, Matt Rae, 3:55.7.

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 70% DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD 57%
May 3 at Redford Thurston
Shot put: Nick Brzezinski (CC), 50-feet, 4 1/2 inches; discus: Brzezinski (CC), 181-7; high jump: Aaron Velthoven (CC), 5-8; 110-meter hurdles: Jason Woehlike (CC), 15.6; 300 hurdles: Woehlike (CC), 42.2; 400 relay: CC (Woehlike, Matt Markiewicz, Justin Cessante, Derek Andersen), 1:37.3; 100: Andersen (CC), 11.4; 200: Andersen (CC), 24.1; 3:200: Matt Daly (CC), 10:13.4.
CC's dual meet record: 3-0 in Catholic League.

BEST BOYS TRACK LISTINGS

Coches should report updates for the list of boys best track and field results to Dan O'Meara at (734) 953-2141 by phone or (734) 591-7279 by fax.
SHOT PUT
Nick Brzezinski (Redford CC) 54-1
John Kava (Redford CC) 51-3 1/4
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 51-3
Mike Gaura (Churchill) 49-4 1/4
Lou Willoughby (Redford CC) 49-4
Mark Snyder (Salem) 47-6 1/2
Bryant Lawrence (Thurston) 46-1
Guy Diakow (Churchill) 45-2 1/4
Andy Brandt (Salem) 44-1 1/4
Nate Hensman (Franklin) 43-10

DISCUS
Nick Brzezinski (Redford CC) 186-1
Guy Diakow (Churchill) 153-10
Scott Genord (Thurston) 148-3
Dustin Willim (Stevenson) 147-4
Andy Brandt (Salem) 137-0
Lou Willoughby (Redford CC) 136-7
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 136-3
Kurt Pfankuch (Stevenson) 136-0
Nick Samples (John Glenn) 130-3
Charlie Rozum (Redford CC) 128-9

HIGH JUMP
Chris Kalls (Canton) 6-3 1/2
Layne Boddy (Farmington) 6-2
Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 6-2
Aaron Velthoven (Redford CC) 6-0
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 6-0
Juan Cortes (Canton) 6-0
Dave Painter (Franklin) 5-10
Darnell Dorris (John Glenn) 5-10
C.J. Whitfield (Farmington) 5-9
Rod Hunt (Redford CC) 5-9
Brad Tucker (Harrison) 5-9

LONG JUMP
Eric Scott (Churchill) 21-3
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 20-10
Ryan Ollinger (Lutheran Westland) 20-8
Devin White (Churchill) 20-6 1/2
Gabe Coble (Salem) 20-5
Brent Barick (Redford CC) 19-11 1/2
Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 19-11
Andre Davis (Harrison) 19-10
Juvain Spinks (Farmington) 19-7 1/2
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 19-7

POLE VAULT
Joe Flendo (Garden City) 13-6
Brandon LaPointe (Churchill) 12-6
Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 12-0
Ryan Shiplett (Franklin) 12-0
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 12-0
Ian Billington (Garden City) 12-0
Jason Davis (Lutheran Westland) 11-6
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 11-0
Mike Baskin (Stevenson) 11-0
Ryan Noel (Lutheran Westland) 10-6
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 10-6
Steve Richert (Lutheran Westland) 10-6
Justin Shafer (Harrison) 10-6
Simon Shannon (Garden City) 10-6

110-METER HURDLES
Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 14.5
Dave Clemmons (Salem) 14.5
Nick Hall (Harrison) 14.6
Ryan Thomas (Salem) 14.7
Pat Hayes (Franklin) 14.8
Ryan Ollinger (Lutheran Westland) 14.9
Ben Lukas (Farmington) 15.1
Chris Kalls (Canton) 15.1
Ricky Bryant (Harrison) 15.2
Brant Hauck (Churchill) 15.2
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 15.2

300-METER HURDLES
Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 39.7
Josh Keyes (John Glenn) 40.6
Nick Hall (Harrison) 40.6
Pat Hayes (Franklin) 40.7
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 40.9
Brant Hauck (Churchill) 41.3
Ryan Thomas (Salem) 41.7
Jason Woehlike (Redford CC) 42.2
Dave Clemmons (Salem) 42.4
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 42.6

100-METER DASH
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 10.5
Scott Genord (Thurston) 11.1
K.J. Singh (Canton) 11.1

Mike Shull (Salem) 11.2
Kwame Hampton (Wayne) 11.2
Dustin Gress (Farmington) 11.2
Chris Mason (Salem) 11.2
Derek Andersen (Redford CC) 11.3
Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 11.3
Ramon Scott (Bishop Borgosa) 11.3
Mike Lenardon (Stevenson) 11.3

200-METER DASH
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 22.2
Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 22.5
Mike Shull (Salem) 22.5
Devin White (Churchill) 22.9
Dustin Gress (Farmington) 23.1
Scott Genord (Thurston) 23.2
Joe Flendo (Garden City) 23.2
Derek Andersen (Redford CC) 23.3
Mark Sheehan (Salem) 23.3
K.J. Singh (Canton) 23.4
Mark Ostach (Farmington) 23.4
Cory Harris (Franklin) 23.4

400-METER DASH
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 51.7
Matt Freeborn (Stevenson) 51.9
Gabe Coble (Salem) 52.2
Kevin Schneider (Franklin) 52.2
Adam Mantay (Thurston) 53.1
Mike Millet (N. Farmington) 53.5
Andrew Buck (Farmington) 53.5
Brian Kuszynski (Redford CC) 53.8
Andre Davis (Harrison) 53.9
Mark Sheehan (Salem) 54.2

800-METER RUN
Bobby Cushman (Salem) 2:01.5
Jon Little (Salem) 2:02.4
Gabe Coble (Salem) 2:04.2
Charlie Stambouljan (N. Farm.) 2:04.5
Brian Hinzman (Garden City) 2:06.1
Steve Blossom (Canton) 2:06.3
Adam Mantay (Thurston) 2:07.0
Brian Kuszynski (Redford CC) 2:07.3
Jason Scarbrough (Harrison) 2:08.0
Brandon LaPointe (Churchill) 2:08.2

1,600-METER RUN
Josh Burt (Franklin) 4:25.5
Dan Jess (Redford CC) 4:26.5
Charlie Stambouljan (N. Farm.) 4:26.8
Ed Traynor (Garden City) 4:27.5
Manvir Gill (Salem) 4:34.2
Donnie Warner (Salem) 4:34.2
Jon Little (Salem) 4:34.8
Joe Verellen (Stevenson) 4:35.5
Nick Allen (Salem) 4:36.0
Eric Bohn (Stevenson) 4:38.7

3,200-METER RUN
Dan Jess (Redford CC) 9:33.9
Matt Daly (Redford CC) 9:53.6
Jim Curtiss (Redford CC) 9:53.7
Ed Traynor (Garden City) 9:56.3
Josh Burt (Franklin) 10:08.0
Joe Verellen (Stevenson) 10:10.9
Mark Repasky (Redford CC) 10:11.0
Nick Allen (Salem) 10:12.3
Jason Rutter (Canton) 10:19.9
Steve Stewart (Franklin) 10:21.0
Donnie Warner (Salem) 10:21.0

400-METER RELAY
Farmington Harrison 44.0
Plymouth Salem 44.4
Farmington 44.8
Livonia Churchill 45.3
Redford Thurston 45.5
Redford Bishop Borgosa 45.5

800-METER RELAY
Livonia Churchill 1:32.6
Plymouth Salem 1:32.9
Plymouth Canton 1:34.2
Farmington Harrison 1:34.3
Livonia Stevenson 1:34.7

1,600-METER RELAY
Livonia Franklin 3:30.2
Plymouth Salem 3:31.4
Livonia Churchill 3:32.3
Plymouth Canton 3:33.8
Westland John Glenn 3:35.7

3,200-METER RELAY
Plymouth Salem 8:15.3
Redford Catholic Central 8:30.4
Livonia Stevenson 8:32.1
Livonia Churchill 8:34.5
Plymouth Canton 8:35.2

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WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Madonna tunes up for WHAC tourney

Seven-out-of-12. Not fantastic, but not too bad either. And those seven wins did put Madonna University's softball team two games over .500 and put them in a tie for fourth place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with Aquinas College, each team finishing at 15-13.

Sophomore shortstop Kristy McDonald was a big part of the Lady Crusaders' week, which is why she was named WHAC player of the week. McDonald, from Redford Thurston HS, hit safely in her last nine games and was 18-of-34 at the plate (.529) with five doubles and two triples; she knocked in 14 runs and scored eight others.

Madonna would have had fourth place to itself had it swept its twinbill with Siena Heights Monday.

The Lady Crusaders handled the opener easily enough; Janell Leschinger tossed a three-hit shutout, walking three and striking out two as she improved to 19-7 in a game stopped after five innings by the eight-run mercy rule.

The Crusaders scored five times in the first, with Kelly Zurawski singling in two runs and McDonald, Jamie Cook and Courtney Senger each collecting RBI singles.

They added two in the second without the benefit of a hit, and two more in the third, with McDonald and Vicki Malkowski each singling in runs. McDonald and Senger each had two hits and two RBI, and Angela Litwin (from Plymouth Canton) had two hits and scored twice.

The second game was a pitchers' duel all the way, with the Saints' Kristin Heinze bettering Madonna's Janelle Schmidt and Tanya Liske, who allowed one run apiece. Erin Parks doubled in the game's first run in the third, giving Siena Heights a 1-0 lead; Jamie Hallenbeck doubled that advantage with a run-scoring single in the sixth. Madonna's only run was knocked in by Tanya Liske on a groundout in the seventh.

MADONNA 1-15, INDIANA TECH 2-4: Janell Leschinger could have used the kind of offensive support her Madonna team turned in in the second game of Sunday's WHAC double-header at Indiana Tech.

Leschinger allowed two unearned runs — the Crusaders committed six errors in the game — on six hits and four walks, striking out two in a 2-1 loss. Tech's Sarah Douglas tossed a two-hit, one-walk gem at Madonna. Both Tech runs scored in the bottom of the seventh, with one out.

In the second game, the Crusaders erupted for 19 hits and 15 runs in a game ended after six innings. Janelle Schmidt got the pitching win, allowing four runs on nine hits and three walks, with one strikeout.

McDonald was on fire at the plate, going 5-for-5 with two doubles, a stolen base and three RBI. Jamie Cook added three hits, three runs scored and three RBI; Vicki Malkowski had three hits (including a triple), scored four runs and knocked in one; Missy Bako (Garden City) had three hits (including a triple) and an RBI; Jenny Kruzel had two hits and two RBI; and Angela Litwin had two hits.

MADONNA 7-13, TRI-STATE 1-2: A sweep was in order for Madonna last Saturday in Angola, Ind.

Janell Leschinger got the win in the opener, working the first five innings and not allowing a hit; she walked one and struck out five. Missy Bako allowed one hit in her two innings on the mound.

Vicki Malkowski, Kristy McDonald and Bako each had two hits and an RBI. Angela Litwin and Courtney Senger also had two hits apiece.

In the second game, McDonald drove in four runs with a double and a triple, Malkowski contributed two doubles, a triple, three runs scored and two RBI, and Senger added three hits and three RBI in the five-inning mercy. Jenny Kruzel also had three hits, with Bako adding two hits and two RBI; Jen Walker getting two hits and an RBI; and Jamie Cook collecting two hits.

Madonna opens the WHAC Tournament today in Battle Creek.

top sluggers

It was a great season last year... (text partially obscured)

Days DeHans, who hit 750 during the four-game stretch, was named tournament MVP. Other Journeyman also named to the all-tourney team included Scott Janack (.875), Randy Windham (.714), Scott Hill (.667) and pitcher Scott Nastally (4-0 record).

Other leading hitters for the Journeyman included John Sampson (.800) and Chris Schaffer, the latter whom came off the bench to pinch-hit four times in key situations and was 3-for-4 with a pair of homers.

"It was truly a team effort, we used all 15 players," Journeyman manager Larry Quartuccio said. "This was really great because we were the defending champions, and it felt good to repeat."

"This is our third tournament of the year and what really is exciting is that we are improving every week."

Mark Matchulat had five hits and three RBI in the championship game. Jason Riggs added two homers and three RBI, while Janack had four hits and a homer.

Jamie Gordon had four hits and five RBI in the

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL

Marlins' offensive assault topples Ladywood in pair

Farmington Hills Mercy rallied twice in the late innings Tuesday to sweep a make-up girls softball doubleheader from host Livonia Ladywood, 16-6 and 11-9.

In the first game, the Marlins scored six times in the fifth inning to erase a 3-2 deficit, and they put the game out of reach with an eight-run sixth.

Both teams had 12 hits. Mercy's Erin Howard struck out five and walked none. The Marlins had eight walks from Ladywood pitcher Rebecca Pawlik.

Mercy is 4-2 in the Catholic League Central Division and 12-6 overall; Ladywood, which lost a pair last Thursday to visiting Birmingham Marian (8-2 and 12-4) is now 5-10 overall and 0-6 in the division.

Lauren Monterey, Erin Carson and Nuverre Naami had two hits apiece to lead Mercy. Carson and Naami also had two RBI each; Carson scored three runs and Naami two.

Melanie Grewe and Becky Mitchell hit safely three times each. Grewe's hits included a pair of triples, and she drove in two runs. Sarah Thiesmeyer had two hits and one RBI.

In the second game, the Marlins scored five runs in the sixth inning to take a 10-9 lead and added one more in the seventh.

Mercy had a 10-8 edge in hits. Megan Fediuk was the winning pitcher, striking out eight and walking two. Michele Moros went six innings for Ladywood and took the loss.

Carson was 3-for-5 with two RBI and scored two runs. Monterey and Naami had two hits apiece; Monterey had three RBI, and Naami scored three runs. Marissa Lawrence also had three RBI.

Grewe had another three-hit game, which included a pair of doubles. Her RBI total was three. Gen Dudas (triple), Thiesmeyer (double) and Margaret Day (double) added two hits each.

W.L. WESTERN 6, FRANKLIN 2: Angie Balconi tossed a five-hitter Monday to keep the Patriots winless in four WLA games.

The left-handed Balconi walked one and struck out five as Walled Lake Western raised its Western Division WLA mark to 3-1.

Tara Muchow was the losing pitcher, walking six and giving up four hits. She struck out seven but hit three batters as Livonia Franklin dropped to 7-8.

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Western scored three in the first and three in the fourth while Franklin picked up both its markers in the sixth on RBI singles by Kelly Young and Amy Sandrick.

SALEM 6, STEVENSON 4: A three-run rally with two out in the top of the eighth inning carried WLA Lakes Division leader Plymouth Salem (8-7, 4-0) to the victory Monday over Livonia Stevenson.

A single by Jen Allen, a triple by Katie Kelly, followed by a wild pitch and an Amanda Sutton single gave the Rocks the win.

Sutton, the winning pitcher, went 3-for-5 with a pair of doubles. Shae Potocki added three hits. Kristi Copi led Stevenson (3-7, 1-3) with a pair of hits, while Katie King added an RBI double.

