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TODAY

COMMUNITY LIFE

Digging In: Angeline O'Neal is ready, willing and able and can't wait to start pounding in nails with the volunteers from Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County who will construct a four-bedroom home for her this summer./B1

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Theater: Patrick Moug, a Livonia police sergeant, has drawn his new play, "Captain Beefalo," from his own life. The play premieres Friday at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall in Northville./E1

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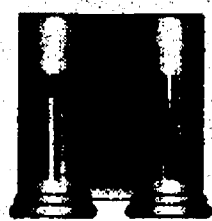
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Court expansion in budget plan



Mayor Robert Thomas' proposed budget includes funding to expand the 18th District Court facility. Council members are expected to vote on the budget June 7. With approval, court expansion could begin as early as fall.

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Westland residents can expect higher water bills, better-kept parks and a bigger district court from Mayor Robert Thomas' new budget proposal.

"I think it's a pretty good budget," Thomas told Westland City Council members during a Monday evening

study session.

City spending would increase 4.6 percent with Thomas' \$43.2 million general fund budget, which protects a \$1.3 million surplus.

City council members are expected to vote on the spending plan on June 7. It would take effect July 1.

Water-sewer rates would increase 27 cents per 1,000 gallons, climbing from

\$4.19 to \$4.46.

The rate hike is intended to cover extra costs associated with federally mandated clean-water measures and to offset price increases passed from Detroit and Wayne County.

The new budget also calls for six new Westland Parks and Recreation Department employees to cut grass and perform other maintenance duties.

"We've had continual complaints about grass not being cut in the parks," Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin said.

The new parks employees – two union, four non-union – reflect the mayor's pledge to beef up a department

that he said has been neglected for years.

"Some of the other departments are jealous," Thomas said, "but it's their turn."

The new budget also proposes a Westland 18th District Court expansion that could start as early as fall.

To pay for it, the court plans to keep \$200,000 to \$250,000 in revenues that would otherwise be turned over to the city. The money will be used for a 15-year, bond-financing program.

The court would undergo a 50 percent expansion, leaving it with a little

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Lessons: The Rev. Mikal Featchurs talks to students in the program. Student Ashley Rintz, 12, of Garden City pays close attention.

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAVILAT



Helper: Tyler Honeycutt, 9, (left) of Canton works on his math homework with the help of Nicole Bartos, 15, of Westland, a Lutheran High student.

Kids learn some lessons for life

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The Rev. Mikal Featchurs tosses potatoes to children inside an after-school tutoring room of The Salvation Army in Westland, inspiring giggles.

He tells them to pretend the potatoes represent members of a family, and the youngsters proceed to his multicolored

characters.

Featchurs gives the potato people names and personalities as he cleverly weaves them into an anti-drugs story.

Meet "Emma Tater" – an imitator who is easily influenced by others like her dictator husband, appropriately named "Dick Tater."

They have children and even a pet dog, "Speck Tater," a spectator who watches what happens around him.

When it comes to drugs and other crucial life decisions, these rotten Taters seem to make all the wrong choices, prompting Featchurs to warn children: "Don't be a potato head."

More giggles.

This is only one way children are learning positive behaviors as they attend an after-school tutoring program that also offers help with reading, math and other subjects.

"I learned that drugs can kill you," 10-year-old Tony Prough of Wayne said. "And I learned that you can get in serious accidents if you drink and drive."

Viktoria Pitts, 14, said the tutoring program helped her to do better at Franklin Middle School.

"I learned how to do my math better," she said. "And I get to meet new people that go to different schools."

The Salvation Army-based program that helps the homeless, stops in occasionally to visit the youngsters.

When students learned about the dangers of cigarettes during a "Kick Butts Day" program, the Rev. Featchurs became "Rappin' Rev" – relaying his message in a way the youngsters liked.

Leau'Rette Douglas, Salvation Army community program director, said the after-school tutoring program can help children make better decisions.

The program even has a theme, "Knowledge Is Power," posted on a bulletin board.

On "Kick Butts Day," Douglas said, children made a pledge not to smoke, and they drew pictures and wrote slogans that got displayed on the board.

"Quit while you're ahead or you might be dead," one mes-

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Wayne man arrested in trio of armed robberies

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A Wayne man is suspected of three robberies that occurred within seven hours early Monday in Westland and Garden City, police Sgt. John Buresh said.

The crime spree ended that same morning after Westland police officers trailed the suspect's car for several miles and made an arrest near Cherry

Buresh said the suspect was facing armed robbery and felony firearms charges contained in a warrant approved by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Hill and Hix roads.

The man allegedly made a statement claiming he had smoked crack cocaine and suffered blackouts during a 24-hour drinking binge, a police report said.

The suspect, described as a 30-year-

old white male, is accused in a police report of saying that he committed the robberies to buy crack.

No one was reported injured during any of the incidents.

Buresh said the suspect has been charged in Westland with two counts

each of armed robbery and felony firearms. He is jailed in lieu of a \$250,000 cash bond as he awaits a preliminary hearing.

The man could face a possible life term in prison if tried and convicted as charged.

The string of robberies started at 12:50 a.m. Monday when a man went into Dunkin' Donuts, 1625 S. Wayne Road near Palmer, and demanded

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Residents, councilman question tower's legality

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Critics battling a proposed AT&T wireless communications tower in Westland are raising new allegations that the project may be illegal.

Residents and at least one local official oppose a 160-foot tower that AT&T wants to build on city golf course property on Merriman south of Cherry Hill.

Firing new ammunition, opponents question whether a 1974 quit claim deed prohibits golf course property from any other use.

In part, the deed notes that the property "will be operated and maintained only as a nine-hole golf course ..."

After reading the deed, Westland City Councilman

Richard LeBlanc said it "reinforces my belief that there should be no modification to that property as proposed."

The controversy pits a growing cellular communications industry against residents who don't want towers in their neighborhoods – even if they use cell phones themselves.

Planning Director Tod Kilroy said his department hasn't changed its recommendation that council members approve the plan.

However, the issue has been removed from Monday's council agenda, and Councilman Glenn Anderson has suggested a possible study session.

Kilroy confirmed that planning commissioners didn't have copies of the quit claim deed when they voted May 4 to support AT&T's wireless communica-

tions tower.

Kilroy has said the property has to comply with U.S. Golfing Association rules, which he contends would permit the cell tower. He also has stressed that the tower wouldn't be built on the actual golf course.

Kilroy said he didn't know whether the quit claim deed will result in a "reinterpretation" of the cell tower's legality.

"That's for the lawyers to determine," he said.

Residents have collected 266 signatures on petitions opposing the cell tower, which would be built about 1,300 feet west of Merriman Road.

Deputy Mayor George Gillies has said AT&T would

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Westland man charged in holdup Robberies from page A1

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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A 44-year-old Westland man has been charged with armed robbery following a knife-point robbery at Super Kmart on Ford Road in Canton Sunday.

Neal Hart was arraigned by 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe Monday by video conference. He's currently being held at the Wayne County Jail on a \$50,000 cash bond and will face a preliminary examination in front of Lowe on May 14.

The felony carries a penalty of up to life in prison.

According to township police reports, Hart entered Super Kmart shortly before 3 p.m. Sunday. Store loss prevention officers noticed him in an aisle of compact discs at 3:05 p.m.

Hart took a CD and removed it from its plastic security case using a knife, reports said. Loss prevention officers said he then put the CD in his pants and concealed it with his shirt.

Reports said Hart walked past all payment areas and exited the building. A loss prevention officer then stopped him outside to question him.

Hart then reached for the knife, extended its 4-inch curved blade and attempted to slash the loss prevention officer, police said. The 43-year-old woman was able to avoid the knife, reports said, and wasn't injured.

At that point, Hart reportedly jumped on a bicycle and fled the scene heading eastbound to Ford Road.

A witness to the incident called Canton police. He

described Hart as wearing blue jeans and a white New York Giants football jersey.

Canton officers spotted Hart a few moments later riding northbound on Haggerty Road south of Koppernick. Officer Jim Marinelli pulled up behind Hart on the shoulder of the road.

Reports said Hart looked back at him several times but refused to stop. At one point, Hart pulled the knife out of his pocket and peddled faster.

Marinelli moved to the side of Hart in the car. Reports said that the suspect then struck the vehicle's right front side and was knocked off of the bike.

Marinelli stopped the patrol car, got out and drew his pistol. Hart got up from the ground and pulled the knife on the officer, again extending the blade.

Reports said Hart paused for a moment then ran away from Marinelli 10 to 15 feet. The suspect then threw the knife about 40 feet in the opposite direction from the officer.

Marinelli ordered the man to the ground. Reports said Hart complied and was arrested without further incident.

No injuries were reported. But Hart was later transported to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia after complaining about pain in his left arm.

Police later recovered the knife and marked it into evidence.

Five compact discs valued at \$75 were recovered from Hart. They included three Johnny Cash albums as well as a Doors and Metallica disc.

money from a male employee, a police report said.

The worker told police that the bandit raised his shirt to reveal what was described as a large black handgun, partially tucked in his pants.

Buresh said the weapon that police actually found was a pellet gun.

The Dunkin' Donuts employee told police that the bandit fled in small, red vehicle - described in subsequent robberies as a Ford Escort.

The second robbery occurred early Monday morning at N&N Coney, near Cherry Hill and Venoy in Garden City, police said.

The third incident occurred at 7 a.m. at a Total gas station on the southeast corner of Cherry

Hill and Newburgh in Westland, police said.

Again, the bandit was accused of revealing a handgun tucked in his pants before fleeing in a red Escort.

About 10:45 a.m. Monday, police officers happened to see the suspect driving south on Hix Road near Abruzzi, between Cherry Hill and Ford.

"Two juvenile officers saw him cross their path," Buresh said.

They notified other officers, and the suspect was trailed in an unmarked car for several miles from Westland to Canton Township and back.

The suspect was finally pulled over and arrested at Cherry Hill and Hix by police officers in marked cars, a police report said.

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more than 21,000 square feet of space, according to new estimates.

"We're very pleased with the expansion," Judge C. Charles Bokos said.

The expansion is expected to be complete by next spring. It will include a new weapons-screening system and surveillance cameras.

"That's the trend, unfortunately," Bokos said.

In a discussion of library services Monday, city and library officials conceded that they may have to ask voters to consider a tax increase in a few years.

"It'll be another four or five years," Library Director Sandra Wilson said.

She and others questioned how the Westland library, without

more money, can remain competitive with its collection of books and other materials.

"If you want to stay current on books - that's the major expenditure you're going to incur," Westland Finance Director Tim McCurley said.

City officials praised a library that has been startlingly popular since it opened in November of 1996, even though its budget is far less than those of comparable facilities.

But some officials worry that the library's popularity could decline unless its collection of materials remains fresh.

"That's the biggest challenge down the road," Griffin said.

Westland's library also has had some difficulty retaining employees, who have left for sim-

ilar jobs paying \$2.50 more an hour in communities such as Wayne, Wilson said.

Meanwhile, Thomas told council members that his new budget nearly axed one police program in which officers ticket truck drivers for carrying too much cargo and violating weight limits.

The program has generated yearly revenues of \$100,000, but it costs more than \$150,000 to operate, administration officials said. Thomas warned that he will likely cut the program next year.

Monday's study session will be followed by another round of budget talks at 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 24, at Westland City Hall - two weeks before council members expect to vote on the mayor's spending plan.



Mayor Robert Thomas

Police chase ends in crash in Livonia

A suspect in a Livonia break-in Monday night led police on a high-speed chase through residential neighborhoods in Westland's north end before crashing about 10:30 p.m. in Livonia, near Merriman and Joy roads, police said.

"Neighbors started calling in about this crazy driver," Westland Police Chief Emery Price said.

The suspect, a 36-year-old Westland man driving a Ford F-150 pickup, was arrested along with a 31-year-old female passenger in connection with a break-in of a power tool store on Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia police said.

Livonia police estimated that the driver was going about 60

mph in 30 mph zones.

The chase ended when the pickup driver hit another vehicle, Price said. The driver's companion had jumped from the truck before the crash, and Livonia police said she was slightly hurt.

The driver suffered "a couple of broken ribs," but, otherwise, the accident caused only minor injuries, Price said.

The suspect faces fleeing and eluding charges in Westland, in addition to possible charges in the Livonia break-in.

Police found power drills that matched the description of those stolen during a break-in that occurred shortly before 10 p.m. at Makita Power Tools, Livonia police said.

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pay the city about \$28,000 in startup fees and then about \$1,100 a month to lease property

for the tower.

Residents such as Brenda Bradke and Mike Fulton have

accused the city of ignoring their concerns in hopes of boosting city revenues.

Nearly residents say the tower could reduce their property values and result in possible health risks that aren't yet known.

LeBlanc agreed.

"I don't believe that it would be aesthetically pleasing for anyone, including users of the golf course but especially residents in the immediate area," he said during a telephone interview.

He added that the health issues raised by residents "should not require them to prove that it could be a hazardous situation."

City officials have said the tower would be built about 450 feet from any residential property. The city doesn't have to comply with a 480-foot setback that would be required on private property.

"What's good for the private developer should be applicable to the city as well," LeBlanc said.

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Army Pvt. **Geoffrey A. Christensen** has graduated from the wire systems equipment repairer advanced individual training course, Fort Gordon, Augusta, Ga.

During the 16 weeks, he learned skills and acquired knowledge needed to identify faults, replace, remove and repair parts, rewire equipment, interconnect components and adjust all levels of manual and

automatic telephone switchboard equipment and associated wire instruments and assemblies. He learned to read and use circuit, wiring diagrams and schematics needed to test repaired equipment.

Christensen is the son of Debbie K. Christensen of Westland and Mark A. Christensen of Roscommon, Mich.

He is a 1998 graduate of Houghton Lake High School.

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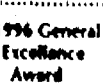
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Lessons from page A1

sage read.

Not every day is as entertaining as those when "Rappin' Rev" visits. Equally important, however, youngsters spend some afternoons working diligently on school studies with help from volunteer tutors including par-

ents, educators and high school students.

Youngsters often find that they even have a few minutes to play in the Salvation Army gymnasium.

About 22 youngsters regularly attend the tutoring program,

Douglas said, and others are invited to participate. Call (734) 722-3660 for more information.

The Salvation Army in Westland, which also serves some neighboring communities, is located at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer.

Pondering:

Viktoria Pitts, 14, of Inkster listens to the Rev. Mikal Featchurs at the Salvation Army.



Learning: Tony Prough, 10, of Wayne is a participant. "I learned that drugs can kill you. And I learned that you can get in serious accidents if you drink and drive."



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Words to live by: "Just Say No" is the message to students.

Grade schoolers get new social studies curriculum

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When Wayne-Westland grade schoolers go back to school this fall, they'll learn about social studies with a new curriculum.

The curriculum was approved unanimously by the Wayne-Westland school board at Monday night's board meeting.

"I'm sorry we didn't have books like this when I went to school," said board Secretary Martha Pitzenbarger.

Trustee Ed Turner was particularly impressed with the laminated maps. He and others heard a presentation from Cynthia Swift, director of curriculum and staff development, and several of her colleagues.

The social studies committee worked some three years on the new curriculum for kindergarten through fifth grade. It went through the district's curriculum council.

Swift encouraged board members and others to ask questions at any time. "It really has been a nice cooperative effort."

The curriculum is aligned with the Michigan curriculum, said Greg Baracy, superintendent of schools, and is part of an effort to update school materials for all students. "I know it's a tremendous job."

Inservice training is planned for the early school year in 1999-2000. Swift said materials will be available before the end of this school year to help teachers prepare.

"There will be an evolving connection with the company," she said in reference to Internet ties and other high-tech help.

The school board also approved a bid package for Jefferson-Barns and Lincoln elementaries at Monday night's meeting. The items, part of the 1998 bond, include \$196,638 to Durand Electric Co. for Jefferson-Barns and \$231,781 to the same business for Lincoln.

"It's taken three meetings, but we believe we have the final contracts tonight," said Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent for general administration.

ACHIEVERS

Dawn Sherfield of Westland was selected by MichCon Foundation as a recipient of its Educational Mini-Grant Program. She is a homeroom teacher of 5- and 6-year-old students at Gibson School for the Gifted in Redford. She said she will use her grant for a hands-on math unit.



Dawn Sherfield

MichCon's Mini-Grant Program supports new approaches to learning that complement the core curriculum for kindergarten through 12th-grade students. Grants ranging from \$50 to \$250 help teachers implement special projects not included in school budgets.

Westland students were among those named to the Detroit College of Business Dearborn campus dean's list for the winter semester. They are: Bryan Patrick Fannin, Terri May Grassel, Eric C. Gullekson, Josephine Hafeli, Mark B. Lovette II, Claudette Patricia Meekins, Kenalita Verniece Moore, Bridget Therese Murphy, Pearlene Nolen, Wilbert E. Orem Jr.,



John Elbe, Kyle Zink, Danielle Drabek and Bill Griffiths

Dana Lynn Paddock, Judith M. Prince, John W. Romano, Tracy Saffian, Peggy A. Sands, Cindy Sue Schermerhorn, Frank Raymond Simkins, Jeremy D. Soronen, Madeleine Tindill, Karen Anne Torres, Trina Marie Turner, Susan J. Urbanski, Latonia C. Wright, Donnie Joe Clark and Sharon K. Siebold.

Kyle Zink and Danielle Drabek were winners in the Plymouth Optimist Club oratory contest. Judging was done by the Toastmasters Club of Westland, Easy Talkers No. 6694. Toastmasters John Elbe and Bill Griffiths were judges. Elbe (at

left in photo) is vice president for public relations and Griffiths treasurer. Kyle Zink won locally and regionally in the state competition. Timothy Sullivan of Westland has been named to the dean's list at Eastern Michigan University for the winter semester. He has also been awarded the Recognition of Excellence Scholarship and the Mable Jarvis Leib Scholarship for Excellence in Elementary Mathematics Education.

Sullivan is a 1995 graduate of John Glenn High School who is majoring in math and would like to teach elementary mathematics.

Music students at John Glenn show they have the right stuff

The John Glenn High School Instrumental Music Department participated in the Orlando Musicfest April 23 in Orlando, Fla.

Twenty-one competing groups attended from all over the United States. The John Glenn Full Orchestra received a Superior rating of 90 percent and won its division. The String Orchestra

came in third in its division.

The Glenn Drumline team - G-Force and Color Guard team - Rocket Explosion both came in first in their division. The Concert Band also participated in this event. The trip was a learning experience for the 103 students and 20 chaperones that attended.

The Instrumental Music Department will present its spring concert featuring orchestra and band students at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, at Stockmeyer Auditorium at Wayne Memorial High School. Admission at the door will be \$2. The money will support the Arthur Scholarship.

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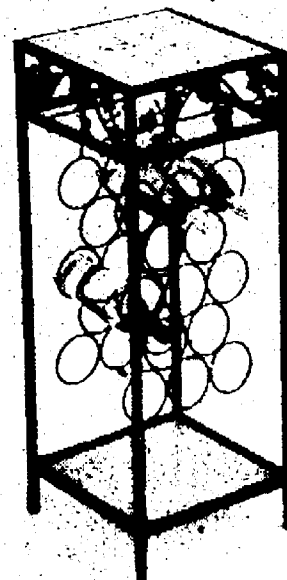
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Visitors welcome

Westland residents this weekend will have an opportunity to visit the city department that handles responsibilities such as fixing water main breaks and

plowing snow from city streets. The Westland Department of Public Services will sponsor an open house 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at 37137 Marquette, east of Newburgh.

Visitors will get to see public services equipment, tour the grounds and talk with employees, DPS Director Richard Dittmar said. "It's a chance for them to see what we do for

them," he said.

Refreshments will be served.

Champs honored

National skating champions Danielle and Steve Hartsell last week were honored with a plaque by the Westland City Council members, who praised the skating pair's accomplishments.

Said Steve Hartsell: "It is an honor to represent the city of Westland overseas and in the United States."

Auto contest

Steve King and Spencer Pyne, students in the advanced auto-

motive technology class at William D. Ford Career Tech Center, were selected to compete today in state finals for the Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills Challenge. Participants will compete by having a fixed amount of time to repair identically "bugged" vehicles, according to Rick Hamrick, assistant principal of the career tech center.

The competition is sponsored by Ford Motor Co. and the Automobile Club of Michigan to promote professionalism and recognition in the automotive repair field. The event is being held at AAA Michigan headquarters in

Dearborn.

Students can win scholarships, prizes and a chance to compete in national finals in Washington, D.C. Career tech auto instructor Jim Schirmer called it "a huge honor" for King and Pyne to participate in the event, "considering that hundreds of students take the qualifying test and only 10 teams make the final cut."

Pyne is a Wayne Memorial High School student. King attends Thurston High School in Redford. Both students plan to pursue advanced training in college after graduation.

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'Give 'Em a Brake'

Road workers ask motorists to slow down

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Dennis O'Donnel deals with the hazards of the job every day.

The lead foreman for Summit Transport of Brighton, an excavation company subcontracted for work on M-5 ramps near 10 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, realizes that workers must trust motorists to drive with caution through construction zones.

"These may be only plastic barrels, but for us, it's our only protection out here," O'Donnel said.

O'Donnel and the other approximate 300 construction workers hope motorists can show courtesy to them by traveling the posted speed limit — 50 mph — throughout the I-275 construction zone, from the M-5/I-696 interchange area in Farmington Hills south to the M-14/I-96 interchange in Livonia.

As Michigan's biggest road construction season gets under way, a work safety coalition has sponsored a statewide safety campaign, "Give 'Em A Brake," designed to remind motorists to drive safely.

Representing union road workers, law enforcement, road builders and transportation interests, the coalition is urging motorists to slow down in work zones and look out for construction

workers. More than 2,500 injuries were reported to motorists and road workers in 7,000 crashes in state work zone areas in 1998.

On April 30, a 20-year-old road construction worker from Taylor was hit by a car on M-5 near I-275. He remained in critical condition early this week.

That accident underscores the need for motorists to slow down and watch out for construction

Please see **BRAKE, A8**



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN BOWEN

Jammin': Southbound I-275 traffic crosses back to its normal southbound side just north of Five Mile Road. That crossover of southbound traffic on the northbound side is expected to continue through late July, then northbound and southbound lanes will switch to the newly constructed southbound side.

Pay attention in work zones

Here is a list of reminders for motorists during the "Give 'Em a Brake" campaign:

- Slow down. Pay attention.
- Calm down. Work zones aren't there to personally inconvenience you. They're there to improve the roads.
- Heed the warning signs and symbols.

- Merge as soon as possible. Motorists can help maintain traffic flow and posted speed by moving to the appropriate lane at first notice of an approaching work zone. Keep a safe distance between your vehicle and traffic barriers, trucks, construction equipment and workers.

- Some work zones — like line painting, road patching and mowing — are mobile. Just because you don't see the workers immediately after you see the warning signs, doesn't mean they're not out there.

- Pay attention to your surroundings. Now is not the time to use the cellular phone, change the radio station or drink your coffee.

- Try an alternate route. Expect delays; plan for them and leave early to reach your destination on time.

- Michigan law requires motorists to slow down in a work zone. Fines for moving violations within a work zone are doubled.

Source: Michigan Department of Transportation

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Sports an option: Some of the eighth-graders sign up for the boys and girls golf teams.



Fun and learning: Andrew Barnum, a senior, hands out fliers about the school's DECA club. This is the Distributive Education Clubs of America where students compete with other schools on mock business situations and problems while learning about business and marketing.

Future Zebras learn about getting involved

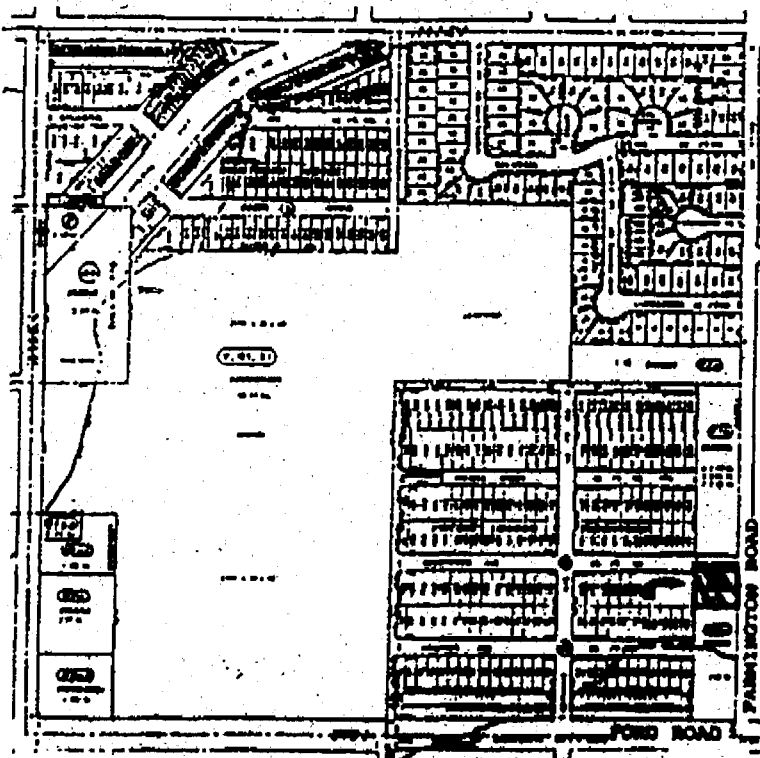
CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-10

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP; TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTIONS, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE THE INTENSITY OF USE OF LOT AREAS AND TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YARDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO ESTABLISH SITE DESIGN REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE.

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show CB-4 district classification where CB-1 district classification is now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

That part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9 Town 2 South, Range 9 East, described as beginning at a point on the East Section line distant North 0 degrees 12 minutes West, 488 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 9 and proceeding thence North 0 degrees 12 minutes West along said East line, 157.32 feet; thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes West, 165.01 feet; thence South 0 degrees 12 minutes East, 159.52 feet; thence North 89 degrees 35 minutes East, 165 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the rights of the public and any governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deeded for street, road or highway purposes, except the North 30 feet of the following described property: That part of the Southeast quarter of Section 9, Town 2 South, Range 9 East, described as beginning at a point on the East Section line distant North 0 degrees 12 minutes West, 488 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 9 and proceeding thence North 0 degrees 12 minutes West along said East line, 157.32 feet; thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes West, 165.01 feet; thence South 0 degrees 12 minutes East, 159.52 feet; thence North 89 degrees 35 minutes East, 165 feet to the point of beginning. (ID# 56-036-99-0009-001)



Section 2. The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication thereof.

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS,
Westland City Clerk

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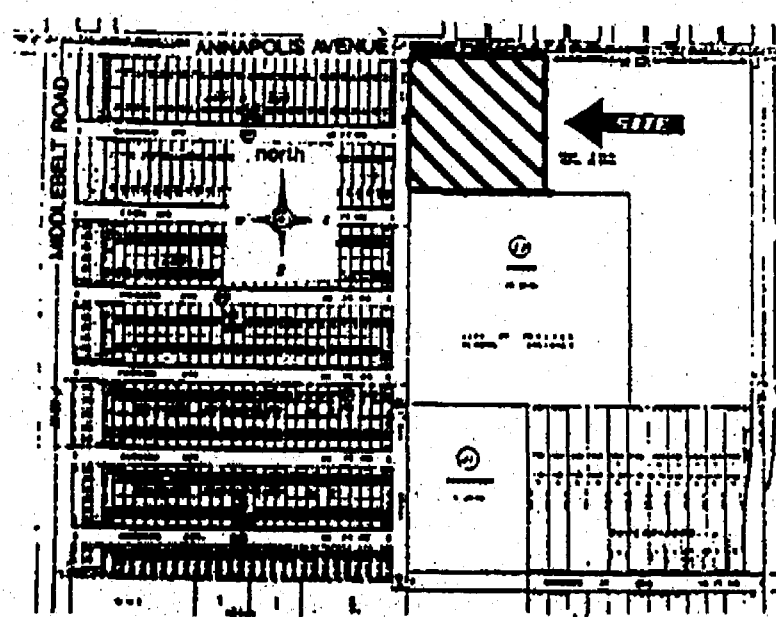
CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-11

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP; TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTIONS, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE THE INTENSITY OF USE OF LOT AREAS AND TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YARDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO ESTABLISH SITE DESIGN REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE.

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show R-5 district classification where GAR district classification is now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, T2S, R. 9E, CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF ANNAPOLIS ROAD, DISTANT S.89°45'58"E, 1312.50 FEET AND S. 00°09'48"E, 33.00 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF ANNAPOLIS ROAD; THENCE S. 00°09'48"E, 493.03 FEET; THENCE N. 00°09'48"W, 495.96 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF IRENE STREET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 7.722 ACRES MORE OR LESS AND SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS OF RECORD.



Section 2. The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

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PATRICIA A. GIBBONS,
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beautiful job."

Battier sets goals not only in sports, Gray added, but also in academics and family life. Battier, a Rhodes scholar candidate, was just selected to represent the U.S. National Team in Prague, Czech Republic.

"It went really well," Gray said of "Celebrate Wayne," which had a family session Tuesday night without Battier. "It was better than we could ever have anticipated."

■ The soon-to-be freshmen could visit booths and have a choice of different sports, clubs and activities to join when they get to high school next year.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act Number 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, that a public hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Zoning Board of Appeals at 7:30 p.m., May 26, 1999 at the City of Garden City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed Dimensional Variance from 161.197 E, Building Height of the Zoning Ordinance to permit the construction of a 20 foot high retail building in the CBD, Central Business District. The maximum height permitted in the CBD is 18 feet. The property is located at 29479 Ford Road.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the variance application may be examined at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the Public Hearing. Written comments may be sent to the above address.

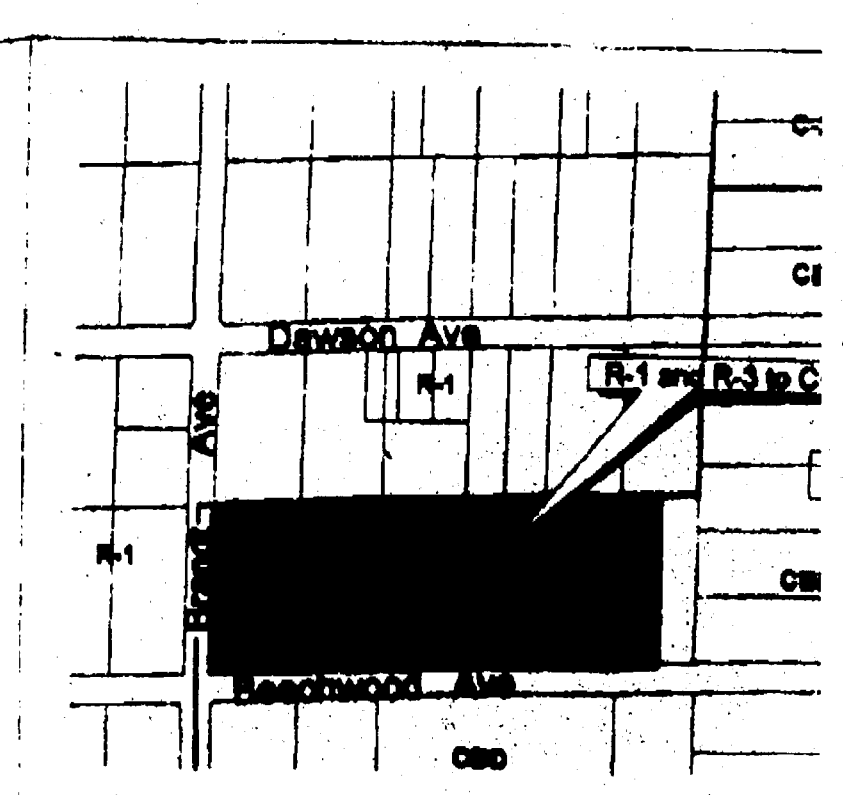
ALLISON M. BETTIS, City Clerk
EDWARD KANE,
Planning Commission Chairman

Published: May 13, 1999

CITY OF GARDEN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FROM R-1 and R-3 to CBD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act Number 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, that a public hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Planning Commission at 7:30 p.m., May 27, 1999 at the City of Garden City Hall, Michigan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed Amendment to the Official Zoning Map of lots 156 to 160 and the west half of lot 161 of Folker's Full Acre Farms Subdivision located on Beechwood Avenue between Middlebelt Road and Brandt Avenue. The area to be rezoned measures approximately 239,540 square feet. The site is proposed to be rezoned from R-1, Single Family Residential, and R-3, Multiple Family Residential, to CBD, Central Business District.



NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the proposed Amendment to the Official Zoning Map application may be examined at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the Public Hearing.

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Work crews crush I-275 pavement

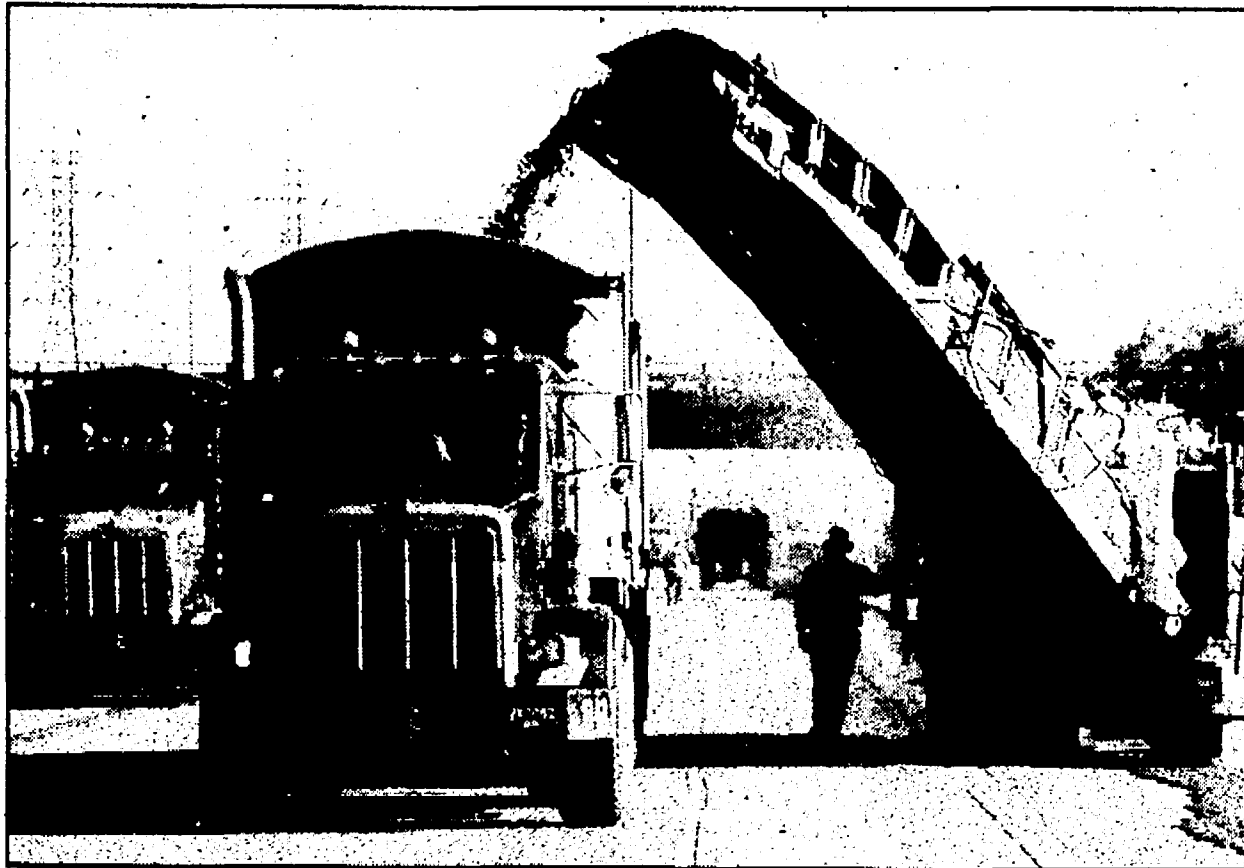
BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Once every six seconds, a steel bar on a truck smacks the 12-inch concrete with a loud thud that shakes the road within several yards.

The bar on the truck resembles a guillotine, falling up and down, then moving a few inches down the road, leaving what resembles a giant jigsaw puzzle of broken pavement in its wake.

Later Monday morning and throughout the rest of the week, a scoop shovel will pick up what's left of I-275's southbound lanes near Grand River in Farmington Hills and dump it into a truck.

Beyond orange cones that lie within a few feet of the truck operators, nearly 200,000 motorists race by each day. As of Sunday, southbound I-275 traffic crossed over to the northbound side, each direction now reduced to



Cracking up: A milling machine collects broken asphalt and drops it into a truck's trailer on southbound I-275. Workers began work this week demolishing old concrete and asphalt for the \$49 million project.

three lanes.

The concrete breakers from Antigo Construction Co. of Wisconsin will tackle about 1.5 miles, heading south from the Grand River overpass.

Robin Pannecouk, spokeswoman with the Michigan Department of Transportation, hopes motorists and nearby residents will be patient as contractors work during this year's construc-

tion season on the state's second busiest freeway.

"Everybody understands what it takes to build a house," Pannecouk said. "They need to understand that we are building five miles of eight lanes, shoulders, bridges and ramps in eight months. It takes us from April to October or November to build all of that."

"It only takes a year to build a house."

Only 24 hours earlier, traffic had flowed south on the old southbound lanes. On a closer inspection of the old road, reinforcement rods are visible in several chuckholes from the years of pounding of semi-trailer trucks and the wear of millions of

vehicles. Once that concrete is broken and removed, the dirt underneath will be graded and leveled.

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New cement will be poured from trucks after it is created from two temporary concrete factories in Livonia built by John Carlo, the main contractor, at Eight Mile and Six Mile, just east of I-275.

In late July the traffic in both directions will be moved to the southbound lanes. Loop ramps will remain closed throughout the project.

The M-5 exit to southbound I-275 has been closed. One lane from westbound I-696 to southbound I-275 has been closed, while one lane closed from eastbound I-96 to southbound I-275.

Northbound traffic faces lane reductions from I-275 south of M-14 and from westbound I-96. Near Grand River one lane is dedicated to those traveling west on I-96, while another goes to the Haggerty connector and a single lane, which is normally

two, allowed for eastbound I-696.

Smashing pavement

While most of the construction began in Farmington Hills near the I-696 interchange, crews also work in the Livonia area. On Monday, an excavator operates a scooper to help excavate the asphalt on a loop ramp near Eight Mile. A milling machine breaks and removes asphalt nearby and shoots it into a truck.

The concrete on the southbound I-275 bridge over Eight Mile has been smashed by a bridge deck breaker, which is armed with a claw to help demolish and remove concrete on the overpass without damaging the steel beams underneath.

Workers clearing debris at that site are strapped to a steel cable so they don't fall between

the beams.

Crossover exits have been constructed at Eight, Seven and Six Mile roads.

Motorists must orient themselves to the crossover of the three southbound lanes. Several signs rattle off where motorists should go: trucks, left lane; I-96, left lane; southbound I-275, center lane; again, trucks, left lane; M-14, to Ann Arbor, right lane; then another reminder that I-96 travelers should get in the left lane.

If the weather cooperates, traffic will be switched back over in late July. John Carlo has an incentive of \$50,000 per day to complete the project. If Carlo finishes early, that firm will receive the money. If it is late, Carlo will be penalized the same amount.

Carlo has 180 days from April 28 to complete the project.

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workers.

"Safety in work zones is one of our top priorities," said Jim DeSana, state transportation director. "We're working hard to make work zones more motorist-friendly, but drivers must do their part to ensure safety for everyone."

"Alarming, there has been a 30 percent increase in construction zone crashes in 1997 and 1998 over the early '90s. There was also a 24 percent jump in injuries resulting from construction zone crashes in this time period."

"We are very concerned about this upward trend."

Michigan State Police and the Michigan Department of Transportation have formed an alliance

to increase law enforcement in work zones. MDOT has dedicated a \$175,000 grant for special overtime state police patrols in construction zones across the state.

Fines in construction zones are doubled.

For construction workers, dangers are already present in using construction equipment that often weighs several tons, but motorists add another problem for them.

Terri Johnson of Belleville is a flagger at the M-5 site. Johnson watches areas in front of her and behind her while flagging cars through the coned

area of a site.

Sometimes she sees motorists traveling as fast as 65 mph. "They should slow down and observe the construction workers," Johnson said. "They should watch what they are doing and read the signs."

Mike O'Connor, a foreman, has three simple words for workers: "Watch your ass."

"Pay attention to what you are doing. Out here, you watch for what's happening."

While driving on northbound I-275, Robin Pannecouk, a spokeswoman for MDOT, drives 50 mph. Motorists traveling behind the vehicle pass within seconds.

"You can see there isn't a lot of room if I have a blown tire," Pannecouk said. "For your own safety, do the speed limit."

Tom Lewis, president of the Michigan Road Builders Association,

said that group also is concerned about the safety of workers and motorists.

"Summer road construction is a necessary fact of life in Michigan and we all need to slow down and live with it. Saving a few minutes of time speeding through a work zone is not worth risking someone's life."

"By increasing the use of night work and expedited schedules, we hope to minimize motorist inconvenience. But we need (motorists) help to slow down and drive safely through work zones."



Concerned: Terri Johnson, a flagger in a construction zone, discusses traffic hazards.

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Senate wants end to residency rules

BY MIKE MALOTT
STAFF WRITER

"The personal freedom card trumps the local control card every time," was the comment, attributed to Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, that senators found convincing enough to vote to end residency rules.

Senators voted 23-14 Wednesday, May 5, to approve Senate Bill 198, to end mandated residency requirements for public employees.

If the House concurs, residency rules in communities such as Southfield and Farmington Hills, as well as older urban areas where residency rules are more common, such as Detroit and Pontiac, would fall by the wayside. An estimated 80 communities across the state have residency rules.

"The Senate decided to give public workers the same rights as everyone else," said Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton Township, chief sponsor of the proposal. "Government should not dictate where people ought to live."

Public workers told senators they had to split up their families when residency requirements were placed on husbands and wives who worked in different cities. Some employees reported attacks on their homes when they have been required to live in the city where they work.

Opponents of the legislation argue residency rules are intended to help cities respond more quickly to emergencies. In suburban communities, they typically apply to only police and fire personnel. Some cities, like Sault Ste. Marie, require residency for



Thaddeus McCotter

snow removal drivers. Opponents also argue their employees are more responsive to the needs of the citizens when they live in town and pay taxes to the local municipality.

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield, said he could see "compelling arguments on both sides."

Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland, suggested that instead of residency rules, cities could provide incentives, such as tax credits or bonuses, to employees who live in the communities where they work.

The bill prohibits "public employers" from requiring, by union contracts or through law, that workers live in the community or within a specific distance from the city.

However, the ban on residency requirements would not apply to "paid, on-call" employees, such as some firefighters, because they are paid to be on stand-by for the city, Bennett explained.

Voting yes were Sens. Bennett, R-Canton, and McCotter, R-Livonia.

Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn did not vote.

Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem Township, voted no.

Labor Day extension bill studied

Extend the Labor Day weekend to four days by state mandate?

It was supposed to be a compromise between school districts, which have taken to starting the school year early recently, and the tourism industry, which wants the return to classes to wait until after Labor Day so it can keep the season going

through that last weekend of summer.

But representatives weren't biting last week on a proposal by Rep. Scott Shackleton, R-Sault Ste. Marie. When House Bill 4099 came up for vote Thursday, May 6, and only about 30 to 34 representatives posted yes votes, House Majority Floor Leader Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills, moved to have the

board cleared and sent the legislation back to committee.

"It's not a business issue to me," Rep. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, said. "It's a family issue. I see it as another family weekend, one last weekend for the family to be together before the summer ends."

As the length of the school year has been increasing, a number of districts have moved

up the start of the school year to before Labor Day. School districts argue that they should not have their calendars set by the Legislature. They believe a mandated start to the school year would represent a loss of local control.

The bill would have mandated the Friday before Labor Day off and created a school calendar task force.

State House OKs ban on gifts for speeches

Should state lawmakers and their staff members be required to address the public free of charge? Representatives in the Michigan House think so.

Members voted overwhelmingly last week to ban acceptance of "honoraria" or gifts for speeches.

An amendment to the campaign finance act, sponsored chiefly by Rep. Sue Rocca, R-Sterling Heights, House Bill 4381 was passed in a 89-11 vote Thursday, May 6.

Staff members of some state lawmakers have used honoraria

as a fund-raising technique for election campaigns.

The bill has been sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Here's how Observer area representatives voted:

Reps. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights; Eileen DeHart, D-

Westland; Tom Kelly, D-Wayne; Gerald Law, R-Plymouth; Bruce Patterson, R-Canton; Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills; Laura Toy, R-Livonia, voted yes.

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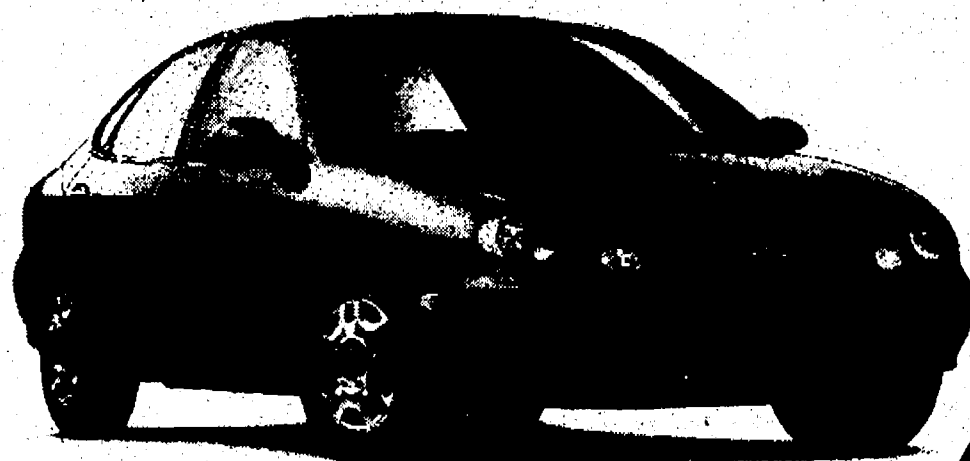
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Granholm, the state's first female attorney general and a Northville Township resident, received an honorary

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.

Receiving this year's Distinguished Alumni Award was attorney Mary Jane Bevelheimer of Plymouth.

Robert Beson founded the

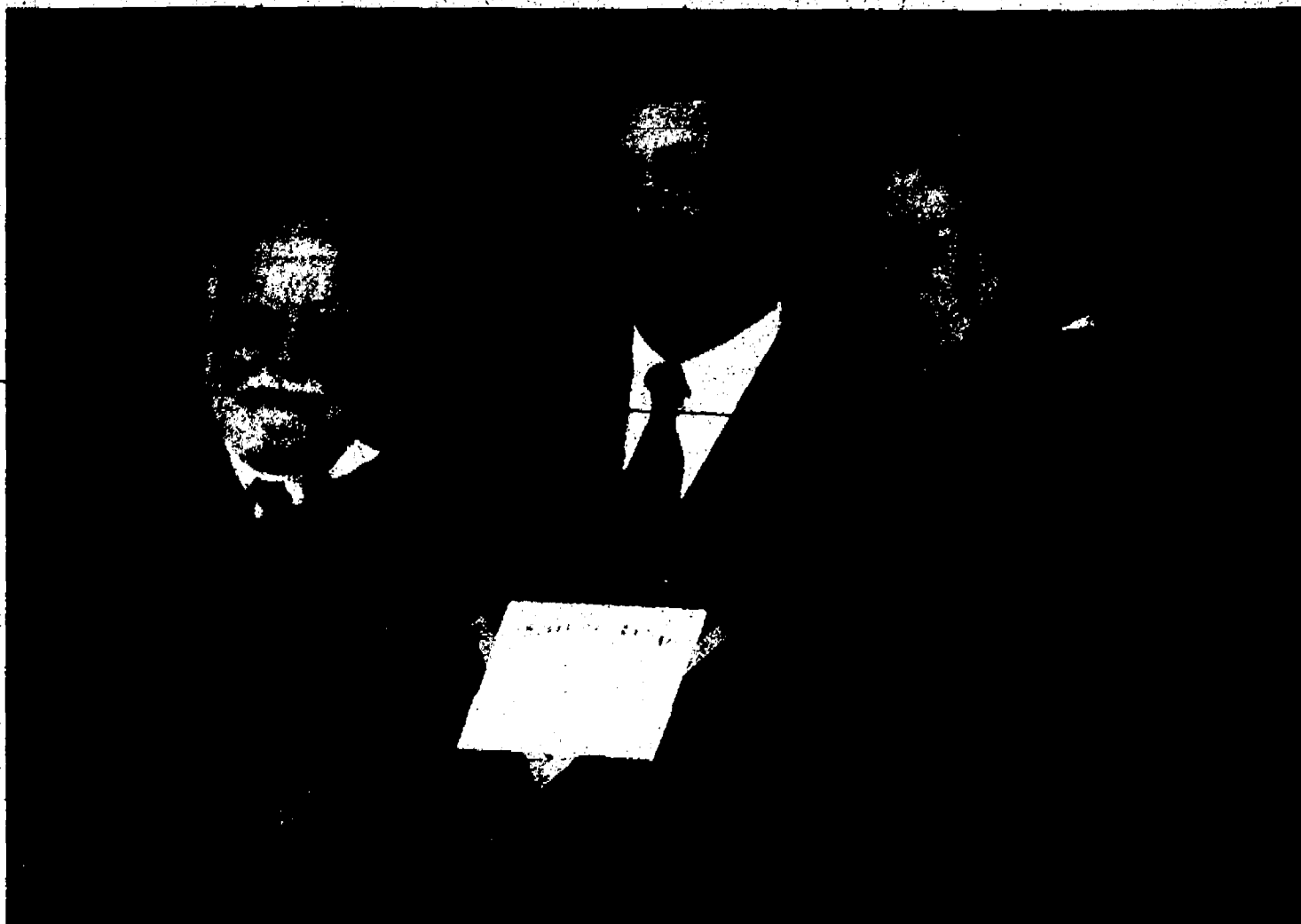
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Looking ahead: Zachary Spadacini, 21/2, gets ready for his own graduation in about 15 years by trying on his mom's cap. Melissa Spadacini graduated with an associate's degree. Zachary and his mom live in Westland.



PHOTOS BY CRAIG RACHO



Commencement: Schoolcraft Trustee Greg Stempien, left, and college President Richard McDowell, right, present an honorary degree to college supporter Robert Beson. Also honored at Saturday's graduation ceremony were (at left) Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm and Mary Jane Bevelheimer, recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award.

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A volunteer job Christine Smedley started 10 years ago with her daughter at Frost Middle School has lasted long after Rebecca graduated from Churchill High in 1994 and went on to Michigan State.

For 10 years, Smedley has been the coach and guiding force behind the teams who have represented Livonia Public Schools in the Future Problem Solving Bowl competition held each year at the University of Michigan.

For Smedley, this year's state competition is especially sweet. It marks the first time a team or student coached by the Riverside Street resident won first place in state competition.

In fact, this year, Smedley's students won not one but two first-place awards in the state competition.

For their first-place finish in the intermediate division, Frost eighth-graders Julie Ryckman, Emily Beam, Lisa Yang and Rachel Smart will now compete in international competition in June at the University of Michigan.

So will Churchill High senior Lindsay Noechel, who won first place in state writing competition.

The five students excelled in a futuristic competition that began last September, when students and coach got together weekly at Smedley's home to research preset topics. Meetings took place after school and even on weekends throughout

LIVONIA SCHOOLS



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Christine Smedley
the school year.

Helping hand

"I stick with this because the kids like to do it," said Smedley. "I enjoy working with them. I arrange my schedule around the kids' schedule. It takes a lot of my time. I devote several hundreds of hours to this."

Four-member teams are made up mostly of students in Frost's academically talented program. She generally fields more than one team each year.

Smedley got involved with the problem-solving competition in 1989, when daughter Rebecca was an eighth-grader at Frost. She had lost her job when the company she worked for as a bookkeeper was sold. Instead of looking for another job, she decided to do some volunteer work at school.

At a Frost open house, she learned about the Future Problem Solving State Bowl, start-

ed in 1970 by a doctor to get students to think "out of the box," or creatively.

That first year, Smedley fielded two teams from Frost, with Rebecca on one of them. One of the teams won third place, and Smedley was hooked on working with students in the annual state bowl.

Until Rebecca graduated from Churchill, Smedley coached both high school and Frost teams.

As a senior, Rebecca earned a first-place win in international competition.

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But even after Rebecca graduated, Smedley has continued to coach Frost students.

"The program teaches kids how to think, analyze information, cooperate as a team, and use good communication skills," Smedley said. "Students research a topic, and then project those ideas toward a problem that's set in the future."