LeAnne Schraufnagle, who along with Sutton worked all eight innings, was the losing pitcher.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 5-15, LUTHERAN EAST 3-20: Katie Heiden scattered four hits, walked two and struck out five Monday in pitching the Warriors to the Metro Conference win in the first game of a doubleheader.

The second contest was a non-conference affair so the two coaches experimented. Heather Rose was the losing pitcher as Lutheran East pounded out 18 hits to 14 for Lutheran Westland.

Sarah Marody had three hits with an RBI while Stephanie Lynch had two doubles, a single and two RBI. Sharon Greer hit a pair of solo home runs, Heiden had two triples and Liz Unger had a pair of singles.

In the opener, Heiden had two of the four hits the Warriors got.

Lutheran Westland is now unbeaten in four Metro Conference games and 6-4 overall while Lutheran East is 2-2 in the Metro, 6-2 overall.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 6-8, LIGGETT 2-19: Pitcher Katie Heiden tossed a seven-hitter in the opener Friday as Lutheran High Westland (5-3, 3-0) captured the first game of a Metro Conference double-header at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (3-7, 2-1).

Heiden struck out five and walked three. Nicole Young, who gave up four hits, six walks and fanned nine, took the loss.

Heather Rose was the losing pitcher in the nightcap. Sarah Marody had three hits in the double-header, while Sharon Greer, Emily Reinke and Heather Haller collected two apiece.

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nessey and Kuratko to reach base safely. Kristin Derwich's single loaded the bases, and Hudson then uncorked two wild pitches that brought in two runs.

The Chiefs tied it at 2-2 in the bottom half of the inning when Melissa Brown singled and

moved to third on Kiessel's grounder back to the Doyle, who bobbled it. Hudson's ground out brought home Brown.

Hudson was effective, if not overwhelming, in getting the pitching win; she gave up five hits and one walk, striking out

10. Doyle was strong, too; she also allowed one earned run on five hits and one walk, with three strikeouts.

Canton is now 3-1 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Meil propels Clarenceville at state meet

Kevin Meil was among the outstanding performers for the Clarenceville Swim Club, finishing among the top eight in seven events at the recent 12-and-under state championships in Rockford.

In the boys 10-and-under division, Meil was third in the 200-yard freestyle (2:15.59), 100 breaststroke (1:23.41) and 200 individual medley (2:33.96).

Meil placed fourth in the 100 freestyle (1:03.22), 100 butterfly (1:13.44) and 100 IM (1:12.89), and he also was seventh in the 100 backstroke (1:14.27).

Another top Clarenceville finisher in that division was Brian Connor, who was ninth in the 50 backstroke (34.92) and 11th in the 100 backstroke (1:16.81).

Julie Ward had an outstanding meet in the girls 11-12 age group, finishing eighth in the 50-breaststroke (34.81), ninth in the 100 butterfly (1:07.02), 10th in the 200 IM (2:27.7), 12th in the 100 breaststroke (1:17.67) and 13th in the 100 IM (1:09.52).

Clarenceville's Courtney Green finished 10th in the 50 breaststroke with a personal best of 34.60.

In the 10-and-under girls category, the Clarenceville foursome of Mara Loniewski, Anna Polkowski, Kristina Navas and Carly Burgio took seventh in the 200 freestyle relay (2:06.44) and 12th in the 200 medley relay (2:26.43).

In the 11-12 girls freestyle relay,

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the team of Monica Fershtman, Allison Goldsmith, Kathryn Kusuplos and Ward finished eighth (1:52.37).

Clarenceville's Brett Meconis recorded some top finishes at the 13-and-over state championships in Lake Orion.

He took first place in the 13-14 boys butterfly (54.30), third in the 200 butterfly (2:07.63) and fourth in the 100 freestyle (51.78) and 50 freestyle.

Meconis also was seventh in the 200 IM (2:10.45), 100 backstroke (59.92) and 200 backstroke (2:12.51).

Stephanie Cummings was a Clarenceville standout in the girls 13-14 division, taking third in the 400 IM (4:52.52), seventh in the 500 freestyle

(5:34.23) and eighth in the 100 backstroke (1:04.58).

She also placed ninth in the 200 backstroke (2:16.55) and 200 butterfly (2:23.99), 11th in the 200 IM (2:18.93) and 12th in the 100 butterfly (1:04.86).

Clarenceville's Melissa Navas was 15th in the 200 freestyle (2:07.75) in the same age group.

John Lillivis led the way in the boys 15-18 category, taking second in the 400 IM (4:18.5), sixth in the 200 freestyle (1:47.85), eighth in the 200 IM (2:04.7) and 200 breaststroke (2:18.75) and 16th in the 500 freestyle (5:08.15).

Another top finisher for Clarenceville in the same age group was Ryan Pretzer, who was seventh in the 200 freestyle (1:48.61) and 14th in the 100 freestyle (50.03).

In the girls 15-18 age bracket, Lindsay Dolin finished fifth in the 100

backstroke (1:02.84) and 11th in the 200 backstroke (2:18.74).

Cummings, Jessica Lis, Navas and Amanda Polkowski were 11th in the 13-14 girls 400 medley relay (4:43.76), Erin Lennon, Lis, Navas and Cummings were 12th in the 400 freestyle relay (4:04.35).

The boys 15-18 relay team of Pretzer, Matt Barrette, Michael Key and Lillivis finished seventh in the 800 freestyle (7:27.48) and 10th in the 400 freestyle (3:07.71).

At the junior nationals, Clarenceville's Michael Porth, Ryan Meekins, Keith Falk and Joe Bublitz placed eighth in the 800 freestyle and ninth in the 400 freestyle relays.

Clarenceville's Ted Burmeister, swimming for Grand Valley State University, was eighth in the 100 breaststroke (57.72) at the NCAA Division II nationals in Buffalo, N.Y.

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Churchill runner-up at Saline tourney

Coach Denise Berg was encouraged Saturday by her team's performance and enthusiastic attitude as the Livonia Churchill finished second behind the host school in the Saline Classic boys tennis tournament.

Five of the Chargers' eight flights earned medals, led by No. 4 doubles tandem Kenny Tseng and Chris Singleton. The pair finished first.

Second places went to freshman Tom Wallis (No. 2 singles), sophomore Ben Luong (No. 3 singles), along with the No. 3 double team of Adam Rourke and Zac Tibbles. The No. 2 doubles team of Mike Horka and Scott Risner, also placed.

Other tournament participants included Belleville, Coldwater, Ann Arbor Greenhills, Jackson, Jackson Lumen Christi and Woodhaven.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 4 REDFORD THURSTON 4 May 3 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: Ryan Plecha (RT)

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defeated Austin Rowland, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6; No. 2: Sos Rowland (WM) def. Jason Lada, 6-2, 7-6; No. 3: Adam Harper (RT) def. Brian Schroeder, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2; No. 4: Phil Beckert (WM) def. Scott O'Neil, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Bryan Tananna-Joe Grysiwicz (RT) def. Allen Fry-John Lewis, 7-5, 6-1; No. 2: Tim Stark-Adam Chaisson (WM) def. Ryan Kobeski-Kevin Rowe, 6-0, 6-4; No. 3: Ken Duneska-Mariusz Kutcha (WM) def. Don Harper-Ron Bracey, 6-3, 6-2; No. 4: Matt Selfridge-Mike Maddox (RT) def. Clinton Fry-Rockey Samples, 6-4, 6-0.

Wayne's dual-meet record: 4-2-1 overall; 3-1-1 Mega.

FARMINGTON 6 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 2 May 3 at Farmington

No. 1 singles: Jon Gore (F) defeated Dan Kovacs, 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Randy Hassan (F) def. Dave Kovacs, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Rajiv Dashaia (JG) def. Max Moore, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; No. 4: Anthony Lambert (JG) def. Brandon Mytty, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Eric Bruce-Ben Broder

(F) def. Robert Dzuiban-Jeff Drotar, 6-2, 6-1; No. 2: Dan Turkovitch-Guillaume Odendaal (F) def. Chuck Farley-Pat Sonak, 7-5, 6-0; No. 3: Shamik Trivedi-Hemant Srinivas (F) def. Glenn Oliver-Ousman Afzal, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Loren Klein-Chris Hall (F) def. Corey Collins-Hardik Datal, 6-1, 6-1.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 4 LIVONIA STEVENSON 4 April 30 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Matt Clearman (LF) def. Maher Salah, 6-3, 6-3; No. 2: Jeff Beydoun (LF) def. Todd Lavery, 6-7, 7-5, 6-4; No. 3: Matt Demgen (LS) def. Scott Gomez, 6-3, 6-3; No. 4: Adam Koppin (LF) def. Brian Adams, 7-5, 3-6, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Jason Berry-Dave Moldovan (LF) def. Sean Mann-Brendan Cornelissen, 6-2, 6-2; No. 2: John Schietinger-Pat Peterson (LS) def. Chris Harris-Chris Don, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3: Jon Scheel-Derek Kogut (LS) def. Rob Shafer-Mike Dumouchelle, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Eric Lammer-Brian Curd (LS) def. Jason Hudy-Grant Marquardt, 7-5, 6-1.

PLYMOUTH CANTON 8 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0 April 30 at John Glenn

No. 1 singles: Matt Nagy (PC) def. Danny Kovacs 6-4, 6-0; No. 2: Scott

Mincher (PC) def. Dave Kovacs 7-5, 6-4; No. 3: Ritchie Ikeh (PC) def. Rajiv Dashaia 6-0, 6-3; No. 4: Chris Foss (PC) def. Anthony Lambert 6-4, 6-2; No. 1 doubles: Jason Drow-Chris Houdek (PC) def. Dave Stephens-Jeff Drotar 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Mike Bruder-Steve Clawson (PC) def. Robert Dzuiban-Chuck Farley 6-4, 6-1; No. 3: Matt Schmidt-Brian Fay (PC) def. Pat Sonak-Dusman Afzal 6-2, 6-4; No. 4: Phil Shedd-Brad Kreger (PC) def. Hardik Datal-Corey Collins 6-1, 6-2.

TAYLOR TRUMAN 5 WAYNE MEMORIAL 3 April 28 at Truman

No. 1 singles: Austin Rowland (WM) def. Bryan Simons, 6-4, 6-1; No. 2: Amit Gupta (IT) def. Sos Rowland, 7-6, 7-6; No. 3: Brian Schroeder (WM) def. Bill LaForest, 6-3, 7-5; No. 4: Razi Jafri (TT) def. Phil Beckert, 6-4, 6-3. No. 1 doubles: Dennis Kidd-Chuck Wittsle (TT) def. Allen Fry-John Lewis, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: Brent Hall-Jeremy Starks (TT) def. Tim Stark-Mariusz Kutcha, 6-4, 7-5; No. 3: Ken Duneska-Adam Chaisson (WM) def. Casey Lynch-Nate Hicks, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; No. 4: Shawn Bissonette-Nick Middleton (TT) def. Kurt Wenzel-Clinton Fry, 6-0, 6-2.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

LIVONIA LADYWOOD 304
WATERFORD QUINCY LADY 287
May 4 at St. John's
Ladywood scorers: Gretchen... 45 (medalist); Mary Griffin, Rachel Andersen, 53; Jessica... 54; Amy Etchen, 57; Peter... 58.
Quincy Lady of Lakes scorers: Kate... 55; Kelly Grover, 64; Kelly... 66; Michele Zecula, 72.
Ladywood's dual meet scorers: 5... Catholic League.
LIVONIA STEVENSON 122
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 122
May 3 at Mt. Hope
Stevenson scorers: Carl Hepp... (medalist); Mary... Jessica Makowski, Amy... and Kaito Carlson, 50... Thomas Layman, 52.
Franklin scorers: Chelsea York... 55; Kaito York, 56; Megan O'Connor, 59; Katie Beasley, 60; Nikie... and Megan Noughton, 61.
Dual meet scorers: Stevenson, 6-0 overall; 50 Western Lakes Activities Association; Franklin, 2-3 overall.
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 124
PLYMOUTH SALEM 228
May 3 at Fox Creek
Churchill scorers: Heidi Attama, Ashley Johnson and Julia McLaugh...

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Kingswood boots Warriors, 9-0

The going was a little tough Monday for host Lutheran High Westland girls soccer team, which lost to Metro Conference contender Bloomfield Hills Kingswood, 9-0.

The Lady Warriors trailed 5-0 at intermission and were outshot 25-4 for the match.

The defeat drops Lutheran High Westland to 1-6-1 overall and 1-5-1 in the Metro.

Things were better, however, Friday for Lutheran Westland, which earned a 1-1 tie in a non-leaguer at Southgate Aquinas.

Cali Heins got Lutheran Westland on the board first from Angie Matthews.

Coach Mark Brenner also praised the play of stopper Kelly Buczek.

CHURCHILL 6, JOHN GLENN 0: Two goals Monday by Kersten Conklin helped power the Chargers (6-2-1) past Westland John Glenn (2-6-1).

Kristen Leszczynski had a goal and two assists while Livonia Churchill got single goals from Melissa Sultana, Lindsay Kantzler and Dana Thomson.

Kerrie LaPorte played goal for the Chargers and earned her first complete-game shutout. Churchill is now 6-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

STEVENSON 10, W.L. CENTRAL 1: The Spartans piled up a 5-0 halftime lead and rolled on to their eighth win in 10 tries.

Megan Urbats, Dana White and Andrea Sled each scored two goals for visiting Livonia Stevenson. Single goal scorers were Brianna Roy, Sarah Wittrock, Lindsay Gusic and Laura Shishkovsky.

"Roy had a pair of assists, as did Wittrock, while Gusic had one assist.

Jill Endridge scored Walled Lake Central's lone goal.

"Things were clicking for us," coach Jim Kimble said. "Everybody contributed and we're pretty happy with the effort we gave."

WAYNE 2, BELLEVILLE 1: Goals by Kristina McCahill and Afana Green helped the Zebras hand the Tigers their first Michigan Mega Conference Blue Division soccer loss.

Shelia Honeycutt and Green drew the assists on the goals for Wayne Memorial, now 5-5 overall and 3-2 in the Mega Blue.

Jenny Sheppard provided the winning goalkeeping.

MARIAN 3, LADYWOOD 0: Livonia Ladywood goalkeeper Liz Obrecht kept Birmingham Marian off the board for a half Tuesday, but the host Mustangs scored three unanswered goals in the final 40 minutes to post the Catholic League Central Division triumph.

Ladywood slips to 2-8-1 overall and 0-7 in the Central. The Blazers took only four shots.

"I thought we played an excellent game and I think we're really starting to improve," Ladywood coach Jill Logsdon said. "Her (Obrecht) confidence level is rising and I think in the future she will be a great asset to the team."

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Shamrocks run victory streak to 14

Redford Catholic Central moved closer to clinching a berth in the Catholic League baseball playoffs with a double-header sweep on Saturday of visiting Warren DeLaSalle.

CC senior right-hander Anthony Tomey struck out a career-high 14 batters, tossing a five-hitter with two walks in a 6-3 complete-game victory in the opener.

Tomey also hit a pair of home runs, including one that came in the second game, in an 11-2 win.

The victories moved the Shamrocks, No. 1 ranked in Division I, to 10-0 in Central Division play.