In past years, teams have researched such topics as extraterrestrial life, rain forest depletion, robotics and the house of the future. This year at state competition, teams solved a problem related to prison alternatives.

Lively topic

When the four Frost students go to Ann Arbor for the international competition in June, they will come prepared to do some creative thinking on how to distribute wealth.

Topics don't come as a surprise. Smedley now has in hand the topics that students will research in 2000: financial security and genetic engineering.

From now until September, she will gather and file information on these topics. At the competition, teams use this basic information in solving the problem set on paper before them. There are no cut-and-dried answers here.

"They read a scenario and then apply what they have read," Smedley said. "They use what's relevant."

Smedley is not present for the two hours her teams work on the problem set before them. Coaches, however, do help in the judging, but papers are submitted anonymously.

To earn their first-place win, the Frost students worked on an eight-paragraph paper that spelled out a condition of prison overcrowding in a fictitious county in the year 2030.

The county names a task force to come up with solutions, and the task force has a lot of futuristic help: electronic bracelets, microchip tracking systems, satellite systems, computerized tracking systems. The task force turns to the problem solvers for help.

"Bring your skills of creative and critical thinking to bear on this situation confronting the task force. Identify the various challenges, and develop an action plan that the task force can incorporate."

"Students don't always like the topic," Smedley said. "But they will work it out."

*SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road April 19, 1999

*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of April 19, 1999; the full text of the minutes is on file in the office of the superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request.

President Nay convened the meeting at 7:02 p.m., in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Frank Kokenakes, Daniel Lessard, Joanne Morgan, Patrick Nalley, Dianne Nay, Kenneth Timmons, James Waters. Absent: None.

School Bus Drivers Praised: District bus drivers, *Sandi Fletcher* and *Kelly Jasinski*, were recognized by *Mayor Jack Kirksey* for their heroic efforts to resuscitate an individual at a local restaurant whose breathing has ceased.

Team Effort Award: Trustee Lessard presented the Team Effort Award to the Printing Department which consists of *Howard Whitefoot*, supervisor; *Walter Klotz*, *Susan Lockard*, *Sue Opalach*, *Sandra Panos*, *Thomas Robinson*, *Judy Sinning*, and *James Trotter* for their outstanding work.

SHS Wrestler Recognized: Trustee Timmons presented a resolution to *Joshua Gunterman*, junior at Stevenson High School, for attaining the State 1999 MHSAA Class A wrestling championship in the 103 pound class.

SHS Math Student Recognized: Trustee Nalley presented a resolution to *Qian Zhang*, a junior at Churchill High School, for attaining first place in the 42nd Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

Recess: President Nay recessed the meeting at 7:35 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Audience Communications: Rob Kucharski, 14233 Cranston, a teacher and resident of Livonia, addressed the Board regarding a fair and equitable contract for teachers. *Thomas Gerken*, 19411 Osmus, teacher and resident of Livonia, addressed the Board regarding the state of education in Livonia and the amount of time and priority put toward the MEAP test; we need to focus on all subjects. *Frank Wenderski*, 36450 Ladywood, addressed the Board regarding the shortage of textbooks at Hoover and the use of out of date textbooks. Also, stated that the district should not concentrate on the SACC program, but classrooms for the students. *Karen Zyczanski*, LEA president, addressed the Board regarding a teacher contract that is compatible for all.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Morgan and Watters that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the following consent agenda items as recommended by the superintendent: IVA Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 1999. IVB Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of March 29, 1999. VIA Move that the general fund check nos. 313550 through 314572 in the amount of \$2,874,400.95 be approved for payment. Also, move that the general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$1,816,544.08 be approved. VLB Move that the general fund check nos. 314573 through 315234 in the amount of \$1,979,687.85 be approved for payment. Also, move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$1,667,300.43 be approved. Also, move that Building Improvement and Technology Fund check nos. 1962 through 1965 in the amount of \$26,608.81 be approved for payment. VLC Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize Qualified Abatement to remove asbestos at Stevenson High School for the low bid amount of \$405, Genesis VII for the low bid amount of \$10,060 at Marshall Elementary School, and Quality Environmental for the low bid amount of \$34,130 at Career Center, Cass, Lowell, Ford Skill Center, and Emerson Middle School. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Gift-Livonia Goodfellows: The Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District unanimously accepted the generous donation in the amount of \$2,500 from Livonia Goodfellows, Incorporated to be used for program needs such as parent education, literacy projects, classroom supplies, and family emergency needs for the Head Start program.

Gift-Buchanan PTA: Motion by Watters and Lessard that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the gracious gift of \$7,980 from the Buchanan PTA to be used for assemblies, field trips, classroom materials, technology software, and educational grants. In addition, they would also like to purchase ten classroom amplification systems for classroom usage at a total price of \$6,700. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Gift-Cass PTA: Motion by Nalley and Watters that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the gracious gift of \$6,862.35 from the Cass PTA to be used for the purchase of new playground equipment. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Gift-McKinley PTA: Motion by Lessard and Kokenakes that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the gracious gift of \$5,109.12 from the McKinley PTA to be used for student assemblies, field trips, and library materials. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Gift-Randolph PTA: Motion by Morgan and Watters that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the gracious gift of \$20,000 for the Randolph PTA to be used for the purchase of two playground structures. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Presentation-Churchill School Improvement Plan: Principal *Rod Freeman* introduced *Dr. Paul Serri* who gave a Power point overview of test data used by the school to track and evaluate student learning and make adjustments to instructional and learning strategies.

1998-99 Budget Revisions: Motion by Kokenakes and Timmons that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the amended budgets for the 1998-99 school year: General Operating, Special Education, Debt, Building and Site, Milk and Lunch, Health and Welfare Fund, Scholarship, Athletic, Building and Technology, Special Maintenance, and Capitol Projects-Sinking Fund, Funded Projects. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Voucher Resolution: Motion by Morgan and Lessard that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the attached resolution and thereby publicly formalize its opposition to taxpayer-funded vouchers or tuition tax credit schemes. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Teacher Tenure: Motion by Timmons and Lessard that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and grant tenure status to: *Patricia Abele*, 8/28/99; *David Adkins*, 8/28/99; *Suzanne Ash*, 8/28/99; *Amy Atwater-Truchan*, 8/28/99; *Charles Backus*, 8/21/99; *Ann Marie BeBeau*, 8/28/99; *Sandra Benson*, 8/28/99; *Kristen Blazek*, 8/28/99; *Teresa Brooks*, 8/28/99; *Sherri Jo Brown*, 8/28/99; *Lori Burkall*, 8/28/99; *Doreen Byrne*, 8/21/99; *Debra Clouse*, 8/28/99; *Cason Conway*, 8/28/99; *Sherrie Coon*, 8/28/99; *Michael Corlias*, 8/28/99; *Julie Ann Ericson*, 8/28/99; *David Fehlig*, 8/21/99; *Josephine Flores*, 8/31/99; *Rodney Foster*, 8/28/99; *Jennifer Fraser*, 9/14/99; *Patricia Griffin*, 8/28/99; *Christine Hawthorne*, 8/28/99; *Jennifer Herman*, 8/28/99; *Sarah Jary*, 8/28/99; *Wilford Johnson*, 8/28/99; *Cathleen Karlson*, 8/28/99; *Donna Kirk*, 8/28/99; *Jill Klatt*, 8/28/99; *Laura Knechtel*, 8/28/99; *Mary Kowalski*, 8/28/99; *Leslie Kruger*, 8/28/99; *Patricia Lafferty*, 8/28/99; *Theresa Macek*, 8/28/99; *Todd Mai*, 8/28/99; *Colleen McAlinden*, 8/28/99; *Paul Newitt*, 8/28/99; *Lynnette Norton*, 8/28/99; *Mark Parrish*, 8/28/99; *Donna Peszek*, 8/28/99; *Beth Somjak*, 8/28/99; *Kathleen Tyranski*, 8/28/99; *Angela Valdeck*, 8/28/99; and *Lisa Walega*, 8/28/99. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

30-Year Resolution: The Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District unanimously accepted the proposed resolutions of appreciation for 30 years of service with the district for the following employees: *Joyce Macklom*, *Carol Schnurstein*, and *Diane Schulz*.

Leave of Absence: Motion by Lessard and Watters that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approve the request for a leave of absence for *Lisa Ziedas*, effective 1999-00 school year. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Retirements: Motion by Morgan and Watters that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the attached resolutions of appreciation for the services rendered by: *Judith Burger*, *Margaret Daniel*, *Diane Dunn*, *Elizabeth Frayer*, *Rosemarie Heil*, *Doreen Lawton*, *Dain Morningstar*, *Joanne Morningstar*, *Barbara Murphy*, and *Jane VanPoperin*. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Resignation: The Board accepted the resignation of *Sherri Brown*, effective 6/1/99; *Kevin Hileman*, effective 6/1/99; *Richard Minard*, effective 6/30/99; and *Amy Vieaux*, effective 6/1/99.

Reports from the Superintendent: Dr. Watson will ask Paul Derwich to respond to Mr. Wenderski and his concerns on textbooks at Hoover School; stated that the SACC program is incorporated only when classrooms are available; informed the public that the PTA Council will host the *Candidate Forum* for the five Board candidates on May 26 in the Board Room at 7 p.m.; congratulated *Susan Squires Fraelich*, teacher at Webster, for earning National Board Certification in the field of MC/GEN by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; congratulated *Randolph Elementary School*, its staff, students, and community for receiving their Outcomes Endorsement goals from the North-Central Association; congratulated two of our students from the Alternative High School program for receiving a \$500 scholarship from the Michigan Alternative Education Organization (MAEO)-only ten scholarships are awarded statewide and two of our students from Bentley Center were selected this year; received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Rowell, Franklin parents, regarding their son who will need back surgery to prevent the progression of a potentially debilitating spinal condition, in which they thanked the FHS staff for their extraordinary efforts and support during this difficult time; read a letter from the National Council of Teachers of English in which they announced that *Julie King*, teacher at Holmes, wrote an article entitled *Becoming Proactive: The Quiet Revolution* appearing in the March 1999 issue of *Voices from the Middle*, published by the National Council of Teachers of English; announced that the CHS, FHS, and SHS PTAs are sponsoring a program for parents and teens entitled *Road Rules for the Real World* at the Civic Center Library on May 19, at 7 p.m., which will focus on the pros and cons of leasing vs. buying a car; marketing yourself, and life 101 (real rules for the real world); and introduced the video highlighting Jackson Center Parade for the *Month of the Young Child* and the Global Seminar held at Madonna University in which a group is trying to sell Paygo products to China.

Hearing from Board Members: The Board discussed the District School Improvement Team retreat; the MPTA Convention in Traverse City; the *Senator Thaddeus McCotter* visit; thanked the courageous bus drivers who saved an individual at a local restaurant; thanked the Printing Department for their continued hard work; the *Fine Arts Festival* at the Civic Center Library; the YMAD program at Franklin; asked everyone to contact their legislator to let them know that we want to keep public dollars for public education; congratulated *Qian Zhang* and *Joshua Gunterman* for their outstanding achievements; and Secretary's Week.

Recessed to Closed Session: Motion by Timmons and Morgan that the meeting be recessed to closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

President Nay recessed the meeting at 9:50 p.m. and reconvened at 11:00 p.m. Adjournment: Motion by Watters and Lessard that the regular meeting of April 19, 1999 be adjourned. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

President Nay adjourned the meeting at 11:12 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

LAURENCE B. CAMPBELL

A memorial service for former Plymouth Township resident Laurence "Larry" Campbell, 96, of Dearborn will be 2 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the Henry Ford Village Chapel, 15101 Ford, Dearborn. Officiating will be the Rev. Alfred Grams. Arrangements are from Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland.

Mr. Campbell, who died April 15, was born April 10, 1903, in Malden, Mass. He was a retired catalog writer for Ford Motor Co., 1943-67. Early in his career, he was a fine furniture maker, a tour conductor traveling to Cuba and Alaska and a guide for Cold River Mountain Climbing Club in New Hampshire during 1932-38.

Mr. Campbell enjoyed fishing and helping others through the American Red Cross in Tampa, Fla., where he had a winter home.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Eleanor; sons, Charles of Westland and John of McMurray, Pa.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Larry B. Campbell Endowment Fund, Washington County Community Foundation, 77 S. Main, Washington, PA 15301.

URBAN M. KOVACHICH

Services for Urban Kovachich, 63, of Westland were May 11 in Ziomek Funeral Home in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Dan Zaleski from St. Theodore Parish.

Mr. Kovachich died May 7. He was a Westland resident since 1956. He worked as a supervisor for 35 years at Ford Motor Co. He was a member of Livonia Elks for 15 years.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; son, Robert (Barbara); daughters, Jennifer and Jean; mother, Anna Bailey; brother, Virgil Kovachich;

sister, Dorothy Stockwell; and two grandchildren.

JOSEPH S. PADOLSKI

A funeral Mass for Joseph Padolski, 69, of Westland was May 10 in St. Theodore Catholic Church with burial at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Gary Michalik. Arrangements were from McCabe Funeral Home in Canton.

Mr. Padolski, who died May 6 in Westland, was born March 10, 1930, in Detroit. He was a retired assembly line worker for Chrysler.

Surviving are his wife, Rosemarie; daughter, Dawn (John) Kolb of Canton; and one grandchild.

Memorials may be made to American Lung Association.

EMMA M. WILLIAMS

Arrangements for services for Emma Williams, 82, of Westland were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Mrs. Williams, who died May 7 in Westland, was born Dec. 2, 1916, in Osceola County, Mich. She was a tool setter. She was a member of Woman of The Moose and American Legion Auxiliary Livonia Post 32.

Surviving are her daughter, Sharon Chair of Canton; sisters, Clara Fraser of Coldwater, Mich., and Doris Kinsley of Wilmington, N.C.; and grandson, Bradley Chain of Plymouth.

ROBERT F. MARTINDALE

Services for Robert Martindale, 58, of Westland were May 8 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Michael Markulike from St. Dunstan Catholic Church.

Surviving are his son, Mark Martindale; daughters, Cheryle (Perry) and Kelly (Tim); former wife, Jeanette Martindale; brother, Hamilton (Carolyn) Martindale; five grandchildren; and one nephew.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A request for approval has been presented to the Westland Planning Commission for the following items:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 1, 1999.

#1529A, Proposed Split of Lot No. 609C of Supervisor's Nankin Plat No. 12, East of Merriman, South of Warren, NW-11, David W Evens & Connie Evens.

#1947C, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Mini-Storage Warehouses, Lots 1-4 and Lot 13, Middlebelt Warren Subdivision, NE Corner of Warren Road and Middlebelt SW-1, Jack Zelazny (Irene Szczodrowski).

#2007A, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Advance Auto Parts Retail Store, 1615 Merriman, Lots #31 & 32, Ideal Community Little Farms Subdivision, East Side of Merriman, North of Palmer, SW-23, Nick Asmar.

#2011, Proposed Split of Lots #190-#192, Cadillac Park Subdivision, North of Ann Arbor Trail, West of Middlebelt, NE-2, Charles B. Meyers.

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

ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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LW 7791

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA, MI 48164

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

LAVATORY STALL REPLACEMENT AT 28 LOCATIONS IN LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the office of the Board of Education in the Purchasing Department.

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 17th day of May, 1999 at the office of the Board of Education, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

All questions regarding this bid may be directed to Ray Irvine, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor at (734) 523-9160.

Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M. on the 18th of May, 1999 at 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 bidders.

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 low bidder, with rationale to support such a decision.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, May 18, 1999, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

87 Pont	4 Dr. Grand AM	Blue	1G2NE51U2HC722994
84 Merc	2 Dr. Marquis	Silver	1MEBP93F5E2837475
91 Merc	2 Dr. Capri	Red	6MPCT0360M8607858
79 Olds	2 Dr. Cutlass	Black	3R47F9M562490
93 GMC	Box Van	White	J8DB4B1K6P7007172
87 Volvo	4 Dr. 740 GLE	Gold	VY1FX8842H1154253

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

86 Pont	4 Dr. Bonneville	Black	2B2QS69H4G2291927
83 Datsun	King Cab PU	Gray	1N6ND06S3DC302595
87 Ford	2 Dr. Escort	Black	1FABP2194HW131962
85 Merc	2 Dr. Marquis	Blue	2MEBP93F2FX644956

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

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after June 13, 1999, unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

77 Pont	4 Dr.	Blue	NONE
89 Ford	2 Dr.	Red	1FAPP9199KT12556
88 Dodge	2 Dr.	Red	1B3YA44K1JG451287

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LW 7794

Golf outing raises money for Wayne County parks

Golfers can hook up their three-some with a local golf pro or celebrity for a day of birdies, eagles and fun at the Friends of Wayne County Parks Pro-Am Golf Classic at 8:30 a.m. Friday, June 11, at the Warren Valley Golf Club in Dearborn Heights.

The cost for this year's golf classic is \$100, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. To sponsor a hole for this event, the cost is \$750, which includes a four-some of one guest/pro and three amateurs. All proceeds from this event benefits the

Wayne County parks system and Warren Valley Golf Club Junior Caddy Program.

Registration and the continental breakfast starts at 6:30 a.m. The shotgun start and a best ball scramble begins at 8 a.m. Lunch is served at 1 p.m.

Warren Valley Golf Club is located on Warren Road between Beech Daly and Inkster Road in Dearborn Heights. For information, contact Ray Glenn at (313) 561-9879 or Margie Rose at (734) 261-1830.

Nankin Mills begins summer day camp

Fun and nature go hand in hand this summer at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center Day Camp. Open to children of various ages, the six week-long sessions start the week of June 28 and end the week of July 26.

Each session will focus on various topics during the day such as mammals, insects, birds, reptiles and amphibians and pond life. Pioneer history

and Native American history will be highlighted.

These topics will be presented through games, stories, hands-on activities, arts and crafts, hikes and even live animals.

Each day camp session is designed for a different age level. Participants should have completed the grades listed for each session, unless

otherwise specified.

Parents can call (734) 261-1990 for detailed session information and registration fees. Registration fees range from \$40 to \$100 depending on the grade level and length of the session.

Here is the day camp schedule: Fifth and sixth grades, June 28-July 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; preschool, ages 3 and 4, July

6-9, 9:30 a.m.-noon; kindergarten, July 12-16, 9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m.; first and second grades, July 19-23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; and third and fourth grades, July 26-30, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Nankin Mills is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

Edison users to get rebates

The Michigan Public Service Commission Tuesday ordered the Detroit Edison Co. to refund nearly \$20 million to its retail electric customers and more than \$1 million to some industrial customers through a credit on customers' June 1999 electric bills.

Detroit Edison's residential customers using 500 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity per month will see a one-time credit of about \$2.96 on their June 1999 electric bills. Individual customer credits will vary, based on actual customer electric use. Commercial and industrial customers will see a credit on their June 1999 electric bills.

The commission ordered the refunds to reconcile Detroit Edison's 1997 power supply costs and to implement the Fermi 2 performance standard. Fermi 2 is subject to a performance standard that provides for a disallowance in Detroit Edison's annual power supply cost recovery reconciliation proceeding if output fails to match the output of a group of peer facilities.

Tuesday's order balances allowable power supply costs and revenues collected from its electric customers between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 1997 and includes Fermi 2 performance standard disallowances.

Participating in the proceeding were MPSC staff, Detroit Edison, Michigan's Attorney General, the Association of Businesses Advocating Tariff Equity, and the Residential Ratepayers Consortium.

Detroit Edison provides electric service to more than 2 million customers in Michigan. The MPSC is an agency within the Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

Source: Michigan Public Service Commission

Nature Fest offers exhibits, entertainment at Crosswinds

Enjoy canoeing, a fishing contest, carnival games and a live reptile exhibit at Wayne County Parks Nature Fest from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 22 at Crosswinds Marsh in Sumpter Township.

Visitors can enjoy live entertainment, carnival games, nature crafts, hikes, a birds of prey show, a live bat show and learn about parks and recreation departments from communities in Monroe and southern Wayne counties. A scavenger hunt and art contest with prizes given for best nature photo and nature drawing/painting.

Sponsored by the Wayne County Detroit Metropolitan Airport, Wayne County, Belleville, Monroe, Romulus, Sumpter Township and Van Buren parks and recreation departments, the event is free and families can participate in various activities promoting animals and nature. It is also made possible through parks millage funding.

Here is the schedule of activities: guided nature hike, 1-1:45 p.m.; fishing contest registration, 1-1:30 p.m.; free canoeing, 1-3:30 p.m.; fishing contest, 1:30-3 p.m.; Michigan Bat Show, 2-3 p.m.; and Tom Hodgson-Music for Mother Earth, 3-4 p.m.

Crosswinds Marsh is located at the corner of Haggerty Road and Will Carleton/Oakville Waltz Road in Sumpter Township.

For information, call (734) 261-1990.

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ONE DAY SALE

One Day Sale Saturday, May 15.
Doors open 9:00 am Saturday.



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FRESH START

Hardworking Catholic DWF, 48, 5'3", who enjoys walking, movies and going to church, is looking for a compatible, caring, Catholic VWWWM, 48-52, without children at home, for friendship first. Ad# 3907

NEW TO THE AREA

Sweet DWCPF, 27, 5'9", is seeking an honest, caring SWCM, 48 or under, who is interested in a long-term relationship. Ad# 1531

LOVE'S IN THE AIR

Sensitive, caring DWF, 52, 5'5", with auburn hair and green eyes, whose interests include travel, cooking, movies, nature walks and dining out, is hoping to meet a SWM, 51-58. Ad# 1203

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Kind DBF, 45, 5'6", who enjoys music, movies, reading and going to the theater, is looking for a DBM, 35-45. Ad# 2468

UNTIL NOW

Friendly, down-to-earth SWF, 47, 5'2", who enjoys the outdoors, hockey, golf, hiking and more, is seeking a SWM, 40-51, for a possible relationship. Ad# 2451

VALUES/HUMOR

Catholic DWF, 57, 5'3", 125lbs., with long blonde hair, who enjoys crafts, dining out and reading, is ISO a humorous, Catholic SWM, 50-60. Ad# 2041

HONESTY COUNTS

SWC mom of one, 25, 5'9", enjoys the outdoors, drama movies and quiet times at home. She seeks an honest, compassionate SWCM, 27-34, without children at home. Ad# 8498

LET'S TALK

Settle down with this SWPCF, 47, 5'2", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys cooking, travel and church activities. She's seeking a nice, Born-Again SWCM, 45-55, for a possible relationship. Ad# 3333

SOUND LIKE YOU?

Catholic DWF, 59, 5'6", with blonde hair and hazel eyes, would love to meet an honest, humorous SWCM, 58-67, a N/S, who's interested in friendship and companionship. She enjoys traveling, movies, dancing, reading and more. Ad# 3131

POSITIVE VIBES HERE

Leave a message for this personable DWCF, 50, 5'4", who enjoys rollerblading, bicycling and keeping active. She wants to meet an outgoing SWCM, over 47, for friendship first. Ad# 1199

CHILD OF GOD

Outgoing, friendly DWCF, 49, 5'4", who resides in the Redford area, enjoys sewing, antiques and movies. She's seeking a secure, independent DWCM, under 56, for friendship first. Ad# 5321

BE MY COMPANION

SWCF, 56, 5'4", with blondish-red hair and blue eyes, full-figured, who enjoys reading and movies, is seeking a SWM, 55-62. Ad# 2433

WALKS WITH THE LORD

Get to know this vibrant, classy DWCF, 47, 5'6", with dark hair/eyes, if you're a SWCM who enjoys meeting new friends, dancing, dining out, movies and great conversation. Ad# 1236

MAKE THE CONNECTION

Looking for a long-term relationship? Make it happen with this DWF, 33, 5'5", because she is searching for a Born-Again SWCM, 34-40, N/S. Ad# 8565

GOD IS FIRST

Devoted SBC mom, 25, 5'9", who enjoys romantic dinners, movies, dancing and singing, wants to meet a family-oriented SBCM, 25-36. Ad# 6623

GREAT TIMES AHEAD

She's an outgoing and friendly DWCM mom, 42, 5'3", who's looking to share life and great times with a SWCM, 37-48. Her interests include the outdoors, traveling, Bible study and hopes that you do too. Ad# 1122

LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Self-employed SWF, 33, who enjoys walking her dog, the outdoors and more, is looking for an educated, hardworking SWM. Ad# 4734

IF YOU'RE A POLISHED...

Gentleman, call this humorous, Catholic DWPF, 63, 5'8", N/S. She's seeking a Catholic SWM, 55-66, a good conversationalist, who enjoys travel, fine dining, shopping and more. Ad# 5454

THE POWER OF LOVE

SWF, 57, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys music, traveling, movies, long walks and more, is looking for a sincere, compassionate SWM, 52-62. Ad# 7141

START AS FRIENDS

Catholic SW mom, 40, 5'8", a brunette, who enjoys hockey, reading, bowling, baseball, long walks, dining out and romantic evenings, is looking for a Catholic SWM, 30-50. Ad# 2828

SIMPLY YOURS

SWF, 50, 5'5", who enjoys music, the arts and more, is seeking a warm-hearted SWM, 40-60. Ad# 9114

SIMPLY MARVELOUS

Down-to-earth, Born-Again DWCF, 44, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, N/S, enjoys bicycling, Bible study, dancing, movies, music and more. She's seeking a compatible, Born-Again DWCM, 35-50. Ad# 4240

CONSIDER ME

Personable, brown-eyed blonde DWCF, 50, 5'4", slender, is seeking an educated SWPM, 45-60, without children. Ad# 2323

IT HAS TO BE YOU

Catholic DWF, 60, 5'6", who enjoys traveling, movies, the theater, walking, dancing and gardening, seeks a loving SWM, 59-64. Ad# 3138

AVAILABLE

Childless, Catholic SWPF, 30, 5'5", is interested in meeting a Catholic SWPM, 27-35, for quality time together. Ad# 1126

JOIN HER...