Birmingham Brother Rice is second with a 7-3 record, followed by Harper Woods Notre Dame at 4-6. The first two teams in the Central Division qualify for the playoffs.

Teams play 16 division games and the Shamrocks could clinch a playoff berth with a win Wednesday (May 5) against Rice.

Tomey's three-run homer in the fourth gave the Shamrocks a 3-1 lead. Matt Loidas, who singled, and Chris Woodruff, who was hit by a pitch, scored ahead of Tomey.

The Shamrocks added three more in the fifth. John Hill led off with a walk and was sacrificed to second by Mario D'Hermin, who was safe after a DeLaSalle player was late covering first base.

Bob Malek's double drove in two runs and Casey Rogowski added an RBI single to finish the CC scoring.

DeLaSalle scored on a solo homer by Sean Dobson and on RBI singles by Dobson and Matt Mitchell in the fifth, a rally that started with a CC error.

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Mark Cole was the only CC hitter with at least two hits.

Tomey is now 4-0, including a pair of no-hitters, with a 1.05 earned run average.

Dan Duffey was the winning pitcher in the second game, fanning seven with no walks while allowing three hits in five innings. He's now 3-0 in pitching

decisions. The Shamrocks had eight hits and received 11 walks. Tomey's homer, a solo job, came in the third.

Cole and Rogowski each had RBI singles.

• REDFORD CC 12, COUNTRY DAY 7: The Shamrocks (14-0) avoided their first defeat of the season in a non-leaguer going eight innings Tuesday at Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day.

Casey Rogowski's bases-loaded single in the sixth inning made it 7-7. His two-run single in the eighth followed by Dave Lusky's 3-run triple broke it open.

Mark Cole, who pitched the final four innings in relief, allowed just one hit and one walk while fanning six to pick up the win.

Matt Niemiec, the starter, worked the first 2 1/2 before giving way to Brent Schoenbach and Nick DiBella. The trio combined for 11 walks.

• STEVENSON 6, SALEM 5: Roy Rabe was tough when it counted. Three times.

Rabe kept Plymouth Salem at bay through six innings Monday while his team piled up a 6-2 lead.

Then, when Salem rallied for three runs in the bottom of the seventh, he stiffened and closed out the game. Rabe (2-2) gave up seven hits but struck out 10 and only walked three.

He also was tough at the plate, going 2-for-3 with a double and a two-run home run good for a game total of three RBI. His fifth-inning home run provided the margin of victory.

Steve Andersen hit a solo home run in the fourth off losing sophomore Chris Trott, who worked the first five innings. Brad Buckler had a two-run double in the first and the Spartans picked up their other run on walks in the third.

Buckler fouled a ball off his face in his next at-bat and had to leave for stitches.

Joe Rizzi went 2-for-4 for Salem (7-8), which is 2-2 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. Stevenson (6-4) is 3-1 in the Lakes Division.

• JOHN GLENN 12, FARMINGTON 4: Dale Hayes spaced out six hits and struck out seven Monday in pitching the Rockets to the win. He didn't walk a batter in raising his record to 3-1.

Hayes proved the complete player by getting four hits, including a pair of doubles, and driving in three runs.

Chad Salsom had three hits, driving in three runs, while Mike Swafford had two hits with an RBI. Ryan Rattray tripled and scored a run and Justin Fendeleit scored four runs, walking

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three times and doubling for Westland (5-7).

Charlie Avery was the losing pitcher for visiting Farmington (7-5). He gave up nine hits and seven runs in four innings.

Both teams are 2-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

• W.L. WESTERN 4, FRANKLIN 2: The Warriors only got five hits Monday but bunched four of them in the first inning for all their runs.

Losing pitcher David Word was tough thereafter as he walked none and struck out eight but his teammates couldn't score after the first inning, either.

Mike Pisha worked five innings to get the win for Walled Lake Western, giving up five hits, while Ryan Smitz gave up two hits in the final two innings for the save.

Word and Chris Hall singled for Franklin (2-9) in the first, John Nagle walked and Mike Franklin doubled two runs home. The Patriots are still looking for their first WLAA win after four division games.

The first four Western batters got hits, including a two-run single by Paul Price. Brad Romaya followed with a two-run double.

• DEARBORN 5, CHURCHILL 1: Brothers Scott and Ryan Golem teamed up Tuesday to lead the host Pioneers (12-2 overall) to the non-league victory over Livonia Churchill (6-7).

Scott pitched scattered nine hits and four walks in going the distance, while Ryan went 2-for-3.

Andy Shoemaker, who gave up six hits over six innings while fanning six, took the loss.

Andy Blackmore went 3-for-4, including a double, in a losing cause.

• CANTON 10, CHURCHILL 0: Junior Jon Johnson improved his season record to 5-0 with a three-hitter Monday, sparking Plymouth Canton (14-2, 3-1) to the WLAA-Western Division triumph over host Livonia Churchill.

Johnson struck out nine and walked only two.

Losing pitcher Brad Bescoe gave up eight runs and seven hits in 4 1/2 innings as the Chargers fell to 1-3 in the Western Division.

Jason Evans led Canton's offensive attack by going 3-for-3 with an RBI double. Steve Lueck and Oliver Wolcott each added two hits. Bryan Kay clubbed a three-run homer in the fifth inning, his second of the season.

• KENNEDY 11, WAYNE 1: In a Mega-

White Division game Monday, visiting Taylor Kennedy took five innings to invoke the 10-run mercy rule against Wayne Memorial (2-9, 2-3).

Right-hander Shawn Nester pitched a four-hitter. He struck out seven and walked three.

Ryan Czyzak, the Wayne starter, lasted three innings, giving up seven runs on three hits and five walks. John Ferris finished up.

Jeremy Overton knocked in the lone Wayne run with a single in the third inning.

Dennis Schultz had a pair of doubles and three RBI for Kennedy.

In a Mega crossover Friday, host Taylor Truman scored five runs in the fifth inning to beat the Zebras, 9-5.

Left-hander Ryan Hale, the winning pitcher, gave up six hits in seven innings: He struck out nine and walked two.

Junior right-hander Justin Smoes of Wayne, who worked six innings, suffered the loss. He gave up 10 hits and hit three batters.

Scott Teasdale doubled twice and scored two runs for Wayne.

Brent Proctor led Truman with three hits, while Hale and Brian Tillery added two apiece.

• LUTHERAN NORTH 9, CLARENCEVILLE 6: The Trojans rallied for six runs in the seventh Monday but fell short in the Metro Conference matchup.

David Schwark went the distance for host Macomb Lutheran North (4-9), allowing 12 hits. His team is 3-1 in the Metro.

But his team pounded out 13 off John Wallace and Dave Lemmon.

Schwark also went 3-for-3 and drove in four runs, hitting a three-run home run in the sixth.

Josh Fritch went 2-for-3 and drove in two runs for Clarenceville (2-4), which fell to 1-2 in the Metro. Scott Carr was 4-for-4 with two RBI and Brian Pankow 2-for-4 with an RBI.

• LUTHERAN WESTLAND 8, LUTHERAN EAST 5: Charlie Hoeft spun a six-hitter over five innings Monday to pitch Lutheran High Westland to its victory.

The visiting Warriors (5-4 overall) jumped on Harper Woods Lutheran East for five runs in the first and added two in the third in squaring their Metro Con-

ference mark at 2-2. Lutheran East (2-7) is now winless in four Metro games.

Lutheran Westland's Tom Habitz went 4-for-5 with an RBI, two runs scored and a pair of stolen bases. Scott Archer went 2-for-3 with a double and a stolen base. Ian Mackenzie went 3-for-4, scored twice, stole a base and drove in two runs.

Josh Moldenhauer went 2-for-3, hitting a two-run home run in the third, and stole a base. The Warriors pounded out 17 hits while holding Lutheran East to six, but made four errors.

• FRANKLIN 2, FORDSON 6: Tony Sala tossed a four-hit shutout at the Tractors Saturday in the consolation game of the Redford Union tournament. Sala struck out six and walked three and benefited from good defense by his teammates.

Mike Franklin walked in the first, went to third on two passed balls and came home on a Tom Jones groundout. John Nagle reached on a two-base error, was sacrificed to third by Chris Hall and scored on a David Word sacrifice fly.

• SOUTH LYON 11, FRANKLIN 9: The Lions benefited from nine walks in the opening game of the Redford Union tournament Saturday.

Jim Priebe, the second of three Patriot hurlers, took the loss. He worked just two-thirds of an inning.

Mike Franklin went 3-for-4 with an RBI, Tom Jones went 2-for-4 with a pair of runs driven in and Brad Tibus went 2-for-2.

• CLARENCEVILLE 10-6, LUTHERAN EAST 3-9: A 17-hit attack paced the Trojans to the victory Friday in the first game of a doubleheader.

Tim Niede pitched seven innings, giving up five hits and surviving six walks. He struck out one.

Joe Lucas went 2-for-3 for host Clarenceville, getting a pair of doubles and driving in two runs. Adam Marcum went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles, a triple and two RBI. Rey Gutierrez went 2-for-3 with an RBI and Dave Lemmon was 3-for-3.

The second game was called after six innings with Lutheran East the winner. Gutierrez took the loss.

Mike Wion went 2-for-2, Fritch 2-for-3 with an RBI and Gutierrez 2-for-4 with two RBI.

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WACO WOLVES PLACE 1ST

The Waco Wolves, an under-10 baseball team, recently captured the inaugural May Day Classic by defeating the West Macomb Torpedos, 8-3, avenging a 3-2 loss earlier in the day.

The Wolves, who posted a 5-1 record, advanced to the final with a 10-3 victory over the Troy Mustangs. They also defeated the Windsor Expos, 9-1; Rochester Bulldogs, 20-1; and Troy Cardinals, 12-2.

Pitcher Anthony Saudne, who went 2-0 with 21 strikeouts, made the All-Tournament team along with Alex Cowart (eight runs scored), Billy Hardin (seven runs) and Jordan Szachpler (six runs).

The Wolves also received solid pitching from Toby Matchulat (1-0, 14 strikeouts) and J.J. Pierre (1-0, 12 strikeouts).

Rounding out the Wolves squad: Josh Brewer, Mike Broughton, Nick Stortini, Grant Lawrence, Nathan King, William Lewis, James Telfer and Aaron Polkowski.

YOUTH BASEBALL RUNNER-UP

The Livonia St. Edith varsity boys baseball team opened its second with a runner-up finish in the Our Lady of Sorrows Tournament.

St. Edith posted mercy-rule victories over Our Lady of Sorrows (Gold), 14-4, and St. Anne's, 10-0, along with a 9-6 victory over St. Fabian before losing to Our Lady of Sorrows (Blue) in the championship final.

Members of St. Edith include: Brian Alpert, Cliff Carlson, Anthony Carozza, Tim Cerullo, Gabe DeFlavis, John Dulude, Dave Grad, Marc Mercier, Eric Miller, Danny Rabe, Mike Rahaley, James Riehl and Brett Rosbury.

The coaching staff includes Joe Mercier, Dave Dulude and Bill Rabe.

FINESSE SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Finesse 12-and-under softball team will be at 2 p.m. Saturdays during the month of May at Wayne-Ford Civic League in Westland.

Tryouts for the summer travel team are open girls 12 or younger (as of Jan. 1, 1999). Age classifications have changed for the 1999 season. Girls who turn 13 by Jan. 2 remain eligible to play as a 12-year-old.

For more information, call John Tonner at (248) 624-3187 (any day after 8 p.m.).

YOUTH SOCCER CHAMPIONS

Livonia United, an under-13 girls Little Caesars Premier League team, recently captured the third session with an 8-0 record at Total Soccer in Wixom.

Members of the 11-on-11 team include: Laura Boles, Susan Christenson, Erin DeRoo, Kelly Goris, Sunny Grezlik, Bethany Lane, Katy Lanspeary, Mindy Magoulick, Megan McConnell, Jaclyn Morawa, Lauren Thiel, Christina Thom, Tammy Unsworth, Kelly Wasalaski, Christine Williams, Lia Williamson and Dannielle Winesdorffer.

United is coached by Steve Strauch and Nick Nitchov.

ROCKERS SUMMER CAMPS

The Detroit Rockers will stage a pair of summer soccer camps (ages 6-16) — 9:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, June 21-25; and 1-3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 2-6, at Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

The camps will be directed by Rockers interim coach and goalkeeper Bryan Finnerty. Appearances will also be made by players Neil Gilbert, Randy Prescott, Dreo Callahan and Tim Ernst.

A total of 20 half-day, week-long camps throughout the metro Detroit area are currently available for \$99.

A full-day, week-long session is also offered July 12-16 at Franklin Racquet Club. Half-day camps are \$119 and full-day are \$189 for all registrations received after May 15.

All campers will receive an official size-5 Kendis ball, camp T-shirt and one free 1999-2000 Rockers VIP season ticket pass.

For more information, call (313) 396-7070.

DYER BASKETBALL CAMP

Livonia Clarenceville High School boys varsity basketball coach Bill Dyer will run two sessions of summer fundamental basketball camps — 9 a.m. to noon (ages 9-11, grades 4-6); and 1-4 p.m. (ages 12-4, grades 7-9) — Monday through Friday, June 28-July 2.

The cost is \$60. For more information, call (810) 473-8926 (school) or Dyer at (734) 398-5046 (home).

MADD'S ANNUAL RUN/WALK

Mothers Against Drunk Drivers' From the Heart annual 5-kilometer run-walk in memory of Caryn Casaz will be Saturday, May 15 starting at the Nankin Mills picnic area in Edward Hines Park, located at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive in Westland.

Entry fee is a donation. Awards will go to the runners.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the race-walk starting at 9 a.m.

For more information, call MADD at (734) 721-8181.

SCHOOLCRAFT CLASSES

A course titled, "The Joy of Sailing," will be offered by Schoolcraft College. The eight-session course includes classroom instruction. Participants will also use 18-foot sailboats in Kent Lake in Kensington Metropark.

Instructors are certified by the American Sailing Institute and all course materials are furnished. You must be 18 to enroll.

The \$170 fee includes a \$50 ASI membership.

The American Red Cross will offer a five-session course in lifeguard training beginning Friday, May 14 and concluding Sunday, May 23 at Schoolcraft College.

Participants must be 15 and be able to swim continuously for 50 yards, retrieve a 10-pound object from a depth of 7 feet and tread water for two minutes.

The course includes lifeguarding, CPR for professional rescuers and standard first aid. You must attend all five sessions. The fee is \$100.

For more information, call (734) 462-4413.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275).

SUMMER HOCKEY LEAGUES

Registrations are being accepted for summer men's recreational hockey leagues for the over-21 Rockets, which play Wednesdays, and the over-45 Golden Eagles, which plays Thursday nights, both at STC Arena in Farmington Hills.

Game times are 9, 10 and 11 p.m. The 10-game schedule starts May 26-27.