In celebrating her love for the Lord, She's a SBCF, 48, 5'5", looking for a SBCM, 45-57, who is also searching for that special someone. Ad# 7110

DISCOVER ME

Catholic SWPF, 32, 5'11", who enjoys working out, reading and traveling, would like to meet a Catholic SWPM, 30-45. Ad# 1475

BE SURE TO SMILE

Spice up your life, be sure to call this friendly, sincere SWPF, 39, 5'5", who is hoping to hear from a considerate, honest SWM, age unimportant. She enjoys movies and music, dancing and spending time with friends. Ad# 7733

ALL THAT & MORE

Slender, upbeat SWF, 42, 5'6", who enjoys outdoor activities, country music and dining out, is looking for a possible relationship with a gentle, active SWM, 42-55, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 2655

ATTRACTIVE

Outgoing DWCM mom, 38, 5'7", 110lbs., a green-eyed blonde, who enjoys working out, dining out, movies, reading and the outdoors, is looking for a handsome SWCM, 37-45. Ad# 5165

GOOD LISTENER

Here's a laid-back, but fun DB mom, 34, 5', who's waiting to hear from you, a SBM, 32-42, who loves children and going to church. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, long conversations and dining. Ad# 1234

GIVE LOVE A CHANCE

SWF, 35, enjoys gardening, animals and spectator sports. She would like to meet a SWM, N/S, who likes meaningful conversations. Hopefully, a serious relationship will develop. Ad# 3693

FRIENDSHIP

Catholic SWF, 31, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, is seeking a Catholic SWM, 30-38, who enjoys movies, the theater, music, biking, rollerblading and more. Ad# 1010

KINDRED SPIRIT

Outgoing, friendly DWF, 50, 5'6", medium-built, with blonde hair, who likes jazz and R&B music, concerts, dining out and quiet nights, is seeking an honest SCM, 50-64, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 4224

SHARE MY WORLD

Catholic SWF, 48, 5'3", is looking for a Catholic SWM, 40-55, without children at home, for fun and a possible relationship. She likes bowling and social events. Ad# 9842

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THE MARRYING KIND

SWCF, 35, 5'9", who enjoys dining out, movies, traveling and church activities, is seeking a SWCM, 30-45, for friendship first. Ad# 2436

FAMILY-ORIENTED

Catholic DWF, 49, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys sports, concerts, movies, dining out and the outdoors, seeks an honest, sincere, Catholic D/WWWM, 45-55, N/S. Ad# 5689

COMPANIONSHIP

Catholic DWF, 50, 5'9", looking for friendship with a Catholic SWM, 45-55. Ad# 4536

IS THAT YOU?

Secure Catholic DWF, 48, 5'1", who enjoys long walks and weekend getaways, is seeking a warm, compassionate SWM, 46-54, who enjoys life. Ad# 2223



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HE COULD BE THE ONE
Catholic DWM, 41, 5'6", of Italian heritage, who enjoys skiing and boating, wishes to meet a Catholic SWF, under 41, without children at home. Ad# 2015

DELIGHTFUL

Never-married Catholic SWM, 50, 5'11", 180lbs., who is active in his church choir, enjoys children, dancing, walking, movies, music and good conversation. He wants to meet a SWCF, under 50, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 3580

HOPES & DREAMS

Never-married Catholic SWM, 25, 6'2", 240lbs., with brown hair, who enjoys playing pool, traveling and quiet times at home, is searching for a Catholic SWF, under 32. Ad# 2222

PATIENTLY WAITING

He is a humorous Catholic SWPM, 36, 5'10", who's waiting to hear from a SWCF, 24-35. He enjoys the outdoors, working out and spending time with family activities. Ad# 7000

GET IN STEP

If a meaningful relationship is what you're looking for, be sure to call this athletic SWM, 35, who enjoys sports and outdoor activities. His choice will be an outgoing, sensitive SWF, 25-45. Ad# 4163

ONE OF A KIND RELATIONSHIP

Down to earth, custodial SW dad, 40, 5'9", brown hair/hazel eyes, enjoys everything, loves barbecues, candlelight dinners, cedar point and camping, seeks LTR, with sincere, caring, loving, slender SWF, 30-42, with or without kids. West Bloomfield area. Ad# 5858

AVID DOWNHILL SKIER

Handsome SWCPM, 36, 5'7", 140lbs., likes outdoor activities, golfing, travel and fun things with friends. He's looking for a SWF, 23-36, who realizes how important honesty is to a relationship. Ad# 1550

DESTINY

Outgoing, self-employed SWM, 38, 5'11", with brown hair, who enjoys hockey, working out and the outdoors, is seeking an open-minded SWF, 28-38, who is willing to try new things. Ad# 1999

OPEN ARMS

Never-married SWM, 36, 5'11", with sandy brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys motorcycles, the outdoors, weekends at his cottage and spending time at the lake, wants to meet a sweet SF, 19-43. Children welcome. Ad# 3884

FAMILY-ORIENTED

Charming SWCM, 42, 6'1", who enjoys outdoor activities, the theatre and dining out, is seeking a fun-loving SCF, for a LTR. Ad# 1414

NEVER-MARRIED

Catholic SWM, 37, 6'1", with brown hair and hazel eyes, is looking for a SWF, 30-38, without children at home, who likes sports, plays and the theatre. Ad# 1970

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Handsome SWPM, 36, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking an attractive SWCF who enjoys sports, movies, dining out and more. Ad# 1534

THINK YOU'RE THAT LADY?

DWCM, 56, 6'1", who's shy at first, is looking for a happy, fun-loving SWC lady, who takes care of herself. Ad# 1885

OPEN YOUR HEART TO ME

Hardworking, Catholic DWM, 47, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, seeks a Catholic SWF, 35-55, for friendship first. Ad# 3524

NEW IN TOWN

Want to meet a great guy, then call this friendly DWCM dad, 29, 6'2", 125lbs., with brown hair and green eyes. He's seeking an outgoing SWF, under 40, who enjoys riding horses, outdoor sports and living life to the fullest. Ad# 3841

THE MARRYING KIND

Shy DWM, 26, 5'10", 175lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, bowling, fishing and traveling, seeks a faithful DWF, under 26. Ad# 2328

HONESTY TOPS MY LIST

Reserved SWM, 39, 6', with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys bike riding, dancing, dining out and the outdoors, seeks a SWCF, 32-44, for an honest relationship. Ad# 4275

FIND OUT TODAY

SWM, 41, 5'10", seeks an intelligent, honest SWF, 30-45, who enjoys music, writing, reading, drawing and painting. Ad# 1954

HONESTY COUNTS

Handsome DWPCM, 44, 6'1", who enjoys youth ministry, outdoor activities, movies and more, is seeking a slender, romantic SWCF, 30-44, without children. Ad# 2843

MOMS WELCOME

Handsome and athletic DWM, 39, 6'1", who enjoys traveling, and more, seeks a slender SWCF, 28-44, to share life with. Ad# 2415

SOMEONE SPECIAL

Professional SBM, 37, 6'2", is looking to meet a slender, attractive, outgoing SWF, for a monogamous relationship. He enjoys dining out, movies and working out. Ad# 1961

A GOOD GUY TO KNOW

Hoping to meet you soon is this friendly DWCM, 47, 5'11", who enjoys movies, sports, good conversation and dining out. Leave him a message if you're a DWCF, with similar interests. Ad# 8709

SEARCHING FOR LOVE

Good-hearted, affectionate SWM, 50, seeks a SF, 45-65, who would love attention. Ad# 1233

CONFIDENT

Very handsome and honest SWCM, 33, 6'3", 185lbs., with hazel eyes, is seeking a SWF, 25-41, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1201

SO AMAZING

A shy and reserved SWM, 38, 6'1", wants to break out of his shell. If you're a SWF, 19-39 and are athletic, value family life and want to meet a good man, you could be the one. Ad# 2580

LET'S MEET SOON

Sincere SWM, 33, 5'8", seeks an affectionate, attractive SWF, under 35, who enjoys dining out, movies and fun. Ad# 9865

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Born-Again DWCM, 48, 5'8", 165lbs., enjoys sports, music and is looking for a SWCF, 25-54, for a long-term, compatible relationship. Ad# 7878

CAN YOU RELATE?

He's a Catholic SWM, 42, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, who's educated, employed and outgoing. He enjoys music, the arts and being around family and friends. He seeks a passionate and caring SWF, 27-42, who enjoys similar interests. Ad# 4242

SAYING MY PRAYERS

Outgoing, family-oriented, Catholic SWM, 24, 5'3", never-married, who enjoys the outdoors and sports, wants to meet a compatible, Catholic SWF, 21-28. Ad# 4322

MONOGAMOUS

Professional, Catholic DWM, 42, 5'9", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dining out, movies, the outdoors and more, seeks a down-to-earth, Catholic SWF, 33-48. Ad# 2753

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DEDICATION OF LOVE

Never-married SWM, 41, 6', who enjoys dining out, movies, sports, working out and outdoor activities, is seeking a slender D/SWF, 25-40, with similar interests. Ad# 2799

IT COULD BE YOU!

SBCM, 28, 5', who enjoys dining out, sporting events and good conversation, is seeking a SBCF, 18-30, who enjoys life. Ad# 7453

JUST YOU AND I

Catholic SWM, 40, 6'1", 195lbs., with brown hair/eyes, is searching for a SWF, 29-39, to share laughter, photography, music, movies and more. Ad# 1907

SOMEONE JUST LIKE YOU

Down-to-earth, attractive, family-oriented DWM, 45, 6', 185lbs., is in search of a SF, age unimportant, who enjoys the outdoors, exercise, the arts and more. Ad# 1050

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SWM, 30, 5'9", 180lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, going to church and concerts, is seeking a SWF, 26-34. Ad# 9614

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Professional, handsome SWM, 38, 6', in search of a slender, outgoing and sincere SWF, 28-44, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 6789

TAKE A LOOK

Self-employed, professional SWM, 30, 6'1", is looking to share life with a slender, romantic SWF, who enjoys swimming, sunsets and spending time with friends. Ad# 3336

CALL SOON

Professional, upbeat SWM, 48, 5'11", N/S, enjoys keeping fit, traveling, fine dining and the theatre. He hopes to meet an attractive SWF, 38-52, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 7612

GO OUT WITH ME

Caring, affectionate and educated DWCM, 38, 6', is looking to meet a SWCF, under 38, who likes dining out, watching movies and going to plays. Ad# 1991

LOVE & LAUGHTER

Professional SWM, 28, 5'8", 155lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, N/S, who enjoys biking, weight training, target shooting and music, seeks a Catholic SWF, 22-31, N/S, without children at home, for a possible relationship. Ad# 4475

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ees 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 aus-

pices, 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 Scholar-

ship, specifically to help students who have interrupted their education and are returning to college.

Distinguished alum

Bevelheimer, who began her professional career as a nurse and mother of six children, earned an associate's degree in 1977 from Schoolcraft College 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 teenage 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.



Celebration: Angie Stevens of Farmington Hills, (left) Laura Meyer of Redford and Linda Lupo of Westland celebrate graduation from nursing school. Sherry Bowerman is congratulated by Sherry Springer. Looking on is Jennie Howard.



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Achievers: Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, who graduated with honors from Harvard Law School, is shown with Sherry Bowerman of Plymouth president of Phi Theta Kappa, an academic honorary at Schoolcraft. Bowerman received her nursing degree at Schoolcraft. Bowerman will go on to Wayne State University to her her bachelor's degree in nursing.

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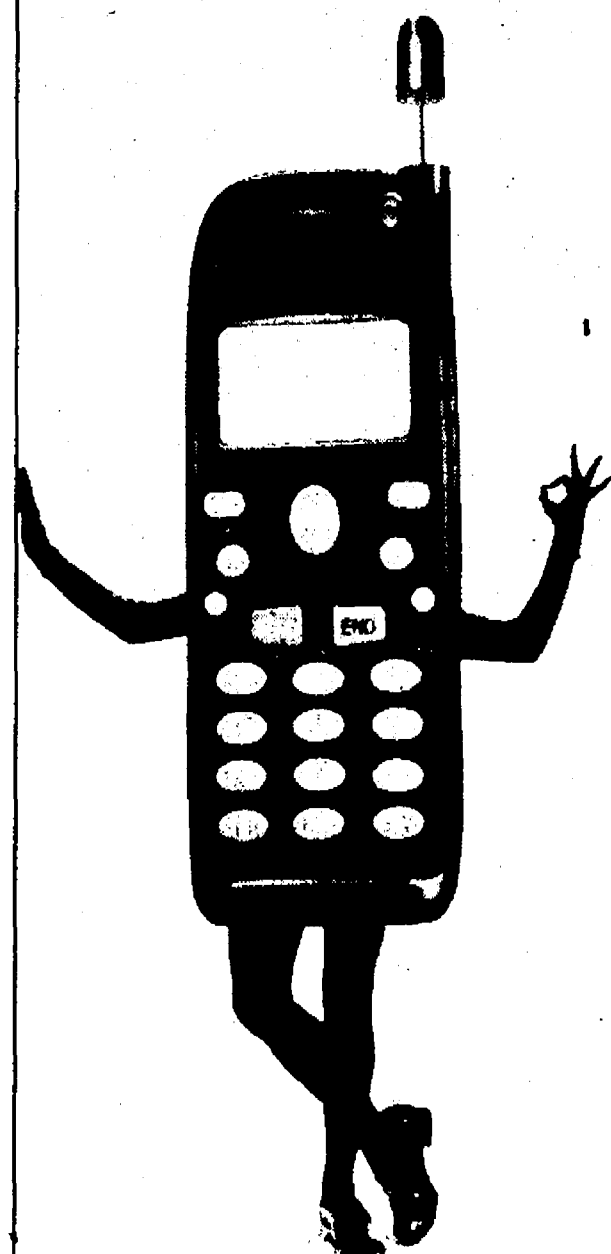
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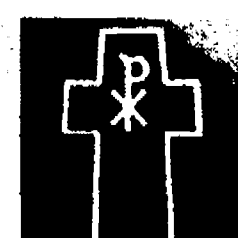
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THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1999

Team effort Students, educators celebrate

Educators at Wayne Memorial High School are taking big steps in helping middle schoolers make the transition to high school. A "Celebrate Wayne Day" Tuesday invited eighth-graders to meet Duke basketball star Shane Battier, a Rhodes Scholar candidate.

The eighth-graders also learned about the variety of extracurricular activities available and how those relate to school. High school students created booths to introduce the younger students to activities in the media center. Those hard-working high school students deserve a round of applause as well for taking an interest in the well-being of the future freshmen.

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

Organizer Bill Gray, a school psychologist, came up with the idea for "Celebrate Wayne" along with the school's Student Senate. Superintendent Greg Baracy established a ninth-grade initiatives program to help the students make the transition to high school.

Other educators involved in coordinating the effort include Wayne Memorial Principal Don Chastain and Assistant Principal Christine Bak. The faculty members involved include Louise Hart, Fran Grossman, Pam



Students: Brian Sasan and Jennifer Curtis are among the many who worked on "Celebrate Wayne." They are art club members.

Ruokalainen, Joe Nowaske, Julie Klabunde and Leslie Rosaen.

Doing well academically so often goes hand in hand with participating in extracurricular activities. The students who worked on "Celebrate Wayne" are too numerous to mention, but they and the staff deserve kudos for their efforts to help next fall's freshmen feel welcome and do well.

Organizers hope to make this an annual event, helping each year's eighth-graders feel right at home. Let's hope that's the case, and hats off to all who made "Celebrate Wayne" a reality.

Prom, graduation: Be careful

Remember that old TV spot that went something like "It's 11 o'clock. Do you know where your children are?"

Those words apply these days, with teens taking time to go to proms, parties and graduations. Although it's a happy time, the general festivity surrounding the season can lead to less-than-festive activities such as teen alcohol abuse, drunken driving and drug use.

Too often, peer pressure can lead otherwise responsible kids to do things they shouldn't. Suggestions from those who work with young people include parents having a copy of the night's itinerary and discouraging hotel parties. If a party is thrown at another student's

home, parents should call to be sure proper adult supervision is included.

Other tips include: extending curfew only when children provide a detailed itinerary of their plans; if a limo use or hotel party is planned, calling the company and saying you will hold them responsible if alcohol or drugs are used; and giving students an out by letting them know they can call you if they end up in a dangerous situation.

We love our children and want a bright future for them. Let's get through this prom and graduation season safely so we'll all have fond memories to share.

Michigan Week boosts state

Michigan is the automobile capital of the world. That isn't exactly news to Michiganders. But did you know that:

■ Michigan has the longest freshwater shoreline in the world?

■ The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor is the oldest state university in the U.S.?

No, we haven't been taking a refresher course in state history. Those are just some of the tidbits included on a new Web site put up by the Secretary of State's office to promote the celebration of Michigan Week, May 15-22. The theme of this year's celebration is "Michigan: Behold the Splendor."

Gov. John Engler, honorary chair of Michigan Week, said in a proclamation that the week is a "time to encourage greater knowledge and awareness of Michigan and its history; to afford an inspired view of our State's advantages to the world; and to foster a spirit of cooperation among all communities that will make the Great Lake State even more livable and attractive."

Michigan Week was started in 1954 by the

late Don C. Weeks, then director of the Michigan Department of Economic Development, and a group of residents who formed the non-profit Greater Michigan Foundation. Their purpose was to mobilize grass roots boosters to promote Michigan as a wonderful place to work and live.

This year, Secretary of State Candice Miller is chair of Michigan Week. Calling Michigan the "undisputed fresh water recreational Mecca of the world," Miller said, "Add to that all the other recreational opportunities and the unique combination of our rural roots and Motown sophistication - you have an unbeatable combination."

We couldn't have said it better ourselves. Michigan has something for everyone and this week is a good time to look around your own community and explore some of the special places you might overlook during the day-to-day routine.

For more information about Michigan's attractions, you can visit that Web site at www.sos.state.mi.us/miweek.

ARKIE HUDKINS



Prom night....safe night

LETTERS

Family decline

The No. 1 enemy of today's youth is the public school system where no family values are taught, spanking is not permitted and any kind of dress or appearance code is nonexistent. Also, most students come from two-income families. Why isn't mom at home? Because material possessions are more important than looking after the kids! That's why we home schooled, to insure proper values.

Thirty years ago, there were no day care centers. Now, they are on every block - another troubling sign of the breakup of the American traditional family. Where are the Nelsons, Cleavers, and Andersons of the 1950s? They're gone. And you won't find them in Littleton, Colo., either.

Steve Jeffers
Westland

Businesses thanked

As a volunteer at the Maplewood Senior Center, I would like to thank the many businesses in Garden City and Westland for donating the many gifts for our volunteers at our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 23.

The Garden City businesses were: Kroger, Vic's Diner, Andrews Drugs, Boland Florist, Garden City Florist, Town & Country Hardware, Misty's Cards, Mathison's Hardware, Rocky's Florist, Orin Jewelers and Mid-Warren Party.

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Thank you again for your interest and support of our senior center programs.

Betty Krust
Garden City

Take action against arthritis

America has a "just do it" mentality for most activities, but when it comes to seeking medical care for arthritis, many Americans tend to have an "I can't do anything about it" attitude.

It's time to take action! That's the message the Arthritis Foundation wants everyone to hear. This month, Arthritis Awareness Month will be marked by a bold new initiative to increase awareness about arthritis, and more importantly, to encourage people to do something about their arthritis.

■ Arthritis is the leading cause of disability and the second leading cause of work-related disability payments. It costs our country \$65 billion annually and results in 39 million physician visits and half a million hospitalizations annually.

Arthritis affects more than 43 million people nationwide and 1.5 million in Michigan. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the number affected nationwide will surge to 60 million by the year 2000.

America can no longer afford to ignore the personal and financial toll arthritis takes on our nation.

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Unfortunately, many people don't seek care because of the myths associated with arthritis. Those myths include: nothing can be done about it, so you must learn to live with it; arthritis is just minor aches and pains; and only elderly people have arthritis.

In fact, a 1998 CDC study showed that 40 percent of those saying they have chronic joint pain have not been diagnosed by a doctor. Even more unfortunate is that the majority of joint damage occurs within the first two years; a crucial time when early diagnosis and aggressive treatment have the ability to limit the impact of the disease and even slow progression.

During Arthritis Awareness Month I urge your readers to take action against arthritis and dispel the myths that stop people from seeking an early and accurate diagnosis. Call your nearest Arthritis Foundation office at (800) 968-3030 to learn what you can do to fight America's No. 1 disabling chronic disease.

Michelle Glazier
president/CEO
Arthritis Foundation, Michigan

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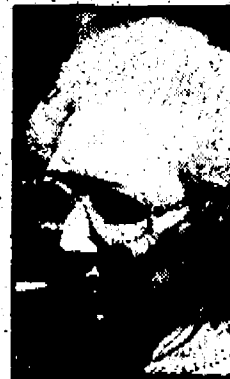
We asked this question at the post office in Westland.



"I hope so, yes. I have faith in them."
Melissa Spadocini
Westland



"Obviously. I'm from Boston. I'm still rooting for the Bruins."
Lance Boedigsmeyer
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"Oh, sure. What else?"
Gloria Czajkowski
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"Yes. (Anything to add?) "No, that's it."
Joanne Haack
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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Personal responsibility certainly applies in Littleton

When I was a high school senior, a classmate and co-band member was arrested for using an ice pick to stab a basketball player from another school shortly after a game.

My classmate, an African-American, was prosecuted. The stabbing victim, who is white, suffered a permanent lung injury, resulting in his losing a basketball scholarship to the University of Michigan.

As far as I can remember, there was no public outcry by the stabber about racism causing him to stab a white athlete from another high school.

No one considered suing the ice pick manufacturer.

The community assumed that the stabber knew what he was doing and that was the end of it.

That incident was recalled in the wake of the April 20 murders of 12 Littleton, Colo., high school students and a teacher. The two shooters, students at the school, reportedly shot themselves.

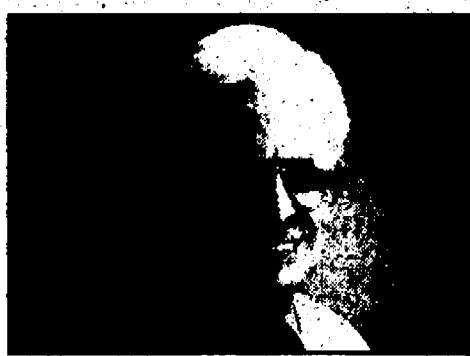
In the media aftermath of the carnage, I observed most of the blame being assigned to a lot of groups and institutions.

Among the targets are:
■ The National Rifle Association for promoting firearms ownership whose members primarily use guns for sport and hunting.

■ Parents of teenagers for having lives of their own and not serving as prison guards.

■ School jocks and honor roll students who didn't befriend every classmate who was not an athlete.

■ School administrators for not



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knowing every single misfit in their building and doing something about it (By the way, what should they have done? Take the teen to lunch to boost his self-esteem - or just expel him?)

■ The police department for failing to follow up on every phone call about a teen spending too much time on the Internet.

■ The Internet which provides untold positive benefits for students and adults seeking educational and other valuable information.

■ TV producers for trying to make a profit in a capitalistic economy. (Didn't anyone hear of a remote control to change channels or merely turn off the set?)

■ Gun manufacturers for turning out the weapons that teens used to kill. (If the state officials suing the

gunmakers have their logic translated into laws, banks could then sue Ford Motor Co. when a bank robber uses a souped-up Taurus to flee a bank heist.)

■ Creators of video games that stress violence without the blood as well as providing educational software.

■ Social workers who didn't succeed in having teens accept responsibility for their own behavior instead of assigning blame to everyone else.

Why isn't the focus on blaming the shooters instead of all the varied elements of the teens' actions during their lifetimes?

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Environmental ties bind one and all of us together for keeps

Cleaning out 32 years of files upon retiring from this newspaper company, I came across a 1970 column that gives me the right to claim the title of prophet.

I predicted the environmental movement would survive and flourish.

It wouldn't fade as did spats, bobby sox, the Princeton haircut, hula hoops, Nehru jackets, CB radio, "Poco-hontas" garb and "The Lion King."

The underlying idea of environmentalism is that everything is connected to everything else. You can't just fill in a swamp and think it won't affect bugs, crawfish, minnows, pan-fish, sport fish, herons and eagles. In fact, you don't even call it a swamp or a fen or a bog or a wasteland any more. It's a fragile wetland.

Nor can you pave over farmland without affecting traffic, air pollution, rural drainage, urban drainage, Great Lakes water quality, and the supply of fresh fruits and vegetables. It's strange but true that the new megamall means you will find yourself eat-

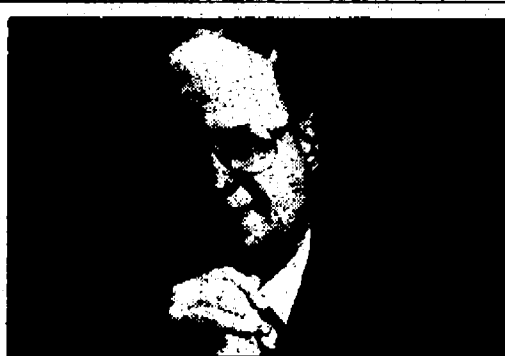
ing more canned peaches and fewer fresh ones; more processed meat with bacteria and less locally-produced stuff.

The environmental movement has come indoors, too. I give Gov. John Engler and company chairman Phil Power great credit for banning smoking in state buildings and our newspaper offices, respectively. We get so wrapped up in our work that we sometimes don't notice the safety features, first-aid instruction and general improvements to make the work environment more pleasant.

So successful has the environmental movement been that there is a counter-movement. It takes various forms.

One form is to challenge any governmental regulation of land and water use as a "taking" of private property. The notion is that somehow government is robbing you when it says you can't fill in a wetland or dam a flowing stream.

Another challenge is the "good cor-



TIM RICHARD

■ Well, maybe some corporate citizens are good, and maybe some aren't. But we have had fewer mine cave-ins, fewer forest fires, fewer Great Lakes shipwrecks, fewer railroad accidents, fewer tank car spills and fewer bridge collapses when we have bureaucrats inspecting things.

porate citizen" tactic. You stop state inspections of factories and have faith the good corporate citizen will report any environmental problems and correct them.

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In the 1970 column, I had a reason for predicting the extended life of the environmental movement. It was a major advance in thinking, like Copernicus' opining that the sun is the center of our solar system, not the earth; like Dalton's atomic theory of chemistry, debunking the old thinking about earth, air, fire and water as the four elements; like Freud's teachings about the subconscious mind.

It's popular to beat up on the state Department of Environmental Quality, but I give Russ Harding's troops

credit for publishing regularly a list of public hearings, deadlines for comment on permit applications and other information the public needs. There are lots of permits affecting Wayne, northern Oakland, Livingston, Eaton and other counties. DEQ's Internet access site is www.deq.state.mi.us

I see that my own new burg in Manistee County is generating many requests for renewable operating permits for natural gas by Shell Western E&P Co. There's a lot of controversy about companies' drilling slantwise under Lake Michigan for gas.

Manistee is on the Lake Michigan shoreline, but it has the same underlying layers of rocks as Wayne-Oakland and Alpena counties. Do you see? Everybody is downstream or upstream, downwind or upwind, from everybody else.