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PREP GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

LIVONIA LADYWOOD 75 HARPER WOODS REGINA 53
 May 4 at Ladywood
Shot put: Kenyon (HWR), 28 feet, 6 inches; **discus:** Kenyon (HWR), 74-3; **high jump:** Alex-Isa Noel (LL), 5-1; **long jump:** Noel (LL), 14-7; **100-meter hurdles:** Scheffler (HWR), 16.3; **300 hurdles:** Suzanne Peplinski (LL), 48.8; **100 dash:** Brianna Watson (LL), 12.7; **200:** Watson (LL), 27.1; **400:** Page Ahrens (LL), 1:05.5; **800:** Jimines (HWR), 2:41.6; **1,600:** Loy (HWR), 6:07.1; **3,200:** Loy (HWR), 13:47.3; **400 relay:** Ladywood-Watson, Kelly Carey, Kelly Prdmesky, Katie McGraw, 52.9; **800 relay:** Regina, 1:56.0; **1,600 relay:** Ladywood (Peplinski), Andrea Doud, Carey, Ahrens, 4:24.1; **3,200 relay:** Ladywood (Jen Koterba, Stacey Schroeder, Erin Hayden, Emily Donnellon), 11:19.4.
Ladywood's overall dual meet record: 1-2.
LUTHERAN WESTLAND 130 LUTHERAN NORTHWEST 32 HAMTRAMCK 10
 May 5 at Luth. Westland
Shot put: Anna Schwewe (LW), 31-3; **discus:** Carly Higgins (LW), 91-3; **high jump:** Bekah Hoffmeier (LW), 4-6; **long jump:** Anna Rolf (LW), 14-8; **pole vault:** Hoffmeier (LW), 7-0; **110-yard hurdles:** Rolf (LW), 18.6; **330 hurdles:** Rolf (LW), 53.0; **100 dash:** Krissy Rose (LW), 12.8; **220:** Sarah Vetting (LW), 31.0; **440:** Rose (LW), 1:05.9; **880:** M. Rolf (N'west), 2:32.9; **mile:** M. Rolf (N'west), 5:54.8; **2 mile:** Mary Ebendick (LW), 15:15.1; **440 relay:** Lutheran Westland (Amanda Sales, Kelly Clark, Vetting, Karen Abramczyk), 59.1; **880 relay:** Lutheran Westland (Jessica Gomulka, Abramczyk, Hoffmeier, Hana Hughes), 1:58.7; **mile relay:** Lutheran Westland (A. Rolf, Jodi Rolf, Natalie Fant, Rose), 4:52.4; **2 mile relay:** Northwest, 11:14.7.
Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 11-0 overall, 4-0 Metro Conference.
LIVONIA STEVENSON GIRLS TRACK INVITATIONAL
 May 1 at Stevenson
TEAM KEY: Brighton (BR), Ann Arbor Pioneer (AAP), Birmingham Seaholm (BS), Berkley (BK), Livonia Churchill (LC), Livonia Stevenson (LS).
FINAL RESULTS
100-meter hurdles: 1. Alderman (PC), 16.5; 2. Ehlerdt (LS), 16.9; 3. Alfonsi (LS), 17.2; 4. Landry (BR), 17.2; 5. Bosman (LS), 17.4; 6. Marciniak (BR), 17.4.
300 hurdles: 1. Alderman (PC), 49.4; 2. Sherron (LS), 50.2; 3. Ehlerdt (LS), 50.2; 4. Bosman (LS), 51.1; 5. Marciniak (BR), 51.1; Landry (BR), 52.0.
100 dash: 1. Nurse (AAP), 13.3; 2. Mikkelsen (LS), 13.5; 3. Kwapis (LC), 13.7; 4. Decker (BK), 13.8; 5. Boss (BR), 13.8; 6. Beversdorf (BR), 13.9.
200: 1. Ziemba (BR), 27.1; 2. Nurse (AAP), 27.5; 3. Rose (BR), 27.8; 4. Lokken (LC), 28.4; 5. Kulczycki (LS), 28.4.
400: 1. Stowers (BR), 1:01.0; 2. Hardacre (LS), 1:01.5; 3. Alfonsi (LS), 1:05.2; 4. Buck (BR), 1:05.8; 5. Boese (BS), 1:07.6; 6. Hamilton (AAP), 1:08.0.
800: 1. Martin (BR), 2:27.8; 2. Slater (BR), 2:28.1; 3. Sherrard (BS), 2:29.5; 4. Wade (AAP), 2:30.0; 5. Parker (LS), 2:30.4; 6. Fillion (LC), 2:30.7.
1,600: 1. Kineer (BR), 5:13.6; 2. Parker (LS), 5:26.4; 3. Fillion (LC), 5:27.5; 4. Patrick (AAP), 5:30.4; 5. Vandette (LS), 5:40.8; 6. Skwiers (LC), 5:40.7.
3,200: 1. Solway (BS), 11:53.3; 2. McNellance (LS), 12:20.8; 3. Bauffranch (BR), 12:25.6; 4. Fillion (LC), 12:29.0; 5. Rucinski (PC), 12:48.7; 6. Montgomery (LS), 12:50.4.
Shot put: 1. Jayne (BR), 35 feet, 2 inches; 2. Decker (BK), 33-6; 3. Yambasky (LS), 32-8; 4. Griggs (LS), 32-5; 5. Wicker (BS), 32-0; 6. Scibberras (PC), 31-11.
Discus: 1. Coble (BR), 114-0; 2. Tarkowski (BR), 104-7; 3. Decker (BK), 104-6; 4. Yambasky (LS), 102-10; 5. Yambasky (LS), 97-3; 6. Jayne (BR), 95-4.
High jump: 1. Grieve (BR), 5 feet, 1 inch; 2. Lindquist (BR), 5-0; 3. Cecil (LC), 4-10; 4. Alfonsi (LS), 4-9; 5. Polasky (LS), 4-9; 6. (tie) DeLong (BR) and Palmer (LS), 4-8 each.
Long jump: 1. McKenzie (BR), 15-; 2. Tolles (BR), 14-7; 3. Kwapis (LC), 14-5; 4. Cichon (LC), 14-2; 5. Price (BS), 14-; 6. Janulis (LS), 13-9.
Pole vault: 1. Peterman (LC), 8-6; 2. Cezet (LC), 8-6; 3. Buck (BR), 7-6; 4. (tie) Cippolone (LC) and Schrader (LS), 7-0 each; 6. Green (AAP), 7-0.
400 relay: 1. Brighton, 53.7; 2. Stevenson, 54.2; 3. Churchill, 54.6; 4. Seaholm, 55.0; 5. Pioneer, 56.5.
800 relay: 1. Brighton, 1:50.2; 2. Stevenson, 1:52.6; 3. Churchill, 1:55.3; 4. Pioneer, 1:56.8; 5. Berkley, 2:02.2.
1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson, 4:18.2; 2. Pioneer, 4:30.4; 3. Churchill, 4:37.2; 4. Berkley, 4:45.9; 5. Canton, 5:08.5.
3,200 relay: 1. Brighton, 9:53.6; 2. Stevenson, 10:03.0; 3. Seaholm, 10:05.5; 4. Pioneer, 10:17.1; 5. Churchill, 10:28.3; 6. Canton, 10:54.4.
RAM RELAYS
 May 1 at Flat Rock
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran Westland, 98; 2. Erie-Mason, 78; 3. Carleton Airport, 58; 4. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 48; 5. New Boston Huron, 42; 6. Ida, 34; 7. Flat Rock, 26.
Lutheran Westland placers
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received college scholarships. Seiferman said, "He had a great spirit, a great sense of respect. His main thing was happiness and the players' well being."

"I couldn't say it better. The little man will certainly be missed."

Rucker leaves Iowa

All for greater pastures? For \$300 a week, Westland John Glenn High's Guy Rucker will toil in the U.S. Basketball League for the New Hampshire Thunder Loons.

The 6-foot-10 center, who gave up his final year of eligibility at Iowa, made his debut Sunday in the Loons' 105-97 win over Long Island.

The 13-team USBL is similar to the Continental Basketball Association. But the USBL is only a two-month season lodged in between the end of the European pro leagues and the NBA draft.

Rucker was in line for significant playing time under new coach Steve Alford at Iowa after the Hawks lost frontliners J.R. Koch, Jess Settles and Sam Okey from last year's Sweet 16 team to graduation.

But there was only one catch — Rucker, a partial academic qualifier, had to graduate by the end of the summer to earn another year of eligibility.

After averaging 10.6 points and 5.7 rebounds as a freshman, Rucker's Iowa career took a dive as he was shuffled in-and-out of the lineup by Dr. Tom Davis' constant substitution system.

After a sophomore flop where he gained weight and appeared to out of shape, Rucker shows signs of returning to freshman form this sea-

son, but after being benched for the Michigan game in Ann Arbor midway through the season — after missing two practices to attend a funeral of a relative — his playing time diminished.

Rucker apparently impressed the Loons with his left shooting touch. (He had four points and four rebounds in the season opener.)

It's too bad Rucker didn't give himself an opportunity to be coached by Alford. It would have been interesting to see what kind of player he could have become. He certainly would have received more minutes.

My guess is that Rucker will end up somewhere overseas.

Michigan good guys

Carol Young, mother of Michigan basketball player Chris Young (Redford Catholic Central), dropped me an E-mail the other day and I thought I would share this with you.

The student, who was shot and rescued falling out of the window at Columbine High School, has suffered partial paralysis (vertebrae damage) and just recently spoke his first words this week.

Well it turns out that the young man is a huge Michigan basketball fan and wears the U-M basketball T-shirt under his shirts.

Head coach Brian Ellerbe, who was recently contacted by the people at Colorado High School, had the team sign a basketball, posters and Michigan paraphernalia to the recovering student.

Certainly this was a nice gesture on the part of the Wolverine hoop squad.

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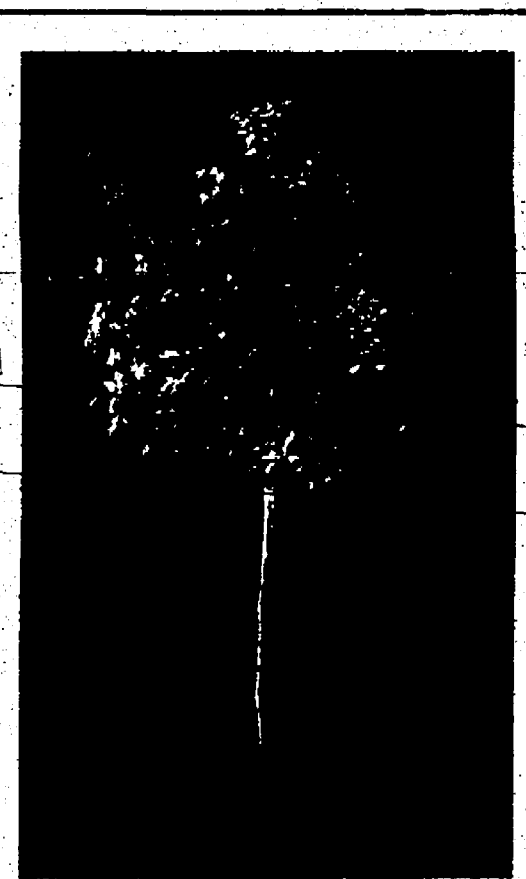

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Salem product Davey sticks with Blue Jays

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

BASEBALL

Tom Davey will be in every edition of the Baseball Encyclopedia from now on.

"I'm getting to the point where I'm feeling pretty good," said Davey, going through the same feeling-out process all players do with their first major league league experience. "The first time out I was pretty nervous."

"It was like, 'Well, I'm facing this guy I've heard about, I'm facing that guy.' Now it's just me and the catcher and, I've got to get this guy out."

"I'm getting to the point where I feel comfortable with what I'm doing."

It shows in his statistics.

Davey had a 1-0 record with one save in his first 11 appearances, compiling a 3.12 ERA. In 17 1/3 innings, the right-hander had struck out 11, walked 10 and given up six hits. Opponents were batting just .169 against him.

This despite the fact every city, every ballpark, has to feel strange and new for the rookie Toronto Blue Jays' relief pitcher.

So far, a month into Davey's major league experience, he's been to his new home base of Toronto plus Minnesota, Baltimore, New York, Anaheim and now Seattle.

But the 6-foot-7 Davey isn't the only one on Cloud Nine. Or Cloud 8 & Mom Sandra, dad Jim and sister Christina (age 10) are also feeling the thrill.

"I'm ecstatic," Jim Davey said. "I always felt he was going to get there. It's whether your health is going to be there. He's such a hard worker and dedicated to what he does."

Jim Davey has a network of baseball friends who kept him up on his son's minor league progress. Those same friends call to tell him when a Toronto game is going to be on television so he can watch or tape it. One even sent him a tape because he knew Jim wouldn't be able to tape the game.

Tom Davey originally wasn't going to make the Blue Jays. He was going to get one more season of refinement at Syracuse, in Triple-A.

"They sent me down," he said, "with three days left in spring training. I was a little disappointed. But I reminded myself that, 'Hey, I've still got a job I've got to do.'"

He'd pitched one minor league game and was supposed to clean up the last inning of Toronto's last spring game. But reliever Robert Person came down with a sore arm.

Suddenly, Davey was called over and told he wasn't going to pitch the last inning, he was going to start.

"I couldn't figure it out," he said. "I threw pretty good, then after the game they called me over and said, 'You're going to Minnesota with us.' I couldn't believe it."

He hurried to pack his stuff and make the bus so he could catch the plane with his teammates.

"I remember it was Easter Sunday," Jim Davey said. "This

guy I know in Ontario who keeps me up on things had called me and told me Tommy had made the team. Next thing I knew my phone was beeping and it's Tommy."

"I didn't get a chance to call my dad until I got on the bus," Tom Davey said. "I called on my cell phone. He had already heard."

"They were more excited than I was. I wasn't sure how long it was for. I just knew I was going to be there (the minimum) six days."

"The first 2-3 games I did all right. Then they had another cut and it was somebody else. And when that happened I was a little more excited about being on the team. But I'm aware we still have a couple of guys on the disabled list."

When the Blue Jays went to Toronto for their first home game of the season, Davey's family was on hand to watch.

He didn't get in that game but his father made the return trip by himself the next day and was rewarded when Tom pitched in relief.

"He was on Cloud Nine," the Plymouth Salem product said. "It was a four-run game, I threw the last couple innings of it. He was pretty pumped up."

Watching his son pitch is nothing new for Jim Davey. But instead of taking a week here and a second week there, the Detroit Edison employee simply sandwiches a Friday and Monday around a weekend.

"It stretches it out much more like that than taking a week or two weeks," he said. "You can see a lot more games over the course of a year."

But in Toronto, not Syracuse.

"I felt like I had a real good camp," Davey said of spring training. "I knew I was good enough to make this club, that I could pitch in the big leagues. It was just a matter of when you're going to get your shot."

Talent isn't always the deciding factor when it comes to making a major league roster. Salaries play a part, as does major league service time.

If there's a choice between a veteran and a rookie, the rookie will often get sent down just because he has options. Veterans generally must be released or waived. Davey was aware of that.

"I learned a lot about how to pitch to big league hitters this spring," he said. "You can't do the same thing you did in the past — throwing the ball past the hitters. You've got to bear down every single pitch."

Davey throws a fastball, one a two-seamer, but mixes them up with a split-finger just to keep hitters off-balance. His chief problem is control — sometimes he doesn't have it. But so far he's been just wild enough to be helpful.