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State Dems seek old glory days

Remember the famous exchange between Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson, when Holmes asked Watson about the dog barking at night? "But there was no dog barking at night," objected Watson. "Precisely the point," responded Holmes.

Sounds a lot like the current state of play of the long overdue and much-needed effort to reform the Michigan Democratic Party.

After their party got whopped again last November, lots of Dems started calling for a less top-down, less labor-dominated, more attractive, more inclusive party. After all, they pointed out, party membership had plummeted from 25,000 in Soapy Williams' days to 6,500. A business and professional section, thriving while Neil Staebler was chairman in the '50s and '60s, had entirely disappeared. Excepting Wayne County Chief Executive Ed McNamara, moderates had been largely squeezed out of party leadership positions.

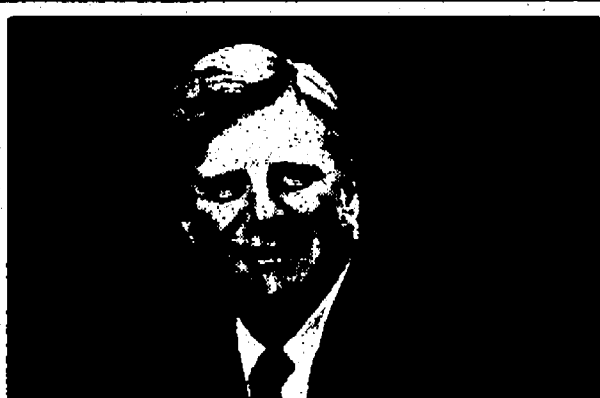
The results were predictable. In 1994, Big Labor picked the candidate for governor - Howard Wolpe - who lost in a landslide. Last year, Big Labor tried to ram Larry Owen down Democratic throats. Owen was defeated in the primary by Geoffrey Fieger, who promptly experienced his own landslide loss while ridiculing the institutional Democratic Party as nonexistent.

Shortly after the election, top Democrats held a few semi-secret meetings featuring party chairman, Macomb County labor lawyer Mark Brewer, members of Congress, county executives, labor leaders and other activists. No barking dogs emerged, at least not for public hearing.

About the same time, an outfit called Democratic Process for the Millennium started showing up at party gatherings, calling for root and branch reforms. DPM has been holding hearings around the state, calling for a rebirth of the party's vision, talking about new issues, recruiting "little-d democrats" for a volunteer-based organization and arguing for less top-down decision-making.

They've managed to develop some real momentum, especially in Genesee and Oakland counties. If they don't get any response from the Democratic hierarchy, DPM intends to ask for a full-blown special convention to discuss reform.

DPM is led by an unlikely pair of reformers. John J. "Joe" Collins was party chair during the days of "Boy Governor" John Swainson. Collins went on to a career in insurance before emerging in the Fieger campaign as one of the few people around with any practical political experience. Raymond F. Clevenger, now an Ann Arbor attorney, served a term in Congress in



PHILIP POWER

the mid-'60s, representing northern Michigan and the UP.

Collins says his reform efforts are entirely aimed at reviving the Democratic Party. "This is not an attempt to create a third party or to take over the party," he says.

Things are hardly lovey-dovey between Collins and party chair Brewer. Collins claims he's been trying for three months to meet with Brewer to discuss common goals, to no avail. Brewer says, "I'm ready to meet with him. I have no idea what his agenda is. If he wants to work within the party, that's great. If he wants to start a third party, I'm opposed." Collins says, "Any attempt to portray what we're doing as creating a third party is just paranoia." Woof, woof.


Brewer has responded to DPM pressure by launching his own series of regional forums designed to listen to party activists, talk about issues, see how the party can work better and so forth. The claim that organized labor controls the party is over-played, says Brewer. He cites as evidence Debbie Stabenow (opposed by organized labor in the gubernatorial primary in 1994 and now the odds-on favorite to run against Sen. Spencer Abraham), Geoffrey Fieger (cordially detested by labor topsiders) and Jennifer Granholm (the Ed McNamara-backed successful candidate for attorney general).

All the same, nobody seriously disagrees with the idea that there is something very wrong with the Michigan Democratic Party.

The old coalition of organized labor and urban minorities plus assorted liberals and trial lawyers doesn't make up a compelling base for a modern political party in an economy increasingly driven by suburbanites, knowledge workers and entrepreneurs. I, for one, would love to hear more dogs barking in the night.

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Ceremony highlights Schoolcraft's public safety grads



Former television reporter Vince Wade was the featured speaker last week at the Schoolcraft College public safety graduation.

Friday's ceremonies marked the first time that graduation for students in the Police Academy, Police Reserve Officer Training, the Fire

Academy and the Fire Fighter II programs are combined. Approximately 120 graduates received certificates and associate's degrees at the event.

"We have a full-service department that takes into account all aspects of public safety," said Robert Pearce, associate dean of college centers.



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Focus on public safety: Former television reporter Vince Wade is seen on two television monitors as he addresses the graduating classes of the Public Safety Programs at Schoolcraft College Friday. (At right) Garden City Police In-Service graduate Kirk Oswald receives his diploma from Schoolcraft College President Richard W. McDowell. Looking on is Robert Pearce, associate dean of college centers.

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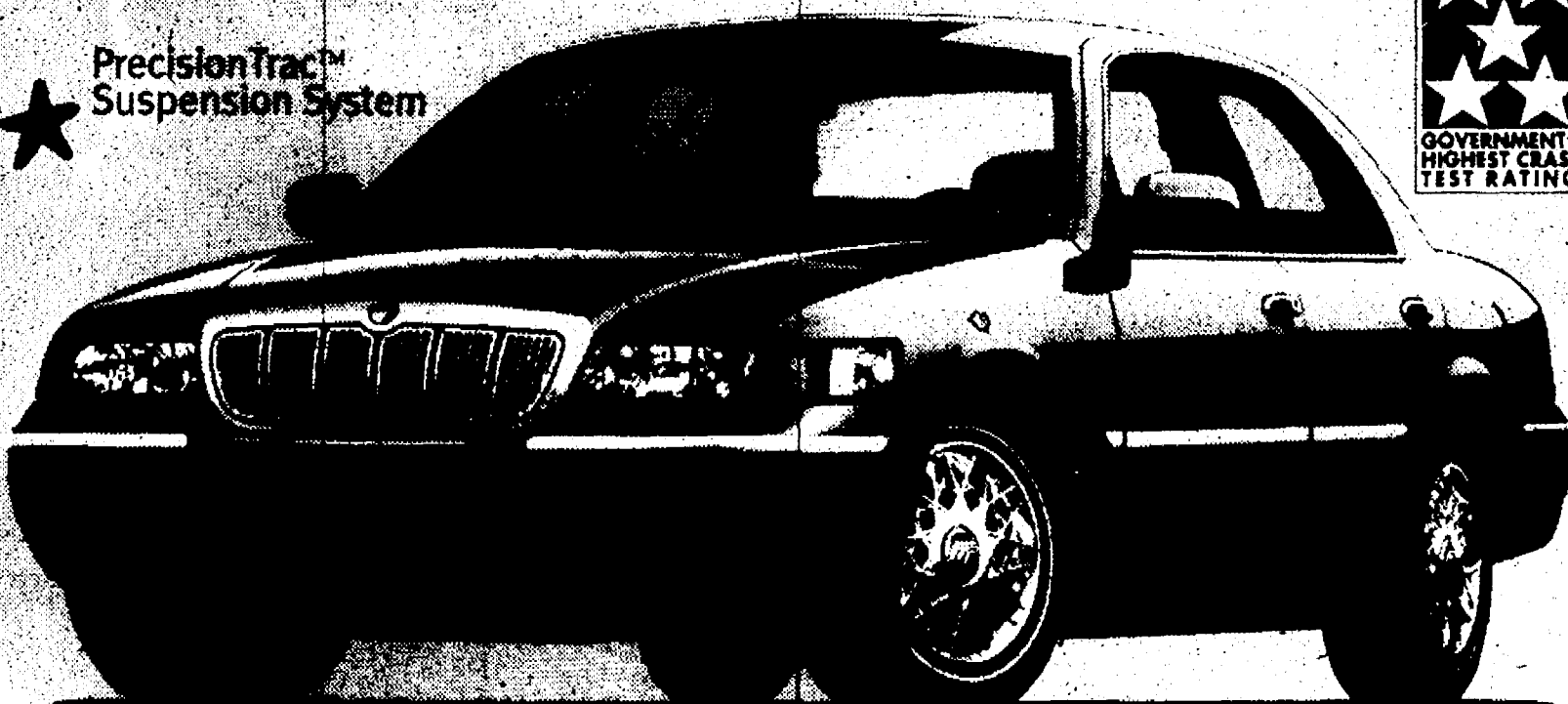
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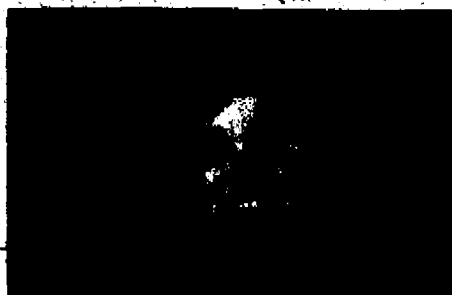
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HOOKED ON HISTORY



VIRGINIA BAILEY PARKER

Family move followed trail of pioneers

Year's Eve in 1960 that we moved from Chicago to Dearborn Heights. My parents sat with a birdcage propped in the middle of our station wagon's front seat. A second, taller birdcage occupied the floor between my mother's feet. My sisters and I sat in the back seat with our two Boston terriers. The cargo area was filled with plants.

As luck would have it, a terrible snowstorm hit, so the drive took our cramped, less-than-cheerful family 12 hours! As we limped along Michigan Avenue, the historic road that connects Detroit and Chicago, we followed in the footsteps of countless earlier travelers — both the two- and four-legged kind.

Back in 1825, when the Erie Canal opened, pioneers flocked to land for sale in territorial Michigan. They often took canal boats to Detroit and then headed farther west on the Old Sauk Trail — one of Michigan Avenue's many names over time.

It was a road only in the loosest sense. Major and Mrs. Abraham Edwards traveled it in 1828 with 10 children, three wagons and their teamsters in tow. They stayed in taverns where available. Most of the time, they slept in a canvas tent and cooked over campfires.

"We traveled on what was then called the Chicago trail (Indian path) after we left Ypsilanti," he later wrote. It was, "a tedious journey over an almost trackless wilderness." That's no surprise; the Native American trail they followed was originally an ancient animal path.

'Oh! how charming.'

Edwards was no different than parents today who enjoy opening their children's eyes to the wonders of the world around them. He wrote, "The next morning (after staying in an abandoned cabin) a wagon was got up to ride out and show the children the prairie. It was then one vast flower garden, and the astonished children were constantly exclaiming as we passed along, 'Oh! how charming, what beautiful flowers!'"

Tiny settlements dotted the rustic path as it wound its way across southern Michigan. He described them as nothing more than "a few scattered squatters on public lands and Indian trading establishments few and far between."

One tavern (yesteryear's parlance for an inn) he mentioned stopping at was Sheldon's, on their second night out from Detroit. Legend has it that three years earlier, upon awaking from a night's rest on their own westward trek, Timothy and Rachel Sheldon took a liking to the place where they'd camped and decided to stay.

They built the inn, one of eight eventual stagecoach stops between Detroit and Chicago. The crossroads village of Sheldon Corners developed around them.

Sheldon Corners was small, but it played a significant role along Michigan Avenue. With the tavern, a one-room school, two churches, two general stores, post office, blacksmith's shop, cobbler's shop, creamery and grange hall, the hamlet became a gathering place for 19th Century farm families. In the early 20th century when Michigan Avenue was still a dirt road, the junction became a good place for the interurban to stop.

Fast route to Detroit

The rails, running alongside Michigan Avenue, gave farmers a fast route to Detroit's two, outdoor, produce markets. Bob Simmons remembers that, as a boy, he went with his mother on the interurban to Western Market. She sold chickens, homemade butter, eggs, and in the summertime, flowers and lima beans.

"We'd catch the interurban at 4 o'clock in the morning. If it was foggy, we lit a piece of newspaper and threw it on the tracks, so the motorman

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Digging in: Turning over the first shovelfuls of dirt on May 6 for the first of three Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County homes were Naomi James (from left) of the Inkster City Council, Ike-elia O'Neal, 13, her mother, Angeline, and siblings, Alexis, 2, and Tevin, 4, and Park Jarrett III and Jeff Long of Aid Association for Lutherans.

Habitat digs in to build 3 homes

BY SUE MASON
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Shovels in hand, 2-year-old Alexis O'Neal and her 4-year-old brother, Tevin, keep scooping dirt out of two holes in the ground of a vacant lot at Glenwood and Division streets in Inkster.

"At that rate, they'll have the foundation dug soon," someone commented to their mother, Angeline.

She nodded in agreement. Each shovel of dirt removed from the site brings her one step closer to fulfilling her dream of raising her five children in a house.

"It feels so good, I can't believe it," said O'Neal, who will receive the first of three homes Habitat for Humanity — Western Wayne County will build this year. "I dreamed and prayed for this. My kids have never lived in a house. They don't know the feeling of having a basement."

If all goes according to plans, Habitat volunteers will begin raising the walls

of the four-bedroom home on June 12 with its completion scheduled for August.

O'Neal's investment is her own labor, sweat equity. She will spend up 250 hours working on the home and at the site. She can have friends and relatives help, with their labor accounting for 20 percent of the required sweat equity hours.

This is the fifth year Habitat volunteers have built houses in the western Wayne area. O'Neal's home will be the fifth and first of three houses the group plans to construct this year.

Through volunteer labor and tax-deductible donations of money and materials, Habitat for Humanity has built more than 70,000 houses, providing some 300,000 people in 2,000 communities with safe, affordable shelter since its founding by Millard and Linda Fuller in 1976.

"I want to do some of everything," O'Neal said, pointing proudly to a table she helped build during the cleanup of the lot. "If they show me, I can do it. I

love to beat nails into wood, and I'd like to learn so I don't have to call repairmen."

Not an easy process

O'Neal was among 100 applicants for this year's homes. She was selected because of the family's living conditions — unsafe housing and crowded conditions — said Mary Reeber, chairwoman of the family selection committee.

"Her living situation was the primary reason," said Reeber, a Livonia resident. "The selection is not an easy process, but the criteria was there for her to get one of the three houses."

"She got this lot because we're building a four-bedroom home here and she needs four bedrooms."

O'Neal heard about the Habitat homes from a friend and applied last year, but ended up on a waiting list because only one home was built. She reapplied this year.

"It's a once in a lifetime chance, I had to try," she said. "When Mary called and said I got it, I didn't know what to

say. "I feel like Cinderella just knowing that they're going to build this house for me."

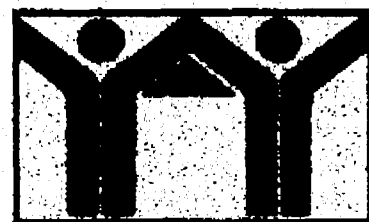
O'Neal's oldest daughter, Ikeliia, 13, was also at the groundbreaking. Like her mother, she is happy at the prospect of living in a house and having her own bedroom.

"I think I'd like to have it painted blue," said the teenager, who will watch siblings Alexis, Tevin, Iree, 12, and Franklin, 10, while her mother works at the home site.

"The application process is very thorough," said Reeber. "We just don't give them the house, it's a partnership. We don't want the house back. We want them to succeed, so we work with them continuously."

Surprised that the home could be finished by August, O'Neal had an even bigger one at the groundbreaking. Park

Please see HABITAT, B5



Volunteers fuel Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit ecumenical Christian housing ministry. With the help of volunteers and donations, it builds and rehabilitates simple, "decent" homes with the help of homeowner (partner) families.

Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne is one of more than 1,500 active affiliates in the United States. Established in 1995, the affiliate has built four homes to date.

According to the affiliate director, Ray Mueller, the expansion requires the group become more professional and business like in the way it is organized.

"We are a multifaceted organiza-

tion and our volunteers must perform all the functions that for-profit companies perform to remain successful," he said in a message posted on the affiliate's Web site.

Volunteers also are needed, especially those with building skills, including foundation work or plumbing or retired contractors. People interested in volunteering can call (734) 432-7700 or visit the Habitat Web site at www.oeonline.com/habitat.

The Western Wayne affiliate is holding two volunteer orientations — at 7 p.m. today (May 13) at St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township, and 10 a.m. Sat-

urday, May 15, at Inkster Towers, 2000 Inkster Road, Inkster.

The meetings are for anyone interested in helping with construction this year. Dates and times, locations and the activities planned to support homes will be discussed.

There also will be a Volunteer Committee meeting for people interested in helping with developing the volunteer data base, scheduling people or helping with the phone line or newsletter, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, at St. Kenneth Church.

People also can help with financial donations. The Builders Club is a group of Habitat partners who have committed to send \$35 per

house completed. Organizers are hoping for a 1,000-member roster, so donations would cover the approximate cost of a new home.

Supporters can also honor people with an Extraordinary Gift, a donation made in their names for a birthday, retirement, graduation, wedding, anniversary or birth of a baby.

The gift can buy such things as a floor joist (\$10), 50-pound box of nails (\$20), roof truss (\$25), five gallons of paint (\$40), interior door (\$50), three boxes of flooring materials (\$100) or 50 bundles of shingles (\$250).

Suns' concert to benefit Kosovar refugees

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Djeto Juncaj has fond memories of living in Montenegro as a child. Residing with his family on a self-sustaining farm, Juncaj remembers vast gardens among the arid and rocky terrain.

"We had lots of gardens. We were not a community farm. We were more growing food for our own sustenance. We had a lot of different kinds of animals. My mother used to milk the cow, and we used to boil the milk and drink it right from the cow," he said with a chuckle.

"From there we should make cheese. We definitely lived off the land. It's a whole different world. Coming here was like traveling. It wasn't just traveling in distance, it was like traveling in time. There was no plumbing and no electricity at the time I lived there. They have it now."

Now Juncaj, a former Livonia resident, sees the country as one that is rocked by the Kosovo conflict.

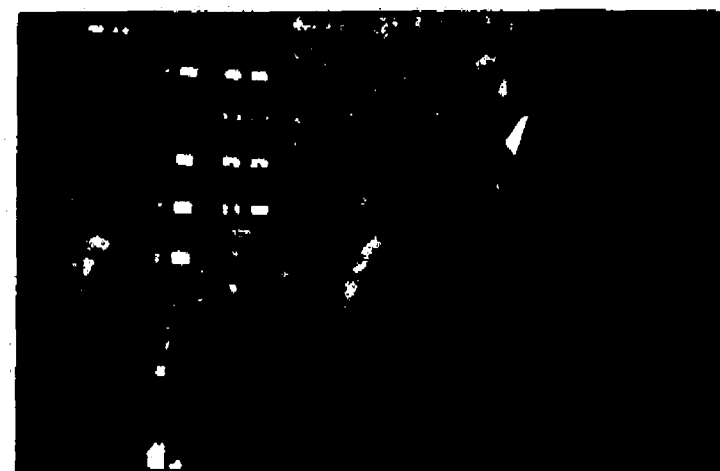
"I don't have relatives in Kosovo but I have rela-

tives in Montenegro and Albania," he said. "I have cousins who are of draftable age by the Serbian Army which is affecting us a lot right now. They could potentially be inducted into the Serbian Army to fight NATO or the KLA (Kosovo Liberation Army)."

"It's a bit strange. That's one of the problems of living in someone else's country. Who then do you fight if those two countries go to war? There are Albanians in Montenegro who are technically obligated to fight for Serbia for Yugoslavia but potentially they could be drafted into the army to kill other Albanians. That becomes a moral dilemma. Besides, there's a point where you don't have a choice because you're sworn to uphold that citizenship. Your choice would be to flee."

To help the Kosovar refugees, Juncaj and his Eastern-European influenced band, the Immigrant Suns, are holding a "Kosovo Relief Benefit" at 9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit.

The cover charge is \$7 for the benefit, which also



Offering aid: The Eastern European-influenced band Immigrant Suns is holding a benefit for Kosovar refugees on Saturday at Alvin's in Detroit. Djeto Juncaj (far right) moved to Livonia from Montenegro two days before his 10th birthday.

Please see BENEFIT, B5

St. Michael's cheerleaders win CYO championship



We're No. 1: Showing off their CYO championship trophy are St. Michael varsity cheerleaders Kristen Besco (front row, from left), Jennifer Grima, Heather O'Malley, Katie Wilmering, cheerleading moderator Heather Chittaro (back row, from left), Keely O'Grady, Erin Bartos, Ellen Potts, Meagan Dettore, Kristen Kwiatkowski, Jamie Chittaro, Shannon Bowerson, Stephanie Elliott, Lindsey Koesterling and coach Jenny Mies.

The St. Michael School varsity cheerleaders are the Catholic Youth Organization champion for a third consecutive season, while the junior varsity cheerleaders are champions of the West side Division.

St. Michael School is located in Livonia.

To win the varsity CYO championship, the girls had to compete on two consecutive Saturdays. The preliminary event involved separate competitions from the West side and East side divisions. The top 10 teams from each division went on to compete for the championship the next weekend.

The 20 teams performed both a cheer and a dance. St. Michael came in first, followed by Dearborn Divine Child and St. Lawrence of Utica.

Members of the championship team include Erin Bartos, Kristen Besco, Shannon Bowerson, Jamie Chittaro, Megan Dettore, Stephanie Elliott, Jennifer Grima, Lindsey Koesterling, Kristen Kwiatkowski, Keely O'Grady, Heather O'Malley, Ellen Potts and Katie Wilmering.

The junior varsity teams competed with their own divisions during the spring competition. St. Michael's team competed against 11 other westside schools, also doing a cheer and a dance.

Members of the first-place team were Elyse Bartos, Leanne Lasecki, Molly McCrohan, Bridget McGrail, Shannon McGrail, Lauren Mies, Mary Miller, Lauren Mills, Danielle Neighbauer, Amy Nixon and Katie Tate.

The varsity coach is Jenny Mies, with Paige Chittaro and Stephanie Grima coaching the junior varsity team. All three coaches were St. Michael cheerleaders and currently are cheerleaders at Divine Child High School in Dearborn.

This is the last year Heather Chittaro will be the cheerleading moderator at St. Michael. During her six-year tenure, the varsity team has earned three CYO championships and placed first in the West side Division four times. The JV team earned two CYO championships and placed first in the West side Division three times.

Center hosts breakfast

The Family Resource Center will host a Teddy Bear Breakfast 8:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 15, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland.

A fund-raiser for the Empty Bowls Food Bank, the breakfast costs \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Advance tickets can be purchased at the recreation center.

Youngsters are encouraged to bring their favorite stuffed animal and meet Mr. Teddy Bear. A family photo with "teddy" costs \$2.

For more information, call the resource-center at (734) 595-2279.

Tips help parents teach their kids about credit cards

It's the American consumer's battle cry: "Charge it!"

Credit cards are a great modern-day invention — quick, convenient and helpful in a wide variety of circumstances. But they need to be used with caution, and teenagers especially are vulnerable to credit difficulties.

Today, many financial institutions are targeting potential customers by offering gifts and other incentives to entice first-time credit card users, many of whom are still in their teens.

To untried and unsuspecting young people, a credit card may seem like a "free ride" and they

end up accumulating a large debt long before they have the earning power to pay it off.

Wise parents teach teenage children about the abuse of credit while they are still in high school. The Ensign, a magazine published by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

Saints, has a list of seven points parents may want to cover in educating the children about credit cards:

- Help older teens set up a budget, open a checking account and decide if or how credit cards will be used during their young adult years.

- Consider various credit companies before acquiring a card. Read the contract carefully and talk with your teenagers about the terms and conditions found in the small print.

- Show teens what happens to a balance if only the minimum amount is paid each month. Help them figure out how long it will take to repay the loan and what the actual cost of the item will be after all the credit charges have

been paid.

- Discuss what happens if the monthly minimum balance is not paid on time, including the possibility of paying late fees or dealing with collection agencies.

- Explain the term "good credit rating," including what the rating is used for and why it is important to maintain one in today's economy. Discuss the consequences of a bad credit rating.

- Talk about the temptations of "easy money" and why it is

often wiser to save for items you want and pay as you go rather than accumulating debt.

- Recommend that students who choose to use credit cards limit themselves to one card and pay off the balance in full each month.

Even adults can occasionally get themselves into credit card trouble. Inexperienced teens need good information and firm guidance if they are to avoid credit pitfalls which could ruin their financial future.

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CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar 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.

ST. DAMIAN

Crafters are needed for St. Damian Parish's fall arts and crafts show. The show will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 at the church, 30055 Joy, Westland.

For more information, call (764) 421-6130.

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE

Tables are available for St. Robert Bellarmine Church's annual Christmas bazaar, scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 23 at the church, West Chicago at Inkster roads, Redford. Table rental is \$20 before June 1 and \$25 after that date. For more information, call Joanne at (313) 937-0226 or Josie at (734) 522-2963.

Read Taste on Sunday

WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG NO 9-5/3/99

Presiding: Council President Cicirelli
Present: Anderson, Griffin, LeBlanc
100: Approved: minutes of regular mtg held 4/19/99
-Approved John Glenn Instrumental Music Booster Organization request for "Tag Day" on 5/8/99, 9 am-4 pm - P.D. Graham School area
-Approved Wayne-Ford Civic League request to conduct carnival on their property from 6/19 thru 5/23/99
-Approved request from Senior Resources Dept. to conduct 4th Annual National Senior Health & Fitness Day Walk on 5/26/99, 8:30 am-11 am, beginning at Newburgh & Marquette
-Approved request from Westland Fire Department Public Awareness Committee to conduct carnival on west side of 35000 Warren, 5/6 thru 5/18/99
-Adopted Ordinance #248-A-10 by rezoning from commercial business to vehicle service, parcel #038-99-0009-001, SW corner of Beechwood & Farmington, N of Ford
-Adopted Ordinance #083-99-0027-001, S of Annapolis, E of Irene
-Introduced Ordinance #223-A-3, an ordinance transferring control of Cable Television Franchise from Ameritech New Media Inc. to SBC Communications, subject to terms & conditions
-Approved Acceptance of Terms and Conditions to transfer between Ameritech Corp, SBC Communications Inc., Ameritech New Media Inc. and the City
-Granted request for closed study session following tonight's meeting on revisiting pending litigation, Richardson vs. City
-Granted request for closed study session following tonight's meeting on revisiting pending litigation, Sackallah vs. City
101: Approved not to extend Traffic signal 99-12
102: Granted site plan approval of proposed addition to Load & Lock Storage, 29810 Van Born, with contingencies
103: Approved request from Art Van Furniture to conduct tent sale at 8300 Wayne Road from 8/4 thru 8/18/99
104: Closed public hearing on Mayor's Proposed 1999/2000 Fiscal Year Budget
106: Approved check List \$253,526.92 and Prepaid \$1,187,421.52
Mtg. adjourned at 8:40 pm
Minutes available in City Clerk's Office
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City Clerk

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL
ZONING MAP
FROM R-3 TO O-1**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act Number 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, that a public hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Planning Commission at 7:30 p.m., May 27, 1999 at the City of Garden City City Hall, Michigan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed Amendment to the Official Zoning Map of lot 019-99-0003-001 on the Northeast corner of Cherry Hill and Henry Ruff. The area to be rezoned measures approximately 49,600 square feet. The site is proposed to be rezoned from R-3, Multiple Family Residential, to O-1, Office District.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the proposed Amendment to the Official Zoning Map application may be examined at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48136 during regular office hours until the date of the Public Hearing.