"It's so good to see him mature," Jim Davey said, "and to see him get better and have a sense of dedication."

Concealed goes 6-0 at Clarkston

The Concealed Security 12-year-old travel baseball team won its first tournament last weekend, the Clarkston Tune-Up Classic, with a 6-0 record.

Concealed, which had a team batting average of .561, rolled through the competition, winning by a combined score of 96-9.

Ryan Shay (Garden City) led the team with a .842 average and 12 RBI.

Concealed beat the Ann Arbor Braves, 15-3, in the championship game.

Ryan Shay (Garden City) led the way, going 4-for-5 with three RBI, two doubles and one triple.

Chris Rusin (Canton) was 3-for-5, including a double and triple, with three RBI. He also was the winning pitcher, before giving way to Shay, who pitched the hit ball for three innings.

Scott Szpyrka was 3-4 with three RBI.

No pitcher threw more than three innings except one. All 12 players on the roster pitched a minimum of two innings.

In the semifinals Concealed beat Michigan St. Clair Shores, 116-2.

Andrew Stafford was 4-for-4, with a double and two triples, with two RBI.

Stafford led the team with seven stolen bases over the weekend and Alan Hagedon

(Westland) had six. Szpyrka was 3-4 with two triples. Winning pitcher Eric Vojtkofsky (Wayne) struck out four in two innings. Joe Patlevic earned the save.

In the quarterfinals, it was Concealed 13-2 over the Rochester Reds.

Jeff Richard and Szpyrka each went 3-for-3. Szpyrka added five RBI. Stafford earned the pitching win, allowing no hits with five strikeouts and three walks in three innings.

Lance Latkiewicz allowed one hit and struck out two in a relief role.

Concealed opened Friday with a 20-1 win over the Birmingham Barons.

Matt Rodeghier (Farmington) was the winning pitcher, allowing one hit and fanning four in three innings.

On Saturday, Concealed beat NFWB, 12-1, and the Bloomfield Bombers, 20-0.

In the win over the Bombers, Mark Pirronello was 4-for-5 with five RBI. Stafford was 3-3 with four RBI.

Szpyrka was the winning pitcher with a one-hitter and six strikeouts in three innings.

Concealed returns almost everybody from a team that had a 55-11 record, placing fourth in the Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series.

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Because there won't be any O&E Tournament this fall. Don't fret — it hasn't been cancelled. It's just that a meeting of the minds has come to the conclusion that guys would rather play golf in June than late September or early October.

So we've changed things — namely the date. The O&E/Whispering Willows Tournament will have a new playing date: June 26-27.

The rest of the format is basically unchanged. It remains a two-day tournament, 36 holes of golf, divided into four flights (championship, first, second and third).

Cost is \$85 for both rounds. One slight alteration: Should rain intervene and cause a washout, the tournament will be re-scheduled for two weeks later, July 10-11, rather than the next weekend (which is a holiday weekend).

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FRIDAY



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SATURDAY

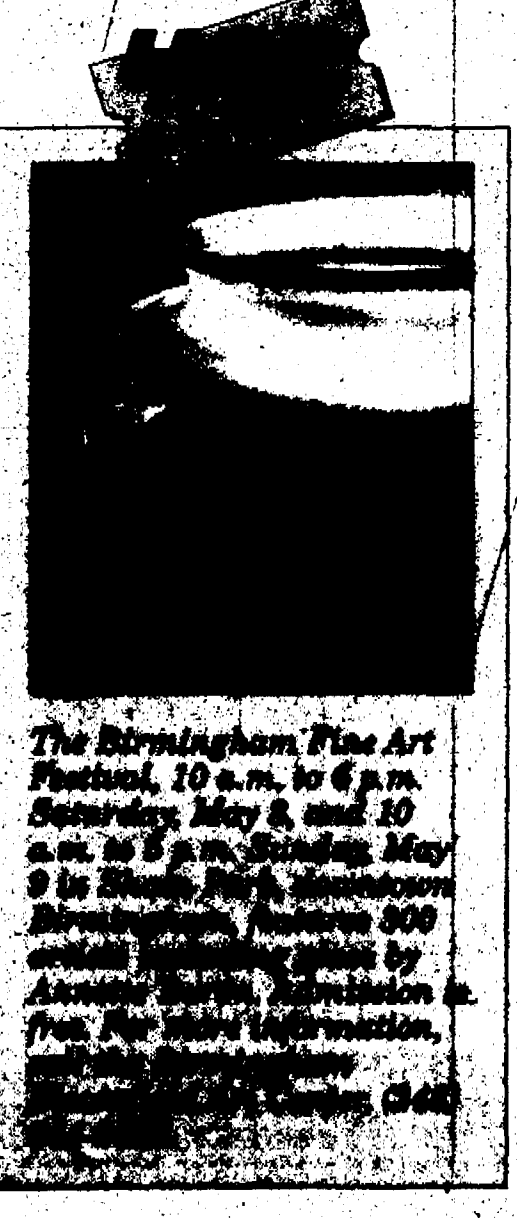


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SUNDAY



See the "Rugrats - A Live Adventure" 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$12.50, \$19.50 and \$25. Call (313) 983-6611 for information, or (248) 433-1515 to charge tickets.



The Birmingham Fine Art Festival, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 8, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 9 in South Park, downtown Birmingham. Admission \$10.00. Advance tickets \$7.00. For more information, call (205) 325-1111.

More than a dancing image



Big step: The Paul Taylor Dance Company performs classic and new pieces from its expansive repertoire, including a tango, entitled "Piazzolla Caldera."

Paul Taylor Dance Co. considered world's pre-eminent contemporary troupe performs at Detroit Opera House

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OK, maybe image is everything. At least that's the initial impression for anyone not thoroughly familiar with the Paul Taylor Dance Company.

Perhaps it's a sign of their prominence in the rarefied dance world that the New York-based troupe assumes that audiences will know about their history, and the knighted "genius" whose name is on the company.

Didn't know that the Paul Taylor dancers have performed in more than 400 cities in 60 countries? Perhaps you are uninformed about last year's Academy Award nominated documentary, "Dance Maker," about Taylor and his anointed group of dancers?

Forget about first impressions. Get ready for the lasting kind this Thursday through Sunday as the Paul Taylor Dance Company returns to Detroit after a nearly two-decade absence.

The concert is the season finale in an impressive dance series presented by the Michigan Opera Theatre.

"They are acknowledged as the preeminent contemporary dance company in the world," said Bradley Stroud, director of dance at the Michigan Opera Theatre.

OK, so maybe there's more than just image.

In the beginning

The evolution of dance over the last 50 years can be traced through Taylor's soloist days with Martha Graham Dance Company

WHAT: Paul Taylor Dance Company

WHEN: Thursday-Sunday, May 6-8

TIME: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 8

WHERE: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway (at Madison Ave.), Detroit

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- Thursday & Saturday -
 - Mercuric Tidings
 - Eventide
 - Piazzolla Caldera
- Friday & Sunday -
 - Arden Court
 - Sunset
 - Cloven Kingdom

to his prolific work as a choreographer.

"He was there at the beginning of the creation of contemporary dance," said Stroud of Birmingham.

Today, Taylor's choreography is included in the repertoires of nearly every major dance company.

This weekend, the versatile dance troupe will perform a mixed-repertoire program, including Taylor's classic "Cloven Kingdom" and "Arden Court," and newer works, "Eventide" and "Piazzolla Caldera."

Not familiar with any of these dances? Keep it to yourself.

In particular, the show-stopping "Piazzolla Caldera," a spicy piece of tango set to flashy lights and performed in tantalizing costumes, demonstrates how Taylor incorpo-

rates a popular dance step into his own style.

"Every piece is entertaining," said Stroud. "You don't have to tear them apart to figure out what it was about. There's humor in every piece."

Broadening appeal

In contrast to the traditional pieces of American Ballet Theatre, who has performed "Giselle" and "Don Quixote" at the Detroit Opera House over the last year, the Paul Taylor dancers offer "challenging techniques" that draw on contemporary dance and social influences, said Stroud.

"Everything in Paul Taylor's choreography is pertinent to what's going on in the world around him," he said.

Of course, it helps that many of the 16 dancers have been in the company since the early 1990s. In the dance world, where athleticism and stamina seem to fade with each passing performance, that's far from typical.

During the last two years, Michigan Opera Theatre's dance series has set out to broaden its appeal.

The intention of trendy dance shows like "Blue Suede Shoes," set to the music of Elvis Presley, and "Dracula" were attempts to get the attention of nontraditional dance audiences.

Apparently, with subscriptions and single-ticket sales increasing, the market strategy has been modestly successful.

"Our theory is to bring the very best in dance," said Stroud. "If people see something really good, chances are they'll come back."



Canadian Brass: Members are (back row, left to right) Chris Cooper on horn, Jens Lindermann on trumpet; (center) Ronald Romm on trumpet; and (front row, left to right) Charles Daellenbach on tuba, Eugene Watts on trombone.

Canadian Brass serious about having fun

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The Brass just want to have fun. Sure, trumpeters Jens Lindermann and Ronald Romm, hornist Chris Cooper, trombonist Eugene Watts and tubist Charles Daellenbach are serious classical musicians. Known collectively worldwide as The Canadian Brass, the musicians aren't above a little showmanship.

In the early years they'd rise to the occasion of a fanfare by standing on their chairs. That was the beginning of a "reputation" in some circles.

"When we did Tanglewood for the first time, they said to us 'This is serious, no tutus or anything, we want a serious brass concert,'" said Brass co-founder Eugene Watts. "Then we saw the ad in the New York Times for the summer season and it was a picture of me in a tutu."

The Brass will bring their wit and their musicianship (though not their tutus) to Ann Arbor's Hill Auditorium May 8 as this year's University Musical Society Distinguished Artist Award winners.

Watts promises that the "distinguished artists" won't hesitate to dress appropriately for a bit of "Carmen."

"It's quite an honor," Watts said seriously. "We've been thrilled to be a part of it. The hall is so incredible. It's been a joy and the award just adds to it."

The Brass, now in their 28th year, have appeared under the UMS auspices nine times, most recently in February 1998.

The award recognizes the group for their musicianship and for their involvement with musical education. The group actually began by playing at schools throughout southern Ontario in the early 1970s.

In 1998, working with the Music Educators National Conference, they hosted "The World's Largest Concert" on PBS for the second consecutive year.

Please see BRASS, E2

WHAT: The Canadian Brass honored as UMS Distinguished Artists
WHERE: Hill Auditorium on the campus of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
WHEN: 6 p.m. Saturday, May 8
TICKETS: \$15-\$50. Call the box office at (734) 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.
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COMMUNITY THEATER

Plymouth Theatre Guild scares audience with season finale

"Wait Until Dark"

WHAT: Frederick Knott's thriller about three ex-convicts trying to retrieve a doll filled with heroin from a blind woman. Not recommended for children under age 12.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8 and Thursday-Saturday, May 13-15, and 6 p.m. Sunday, May 9.

WHERE: Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, (west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville Roads) on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital.

TICKETS: \$9, \$8 advance. Call (248) 349-7110.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Sarah Wiercioch is having a good time playing the brat who eventually becomes the "eyes" of Susy Hendrix, a blind woman fighting for her life in Frederick Knott's thriller "Wait Until Dark."

In the first scene of the Plymouth Theatre Guild production, Wiercioch literally throws a temper tantrum. But it's only a part the 10-year old is playing says mom Susan. Sarah doesn't act like that at home.

"My favorite part is yelling when I'm throwing things," said Wiercioch. "This is my first

Please see FINALE, E2



Nasty character: Keith Prusak, as Harry Roat Jr., is the mastermind who will go to any lengths, including murder, to get what he wants.



Heart stopping: Sarah Wiercioch plays Gloria, a little girl who becomes the "eyes" of a blind woman in the thriller "Wait Until Dark."



In the dark: Ariana Prusak is Susy Hendrix, a blind woman put to the ultimate test of fighting for her life.

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The 14-year-old annual event is held to celebrate music in public schools and links 8 million children in song worldwide.

The Brass also initiated the Fund for the Advancement of Musical Education, which provides grants for professional musicians to help in the continuance of their musical studies.

"We're impressed and pleased with our relationship with musical education, especially brass playing," Watts said.

"We're doing something at the Eastman School and these guys have grown up with us. It's quite a responsibility and we're happy about that influence. What we discovered is that we do something that normal students can

identify with. They may dream about a symphony or a rock and roll band, but they see us play and think they can do it."

For the award concert, in addition to music from "Carmen," Watts said the group will perform Bach's "Tocatta and Fugue" and music by Duke Ellington.

"Our new recording coming out May 18 is on the music of Duke Ellington. We're excited and proud of it," Watts said.

This eclectic mix is typical of the Brass. Though their classical credentials are extensive, they've also played the music of the Beatles, John Philip Sousa and Dixieland.

This is Ellington's centennial

year and Watts promises a different approach on this album.

"It was written and conceived by Luther Henderson who was associated with Ellington in the '40s on his classical pieces and did a lot of his arranging," Watts said.

The group has been invited to Harlem in the fall to perform a concert of Ellington music.

Despite the jazz label, Ellington's compositions, especially longer pieces like "New World Coming" and "Harlem Sunday," are as classical as anything by Gershwin, Watts said.

When Watts and tubist Charles Daellenbach founded the Brass in 1971 in Toronto the

idea was to create a serious classical brass ensemble.

Brass instruments were for color. String and woodwind ensembles were the usual classical mode. But it didn't take long for the Brass to develop a large and loyal audience.

The secret was playing seriously but also having some fun.

"At the early concerts we wanted to show what we could do," Watts said. "What we learned was to relate to and play for an audience, and we've never lost that."

When asked to name his favorite Brass albums, Watts again shows the eclectic style they've adopted.

"The Lennon-McCartney I really love. Our Bernstein. I loved the Wagner and 'Red, White & Brass,'" he said. "We're working on two exciting projects for fall. Recently we've been so 'crossover' that we're coming back to classical with a vengeance."

The Brass are especially prominent during the holiday season, when they are as ubiquitous as Bing Crosby and Gene Autry.

"It was an obvious thing, brass and Christmas. The Salvation Army has been setting us up for years," Watts said. "That's the busiest time of the year for us, from Thanksgiving to Christmas we're working every night."

A festive mood will also prevail for the awards activities. In addition to the public concert, a gala evening package is being offered that includes aperitifs, the concert, dinner and an afterglow.

Previous recipients of the UMS award, sponsored by Ford Motor Co., are pianist Van Cliburn, soprano Jessye Norman and pianist Garrick Ohlsson. The program raises funds for the UMS Education Program, which reaches thousands of children and adults each season through in-school visits, pre-concert lectures, master classes, teacher workshops, youth and family performances and additional activities.

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non-musical role out of 13 productions. I like it because I have to be serious."

"Wait Until Dark" is serious, dead serious. Susy Hendrix might die if she can't outwit the three ex-convicts intent on retrieving a doll full of heroin from her home. Susy is unaware of its contents until master criminal Harry Roat Jr. enters the scene. Roat will go to any length, including murdering Susy, to recover the white "gold." Using the well-honed senses she developed as a result of the blindness, Susy must depend on Gloria (Wiercioch) to serve as her "eyes."

"There's a lot of scary stuff,

guns and drugs," said Wiercioch.

But fear isn't in Wiercioch's blood. Stage fright isn't in her vocabulary either. If it were, Wiercioch wouldn't be well on her way to a career in theater. Since attending a summer theater camp at age five, Wiercioch's already performed in the chorus of "Showboat" at the Masonic Temple, and as Little Red in "Little Red Riding Hood" at the Marquis Theatre in Northville.

Wiercioch hasn't limited herself to theater though. She's sung the National Anthem at all the Plymouth Whalers home games at Compuware Arena this season. In her spare time, Wiercioch models for print ads for

KMart. Her face can also be seen in the frames for sale at Kmarts across the country.

A student at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth, Wiercioch in spite of three late-night rehearsals a week, is an honor student and a member of the track team.

"My husband and I, we're just drivers," said Susan Wiercioch, Sarah's mom. "School comes first to her. She comes right home and does her school work before she sees her friends."

Sarah knew at age four after seeing a friend perform in a play, that theater would play a big role in her life. Even though a veteran performer at her tender

age, Wiercioch knows she still has plenty to learn and she's depending on director Ralph Rosati to teach her.

Rosati's been directing plays since 1975. He knows the stage from both sides of the lights. He's acted in 31 productions himself. Rosati researched "Wait Until Dark" by renting the video of the 1967 film starring Audrey Hepburn.

"In this production, lighting has been a challenge," said Rosati. "The last two scenes it's dark, hence the title 'Wait Until Dark,' and it gets scary. There is violence. That's why it's not recommended for children under 12. It's very dark and tense, and

lighting is the key to making it all come together."

Keith Prusak plays the villain: the murderous Harry Roat Jr. The hardest part for him is being nasty to his wife Ariana who plays Susy. They've been married two years. Their roles last season in the Plymouth Theatre Guild production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" had them playing lovers. They also acted in the recent SRO Production "Death Trap."

"I definitely don't want anybody to like Roat," said Prusak. "Roat is a social misfit. It's a duel between Susy and Roat to the death."

Ariana likes playing opposite her "real life" husband. A gradu-

ate of Lutheran High School in Westland, Ariana earned a degree in theater arts from Eastern Michigan University in 1994.

"I enjoy the last scene where I play cat and mouse with Keith," said Ariana. "It really does get scary. It just draws me into the fear."

Even though they're at each others' throats on stage, off stage, Wiercioch says "the other people I get to work with are really nice."

"We have a great group of people," adds assistant director Diana Wells of Livonia. "There's a bonding already."

Avon Players discover a 'lost' gem in 'Children of Eden'

"Children of Eden" will be performed May 7-8, 14-16 and 20-22 at the Avon Playhouse, 1185 Tienken, Rochester Hills. Performances start at 8 p.m. Sunday performances start at 2 p.m. In addition, there will be a 2 p.m. performance Saturday, May 8.

No performance is planned for Mother's Day, May 9. Tickets are \$15. For ticket information, call (248) 608-9077.

BY MARY JANE DORR SPECIAL WRITER

Somewhere is the lush garden

of Stephen Schwartz' other musicals "Godspell," "Pippin" and "Magic Show" and his movies Pocahontas and the Prince of Egypt, the compelling musical "Children of Eden" has gotten lost.

Fortunately, the Avon Players picked up the scent of this rose

from the musical-theater literature and has produced it with a "spark of creation" that places these thespians far above and beyond other companies. Like last year's heart throbber, "Blood Brothers," this production explodes with drama and real fire.

Karl Miller plays God, the Father, not with lightning rods and words of threatening destruction but with compassion and understanding. From the beginning, he exalts with his omnipotent voice in songs like "Let There Be" giving the show its momentum. Jeanne DeLong dons an angelic "Roma Downey" wig to be a charismatic Eve, carrying the first act's momentum. Her presence is electric, singing "The Spark of Creation," and her soliloquy is perfection. Pursuing that excellence, slimy Kevin Edwards creates the hissing snake dancing around Dennis East's glistening Tree of Knowledge in a sizzling dancing duet with DeLong. Terrific scene.

This modernized version of the Biblical story is given even more of a contemporary bent by Justin Morck as the angry young man, Cain. He plays a teenager who turns anger into domestic violence, killing his gentler brother, Abel, played by Matt Soisson, much to the grief of Adam, (David Podulka). Podulka doesn't have the center stage as much, but his "A World Without You" has magnitude.

That world is a set not unlike that for "Joseph and the Techni-

color Dreamcoat" with the chorus of storytellers flanking an enormous rotating turntable where the show's important action centers. There, Act I ends with Faust-like splendor as Eve is taken into heaven, leaving a sense of hope.

With Eve's death and Jeanne DeLong's subsequent departure, Act II might have lacked luster except that Kim Monterosso's voice as Noah is inspiring as is Mary McCune's voice as the servant Yonah.

Act I's spicy humor is missing in the more serious story of the Flood, but then the dialogue is more focused and the masterpiece qualities of the show's meaning comes through with songs like "The Hardest Part of Love" (a marvelous duet by Miller and Monterosso) and "I am no Stranger to the Rain" (McCune's impassioned solo). Act II also is highlighted by the march of the animals using Megan Bourland and Tina-Vill

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Follow the Ridgedale Players 'Into the Woods'

"Into the Woods" will be presented Fridays, May 7, 14 and 21, Saturdays, May 8, 15 and 22, and Sundays May 16 and 23 at the Ridgedale Players theater, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Adult tickets cost \$13. Senior and student Sunday tickets are \$12. To order tickets, call (248) 988-7049.

BY HELEN ZUCKER
SPECIAL WRITER

The Ridgedale Players' production of Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's "Into the Woods," directed by Susan Skibici and Laura Kerr, is wonderful. The cast of 16 actors interacts with speed and a rich sense of the play's poignant, wry intelligence.

Nancy Jeanne Potts bubbles with life as The Witch, who locks her daughter, Rapunzel, in a tower for 14 years. Wishing to protect her golden-haired daughter from the world, Potts is very strong. She sets the plot going by promising the baker and his wife a child if they bring her by midnight a milk-white cow, a blood-red cape, a golden slipper and blond tresses. Potts and Amanda Bayly (Rapunzel) do a moving rendition of "Stay With Me," and Potts is one tough lady in "Last

Midnight."

Jim West does a great job as The Narrator, who weaves the familiar fairy tales - Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, and the Baker and the Baker's Wife, Little Red Riding Hood and Rapunzel - into a fantasia that involves them all, and, in Act II, undercuts the happy endings with twists of fate we all recognize. The Narrator (the one who "gives direction") disappears in Act II, and West becomes The Mysterious Man in the Woods, a necessary figure.

Suzette Shuller brings a neat comic touch to "A Very Nice Prince," and gentleness to the lovely song "No One is Alone." Shuller's voice has range, and this musical gives her the chance to use it. Dan Fuller is stalwart and hilarious as Cinderella's Prince.

Fuller strikes just the right attitude and is especially good in his love scene with the baker's wife and doubling as The Wolf, singing a sexy rendition of "Hello, Little Girl." But Fuller is at his best in his duet with his brother, Rapunzel's puzzled Prince, played by Eric Henrickson. "Agony," a song about how delicious it is to want what you

can't have (like "Sleeping Beauty") is one of the best songs in the show; Fuller and Henrickson do it justice.

Gwen Elbert is fine as Jack's rackets, loving mother. Tom Peterson is full of bounce, heart, willingness, anything but high intelligence as Jack, the plucky fellow who climbs the beanstalk and brings down a goose that lays golden eggs, a harp and a giant whose wife later lays waste to the community. Tania Velinsky is a spirited, funny Little Red Riding Hood. She has verve.

In a show filled with fine performances, Carl Jones and Holly G. Hellsten stand out; they're terrific as the baker and his wife who get their child and then lose their way. They get to ask a lot of questions, along with The Witch, Rapunzel, and Cinderella. When Cinderella tells The Prince "My father's house was a nightmare; yours was a dream. Now I want something in-between" as she holds the baker's son, she means she wants what the baker and his wife had. Jones and Hellsten give us the married state in all its bliss and annoyance.

Eugenia Garner, Conny Cratch and Carla Peterson give us Cinderella's selfish, pretentious fam-



HELENA COHEN

Musical: Holly Hellstein (left, the Baker's Wife) and Carl Jones (the Baker) are terrorized by Nancy Potts, who plays the witch in "Into the Woods."

ily - in spades. Diane Dillard as Cinderella's dead mother who shows up from time to time in a lighted window in a tree, as Granny who makes a fur coat out of The Wolf, and as the Giant, is equally good at being sweet, loud and nasty. Stan Iobst is a dutiful Steward.

Kerry Price's musical direction/piano and Valerie Mould's choreography show flashes of brilliance. So did the set by Iobst, Tom Coffe, Sonia Milton and crew. The costumes by Michael A. Gravame, Shirley Fager and lots of seamstresses were marvelous. So were the

props by Laura Kerr, sound by Thom Griffen, make-up by Julie Fuller and lights by Bob Garner. Carl Stewart played percussion, Kathy Oliphant, flute, Alan Oliphant, trumpet, and Eleanor Struble, bass.

I loved the cow.

Talented youngsters making dreams come true

Maybe it happened during a flurry of spring cleaning or even a frantic ransacking of your home in search of an address of a long-time friend. In the shoebox of life's most important clutter, sometimes we stumble into a creative relic from our teenage



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years. Whether it's a poem or song, an experimental project for art class, or a love letter, the free flow of ideas and passion with which we expressed our dreams then can often trigger an emotional response now. Given our life experiences, we might be able to refine the same work if we were doing it today, but it would be hard to match the unfiltered thrill of our original effort.

This week on Backstage Pass on Detroit Public Television, you'll meet some talented young artists whose shoeboxes are overflowing with dreams, some of which have already been realized.

What a month it has been for the young performers of Detroit's Mosaic Youth Theatre! Fresh

from their April performances at New York's Kennedy Performing Arts Center and the White House, the organization's new production, "Everybody's Talkin,'" begins a four-day engagement at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts on Thursday, May 13.

This original musical play is an adaptation of Shakespeare's comedy, "Much Ado About Nothing," done in Motown style with singers, rappers, comics and dancers.

"Just walking into the Kennedy Center was an incredibly thrilling experience, and the challenge for our cast was to keep the awe in check and remember that theatre is theatre and music is music, no matter where you're performing and who's in the audience," said Artistic Director Rick Sperling.

"There's a concern that kids don't dream as big as they did in the past. Experiences like these help them realize they can expand their horizons," he adds.

The Mosaic Youth Theatre has demonstrated that its work is worthy of a national stage, and the dream of becoming the first nationally touring youth theatre is something that can be achieved.

Few schools in America can match the creative legacy of Detroit's Cass-Technical High

School, and the perennial sprouting of talent has produced a bumper crop of dreams this year. The gifted members of the drama department will perform in the first new production of Mbongeni Ngema's "Sarafina" in over ten years, May 12-13 at the Southfield Center for the Arts and May 19-21 at Cass Tech.

Ngema made an exception to his long-held decision not to release the rights to "Sarafina" when he heard that the students will represent the United States in the Fringe Festival in Scotland this August. He not only believes in the ability of the group to tell his story as it should be told, but, obviously, in the power and potential of dreams.

Cranbrook Academy of Arts is another place to see who's up and coming on the arts scene. The 1999 Graduate Degree Show, going on through May 14, presents the work of over 60 young artists, architects and designers.

When established music artists reflect on their careers, they often choose their earliest recordings as their favorites. Many times, their long-time fans agree. With experience came polish, and likely, greater commercial success. But, by catching a band in its infancy, you're treated to all the energy and

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On the next edition of BACKSTAGE PASS, airing Sunday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. on Detroit Public Television, you'll see and hear the Sights. visit Cran-

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"Forbidden Hollywood," a musical spoof about modern-day blockbusters and silver screen stars, runs through Sunday, June 27, at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit, 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays (\$29.50), 7:30 p.m. Thursdays (\$29.50), 8:30 p.m. Fridays (\$34.50), 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays (\$34.50), 1:30 p.m. Sundays (\$29.50), and 5:30 p.m. Sundays (\$24.50). (313) 962-2913

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"The Rocky Horror Show," Richard O'Brien's rock 'n' roll sci-fi spoof, through Sunday, May 9, at the theater in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

NEW STUDIO COMPANY
"Master Class," a drama featuring veteran Detroit actress Susan Arnold about soprano Maria Callas as she teaches a master class of opera hopefuls, through Sunday, May 16, Varner Studio Theatre, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 6-8, 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

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COMMUNITY THEATER

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"Children of Eden," a new musical based on the Biblical stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel and Noah's Ark, May 7-8, 14-16 and 20-22, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, also 2 p.m. May 8, at the playhouse, 1185 Tenken Road, Rochester Hills. \$15. (248) 608-9077

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS
"Little Shop of Horrors," May 6-8, 13-15 and 21-22, in the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Independence Township. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, \$15. (248) 625-8811

FARMINGTON PLAYERS
"Don't Dress for Dinner," a comedy by Marc Camoletti, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, and May 14-15, at 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$12. (248) 553-2955

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"Wait Until Dark," Frederic Knott's thriller about a blind woman, a doll, and a thief after the doll which is full of heroin, not recommended for children under age 12, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8 and Thursday-Saturday, May 13-15, and 6 p.m. Sunday, May 9, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile, west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville roads on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital. \$9, \$8 advance. (248) 349-7110

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8 a.m. Saturday, May 8, open to all regardless of birding experience, at Maybury State Park, meet at the riding stable parking area on Beck Road, south of Eight Mile, Northville. (248) 349-8390

"A CENTURY OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY, CULTURE AND THOUGHT"
On-going series continues with historian Todd Endelman speaking about "The Changing Agendas of American Jewry: From Making Jews American to Making Jews Jewish," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, Jewish Community Center, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Free. (248) 967-4030

CINCO DE MAYO/NIGHT OF ART CELEBRATION
Poetry reading by Dunya Mikhail and Galla Zverva and art exhibit by Eudardo Trevino and Christina Assaf, music by Benny Cruz and Amer Zahf, 7:40 p.m. Thursday, May 6, art exhibit continues to June 30, at the Bowen branch of the Detroit Public Library, 3648 W. Vernor at West Grand Boulevard. Free. (313) 843-9598/(313) 842-7010/(313) 833-4042 or http://www.detroit.lib.mi.us/

MOTOR CITY COMIC CON
Featuring guest appearances by Jeri Ryan, Billy Dee Williams, Warwick Davis (Yoda in "Star Wars Episode 1"), Kenny Baker (R2D2), Frank Gorshin, and others, 1-8 p.m. Friday, May 14, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 15, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 16, Novi Expo Center, Novi. \$12 per day, \$28 three-day pass. (248) 426-8059 or http://www.motorcityconventions.com