ALLYSON BETTIS, City Clerk
EDWARD KANE, Planning Commission Chairman

Published: May 13, 1999

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act Number 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, that a public hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Zoning Board of Appeals at 7:30 p.m., May 26, 1999 at the City of Garden City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed Dimensional Variance from 161.039, Fences, of the Zoning Ordinance to erect a fence that extends beyond the rear yard approximately 24 feet on the west property line and 18 feet on the east property line. Section 161.039C.(1), permits fences in the rear yard only in residential districts. This section further prohibits any fence to extend beyond the rear corners of a house. The property is located at 32343 Brown Road.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the variance application may be examined at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48136 during regular office hours until the date of the Public Hearing. Written comments may be sent to the above address.

ALLISON M. BETTIS, City clerk
EDWARD KANE,
Planning Commission Chairman

Published: May 13, 1999

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
USE VARIANCE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act Number 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, that a public hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Zoning Board of Appeals at 7:30 p.m., May 26, 1999 at the City of Garden City City Hall, Michigan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed Use Variance from Section 161.193 B. of the Zoning Ordinance to permit a retail/drug store to have a low intensity drive-through in the CBD, Central Business District. The property is located at 29749 Ford Road.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the proposed use variance may be examined at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48136 during regular office hours until the date of the Public Hearing. Written comments may be sent to the above address.

ALLISON M. BETTIS, City Clerk
RANDY TEMPLETON,
Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman

Published: May 13, 1999

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Fisher-Bullock

Dick and Leah Fisher of West Bloomfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Christopher Bullock, the son of Dennis and Jerilyn Bullock of Scottsdale, Ariz., formerly of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of West Bloomfield High School and Arizona State University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and Michigan State University.

A May wedding is planned.



Kittleson-Tousain

Bryan Russel Kittleson and Kari Lynn Tousain were married Oct. 3 at First Congregational Church in Traverse City by Dr. Gary Hogue.

The bride is the daughter of Ron and Liz Tousain of Traverse City. The groom is the son of Russel and Kathy Kittleson of Plymouth.

The bride is graduate of Alma College. She is working on a master's degree at Madonna and Marygrove universities. She is a fifth-grade teacher for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

The groom is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and Alma College. He works in management for the Kroger Co.

The bride asked Kori Crandall to be her maid of honor with Donyel Renaud, Jen Fosmore, Kerri Kraft and Kristi Stewart as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Jeff Nafe to be his best man with Kyle Tou-



sain, Tony Benjamin, Mike Winiger and Jack DeGroot as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at The Waterfront Inn in Traverse City. They are making their home in Canton and are planning a spring honeymoon to Siesta Key, Fla.

Hennells-Scheuher

Rari and Judy Hennells of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Elaine, to Joel Mathieu Scheuher, the son of Paul and Joan Scheuher of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Purdue University with a bachelor of arts degree. She is employed as general manager of accounting at Jac Products Inc.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of business administration degree and a 1997 UM graduate with a master's degree in information and library studies. He is employed as an information specialist at the General Motors International Product Center Library.



A June wedding is planned at the Shrine of the Little Flower.

Agius-Dailide

Dennis and Fran Agius of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Rosemary, to Adam Adolfo Dailide, the son of Vyto and Nancy Dailide of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Thurston High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed as an information specialist by Ford Media in Dearborn.

Her fiancé is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is student at the University of Michigan, where he is majoring in architecture. He is employed by Jakabson and Associates Land Surveyors in Plymouth.

A February wedding is



planned at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

Kozlo-Kugelman

Conrad and Delphine Kozlo of Allen Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra A., to Jeffrey M. Kugelman of Plymouth, the son of Richard and Fern Kugelman of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cabrini High School in Allen Park and holds a nursing degree from Madonna University. She works as a clinician in the Stereotactic Neurosurgery Department at Harper Hospital in Detroit.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from Madonna University. He works as a district sales manager for Coca-Cola Enterprises.

A June wedding is planned at



St. Frances Cabrini Church.

Zakrajsek-Patterson

Peteř and Christine Zakrajsek of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Greg Patterson, the son of Rodger and Vi Patterson of Kalkaska, formerly of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She has a bachelor's degree in education from Madonna University and is working on a master's degree in education at Marygrove College. She is a fifth-grade teacher at Botsford Elementary School in the Clarenceville School District.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Edsel Ford High School. He has a criminal science degree from Henry Ford College. He is employed as a sales representative for Caster Connection Inc., based in Chardon, Ohio.



A fall wedding is planned at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Dearborn.

Zabawa-Holliday

Paul and Margaret Zabawa Sr. of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally Ann, to John Holliday of

Dearborn Heights, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Victor Holliday.

An August wedding is planned.

Feldman-Small

David Feldman, formerly of Westland, and Sarepta Small of Houghton Lake were married April 16 at the Roscommon County Courthouse by Magistrate Dawn Murphy.

The bride is the daughter of John T. Small of Curran and the late Beverly Dick. The groom is the son of Judy and Alex Nagy and Keith Feldman, all of Westland.

The bride is a graduate of Macon Technological College in Macon, Ga., with a micro-computer specialist degree. She is pursuing a degree in medical transcription at Kirkland Community College in St. Helen. She is employed as a medical transcriptionist at Northern Michigan Health Services in Houghton Lake.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He also attended Schoolcraft College. The groom is employed by the Wilson Group in Farmington Hills as a field engineer in northern Michigan.

Serving as attendants were John T. Small and Debra Podjaske. The newlyweds are making their home in Houghton Lake.



A July wedding is planned at Calvary Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tenn.

Hughes-Cruse

Sherry Chambers and Ron Hughes of Knoxville, Tenn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Diane, to Jeffrey Michael Cruse, the son of Larry and Jackie Cruse of Redford.

The bride-to-be is graduate of Carson Newman College. She is currently employed by the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and is serving in Manila, the Philippines, as a International Service Corps missionary.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Thurston High School and the Florida Institute of Technology with a degree in civil engineering. He is employed by the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and is serving in Manila, the Philippines, as a journeyman missionary.

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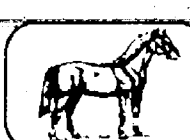
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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

UPCOMING EVENTS

TOWN HALL

The next city of Westland town hall meeting is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at Holliday 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.

POND TALK

A free pond seminar will be presented 7 p.m. Thursday, May 13, by Ecological Laboratories at Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 N. Merriman, Westland. For more information, call (734) 421-5959.

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 (810) 247-7891 for more information.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A pancake breakfast sponsored by the Family Resource Center will be 8:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 15, at the Bailey Center, 36651 Ford in Westland. Kids can bring stuffed animals and meet "Mr. Teddy." Price is \$4 for adults, \$2.50 for children. Proceeds go to Empty Bowls Food Bank. For more information, call (734) 595-2279.

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 Casaz, who was killed by a drunken driver while running in the park. For information, call MADD at (734) 721-8181.

HEALTH FAIR

A health fair will be presented by American House and Heartland Hospice 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at American House-Westland I, 1660 Venoy, Westland. There will be gifts and refreshments, along with information on health topics. For information, call (734) 326-7777.

DOGS

A fund-raiser for the Showmen's Dog Training Organization will be Sunday, May 16, at Central City Park, Westland. Judging will start 10:30 a.m. All breeds will be featured.

SPEAKER IN TOWN

Weight Watchers CEO and President Florine Mark will speak at a luncheon noon Tuesday, June 1, at Amantea's Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road in Westland. The meeting is hosted jointly by the Westland and Garden City Chambers of Commerce. Tickets are available by calling (734) 326-7222 or (734) 422-4448.

FUN RUN/WALK

The North Brothers Ford and the city of Westland 5K Fun Run/Walk is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, June 12. Race starts at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford. 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.

SAFETY DAY

Westland Center will present a "Safety Day" 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 16. There will be displays and activities for children and adults. Representatives of the Westland Police Department, Westland Fire Department and Detroit Police Department will attend. Demonstrations of K9 police units, Detroit Edison and The League of Michigan Bicyclists will be featured.

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 four-somes are being taken now at the chamber office, (734) 326-7222.

RECREATION

RECREATION AND FUN

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

FIGURE SKATING

The Westland Figure Skating Club 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.

BAILEY CENTER POOL

The pool at Westland's Bailey Center will open Memorial Day weekend. Hours will be noon to 3:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday through Monday, May 29-31. The center is on Ford at Carlson. Hours will be 4:30-7:30 p.m. only June 1-4. Hours will be noon to 3:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m. June 5-6 and 4:30-7:30 p.m. June 7-11. Hours will be noon to 3:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m. June 12-13, then the pool will open for the season for regular hours of noon to 3:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m. daily. The outdoor pool is heated. There is a waterslide and a baby pool for kids age 3 and younger. There are birthday packages at \$7 per person, including pizza, pop, pool admission, games, and a T-shirt for the birthday person.

What a family



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Talent: A murder mystery at the Westland Chamber of Commerce awards program last week featured Denny Idrizzi and Barbara Barrel, above.

Cast of characters: Scott Lopez, who played Marco Roni, talks to Mary Denning. Idrizzi played Rocco Scarfazzi and Barrel Mama Rosa in the "Pasta, Passion & Pistols" event.

Teen/Middle School Night is 8-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, with a disc jockey, pizza and pop. Admission is \$1. Swim lessons will start the week of June 21 and will be 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. These are two-week sessions; for information, call (734) 722-7620.

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

SCHOLARSHIP

The Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club is accepting applications for a Career Development Scholarship. The purpose is to recognize and support women entering or re-entering the work force. Candidates must: demonstrate financial need; live and/or work in Wayne or Westland; be accepted into a college or vocational/technical program; and have a minimum 2.8 grade point, if already enrolled. Those interested should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club, Career Development Scholarship Committee, 3088 Riverside Drive North, Wayne 48184. Postmark deadline for completed applications is June 15.

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 April at (734) 522-8469.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a 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) 422-0149.

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ST. MEL PRESCHOOL

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

YWCA READINESS

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

CHARTER SCHOOL

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

LITTLE PEOPLES

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

LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is accepting registration for the 1998-99 school year. Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a 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, 4:53-5:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, is for students ages 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

MOM'S MORNING OUT

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

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 Merriman 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. Saturday, May 15, will feature an English smoking demonstration (hand embroidery on pleated material) by Sherrye Bailey. 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

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.

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.

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 Mount Pleasant Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort starring Engelbert Humperdinck is planned for Thursday and Friday, June 17-18. Trip cost is \$130 with platinum tickets and \$127 with gold tickets (per person double occupancy two days and one night at the new hotels). 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.

DINNER AND SHOW

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

SENIOR CHOIR

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

EXERCISE

Musical Chairs is a new program from Jazzercise designed for exercisers older than 40. The program provides a low to moderate workout geared for the older adult. The exercise improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. 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. Call (734) 722-7632 for information or just show up. The center is at 1119 N. Newburgh.

CALENDAR FORM

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

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

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Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

ANNIVERSARIES

Wilhelmi

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilhelmi of Westland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their wedding vows at 4 p.m. May 16 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville and at a small reception in the church hall.

The Wilhelmis exchanged vows on May 14, 1949.

He retired in 1993 as the Westland planning director. She also retired in 1993 after 24 years with the City of Wayne Public Works Department.



Underwood

Carl and Camilla Underwood of Bradyville, Tenn., renewed their wedding vows Feb. 20 in a ceremony at Simmons Chapel in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Wendell Van Valin. Their original attendants, Clyde and Jean Underwood, were present.

The Underwoods exchanged vows Feb. 18, 1949 in United Brethren Church in Westland, formerly Nankin Township. She is the former Camilla Grannan.

The couple has three children - David of Coral Springs, Fla., Debra Sarno of Coldwater, and Daryl of Grand Rapids - and eight grandchildren.

Highlights of their 50 years together was presented in a



movie produced by their daughter, and the couple received guests in the church's fellowship hall.

The children gave their parents a cruise to the Bahamas as a gift and will be joining them on the trip.

Habitat *from page B1*

Jarrett III of Aid Association for Lutherans presented a check for \$20,000 to sponsor almost half the cash cost of her home, according to Rick Sheffield, president of the western Wayne affiliate.

"Anytime a group comes to us and offers a major sponsorship, we're surprised and grateful because it's money that wasn't planned for," Sheffield said. "The key is to have a base of churches, businesses and community groups that will sponsor all or part of the cost of a home."

"Our first house was half sponsored by St. Edith's (Catholic Church). They also provided the volunteers to start the project. And many others have sponsored our houses at \$2-3,000 at a time."

Offering assistance to build the three Habitat homes this summer are the Ford Motor Company, The Home Depot, Oakland University, Plymouth

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Rick Sheffield
Habitat for Humanity

Kiwanis Club, Ghafari and Associates and Lutheran High School-Westland.

Six churches - Good Hope Lutheran in Garden City, Our Lady of Good Counsel and St. Kenneth in Plymouth, Prince of Peace Lutheran in Westland, St. John Neumann in Canton and St. Edith in Livonia - will provide meals for the volunteers during weekend build sessions.

A Habitat for Humanity volunteer while living in Charlotte, N.C., in the early 1990s,

Sheffield decided to start an affiliate in western Wayne County, where he had grown up, when he returned to the area in 1992.

The affiliate has 1,500 volunteers and is shooting for 3,000 - "enough to build the homes we want." Never at a loss for construction volunteers, the affiliate's real need is volunteers to serve on its various boards and committees and to volunteer to provide sponsorships.

The group is looking for volun-

teers to answer or make telephone calls and help set up essential committees, such as public relations and corporate fund-raising.

"We have the workers and we have the land," said Sheffield. "We'd have more work to do, if we had the money and the internal structure. We're in the middle of rapid expansion that allows us to build 5 to 10 to 20 homes a year. All we lack is the internal volunteers and financial support for the homes."

Standing in front of the table she helped build, O'Neal is glad there will be volunteers and money to build her home. After waiting for about a year to be selected, she is ready, willing and able to start building her dream house.

"It's amazing, it's truly a blessing," she said. "This is the best personal day I've taken in my life."

Benefit *from page B1*

features performances by the jazz duo Blackman and Arnold, the Albanian rock band Albanet and the Celtic group The Lash. It is open to those ages 18 and older. For more information, call (313) 832-2355 or visit the Immigrant Suns' Web page at <http://www.goodfelloweb.com/immigrantsuns>.

The Immigrant Suns are hoping to bring in at least 200 people. All of the money will go to the Albanian Relief Fund, established by a group called International Aid, a relief agency working through St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Warren.

"It's an Albanian warren in the church and the father there is actually over in Kosovo and the neighboring countries right now doing relief work," said Joel Peterson, who plays double bass and clarinet in the Immigrant Suns.

Peterson said the Detroit-based band has made it a point to stay apolitical and doesn't consider the benefit a political statement.

"The refugee situation is almost apolitical," he said. "You don't have to have a particular stance on the bombing to realize there's a lot of people who need aid because of it. Because we play so much music that comes from nations that don't necessarily get along together, we've always tried to be apolitical. To us, doing something that's activist in an apolitical way is the appeal."

Juncaj and his family moved from Montenegro to Livonia two days before his 10th birthday. During their journey, they stopped in Italy, the site of an immigration screening station.

"We lived there for about seven or eight months before we were approved. They do a complete psychological, physical and mental health scan of you before you're shipped out," said Juncaj, who now lives in Detroit.

The Juncaj family chose Livonia because relatives lived there. Juncaj attended Clarenceville High School for two years before graduating from Stevenson High

School in 1981.

Juncaj and Peterson formed the band along with percussionist Mark Sawasky, violinist/accordionist Ben Temkow and Doug Shimmin, former vocalist who also played accordion and mandolin, in the early 1990s.

The band has released three albums - "Montenegro," "Back from Durbecca" and "More Than

Food" - and won several Detroit Music Awards. Shimmin left in January, the same time he suggested the idea for the benefit.

"He kind of thought Immigrant Suns would be a good vehicle for drawing some attention to the refugee situation because Djeto's kind of a figurehead Albanian for many Detroiters," Peterson said.

Families needed to host foreign exchange students

ASSE International, a non-profit cultural exchange program, is looking for families in western Wayne County to host high school students from Japan and Thailand.

The students will be here for the unique American language and culture program from late July to late August.

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bring their own spending money and will be fully insured.

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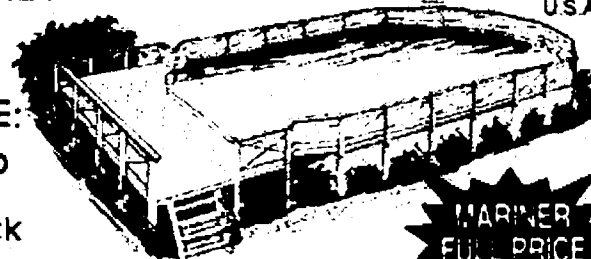
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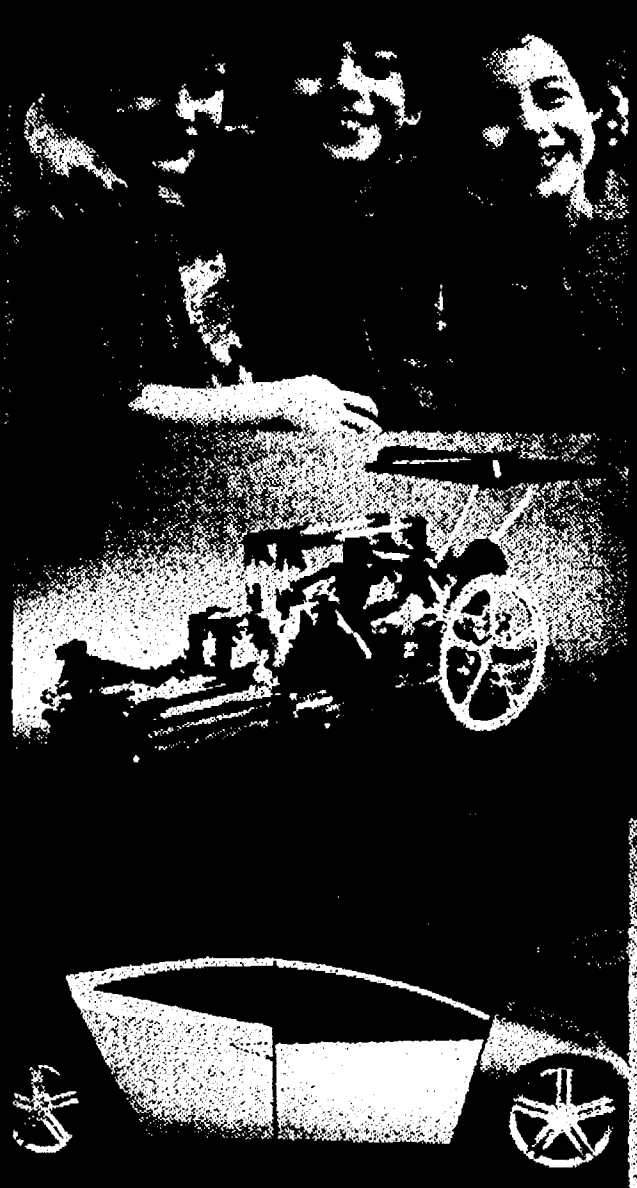
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Self-nurturing manages demands of work, family

BY BARI D. BERKOWITZ
SPECIAL WRITER

As women, we take care of other people each day. In the effort to be a good wife, mother, worker, friend or daughter, most women at some point feel overwhelmed and weary.

While we are busy nurturing everyone else, it is important to pay attention to your own needs. When is the last time you asked yourself, "What do I need to do for myself today?"

If you find yourself feeling angry, exhausted and irritable over all the expectations placed on you, then it is time to slow down, regroup and learn how to balance your life. Here's how to start:

■ **Balance basics.** Get rid of unrealistic expectations. Give up the notion of the perfect house, children, husband, body, etc. Don't buy into the supervoman role. Try to simplify your life by eliminating the unimportant.

Janet, a 39-year-old nurse from Northville with three children was doing everything, but enjoying nothing. She felt she had to be perfect at home and at work and felt like a failure when she could not manage it all.

"I felt sad, depressed and disconnected from myself. I resented the people I loved. After a particularly exhausting and stressful day, I realized that my life was out of control. I decided that the price was too high for trying to 'have it all.' Now, I evaluate what is really necessary and what is unrealistic."

■ **Take 20 minutes each day** for solitude and reflection. This time can be for meditation, visualization or to just simply sit quietly. We all have excuses and are pressed for time, but incorporate these moments just as you

would brush your teeth and take a shower every morning.

You are worthy and deserving of 20 minutes a day for yourself. During this time of solitude, ask yourself, "What can I do to create balance today?"

■ **Keep a journal.** Writing down feelings and thoughts is a wonderful way for women to get in touch with the "authentic" or true self. Begin to look inward to determine why you push yourself so hard.

After several months of journalizing, 37-year-old Judy from Canton Township felt a shift in her thinking: "Through the writing, I began to understand why I did not give to myself. I realized deep down that I did not feel worthy of taking care of myself and I always put myself at the bottom of the list. Writing down these thoughts has made me more aware and I am beginning to make changes."

■ **Learn to say "no."** Susan, a 29-year-old from Livonia was the type of woman everyone could count on. She was a stay-at-home mom, raising two small children and watched other neighborhood children for extra money. As a young girl, she was taught to be cooperative and friendly, so she was constantly agreeing to things that she had no desire or time to do.

"It was important for me to be appreciated and liked, so I would say 'yes' to everyone's request, but later regretted it. I felt responsible for everybody. After years of feeling this way and not very good about myself, I finally learned to say 'no' calmly and without apology. My life has improved tremendously."

Many women are so caught up in wanting to please others that they find themselves overwhelmed with responsibility.

Feelings, such as resentment and anger, arise when we feel we must say "yes" to every request at the expense of our own wishes. Practice saying "no" without guilt.

■ **Create personal rituals.** Put together a "comfort" list. These activities are ones that bring you joy and that you do on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. For some women, a bath in beautifully scented oil is extremely nurturing and comforting. For others, a walk in nature is calming.

Have your own ideas handy so that the next time you feel overwhelmed and out of balance you can remind yourself of rituals that will bring you happiness and inner peace.

■ **Find private space.** It can be a room, a special chair or a swing in your backyard. Create a sanctuary for yourself by creating your own area. Fill a basket with self-nurturing books, poetry, herbal teas and candles. When you find yourself feeling depleted, grab the basket and go to your private space to reflect and renew.

Women owe it to themselves to learn the importance of self-nurturing. If these concepts feel foreign to you, don't fret, you are not alone. Try to incorporate just one tool per month until you are comfortable with the idea of self-care and inner peace. Your family, work and others will thank you for it.

Bari D. Berkowitz is a wife, mother of three and a psychotherapist specializing in women's issues and adult life transitions in Livonia, Southfield and West Bloomfield. If you have comments or suggestions about creating balance, e-mail her at nbajt@aol.com.

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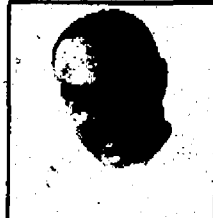
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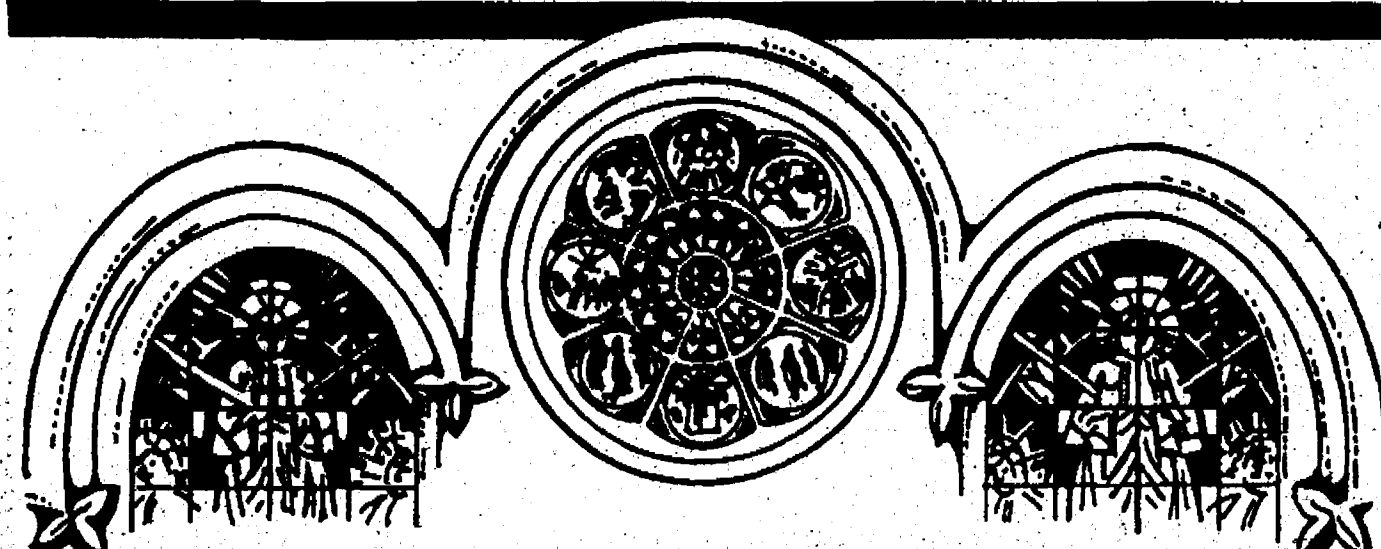
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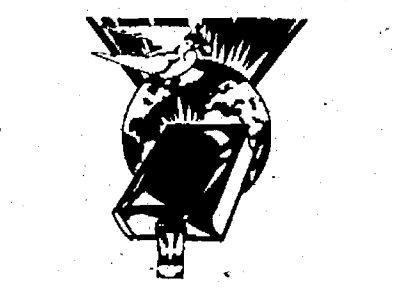
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God's assignment: rebuilding a community church

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Working as an associate pastor at a Long Island, N.Y., church, Jon Beyer was struck by a feeling in his chest. He wasn't quite sure what it meant, but he knew it was going to change his life.