"21ST CENTURY UNIVERSAL CAROUSEL"
A fashion show set to live music by The Coup, Patrick Howell, DJ, Hollywood, DJ Devious and Face, and fashions by Andies Cendesse, Adam Jones, SABOR, R. Jesse Deneaux and Rebecca Yaker, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355

FAMILY EVENTS

SHEEP SHEARING DAYS
Sheep shearing, carding and spinning demonstrations, 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 8-9, begins at the Farm Demonstration Building in Meybury State Park, Eight Mile Road, west of Beck Road, Northville. Free with state

park motor vehicle permit. (248) 349-8390

BENEFITS

"A DULCIMER FOR DEMOCRACY"
Folk music - dulcimer and guitar, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at Xhedos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale. \$5-\$10 sliding scale, fundraiser for Metro-Detroit Alliance for Democracy. (734) 462-2423

EARTH ANGELS SOCK HOP
Special performance of 50's music by Earth Angels, pizza dinner with dessert, hula hoop contest, prizes for best 50's contest, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the William Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills. \$8, \$5 children under age 5, to benefit the Earth Angels, an advanced performance group of young people ages 9-17. (248) 330-6410

GILDA'S BIG NIGHT OUT
Wednesday, May 19, 6 p.m. (silent auction), 7:15 p.m. (dinner) and 8 p.m. (program with comedian Paula Poundstone), at St. John's Armenian Banquet Center, 22001 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. \$125, to raise funds for Gilda's Club Metro Detroit. (248) 577-0800

"HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS"
The Plymouth Symphony League's spring home tour featuring a bed and breakfast built in 1903 and several other homes including a bungalow, saltbox, a 4,000 square foot home with lower-level dance floor, and recent renovations, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 15, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 16, in Plymouth. \$15 advance, \$18. All proceeds benefit the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. (734) 453-3016

"KOSOVO RELIEF BENEFIT"
With Immigrant Suns, Blackman and Arnold, and The Lash, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$7, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355

LEUKEMIA SOCIETY SPRING FLING
With musical guest Crisis, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

PLAYER'S GUILD OF DEARBORN
Join in the FUND Gala Celebration with reception followed by performance of "Blood Brothers," 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, at the theater, 21730 Madison, Dearborn. (313) 561-TKTS

WHAT'S COOKING

FOURTH ANNUAL GREAT LAKES GREAT WINE WALK AROUND TASTING
You'll have the opportunity to taste over 350 wines judged by a panel of professionals and dine on great food from 12 area restaurants including Tribute, Steve & Rocky's, Fox & Hounds, and the Golden Mushroom Club at the Great Lakes Great Wine Walk Around, 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, (south-west of I-696, Orchard Lake exit), Farmington Hills, 3rd floor J-Building. Tickets are \$40 per person. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund for Culinary Arts and Hospitality

Management Programs, Call (248) 471-6340 or (248) 471-7786 to order tickets.

LE GALA DE CUISINE
Event 3-6 p.m. Sunday, May 23 at Cranbrook Schools showcases 40 chefs from metro Detroit restaurants. Tickets \$125 (friend), \$150 (patron) and \$200 (benefactor), call (248) 683-6099. Cranbrook Schools are at 550 Lone Pine Road.

MOREL'S
All Pinot Feast, 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, 30100 Telegraph, Bingham Farms. Cost is \$98 per person, plus tax and gratuity. (248) 642-1094 (Ext. 3).

NEIMAN MARCUS
Italian Wine Dinner featuring Andretti Wines, 6:30 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner, Friday, May 14, NM Cafe at Neiman Marcus, Level Three. Cost \$65 per person, \$120 per couple. Reservations limited, call (248) 643-3300.

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE
With the Bloomfield Township Public Library presents a concert by the Euphonia Piano Quartet, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 9. (248) 443-1494

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT
Brentano String Quartet and pianist Mitsuko Uchida, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (248) 737-9980

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With Russian conductor Gennady Rozhdestvensky, tenor James Taylor and the Choral Union of University Musical Society performing Franz Liszt's Dante Symphony, Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2, Zoltan Kodaly's Psalms hungaricus, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 6-7, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48 (box seats \$60-\$63). (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroit-symphony.com

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"String Genda," a concert with the emphasis on strings, with guest violinists Yuri and Dana Mazurkevich (both studied at the Moscow Conservatory), also works by American composers George Chadwick and Christopher Taw, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$15, \$8 children under age 12. (248) 645-6666/(734) 464-2741/(734) 421-1111

SONNET QUARTET
A concert of chamber music by members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 9, Varner Recital Hall at Oakland University, Rochester. \$12, \$10 seniors, \$6 students. (248) 370-3013

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY
"The General," starring Buster Keaton, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, organ overture begins 30 minutes before performance with John Moelmann, at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$8, \$4 children. (313) 531-4407

POPS/SWING
CIGAR STORE INDIANS
8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$5, 21 and older. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com

DETROIT SYMPHONY POPS
Musical tribute to Henry Mancini with conductor Erich Kunzel, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, May 13, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 14-15, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 16, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$45 (box seats \$40-\$65). (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroit-symphony.com

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS
10 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450; 10:30 p.m. Friday, May 7, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (Western swing)

AUDITIONS
BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND
Looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass, and especially percussion players) of all ages, rehearsals are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Groves High School Birmingham. (248) 474-4997

"EXTREME GONG"
The Game Show Network show auditions for acts, 4-6 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Variety acts must be three minutes or less and anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Accompaniment for any musical act must be acoustic, on cassette tape or compact disc. One act from each city will be flown to Los Angeles to appear live on "Extreme Gong" and get a chance to win a \$10,000 prize package. (312) 214-4520, ext. 26.

KIWANIS KAVALIERS
Canada's premier competing drum and bagpipe corps is looking for young performers (ages 14-21) for the upcoming

summer tour July-August. (416) 241-2968 or http://www.kovaliers.com

"LILITH FAIR ACOUSTIC TALENT SEARCH"
8 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$2. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD
Is scheduling interview for directors, music directors and choreographers for Plymouth Theatre Guild productions for the 1999-2000 season which includes the plays "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Squabbles," and the musical "Oliver." Call (248) 349-7110 today for an interview to be held May 24 to June 30.

NOVI THEATRES
Auditions for actors ages 7 through college for "Jack & the Beanstalk" and "Beauty & the Beast," 4 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. For performances July 9-11 and July 30-Aug. 1. All actors must pay a participation fee of \$125 if cast. (248) 347-0400

RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL
Final call for experienced actors (background in dance, martial arts, swordplay or drill team/cheerleading helpful) to perform in the 20th annual Michigan Renaissance Festival, by appointment only Saturday, May 8, at Oakland University's Varner Hall, Rochester. For festival to run Aug. 14-Sept. 26. (800) 601-4848

CHORAL
RENAISSANCE CHORUS
Of the Wayne Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America present "The Ballad of Frank & Nellie: a Story of Love Alive?" and a creature made in a laboratory, with visiting talents from the Detroit Sound Company and Sharper Image, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at Mercy High School, 11 Mile and Middlebelt roads, Farmington Hills. \$10 matinee, \$12 evening performance. (734) 427-9140/(313) 937-1322

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY
The 70-member choral group performs Franz Schubert's "Mass in G" and Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" with the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free will offering will be taken between the two works (\$5 suggested donation). (734) 455-8353

JAZZ
DWIGHT ADAMS QUARTET
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, May 14, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (trumpet/piano/bass/drums)

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, May 8, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

GROUND.EFX
9 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 (live du/jungle)

SCOTT GWINNELL TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, May 13, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD CURTIS
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

WOODY HERMAN TRIBUTE
With the Johnny Trudell Big Band, music from all the Herds directed by Frank Tiberi, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 16 (Orchard Lake Middle School Jazz Band), at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, between Seven and Eight Mile, Livonia. \$15, proceeds benefit the free Michigan Jazz Festival and the Alumni and Friends of Clarenceville Foundation. (248) 474-2720/(734) 459-2454

CHARLIE HUNTER AND ADAM CRUZ
7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

JAZZHEAD
9 p.m. Sundays in May, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011; 9 p.m. Mondays in May, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922

BETTY JOPLIN AND FRIENDS
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 14-15, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With Tom Saunders and Jim Wyse (cor-

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net and sax), 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6, and with Marcus Belgrave (trumpet and flugelhorn) Thursday, May 13, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner order. (248) 474-4800

NAJEE
7 p.m. Thursday, May 13, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 and \$15, reserved cabaret seating. 21 and older. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheater.com>

JIM PARAVANTES
With Meridian, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays-Saturdays in May, Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road, at Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

GARY SCHUNK TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, May 6, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

TOOTS THIELEMANS QUARTET
With Kenny Werner, 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$20. (734) 662-8310

DONALD WALDEN QUARTET
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, May 7, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax/piano/bass/drums)

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

ALEXANDER ZONJIC
With organist David Palmer, pianist Margaret Kapasi, bassist Rick Robinson and drummer Ray Trammel, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 9, Central United Church, 660 Ouellette Ave., Windsor. \$10 for children and seniors, \$15 for adults, benefits Windsor Downtown Mission. Prices Canadian. (519) 973-5573

NEW AGE

LEE KONITZ TRIO
With Pete Siers, drums and Jeff Halsey, bass, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at the Kerrtown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch.cnet.net

WORLD MUSIC

IMMUNITY
10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 769-2500; 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, May 13, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (reggae)

JO HAN
9 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (reggae)

NATALIE MACMASTER
8 p.m. Thursday, May 6, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (Celtic)

MERRITONE DJ
Jamaican dance hall DJ, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Knights of Columbus Hall, 2299 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. \$25 in advance. (248) 932-4315 or jehared@go.com (reggae/soca)

RANKIN FAMILY
8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 9, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (Celtic)

TOOTS AND THE MAYTALS
With Morgan Heritage, 9 p.m. Friday, May 7, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17.50 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

BLUE TANGO
8-10 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Espresso Royale, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

BELA FLECK AND TONY TRISCHKA
8 p.m. Friday, May 14, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$20. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

LESLIE FREDERICK
10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15, original material and vintage folk from early mid-'60s, at Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., Chelsea. Free. (734) 327-2041

ANNIE GALLUP
With Erin Kamler and Lynn Miles, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

JAN KRIST
9 p.m. Friday, May 14, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101

JIM PERKINS
9 p.m. Friday, May 7, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101; 10 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Atwater Block Brewery, 237 Jos. Campau, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 393-2337

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

OPEN MIC
Acoustic and spoken-word talent sought to perform Friday, May 7, at the Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Free, suggested donation \$7, \$5 students, \$3 ages 6-12. (734) 327-2041

OPEN MIKE POETRY READING
Joe Matusak, Josie Kearns, Artswire, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, at Barnes and Noble, Six Mile and Haggerty roads, Northville.

POETRY IN MOTION
Marye Miller and Kristin Hatch, 6-10 p.m. Sunday, May 9, at the Grand Cafe, Farmington and Grand River, Farmington. (248) 615-9181

DANCE

FULL CIRCLE DANCE COMPANY AND SHOW CHOIR
From Henry Ford Community College, dance and choral works concert, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, in Adray Auditorium on campus, 5101 Evergreen, \$9, \$6 students/seniors/children. Dearborn. (313) 845-6314/(313) 845-6474

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.

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS
7:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 8, at the Italian-American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7, \$6 members. (810) 573-4993

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Billy Ray Bauer, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 6 (\$5), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8 (\$12); Randy "Lubisonic" Lubas, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 13 (\$5), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 14-15 (\$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
Wendy Liebman, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 9 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package); Bill Hildebrandt, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13 (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 14-15 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 16 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

"MOTHER'S DAY COMEDY JAM"
With Simply Marvelous, Laura Hayes, Thea Vidale and Maija DiGeorgio, 7 p.m. Sunday, May 9, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20, \$25 and \$35, reserved cabaret seating. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheater.com>

SECOND CITY
"Extra Terrestrial Chicken" is an Alternative Mondays productions running 8 p.m. Mondays through May 10 (\$8); "Improv Jammers" every Tuesday (7:30 p.m., \$5); "Impeachment and Cream," through May, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays. \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

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 or <http://www.statetheater.com>

SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER
8 p.m. Thursday, April 30, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS
10 p.m. Thursday, May 13, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (blues)

BIG BARN COMBO
10:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rockabilly)

BIG DOG AND THE WOOFERS
Featuring Pete "Big Dog" Fellers, 9 p.m. Friday, May 7, The Alibi, 30555 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 478-2010; 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-0210 or petebigdog@provide.net (blues)

BLACK TAPE FOR A BLUE GIRL
With Dragon Tears Descending, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, The Labyrinth, 1703 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. All ages. (313) 438-6153 or <http://www.projekt.com> (goth)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"
With Spinfest, Smack, Special Ed, and Flea Market, 9:30 p.m. Sunday, May 9, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

BLUE CAT
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLUE HAWAIIANS
8 p.m. Friday, May 14, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLUE MOON BOYS
8 p.m. Friday, May 13, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

BLUE ROSE
9 p.m. Friday, May 14, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-0210 (blues)

BLUES LIFE
9 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE
9:30 p.m. Friday, May 7, 5 Hole inside The Second City, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 471-3300; 9 p.m. Friday, May 14, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (R&B)

BROKEN TOYS
With Buddha Fulla Rhymz, and Frog Pond, 8 p.m. Friday, May 14, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

BUSTER'S BLUES BAND
10 p.m. Friday, May 7, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 656-7700; 10 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Mount Chalet, 4715 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-2929 (blues)

CHIASM
Performs in support of the CD "Detroit Electronica Compilation," 8 p.m. Friday, May 7, Pharaoh's Golden Cup, 28959 Joy Road, Westland. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 513-8536 or <http://listen.to/chiasm> (goth/electronic)

CHISEL BROS. WITH CHEF CHRIS
9 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

SHERYL CROW
With Semisonic, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$29.50 reserved. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (pop)

THE CULT HEROES
With a CD release party for "Motors for Tricycles" by the Deterrants and special guest Colonel Sun, 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 7, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

DC TALK
With Jennifer Knapp and The W's, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 7, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$19.98 and \$27.50. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (Christian rock)

THE DIAMOND DUKES
9 p.m. Friday, May 7, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS
With Face and Psyfunk, 8 p.m. Friday, May 7, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

DOVETAIL JOINT
8 p.m. Thursday, May 6, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 in advance, \$8 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

ELIZA
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With Natas, House of Crazees, and DJ Assault, 8 p.m. Friday, May 7, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$12 in advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com> (rap)

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10 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Peppi's Sports Cafe, 4769 Dixie Highway, Waterford. Free. 21 and older. (248) 674-1400; 10 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Peppi's Nightclub, 3270 W. Huron St., Waterford. Free. 21 and older. (248) 682-6200 or <http://www.fourdegrees.com> (rock)

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With Dangerman, 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

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9 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (ska)

THE GO
With The Piranhas and The Fighting Pinheads, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

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7 p.m. Thursday, May 12, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (rock)

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With The Eyeliners and Trash Brats, 6 p.m. Saturday, May 8, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

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9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, Bogey's, 142 Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441 (rock)

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8 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

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9 p.m. Friday, May 14, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (rock)

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10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. \$3. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (top 40)

DAVE MASON
Originally scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, has been moved to 8 p.m. Monday, May 10, with special guests The Reelermen, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$20. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND
With Corey Harris, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 14-15, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$33. Friday show is sold out. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

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9 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (roots rock)

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8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues)

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8 p.m. Thursday, May 13, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

SISTER MACHINE GUN
9:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.99music.com> (industrial)

CHRIS SMITHER AND STEVE FORBERT
8 p.m. Friday, May 7, The Ark, 316

'Entrapment' well made, worthwhile picture

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

While watching "Entrapment," which stars Sean Connery, you may find yourself thinking that James Bond has metamorphosed into an attractively aging Scot named Robert MacDougal. That 007 has turned to a life of crime, exercising a talent for stealing priceless objects d'art. That, at age 60, the glittery hero has matured into someone made of real flesh and real blood, someone who, after all those years and all those amorous adventures, might even possess a human heart when it comes to romance.