"I just got this sense in my heart that something was happening; I didn't know what, I just knew there was an unsettledness inside of me," Beyer said. "I went home after a couple of really great meetings about the direction of that church, and told my wife, 'I have to get a loan.'"

"I jumped in my car at about 11 at night and I drove to the Long Island Sound and I just sat up late into the night and the next morning, and said, 'God, what's going on here.' It was there, during my time of prayer, that I laid my life before God and said, 'I'll do whatever. What are you saying?'"

Late that night his mission was clarified.

"I got a sense that God was saying, 'It's time for you to step out and to begin a new work,'" he said. "I had no idea what that

was. I just knew that that's what I needed to do. I told the church that I would be leaving. I didn't know if they were going to let me go. Things fell into place from there."

Beyer was sure about five things. He wanted to find a church that was committed to prayer, that followed "a vision that God has given us and hold ourselves to that, the church where the people would be the ministers, a church that would build itself around meaningful relationships, and a church that would truly exist for the community."

After phone and in-person interviews, Beyer was hired in the spring of 1998 as the pastor to rebuild Christ Community Church in Canton, a church that he described as "in decline."

Restarting the church

"They had to decide whether to restart it and provide some funding to give it a restart or close it down," he said. "They decided to restart it. I thought I was going to start something from scratch. When I came here, I saw a wonderful core of people including many young families."

"I saw this small church on this beautiful piece of land that could one day become a full-blown ministry center. I got really excited about what I could do here."

What he did was evolve the services from traditional to contemporary. To mark the change, he renamed the church Cross-Winds Community Church.

"They were a little more formal, traditional style of worship," he said of Christ Community Church. "I would say now we're contemporary, more relaxed. We're really focusing on relationships through small groups and just being real and having fun and celebrating."

"We focus on celebrating what God has done and who God is. We're really intent on having relevant Bible teachings. The Bible is so relevant to our lives today, yet in so many places the connection isn't made."

Services are held at 10 a.m. Sundays at the church, 45701 Ford Road, Canton. The church also provides classes for young children on Sundays.

The church is hosting its first spring cookout 1-3 p.m.

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New beginning: Jon Beyer knew God wanted him to step out and do new work when he decided to become minister at what was then Christ Community Church in Canton.

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Northville Christian Assembly will present HeartSong, a musical 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.

The group is under the direction of Bonnie Jenkins, who with her husband Doug, has been involved in music ministry in the United States and Canada, traveling to churches and appearing on Christian television. 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)

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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, an ecumenical lay apostolate committed to living and propagating the Holy Love messages, which support two commandments - love God above all else and love your neighbor as you love yourself.

Visionary Maureen Sweeney-Kyle who has received apparitions and messages from Jesus and Mary since 1985, will speak about the "Message of Holy Love."

Joey Terelya, who was tortured for 20 years in Soviet pris-

ons 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, Mediatrice 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.

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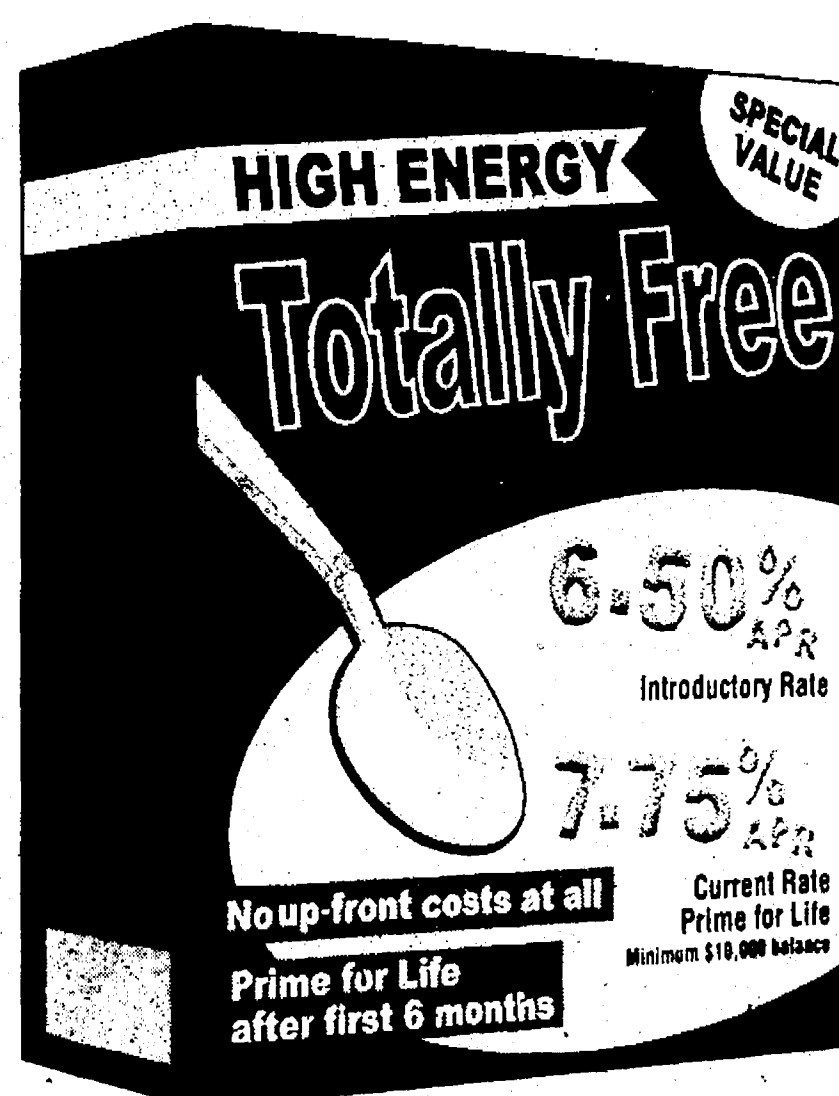
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There was once a time when the church was a much simpler thing. Early Christians were simply disciples of Jesus. Their aim - nothing more, nothing less - was to be just like Jesus so that they could continue the life-changing work He had begun. The elaborate hierarchies, complex church by-laws, formal liturgies, pomp and ceremony so characteristic of today's church didn't exist. The West Metro Church of Christ in Plymouth has put together a special "I Want to Be

Like Jesus" service for Sunday, May 16. The two-hour service will start at 10 a.m. and will feature singing, passionate prayer, two poignant testimonials from people who have recently decided to follow Jesus and a practical, encouraging lesson on "How to Be Like Jesus." A pot luck picnic will be held in Heritage Park, Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill, in Canton, immediately after the service. "It's time for 21st century

Christians to peel off the veneer of 'church' and return to the original first century product," said West Metro minister Frank Sullivan. "Following Jesus - being like him in every way - is that product. I really expect this Sunday to be a day that can help many of us get back to that." West Metro Church of Christ meets at West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. For more information, call (800) 732-9110.

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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) 676-0428.

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.

'WIND AND FIRE'

Life in the Holy Spirit Seminars will be presented at 7 p.m. Mondays through May 17, at St. Bernadine of Sienna Church, 31463 Ann Arbor Trail, West-

land. For more information, call the church at (734) 522-0138.

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.

RUMMAGE SALE

Congregation Beit Kodesh Sunday School will have a rummage sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

LET'S TALK

The Interfaith Connection will present Let's Talk, a four-part discussion series for interfaith couples, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, May 24, June 7, 21 and 28, at the Agency for Jewish Education, 21550 W. 12 Mile Road,

Southfield. The program will focus on identity, traditions, communications and holidays and families. The cost is \$5 per adult per session. For more information, call Sue Stettner at (800) 397-4876.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Women of Faith is presenting a two-day seminar "Outrageous Joy," at 7 p.m. Friday, June 11, and 9 a.m. Saturday, June 12, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Tickets are available only by calling Women of Faith at (888) 493-2484.

MUSICAL CELEBRATION

The Men's Chorus from throughout the area will present a musical celebration at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 1961 E. Lafayette, Detroit. For more information, call the church at (313) 567-0213.

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Sunday, May 23. A special guest will demonstrate karate for kids and cardio kickboxing for adults. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Those who attend are asked to bring a dish to pass. For information, call (734) 981-0499.

Improving appearances

Besides philosophical changes, Beyer improved the church aesthetically by painting, building a playscape for children and adding lights to the outdoor sign.

Beyer grew up in Holland and stuck close to home to earn a bachelor of arts degree in communications in 1987 from Hope College. He earned a master's degree from Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., in 1991.

Beyer, 34, lives in Canton with his wife, Carissa, daughters Briana, 7, Emilee, 4, and Olivia, 2, and a son, Brennan, 6.

"I love Canton; it's a great community," said Beyer, adding that the church reflects the township's demographics.

"We have a church that's full of young kids," he said. "We just have a real commitment to them. We're considering hiring on a part-time children's person, even though we're just a small core of people at this point. We want to be creative in asking how we can bring all the family together in meaningful ways."

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Livonia city tourneys

The seventh annual Livonia City baseball and softball tournaments will be Saturday, May 16 at Ford Field.

The event is sponsored by Coca-Cola, Allie Brothers, McGowan, Hygrade's, Bob and Joyce Biga.

Stevenson is the defending champion in both baseball and softball.

First-round baseball action will be at 10 a.m. (Clarenceville vs. Stevenson) and 1 p.m. (Franklin vs. Churchill) at Diamond No. 1. The championship final is at 4 p.m. at Diamond No. 1 with the consolation final also at 4 p.m. at Franklin High School.

First-round softball action starts at 10 a.m. (Clarenceville vs. Stevenson) and 1 p.m. (Franklin vs. Churchill) at Diamond No. 2. The championship follows at 4 p.m. at Diamond No. 1 with the consolation also at 4 p.m. at Franklin.

McGinty signs letter

Livonia Churchill High product Megan McGinty, who played the past two seasons at Schoolcraft Community College, has committed to play volleyball at Lincoln Memorial University (Tenn.).

The 5-foot-10 outside hitter, named MVP in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and Eastern Conference, will join the Lady Railsplitters, who finished with a school-record 24-11 record.

McGinty was also named to the All-NJCAA Region 12 squad. She averaged 4.52 kills per game with a .235 attack percentage.

In high school, McGinty was Churchill's team MVP, and named to both the All-Western Lakes Activities Association and All-Observer squads.

McGinty plans to major in kinesiology.

Campbell nominated

Allison Campbell (Livonia Stevenson, Michigan's 1998 Miss Soccer, was recently nominated as the Most Outstanding Athlete at the University of Tennessee.

The freshman led the Lady Vols (12-8 overall) with 17 goals and 12 assists. She also ranked 15th in the nation in points per game and 21 in goals per game among NCAA Division I players.

Campbell was also elected Co-MVP by her teammates and was selected second-team All-Southeastern Conference, All-Freshman Central Region and second-team Freshman All-America.

Livonia ace golfers

John Provagne, 29, of Livonia, used a 9-iron to ace the 127-yard, No. 14 hole May 7 at Idyl Wyld golf course in Livonia.

Provagne, who has been playing for nine years, shot a 47 for nine holes.

Frank Kasperek of Livonia, using a 7-iron, scored an ace May 10 on the 151-yard No. 14 hole at Links of Whitmore Lake.

Kasperek shot a 66.

Brzezinski honored

Livonian Doug Brzezinski, third-round pick of the NFL Philadelphia Eagles, will be one of 10 Athletes of the Year honored during the 72nd Catholic Coaches Association and Catholic League Hall of Fame anniversary party Monday, June 14 at the Warren Chateau.

The 6-foot-4, 308-pound Brzezinski, a product of Redford Catholic Central High School was a four-year starter at guard and tackle for Boston College.

Also among the 1999 Hall of Fame inductees is former Redford St. Agatha track and football coach Mike McCollom.

Tee times for the golf outing (with unlimited play until 3 p.m.) are 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Maple Lanes Golf Course, located at 14 Mile and Hoover roads.

The golf only fee, which includes cart, continental breakfast and buffet lunch, is \$45 per person. Full Hall of Fame Day tickets (includes dinner) are \$70 per person.

For more information, call (313) 237-5960.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to: Brad Emmons, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48170; or send via fax to (734) 591-7279.



Nailed at the plate

Game of tag: Livonia Clarenceville's Taryn Charette (left) is tagged out at the plate by Lutheran High Westland catcher Kari Charles during Monday's Metro Conference double-header. Lutheran High swept a pair of games from the Trojans, 13-3 and 10-0, to run its record to 5-1 in the conference and 10-5 overall. For a complete summary of area high school softball games, see page C7.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

20 straight wins

CC beats Notre Dame, sweeps division

Redford Catholic Central finished an undefeated baseball season in the Catholic League Central Division with a double-header sweep on Tuesday at Harper Woods Notre Dame, but not without some anxious moments.

The Shamrocks won the first game in eight innings, 5-3, and scored nine runs in the top of the seventh to win the second game 16-7.

Senior ace Anthony Tomey earned the victory in each game, one as a starter and one as a reliever.

He allowed two hits, no earned runs, walked five and struck out 14 in winning the opener.

He retired the last 15 batters after ND had scored three unearned runs in the third.

Tomey walked three straight batters and with two outs, Chris Hilton singled in two runs. The third run came in on a passed ball.

The runs were unearned because the lead runner had stolen third base after

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the CC third baseman was given an error for dropping the throw with two outs.

Casey Rogowski's two-run home run in the top of the eighth broke a 3-3 tie. His homer followed a walk to Mark Cole.

The Shamrocks trailed 3-1 heading into the sixth but a ground out by Rogowski and single by Chris Woodruff scored a pair of runs. Walks to Mario D'Herrin and Bob Malek and a single by Cole set the table for the Shamrocks fourth and fifth hitters.

Malek went 2-for-2, including a triple, and scored twice. He was walked twice.

Malek led off the second game with a homer but the Shamrocks also needed some offensive fireworks at the end to win this one.

Hardball: Lutheran Westland's Tom Habitz (bottom photo) makes the pitch, while Ryan Isler (right) pops one up in Monday's double-header against Livonia Clarenceville. See prep baseball roundup on page C3.



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Salem center commits to Schoolcraft

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COLLEGE HOOPS

The Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs added strength to an already strong front-court by getting a pair of commitments.

Plymouth Salem's Tony Jancevski, a 6-foot-9 center who averaged nine points and nine rebounds for the 20-5 Rocks, is in the fold along with 6-5 forward Dwight Windom of Dearborn Heights Robichaud.

Both players should add depth to an already talented Schoolcraft squad with eight players eligible to return next season.

Jancevski, who helped Salem reach the state Class A quarterfinals, was named second-team All-Observer. He is a three-year varsity player.

"He gives us size and he's a local kid," said Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "He understands the game, is well coached and is a smart player."

Windom, meanwhile, brings a scorer's mentality to the game.

"He's very athletic," Briggs said. "He's similar to Reggie Kirkland (SC freshman from Romulus, only a little

bigger.

"And he's a good kid who comes from a good home."

Among the players Briggs returns off last year's first-ever Michigan Community College Athletic Association tournament championship team which finished 26-5 and reached the NJCAA Region 12 finals before losing to Cincinnati State.

The Ocelots lost starters Dashawn Williams and Derek McKelvey, along with backups David Jarrett, Mario Montgomery and Jim Rebbeck.

Slated to return are Lamar Bigby, Dave McGlown, Chris Colley, Quintin Mitchell, Dwayne Holmes, Michael Murray, Mike Peek and Kirkland.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Miller's switch bolsters Tartars

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There was a time when Tim Miller truly enjoyed the "ping" sound of aluminum bats.

"I loved hitting and always one

of my goals coming out of high school was to hit at the collegiate level," said Miller, a former first baseman at Livonia Franklin High now turned pitcher at Wayne State University.

"I pitched two years in high school, but not much, about 28 innings."

The 6-foot-4, 205-pound Miller, whose older brother Henry pitched with success for the Tartars in the late 1980s, had to be convinced he was better suited for mound duty.

"He thought he was a first baseman, but he didn't run well enough or do some of the other things you need to do to get to that next level," WSU 11th-year coach Roger George said. "I finally said he wasn't going to do it (hit). And he resisted it, but last fall he came in and he finally decided he was a pitcher."

The right-hander, whose repertoire includes a fastball, slider, changeup and occasional curveball, now muffles the sound of aluminum.

He had a breakthrough year this spring as a junior, going 8-2 with a 2.48 earned run average as the Tartars finished 32-19 overall (most wins in school history).

WSU, 24-8 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, finished just one game out of first place behind Ashland (Ohio).

In 72¹/₂ innings this season, Miller struck out 86 batters and walked just 26. He tossed six complete games and was one of six Tartars named to the All-GLIAC squad.

"Tim threw consistently in the mid-80s (MPH) and he can hump it up to 90 once in awhile," George said. "His changeup got better and better. And he's just a great kid."

Henry Miller, a hard thrower who got a look in the Detroit Tigers minor league system, "had some influence" on his younger brother, according to George.

"Once he accepted it, it was kind of amazing to see what can happen," George said. "Yes, he surprised me a little, but he always had the potential as a pitcher."

As a freshman, Miller went 3-1 with an 8.16 ERA in 35¹/₂ innings. He pitched only 18¹/₂ innings for WSU as a sophomore, going 1-0 with an 8.85 ERA.

"To be honest, I didn't think I'd have a season like this," Miller said. "Half of our coaching staff went to Oakland University, so the pitcher were kind of on their own. I just took it one day at a time."

But with Henry nearby, young Tim got some good coaching.

"My brother taught me a lot and I've learned from his mistakes," Tim said. "I've definitely learned from him."

"Before every start he tells me to keep the ball low, throw strikes and stay ahead in the count. Also, stay within yourself. Don't let a home run bother you or listen to guys heckling you from the bench. Just try and block everything else out."

A summer pitching with DCI in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball

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Churchill, Canton draw 2-2

By C.J. HENKE
Sports Writer
Churchill, Canton, Mich.

No one wins with a tie, but...

Plymouth Canton struck for a goal with 77:47 remaining in its match Monday at Livonia Churchill, with Abi Morrell heading a looping pass from Allison Mills over Churchill keeper Kerrie LaPorte and sending it rolling toward the net where her sister, Anne, finished it.

The goal knotted the score at 2-2, which is where it stayed for the remainder of the match. And that result was a winner for the Chiefs, keeping them unbeaten in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division at 3-0-1; they are 11-2-1 overall.

All that separates them from a berth in the WLAA championship match opposite Plymouth Salem (one week from today) is a win — or tie — against last-place Walled Lake Western Monday.

For Churchill, the tie was as bad as a loss, as far as the standings are concerned. A win would have made it a three-way tie for first in the division with Canton, Churchill and Northville; the Chargers would have stayed in the hunt. The tie left them with a 7-3-2 overall record, 2-1-1 in the division.

"It's a good tie," said Canton coach Don

Smith. "This is a character-builder for us, the way we came back in the second half."

It was a match filled with frustration, for both teams. The Chiefs dominated play in the first half, keeping the ball bottled up in Churchill's defensive end of the field most of time. And yet, the Chargers made the most of their few forays into Canton territory.

In the opening minutes of the game, Churchill quickly put the Chiefs in a hole, with Kersten Conklin slicing through to score a goal and make it 1-0. It took Canton more than 20 minutes to even it, with Anne Morrell popping it up to the middle of the box, where Amanda Lentz was poised to head it in with 18:56 left in the half.

But Churchill quickly answered, and it was Conklin who did the answering. Again the senior forward utilized her superior speed, penetrating the Chiefs' defense and scoring to make it 2-1 with 13:02 remaining in the half.

"When you've got speedsters like Morrell and Conklin, it's going to be up and down," said Churchill coach Chad Campau. "I thought we did a good job getting the ball to Kersten's feet, where she could handle

it, in the first half."

Although the second half seemed a bit more even, Canton got the only goal, and it was Mills who was responsible for initiating the play. She got a takeaway in the corner in Churchill's end before centering the ball to Abi Morrell.

"We had a couple of chances in the second half," said Campau. "On the other hand, Canton had numerous chances. But we played well."

The best scoring opportunity for Churchill came just over eight minutes into the second half, with Conklin again at the center of the action. She split a pair of defenders in pursuit of a ball crossed into the box and managed to chip it past Canton keeper Amy Dorogi. Conklin was alone in front of an empty net, but her shot sailed high and hit the football goalpost over the net.

"We talked at halftime about trying to take advantage of their defense," said Campau. "We thought that might be their biggest weakness."

Canton's defense was tougher over the last half, though. So was Churchill's.

"They played a lot better defense than I thought," admitted Smith. "Although we did get a lot of opportunities down there."

Converting those chances is the key now. Because as Campau noted, "There are more important games still to be played."

Senior trio propels Wayne to 10-0 victory

Three seniors tallied two goals apiece Monday as host Wayne Memorial pulled a Bo Derek, posting a 10-0 Mega Conference Blue Division girls soccer win over visiting River Rouge.

Tasha Cronenwett, April Smith and Nicole Stano each scored twice for the Zebras, who improved to 6-5-1 overall and 4-2-1 in the Mega-Blue.

Cronenwett also collected a pair of assists for Wayne, which enjoyed a 7-0 halftime advantage.

Kristina McCahill, Tish Tedders, Nancy Bednarz and Jenny Clark contributed one goal apiece.

Goalkeepers Jenny Sheppard and Amanda Bledsoe combined on the shutout.

Rouge is winless in six Mega-Blue matches.

•**SALEM 9, FRANKLIN 0:** On Monday, Jamie Coyle's hat trick carried Plymouth Salem (9-4-1 overall) to the Western Lakes Activities Association crossover victory over Livonia Franklin (0-9-2 overall).

Franklin kept the Rocks off the scoreboard for the first 20 minutes before Jenny Fisher scored what proved to be the game-winning goal.

•**JOHN GLENN 2, A.A. HURON 2:** In a non-league match Monday, host Westland John Glenn (3-6-2 overall) got a second-half goal from Lacey Catarino to earn the tie against Ann Arbor Huron.

Sarah Pack, who scored Glenn's first goal, assisted on the second.

•**LIGGETT 10, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 0:** On Monday, host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett blanked Lutheran High Westland (2-8-1, 2-7) in a Metro Conference

encounter as Kiesha Babhadu scored four goals, while Katie Danaher and Lauren Ealba each added hat tricks.

On Friday, Brandy Novicka scored a hat trick and Erin Perkovich added one as host Dearborn Heights Crestwood defeated the Warriors, 4-2.

Lutheran Westland trailed 3-1 at half.

Angie Matthews and Amy Kamrath each had a goal.

•**ROCHESTER 6, CHURCHILL 2:** On Saturday, the host Falcons scored four unanswered goals in the second half to post the non-league victory.

"We just gave up too many odd-man rush and too many opportunities," Churchill coach Chad Campau said. "They were able to capitalize on most of their quality chances."

Kersten Conklin and Michelle Esparza scored first-half goals for the Chargers.

•**REGINA 3, LADYWOOD 1:** Harper Woods Regina erased a 1-0 halftime deficit with three goals over the final 40 minutes Saturday to beat host Livonia Ladywood (2-9-1, 0-7-1) in a Catholic League Central Division matchup.

Melissa Harakas scored from Katie Rozum in the first half for the Blazers.

Coach Jill Logsdon also singled out the efforts of midfielder Andrea Schimmel and Jennie Bartkowiak.

"They did an excellent job of working together and controlling the offense," Logsdon said. "We had an excellent first half. We also had opportunities in the second half, but couldn't finish."

Note: Livonia Ladywood's game Tuesday at home with Madison Heights Bishop Foley was cancelled and will not be made up.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

**NORTHVILLE 8
LIVONIA STEVENSON 0**
May 11 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Dean Conway (N) defeated Matt Demgen, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Matt Schlanser (N) def. Maher Salah, 6-1, 7-5; **No. 3:** Chris Gerlica (N) def. Brian Adams, 6-4, 3-6, 6-0; **No. 4:** Mark Thomson (N) def. Breidan Cornelissen, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Krist Betker-Kyle Dehne (N) def. Derek Kogut-Brian Budd, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 2:** Ryan Prendergast-Dan Drake (N) def. Pat Peterson-John Schellinger, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 3:** Kyle Wargo-Garrett Brown (N) def. Eric Lammers-Brian Curd, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Nathan Gudritz-Brian Arndt (N) def. Jon Scheel-Andy Million, 6-3, 6-0.

**PLYMOUTH CANTON 4
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 4**
May 10 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Matt Nagy (PC) def. Rob Simkow, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 2:** Scott Mincher (PC) def. Tom Wallis, 6-4, 7-6; **No. 3:** Ben Luong (LC) def. Ritchie Ikeh, 5-7, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 4:** Chris Foss (PC) def. Tom Fitzstephens, 6-2, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Jason Darow-Chris Houdek (PC) def. Ian Quay-Bobby Kolvunen, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Mike Horka-Scott Risner (LC) def. Mike Bruder-Steve Clawson, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 3:** Zac Tibbles-Adam Rourke (LC) def. Niraj Patel-Matt Schmidt, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 4:** Kenny Tseng-Chris Singleton (LC) def. Brad Kreger-Brian Balfour, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4).

**PLYMOUTH SALEM 8
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0**
May 10 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Faraaz Siddiqui (PS) def. Matt Clearman, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 2:** Jason Meininger (PS) def. Jeff Beydoun, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 3:** Ben Bartlett (PS) def. Scott Gomez, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Jim Lewis (PS) def. Adam Koppin, 6-4, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Todd Schmalhurst-Jason Schamburger (PS) def. Jason Berry-Dave Moldovan, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 2:** Yibo Ling-Jon Machnacki (PS) def. Chris Don-Chris Harris, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 3:** Jon Neal-Jon Bernardi (PS) def. Mike Dumouchelle-Rob Shaffer, 3-6, 7-6, 7-6; **No. 4:** Scott Peruski-Evan Roller (PS) def. Matt Nelson-Jason Hudy, 6-1, 6-3.