All of which, of course, says something for how closely Connery has come to be identified with the legendary Bond. Probably, he and any picture he makes will be haunted to some extent by the shadow of the famous secret agent forever. But despite its Bond-like shadings, "Entrapment" is a well made, worthwhile picture all on its own. And, in it, Connery shows us once again that old movie stars do not necessarily fade away; sometimes, their screen presence grows ever more luminous with the passage of time.

This "millennium movie," directed by Jon Amiel, takes place as the clock ticks down

toward the final moments of the 20th century. We have 16 days to go, to be precise, as the story opens. We are in New York, through we aren't really sure exactly what's happening, even as we watch.

A number of techno-gadgets and other sophisticated tools are playing a part, and slowly, we realize that somebody is going to an awful lot of trouble to life a treasured Rembrandt from a darkened room, only to leave a portrait of Elvis in its place. Here is a thief who is not only nimble and up-to-date (having gained access from the outside wall of the high-rise with those



Thriller: Sean Connery and Catherine Zeta-Jones in a scene from "Entrapment."

DAVID APPELBY

gadgets); here is a thief with a sense of humor. All of this reflects something about the film itself.

Soon, we're whisked away to colorful Kuala Lumpur, high-tech capital of Malaysia. Here lives reptilian black-marketer Conrad Greene (Maury Chaykin), and here, beyond glass, guard, and a thicket of laser beams, is a shining work of art MacDougal has always coveted but never been able to get his hands on. Being the kind of determined connoisseur of art and beauty that he is, we suspect that he is going to eventually (a) attain the prize, (b) almost die trying, or (c) die trying.

Meanwhile, back in Manhattan, a beautiful insurance investigator named Gin Baker (Catherine Zeta-Jones) talks her boss into allowing her to go after Mac, the suspected thief. She works for the company that insured the stolen masterwork for \$24 million, and so it stands to reason that she's hatched a scheme or two. Her reasons may

not be what you think, however, or her schemes what you anticipate. She's capable of spinning an especially crafty web.

But then, Mac is no slouch at keeping one step (or more) ahead of the competition. And therein pretty much hangs our tale, as these two play their cat-and-mouse games from the Scottish Highlands to high above the streets of Kuala Lumpur. (One especially electric scene has them navigating between the city's Petronas Twin Towers — the world's tallest buildings — via a fast-fraying metal wire strung with holiday lights.) As the 20th Century barrels to a close in this thriller, the tension heats up, and the chemistry between its two main characters really begins to crackle, too.

If you're in the mood for action-adventure, "Entrapment" should prove to be just the ticket. It moves along at a break-neck pace, contains enough suspense to turn your knuckles white, and enough intrigue to make your head spin. Though it

doesn't have quite the visual opulence of some of the Bond films, it's still highly watchable, and some of the scenes are knock-outs, especially those shot in Scotland and Malaysia.

Surprisingly, though, "Entrapment" succeeds best on another level. The sparks that fly between the two lead characters are a substantial reason why this film works as well as it does. Scrip writers Ron Bass and William Broyles haven't given the two any particularly torrid scenes, but no matter. Fiery grace (Zeta Jones) and grizzled elegance (Connery), combined with a thoughtful script and their nicely nuanced performances help to turn this match into sheer dynamite. And, by the time Connery's character utters his most memorable line — "I was prepared for everything except you" — many of us are prepared to believe he is something 'way beyond a mere charming adventurer, brandishing a bunch of shiny, high-tech toys.

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"TRIPPIN'"
Urban comedy about the fantasies of a black teenager during his final years of high school in Detroit. Stars Deon Richmond.

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"STAR WARS — EPISODE 1 THE PHANTOM MENACE"
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"BLACK MASK"
Jet Li, internationally renowned martial arts master, stars in this action film as the "Black Mask" who must save the world from the darkest of evils.

"LOVERS OF THE ARCTIC CIRCLE"
Compelling story of two lovers whose lives intersect continuously from adolescence to adulthood. Stars Fele Martinez.

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Esthero ready to start touring again



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Singer Esthero is making general conversation when all of a sudden she just freaks.

"On my God, there's this huge snake on 'Real TV.' It's a boa. Oh my God and it's ... it's a foot thick. And it sleeps with kids during nap time. The snake snores, apparently it like lives in their house and it's allowed to sleep with the kids which is like little bunnies to them," she said before shivering.

Esthero — one name only, please — is easily excitable these days. She's about to embark on her first tour since she underwent throat surgery to remove nodes on her vocal chords in January. Recovery is coming along slowly for her, the Ontario, Canada-born singer said.

"The first show I did it was great. It was one of the best shows I've ever done but I could-

n't sing for a week afterward. Then the show after that, I couldn't sing until two days later. The show after that I seemed OK. It's like a muscle and you have to build it back up," she said.

The surgery was one of two major changes for Esthero in the last six months or so. She also parted ways with "Doc," the Minnesota native who served as music director and co-producer on her debut "Breath From Another" (Work).

"He was just somebody that I had made the record with and cooperated with and he didn't dig being on the road very much," she said nonchalantly.

Press material from the Work label credits "Doc" as creating the majority of the album's music including the ethereal hits "Country Livin' (The World I Know)" and "Heaven Sent." Esthero's vocals — three-parts Sade, with a little Sinead O'Connor and Bjork thrown in for good measure — effortlessly float over a bed of trip-hop, acoustic guitar and orchestra-

tion. With "Doc" gone, her live shows will include new guitar and trumpet players and a few special touches.

"I, like, incorporated a lot of the samples back in there because we proved ourselves as organic players and musicians. Now I brought a few more elements, probably unrecognizable to anybody but me, back in live. They're still triggered by our drummer. I just give them more work to do."

Esthero opens for Gus Gus at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$15 in advance for the all-ages show. Call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com> for more information.

Self-made group

Sam Rosenthal is a self-described workaholic. He said he easily works 12-hour days as the founder of Projekt Records, an influential Chicago-based goth label. In his spare time, he is the lyricist/songwriter for the goth

group Black Tape for a Blue Girl. "I enjoy it because it gets me away from Projekt and it lets me spend time concentrating on my art," said lyricist/songwriter Sam Rosenthal.

The Chicago-based group is now touring in support of "As One Aflame Laid Bare By Desire" (Projekt), its seventh CD overall.

"The new one is the most melodic. It just sort of worked out that way," he said.

Although it's on album No. 7, the group didn't tour until two years ago when Rosenthal decided to showcase the band at a Chicago music festival in 1997.

"It wasn't as hard as I thought," he said with a laugh.

"The main problem is the vocalists don't live in the same city so basically I have a touring band that is different from the recording band. We're a three-piece with Elysabeth and she sings and plays viola. Lisa (Feuer) who's on the album, plays flute and backing vocals. It's kind of creating the band on stage using the songs from the

album. With different musical elements."

Black Tape for a Blue Girl and Dragon Tears Descending perform Saturday, May 8, at The Labyrinth, 1703 Cass Ave., Detroit. Tickets are available at the door or at Ticketmaster outlets. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the all-ages show. For more information, call (313) 438-6153 or visit <http://www.projekt.com>.

Cooper craze

Alice Cooper seems to be the man of the moment. He is hosting Rhino Records' "Musical Aptitude Test (RMAT)," an SAT-style music test to find the ultimate music trivia expert, 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, over the Internet

at <http://www.music.yahoo.com>. For more information, visit <http://www.rhino.com> or call the RMAT hotline at 1-888-846-3848. Speaking of Cooper, he will sign copies of his new box set, "The Life and Crimes of Alice Cooper" (Rhino), at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Harmony House, 30830 Orchard Lake Road (south

of 14 Mile Road), Farmington Hills. Call (248) 626-4533 for more information.

Misc:

Pete "Big Dog" Fetters has added a few musicians to his litter and has dubbed the act Big Dog and The Woofers. They perform at 9 p.m. Friday, May 7, at The Alibi in Farmington Hills, and 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, at the Library Pub in Westland. ... Lisa Hunter's song "Faith" will be featured on "Outward Bound" on the Discover channel at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 8. To hear clips of Hunter's music, visit <http://www.lb.com/onemanclapping/lisa.htm> or <http://www.amazon.com>.

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Monster Magnet leader thrives on surprising fans

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Long stringy hair, '70s-style sunglasses and well-worn jeans, Dave Wyndorf's character is unforgettable.

Wyndorf, the lead singer/guitarist for the rock band Monster Magnet, apologizes for calling late for an interview.

"I got caught up in the phone press train," Wyndorf said in his smoky voice. "Press train — Pulling out of the station, Woo-Woo!"

Wyndorf has had a lot to talk about lately. Monster Magnet is one of the few hard rock bands to hit the top 40 in England. Somebody stole his beloved, custom-made black leather vest with a silver embroidered panther. Monster Magnet was on the Marilyn Manson tour, off the tour, back on again and off once more. And of all things, Monster Magnet is the only band in recent memory to have an autograph session in a strip club.

"That was per my request, requesting and requisition. Finally a record person with enough gonads just said, 'Yeah, let's do it. That's a good idea.' I thought it was perfect. The only thing was that it was restricted to a certain age group from going it," Wyndorf said of the event held in Detroit.

"It should be on the record that we did an autograph signing at a strip bar, at least

once." Oh and there's the music. Monster Magnet has found success with its latest album "Powertrip" (A&M/Interscope), on which Wyndorf dabbles in hard rock, blues, and even some acoustic music.

"I love blues and I love acoustic guitars and stuff," Wyndorf said via telephone from his New Jersey home. "I keep going that way. I get to sing low a lot lately too."

The songs on "Powertrip" were written over the course of a few days, something new to Wyndorf.

"I had to put myself on the schedule so I wouldn't freak myself out and from getting too caught up in the process of writing to please a lot of people, which always if your worst enemy. You should please yourself first," he explained.

"I write a song a day and look at them all when you're done and pick out the best ones. A lot of the songs are reactions to previous songs I wrote."

For example, Wyndorf said, if he writes three all-out "high energy rockers" one day, he may follow that up with an acoustic number.

Bluesy and acoustic songs are indicative of Wyndorf's penchant for doing things that fans — or others — would not expect from him. He took that a step further when he covered the impeachment hearings for MTV.

"Nobody told me that we were going to be outside on the lawn the whole time. ... It's like going back to school where you stand outside waiting to get in the school, freezing your (butt) off, and once you get in it's 98 degrees and you fall asleep immediately."

But the biggest stretch for Wyndorf wasn't entering into the press or political ring.

"I figured putting on a turtle neck was a bold compromising statement for me."

The New Jersey resident makes it very clear that his whole image is no gimmick — it's really him.

"Everybody's got a gimmick. I try to keep the gimmicks as close to the truth as possible so I can live with it — girls, sex, psychedelia to a certain extent, crazed imagination, delusions of grandeur. That kind of stuff goes through my head every day so if I wear it on my sleeve I can do it for a while. It's not like I say, 'Awe, I've got to shuck this role.' It's purely for survival's sake that I do it."

Monster Magnet with Staind and Hemigod, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 13, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. Tickets are \$15 in advance for the all-ages show. Call (248) 333-2362 or visit <http://www.961melt.com> for more information. Monster Magnet's Web site is <http://www.monster-magnet.net>.



Coming to town: Monster Magnet performs at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac on Thursday, May 13.

Eliza 'waiting' for her time to come

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Singer/songwriter Eliza Thomasian finds inspiration every day at work.

As she walks down the halls of Grapevine Studios, owned by Motown songwriter Barrett Strong, Thomasian passes gold records and other commendations of Strong's work.

Strong, a Grammy Award winner, penned "Ball of Confusion," "Papa Was a Rolling Stone," and "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," and that gives her hope for her musical future.

"I go, 'Oh my God. It's definitely feasible. It can happen.' I'm inspired because I see that, although I'm not in it for the money, I can live off my music. It's like a lifestyle," Thomasian said.

She is hoping to find success with her sophomore effort, "I'm Waiting," an impressive, eight-song album that mixes acoustic folk, rock and blues. She is celebrating the release of "I'm Waiting" with a CD release party and performance Thursday, May 6, at Memphis Smoke in Royal Oak.

The collection includes "Is Jesus in America?" a song that she co-wrote with Strong. "I'm Waiting," released on Strong's label Blarrit Records, is a departure from her previous CD, the techno-heavy "I Want More."

"I just think ever since I was growing up I've been playing piano and singing. That's how I write — piano, singing, acoustic guitar. Folk music is my influence," she said.

"But then I got into this hip-hop craze and went mental. I met this guy who was totally into rap and all this. I was try-

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Eliza Thomasian
Singer/songwriter

ing hip-hop beats, looping and all this stuff. I'm not into all that anymore. I want to do just basic stuff that I do on stage," she added about "I Want More."

For "I'm Waiting," she worked with producer Michael Puwal, of the band The Rev. Right Time and the First Cousins of Funk, and guest musicians Robert Gillespie, Stephen Grant Wood, Lorenzo "Spoons" Brown, and Scott Spellman.

"I met him and we just started working together and all of a sudden we did almost all those songs, just me and him. It was just me and him doing everything. We just clicked. It was totally cool," she said.

Blarrit Records is planning on releasing "I Want More" nationally and offering "Found Someone" as the first single.

"They're going to get it to all the AAA stations. This album could cross over because 'Strung Out' could be on the Planet (WPLT-FM)."

In the meantime, Thomasian is hoping to return to the Bottom Line, the legendary New York club where singer Shawn Colvin got her start.

"I hope once every six months to go back there. She made it big from the Bottom Line in New York. The more I keep going back, the more fanbase you create. You keep getting bigger and bigger. I just think this album is

a lot better for me. It's 100 percent me."

"This is really what's in my

heart. Hopefully you could hear that."

Eliza and special guests Mystic Bloom celebrate the release of her CD at 9 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. The show is free and open to those ages 21 and older. Call (248) 543-4300 or visit <http://www.detroit-sound.com> for more information.

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• SALAD BAR	• DANISH	• ASSORTED BREADS
• FRESH VEGETABLES	• ASSORTED CHEESES	• CARVED FRESH SMOKED HAM
• DESSERT TABLE	• SAUSAGE	• PEEL & EAT SHRIMP
• FRESH FRUIT	• BACON	• FRENCH TOAST
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