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 5
LIVONIA STEVENSON 3**
May 10 at John Glenn

No. 1 singles: Danny Kovacs (WJG) def. Matt Demgen, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 2:** Dave Kovacs (WJG) def. Pat Peterson, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; **No. 3:** Maher Salah (LS) def. Rajiv Dashairya, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 4:** Anthony Lambert (WJG) def. Brian Adams, 6-1, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Brendan Cornelissen-Brian Budd (WJG) def. Dave Stephens-Evan Waddell, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 2:** Brian Curd-Eric Lammers (LS) def. Jeff Drotar-Robert Dziuban, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Pat Sonak-Chuck Farley (WJG) def. Jon Scheel-Derek Kogut, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 4:** Ousman Afzal-Glen Oliver (WJG) def. Andy Million-Edward Little, 6-4, 6-0.

**PLYMOUTH CANTON 7
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1**
May 7 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Matt Nagy (PC) def. Matt Clearman, 7-6, 6-0; **No. 2:** Jeff Beydoun (LF) def. Scott Mincher, 7-5, 7-6; **No. 3:** Ritchie Ikeh (PC) def. Adam Koppin, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 4:** Chris Foss (PC) def. Chris Don, 6-3, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Jason Darow-Chris Houdek (PC) def. Jason Berry-Dave Moldovan, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 2:** Mike Bruder-Steve Clawson (PC) def. Mike Dumouchelle-Chris Harris, 7-6, 6-2; **No. 3:** Niraj Patel-Matt Schmidt (PC) def. Scott Gomez-Grant Marquardt, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 4:** Brad Kreger-Eric Asuma (PC) def. Ashish Thomas-Tim Steckel, 6-0, 6-0.

**WALLED LAKE WESTERN 7
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1**
May 7 at Western

No. 1 singles: Luciano Gonzalez (WLW) def. Danny Kovacs, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 2:** Dave Kovacs (WJG) def. Yuta Shokinji, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 3:** Chris Chou (WLW) def. Anthony Lambert, 6-1, 7-6; **No. 4:** Matt Kolb (WLW) def. Evan Waddell, 6-2, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Mark Lister-Ryan Stewart (WLW) def. Rajiv Dashairya-Dave Stephens, 6-2, 7-6; **No. 2:** Anthony Joris-Matt McKeown, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 3:** Jared Tank-Shawn Price (WLW) def. Chuck Farley-Pat Sonak, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 4:** Jared Silver-Dave Trott (WLW) def. Ousman Afzal-Glen Oliver, 7-6, 7-5.

**PLYMOUTH SALEM 5
LIVONIA STEVENSON 3**
May 3 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Faraaz Siddiqui (PS) def. Matt Demgen, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 2:** Jason Meininger (PS) def. Todd Lavery, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1; **No. 3:** Ben Bartlett (PS) def. Maher Salah, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2; **No. 4:** Jim Lewis (PS) def. Brian Adams, 7-5, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Sean Mann-Curt Bonn (LS) def. Todd Schmalhurst-Brian Ott, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 2:** Yibo Ling-Jon Machnacki (PS) def. John Schietinger-Pat Peterson, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4; **No. 3:** Bryan Budd-Brendan Cornelissen (LS) def. Andy Fenton-Jason Schamburger, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5; **No. 4:** Derek Kogut-Jon Scheel (LS) def. Scott Peruski-Evan Roller, 7-5, 6-3.

Note: The Western Lakes Activities Association boys tennis tournament is scheduled to begin Tuesday, May 11 at Livonia Stevenson High School as the main site.

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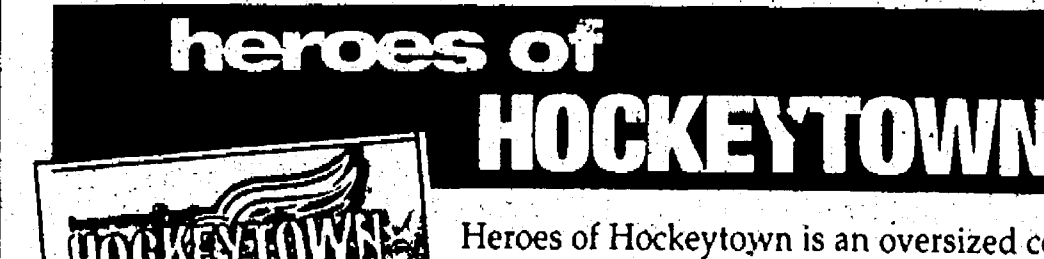


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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Huron Valley falls, 25-20; Spartans clip Farmington

It was quite a slugfest Tuesday.

And when the dust had finally settled, Detroit Urban Lutheran came away with a 25-20 baseball victory at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

The two teams combined for 38 hits. Sean Staley went 5-for-5 with four RBI and three runs scored for the Hawks, who are still searching for their first win in six starts.

Alan Kleinke went 3-for-3 with three walks and scored five runs.

Down 17-8 in the fourth inning, Huron Valley rallied for nine runs in the sixth and seventh innings before leaving three base runners stranded.

STEVENSON 8-8, FARMINGTON 3-3: Livonia Stevenson (9-7, 5-2) kept its hopes alive in the Lakes Division race of the Western Lakes Activities Association by sweeping a twinbill Monday from the visiting Falcons (8-8, 2-5).

Senior right-hander Roy Rabe pitched a seven-inning complete game on a five-hitter to pick up the victory in the opener. He struck out four and did not walk a batter.

Brad Buckler went 3-for-3 with an RBI, while Brandon Gajda went 2-for-3 with three RBI, two runs scored and two stolen bases for the Spartans.

Buckler pitched a six-hitter in the nightcap, scattering six hits and two walks to earn the win.

Matt DiPonio went 2-for-3 with three RBI and two runs scored. Steve Anderson added two hits, two RBI and scored twice.

N. FARMINGTON 4-16, JOHN GLENN 3-2: North Farmington (12-3, 6-1) remains in first place in the Lakes Division after taking a pair Monday at home against Westland John Glenn (8-10, 3-4).

The Raiders won the opener by scoring the game-winning run with two-out in the bottom of the seventh as Brian Lafer singled and scored on Matt Lash hit-and-run triple.

Gary Penta, the winning pitcher, struck out 11, walked two and scattered seven hits.

Dale Hayes, who gave up five walks and eight hits in 6½ innings, took the loss.

Ross Patterson went 3-for-4, while Lash and Penta each added two hits.

Dan Fedulichak led Glenn with a single and double.

North also rolled in the nightcap as Patterson went 4-for-4 with a two-run homer in the sixth. Jason Melvin went 3-for-3 with three RBI.

Glenn starter Mike Swafford suffered the loss.

CHURCHILL 10-13, FRANKLIN 4-2: Senior outfielder Dave Wasil went 6-for-7 Monday as host Livonia Churchill (9-10, 3-4) played errorless ball to sweep Livonia Franklin (3-14, 0-7) in a WLAA-Western Division double-header.

Down 4-3, Churchill exploded for seven runs in the bottom of the sixth to win the opener.

Andy Blackmore's two-run double keyed the surge.

Wasil had three hits, including a double and solo homer. Josh Odom added two hits and one RBI.

Winning pitcher Justin Draught threw a complete game, allowing five hits and three walks while fanning four.

David Word, who lasted until the sixth before giving way to Joe Ruggiero, took the loss.

Ryan Tracy went 2-for-3 in a losing cause.

Churchill then invoked the 10-run, five-inning mercy rule in the nightcap with a 10-run fifth inning.

Wasil was 3-for-3 with three RBI, while Eric Lightle contributed two hits and four RBI. Brad Bescoe and Blackmore each collected two hits.

Franklin starter Tony Saia suffered the loss.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 16-3, CLARENCEVILLE 5-4: Livonia Clarenceville (4-6, 2-4) bounced back in the nightcap Monday to earn a split of the Metro Conference double-header against host Lutheran High Westland (7-6, 4-3).

Clarenceville's Adam Marcum, who pitched the final 3½ innings in relief of starter Joe Lucas, earned the victory.

Marcum also did it with the bat, going 2-for-2 with a homer, double and three RBI.

Scott Archer had an RBI double after the Warriors couldn't score during the first two innings after receiving six walks.

John Basley, the Lutheran Westland starter, took the loss in a game that lasted five innings.

Ryan Isler had a two-run homer and three-run double in

the opener to give Lutheran Westland the win. Brad Nolar collected three hits and two RBI, while Ian Mackenzie added a pair of doubles and two RBI for the winners.

Winning pitcher Charlie Hoefft gave up three hits and three earned runs over four innings.

Clarenceville starter Scott Carr suffered the loss.

Lucas had two hits, including a two-run homer in the defeat.

EDSEL FORD 14-2, JOHN GLENN 4-15: Westland John Glenn and Dearborn Edsel Ford divided a non-league double-header on Saturday.

The visiting Thunderbirds clubbed three homers in the opener — a three-run blast by Charlie Anderson in the first inning; Eric Quine with a three-run shot in the fifth; and Adam Talasiz a solo homer.

Mike Swafford had two hits for Glenn.

Adam Paschke, the winning pitcher, gave up five hits and three walks over six innings. He fanned four.

Dave Mijal took the loss.

Justin Fendeleit collected three hits and Mike Grant added two as the Rockets rebounded in the nightcap (five-inning mercy).

Glenn also took advantage of 13 walks issued by Edsel Ford.

Jeff Mitchell, the winning pitcher, gave up four hits, only one walk and struck out 11.

ALLEN PARK 14, WAYNE 8: Eight errors led to Wayne Memorial's undoing in a Mega Conference White Division encounter Monday at Allen Park (9-5, 5-3).

Allen Park scored six times in the top of the sixth to put the game away.

Bobby Martin, the winning pitcher, scattered 12 hits, walked four and struck out six.

Jeremy Overton, who went 2½ innings, allowing seven runs on four hits, took the loss. Shawn McDaniel and Matt Mackiewicz also worked the mound for Wayne.

Overton had a pair of doubles and three RBI in the loss. Jon Judd also doubled twice, scored twice and had two RBI.

Scott Teasdale, Gary Stevens and Ryan Czyzak also contributed two hits apiece. Teasdale and Stevens each scored a pair of runs, while Czyzak knocked in two runs.

First baseman Chad Davis had quite a day for Allen Park, homering twice and adding two singles to go along with four RBI.

REDFORD CC 7-11, UD-JESUIT 1-0: An unearned run is all that separated Redford Catholic Central from a pair of shutouts in a double-headers sweep Saturday against University of Detroit-Jesuit.

The sweep improved the Shamrocks, No. 1 ranked in Division J, to 18-0 overall and 14-0 in the Catholic League's Central Division.

Senior Bob Malek earned the pitching victory in the first game, a 7-1 win, scattering three hits and walking one while striking out eight.

The Cubs' lone run was unearned in the third.

U-D's Tom Larson singled and was awarded second base when the player covering the base had the ball kicked out of his glove on a stolen base attempt. Larson came home on a two-out single by Ryan Anderson.

CC scored one in the third and four in the fourth to take command.

After walks to Malek and Mark Cole, Anthony Toney singled to bring home Malek.

Malek highlighted the fourth with a double to bring home Dave Lusky, who walked, and Nick DiBella, who was hit by a pitch. Malek came home on a bases-loaded walk to Chris Woodruff and Toney hit a sacrifice fly to drive in another run.

The Shamrocks added two in the sixth on an RBI double by Lusky and an RBI single by DiBella. Rogowski and Matt Loidas, who reached on singles, scored the CC runs.

The Shamrocks had six hits and were issued nine walks. Rogowski now has been walked 25 times in 18 games, Malek 23.

In the second game, which ended after five innings due to the 10-sophomore right-hander Charlie Haeger earned the pitching victory.

Haeger had a no-hitter through four innings, allowing the only U-D hit in the fifth. He struck out five and walked two.

The Shamrocks scored in each of the first four innings and were led by Rogowski, who hit his fourth homer of the year and finished 2-for-3 with two RBI.

Woodruff was 2-for-2, including a double, and Brent Zak also was 2-for-2, with a double. Toney had two RBI.

Madonna players saluted

Madonna University received multiple post-season awards in both baseball and softball in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

In baseball, Delano Voletti, a senior catcher from Westland; Daryl Rocho, a senior third baseman from Fraser; Aaron Shrewsbury, a senior outfielder from Dearborn; and Jason Brooks, a junior designated hitter from Taylor, were selected to the 16-member first team.

Rocho batted .392 with 14 doubles, 15 home runs and a team-best 70 runs batted in. Shrewsbury set a school record with 19 home runs; he batted .425 and collected 63 RBI, and established a new career hit mark of 240. Shrewsbury already has Madonna's career highs in homers, RBI, doubles and batting average.

Voletti hit .327 with 12 homers, 47 RBI and a team-best 17 doubles. Brooks' .453 batting average topped the Crusaders; he added 10 doubles and six homers.

Shrewsbury, Voletti and Todd Miller, from Farmington Hills, were also named to the WHAC's all-academic team. Shrewsbury has a 3.5 grade-point-average with a major in criminal justice; Voletti has a 3.44 grade point with a sports medicine major; and Miller carries a 3.34 with a major in education.

Seven other Crusaders were honorable mention all-WHAC: Bob Hamp, a junior outfielder from Alpena (.358, six homers, 25 stolen bases); Bob Mason, a senior pitcher from Brighton (3-6, 5.40 earned run average, 43 strikeouts); Miller, a junior second baseman (.333, seven doubles, .974 fielding percentage); E.J. Roman, senior pitcher/first baseman from White Lake (3-3

record, .323 batting average); Jeff Warholik, senior pitcher/first baseman from Alpena (5-4, 5.43 ERA, .331 average, 31 RBI); Neil Wildfong, a sophomore shortstop from Canton (.355, 19 stolen bases); and Derrick Wolfe, a junior outfielder from Tecumseh (.383, 15 doubles, 11 homers, 34 RBI, 19 steals).

Madonna reached the WHAC Tournament finals last Friday, losing to Indiana Tech 19-17 in the title game. The Crusaders completed the season with a 25-24-1 overall record, 12-10 in the WHAC.

In softball, Vicki Malkowski, a junior catcher from Royal Oak; Courtney Senger, a senior first baseman from Marine City; and Jen Walker, a senior outfielder from Sterling Heights, were chosen to the all-WHAC first team.

Malkowski led Madonna with a .453 average; she had 18 doubles, three home runs and 33 RBI. Senger hit .350 with 36 RBI, and Walker batted .360 with 23 RBI and a team-high 27 steals.

Also, Jamie Cook, a senior outfielder from Westland, and Janell Leschinger, a senior pitcher from Plymouth and Ossineke, were both honorable mention all-WHAC and all-academic all-WHAC. Cook batted .315 with 28 RBI and a .990 fielding percentage; she has a 3.37 grade point with a major in sociology.

Leschinger was 20-9 on the mound with a 1.74 earned run average; she has a 3.775 GPA with a major in biology.

Under first-year head coach Al White, Madonna exceeded expectations by posting a 34-26 overall record, 15-13 in the WHAC. The Crusaders were 2-2 in the WHAC Tournament.

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League didn't hurt either. It had a carry-over effect.

"Last summer was DCI I was pretty successful and was able to focus on pitching," Miller said.

The only "downer" to an otherwise great season was WSU missing the cut for NCAA Division II regional in Quincy, Ill.

The Tartars need one more win over Ashland to guarantee themselves one of four spots in the tournament. (St. Joseph's and the University of Indianapolis also earned bids.)

"It's just too bad we came up one game short because we had a lot of fun winning this year," Miller said.

Miller will return for his senior year along with All-GLIAC pitcher Michael Newsted, a sophomore, to give Wayne State a formidable one-two

punch on the hill.

This summer he'll play with DCI again and get some experience in the Pontiac Class A circuit. The exercise science major will also work a summer job at Max & Erma's restaurant.

"I'd like to get him into Great Lakes league," said George, referring to the summer wooden bat circuit.

Wait a minute, that's as a pitcher, not a hitter.

WHLAA

Baseball

Thursday, May 13

Churchill at W.L. Westland, 4 p.m.

Franklin at Livonia, 4 p.m.

Friday, May 14

St. Paul at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

W.L. Central at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

C'ville at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.

Crusaders at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 15

Dearborn at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Clarenceville vs. Stevenson, 4 p.m.

Franklin vs. Churchill, noon.

Charterhouse at Ford Field, 4 p.m.

Collegiate first at Franklin, 4 p.m.

(all double-headers unless noted)

Madonna Univ. Open, 9 a.m.

Livonia City Tournament at Ford Field, 10 a.m., noon.

Luth. Westland Tourney, 10 a.m.

Dearborn at John Glenn, 11 a.m.

Softball

Thursday, May 13

Churchill at W.L. Westland, 3:30 p.m.

Stevenson at W.L. Central, 3:30 p.m.

N. Farm. at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.

Wayne at Sterling Heights, 4 p.m.

Franklin at Canton, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, May 14

Annapolis Invitational, 10 a.m.

A.A. Pioneer Last Chance, 10 a.m.

Girls Soccer

Thursday, May 13

Greenwood at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Ladywood at Mary, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 14

Dearborn at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Roper at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Stevenson at Livonia, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 15

Stevenson at Livonia Way (H.), noon.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

YOUTH SOCCER CHAMPIONS

Livonia United, an under-13 girls Premier Division soccer team, won its division last weekend at the 17th annual Midland Invitational.

Coached by Steve Strauch and Nick Nitchov, United outscored their opponents, 13-2, including three shutouts. They defeated the Midland Storm in the championship game, 1-0.

Members of United include: Laura Boles, Susan Christenson, Erin DeRoo, Kelly Goris, Sunny Grzlik, Bethany Lane, Katy Lanspeary, Mindy Magoullick, Megan McConnell, Jaclyn Morawa, Lauren Thiel, Christina Thom, Tammy Unsworth, Kelly Wasalaski, Christine Williams, Lia Williamson and Danielle Winesdorffer.

YMCA SPORTS PROGRAMS

The Wayne-Westland YMCA, located at 827 S. Wayne Road, will be providing sports leagues (ages 5-13) for T-ball, softball, baseball, soccer and roller hockey starting June 14.

League registration beings on Monday, May 17.

A parents meeting for all participants will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday, June 14 at the Wayne-Westland Y.

Shirts and trophies will be included for each participant.

For more information, call (734) 721-7044.

PANTHERS BASEBALL CLINIC

The Michigan Panthers, members of the Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League, will stage their first annual baseball clinic (ages 8-14) from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 5-6, at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (main field).

The cost is \$105 per player.

The Panthers will play their home games at Ford Field and Eastern Michigan.

Another clinic (ages 15-18) is scheduled for Friday, June 25 at EMU. Cost is \$75. College coaches and pro scouts will also be invited. The camp is limited to the first 100.

The camp directors are Greg Mucirino (head coach) and Stan Eldridge (general manager).

YMCA FITNESS PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland YMCA is offering a 12-week, one-on-one personal fitness program free to

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It is also available to the community for \$230.

For more information, call Aaron Knieper at (734) 721-7044.

NATIONAL CITY RUN

The name changes, but the event is the same.

The National City Run, formerly known as the Dexter-Ann Arbor Run and the First of America Run, will be the same weekend — Memorial Day, May 28-29 — as its 25 predecessors, along the same basic course, appealing to both serious runners who want to compete in a half-marathon, a 10-kilometer or a five-kilometer race to those who want to walk through a five-kilometer course.

A total of \$7,000 in prize money will be up for grabs in the half-marathon and 10K runs.

The Kids Run will be 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, along a 600-meter course in Ann Arbor's Kerrytown, for those from two to 12 years.

Registration forms for all eight races are available at any National City Bank or Ann Arbor area running and/or fitness stores, including Tortoise & Hare and Running Fit; on-line at www.doitsports.com/nationalcityrun; by phone at (734) 995-2752; by mail at National City Run, R-F00-C8, P.O. Box 8615, Ann Arbor, MI, 48107; or by FAX at (734) 995-2510.

OAK APPLE 10K RUN

The 22nd Annual Oak Apple Run will take place Saturday, June 5, in Royal Oak for the benefit of the Clyde Harnack Scholarship Fund at Oakland Community College.

The start times are 9 a.m. for the two-mile fun run-walk and 9:45 a.m. for the 10K run.

For more information call (248) 541-4502. The race headquarters will be the First United Methodist Church at 320 W. Seventh, Royal Oak, 48067.

MEN'S OVER-30 BASEBALL

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Slick greens: Livonia Ladywood's Rebecca Andersen makes the putt during Tuesday's Catholic League girls golf tourney St. John's in Plymouth.

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May 11 at Fox Creek

ALL-CATHOLIC LEAGUE GIRLS
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BEST GIRLS BEST TRACK & FIELD PERFORMANCES

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SHOT PUT

Shelby Strubbe (Salem) 38-2
 Anna Yarns (Salem) 36-1
 Amy Yarns (Salem) 34-10
 Kelly Yarns (Salem) 33-2
 Kelly Yarns (Salem) 33-2
 Kelly Yarns (Salem) 33-1
 Kelly Yarns (Salem) 33-1
 Kelly Yarns (Salem) 32-7
 Kelly Yarns (Salem) 32-5
 Kelly Yarns (Salem) 32-1

DISCUS

Shelby Strubbe (Salem) 132-10
 Kelly Yarns (Salem) 120-9
 Kelly Yarns (Salem) 105-3
 Kelly Yarns (Salem) 104-1
 Kelly Yarns (Salem) 102-7
 Kelly Yarns (Salem) 98-3
 Kelly Yarns (Salem) 97-6
 Kelly Yarns (Salem) 97-3
 Kelly Yarns (Salem) 96-5
 Kelly Yarns (Salem) 96-5

HIGH JUMP

LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 5-8
 Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 5-4
 Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 5-0
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LONG JUMP

Nicolelette Jarrett (John Glenn) 17-1
 LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 15-9
 Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 15-1
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POLE VAULT

Kim Wile (Garden City) 10-0
 Shiloh Wint (Franklin) 9-1
 Andrea McMillan (Franklin) 9-0
 Karl Cezak (Churchill) 8-9
 Jane Peterson (Churchill) 8-6
 Kelly VanFurten (Salem) 8-6
 Lauren Turner (N. Farmington) 8-0
 Kristen Schick (Salem) 7-6
 Josephine Bova (John Glenn) 7-6
 Abbie Schrader (Stevenson) 7-6

Nicole Simonson (John Glenn) 7-6
 Josephine Bova (John Glenn) 7-6
 LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 15-8
 Emily Mayberry (Harrison) 15-2
 Crystal Alderman (Canton) 15-4
 Alexis Chappell (Salem) 15-4
 Suzanne Pepinski (Ladywood) 15-5
 Carey Cauch (Mercy) 15-7
 Dayna Clemens (N. Farmington) 15-8
 Cassie Elendt (Stevenson) 15-9
 Colleen Bowman (Stevenson) 15-9
 Kristel Stricker (Farmington) 15-1
 Jami Snow (Mercy) 15-1

Crystal Alderman (Canton) 15-8
 Suzanne Pepinski (Ladywood) 15-5
 Christy Tates (Stevenson) 15-5
 Alexis Chappell (Salem) 15-5
 Valerie Brown (Salem) 15-1
 Cassie Elendt (Stevenson) 15-1
 Kristel Stricker (Farmington) 15-1
 Jami Snow (Mercy) 15-1
 Hana Hughes (Lutheran Westland) 50-8
 Colleen Bowman (Stevenson) 51-1

Angie Morris (Mercy) 12-1
 Brianna Watson (Ladywood) 12-8
 Rachel Jones (Salem) 12-8
 LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 12-8
 Meredith Fox (Canton) 12-8
 Felicia Barnett (John Glenn) 12-9
 Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 12-9
 Beth Kwapis (Churchill) 13-0
 Michelle Bonior (Salem) 13-0
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 Angela Mikkelsen (Stevenson) 13-1
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GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND 90
 BLOOM. HILLS KINGWOOD 77
 HARPER WOODS 7
 May 11 at Lutheran Westland

Shot put: Cobb (BHK), 33 feet, 1/2 inches; discus: Cobb (BHK), 98-4; high jump: Lampert (BHK), 4-8; long jump: Anna Rolf (LW), 14-1 1/2; pole vault: Kelly Clark (LW), 6-6; 100-yard hurdles: Jones (HW), 17.5; 330 hurdles: Rolf (LW), 53.7; 100 dash: Humphrey (BHK), 12.1; 220: Humphrey (BHK), 28.7; 440: Lavoie (BHK), 1:05.7; 880: Tess Kuehne (LW), 2:48.9; mile: Kuehne (LW), 5:51.4; 2 mile: Miller (BHK), 13:29.0; 440 relay: Lutheran Westland (Chelsea Romero, Sarah Vetting, Clark, Bekah Hoffmeier), 56.2; 880 relay: Kingswood, 1:57.1; mile relay: Lutheran Westland (Romero, Jessica Gomuika, Erin Jung, Kuehne), 4:33.7; 2 mile relay: Lutheran Westland (Mary Ebendick, Holly Foreman, Aimee Anthony, Jung), 11:39.4.

Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 13-0 overall, 6-0 Metro Conference.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 90
 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 47
 May 11 at W.L. Western

Shot put: 1. Lisa Balko (LF), 30 feet, 9 inches; 2. Dawn Balko (LF), 28-7; 3. Reber (WLW), 25-6.

Discus: 1. Dawn Balko (LF), 93-4; 2. Schreiber (WLW), 91-0; 3. Jenny Harb (LF), 83-5.

High jump: 1. Kiefer (WLW), 5-1; 2. (tie) Quigley (WLW) and Rita Malec (LF), 4-8 each.

Long jump: 1. Shiloh Wint (LF), 14-2; 2. Samantha Bagley (LF), 13-9; 3. Jamey Holman (LF), 13-8.

Pole vault: 1. Wint (LF), 9-0; 2. Richmond (WLW), 8-6; 3. Babushkina (WLW), 8-0.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Kiefer (WLW), 17.1; 2. Loomans (WLW), 17.5; 3. Teufel (WLW), 18.8.

300 hurdles: 1. Kiefer (WLW), 51.5; 2. Loomans (WLW), 52.2; 3.

Teufel (WLW), 54.8.
 100 dash: 1. Kuzma (WLW), 13.5; 2. Schmidt (WLW), 13.7; 3. Quigley (WLW), 14.4.
 200: 1. Schmidt (WLW), 27.9; 2. Bottke (WLW), 28.0; 3. Wrobel (WLW), 28.8.

400: 1. Kuzneki (WLW), 1:01.5; 2. Malec (LF), 1:02.5; 3. Kuzma (WLW), 1:03.6.

800: 1. Janisse (WLW), 2:38.0; 2. Lyndsay Sopko (LF), 2:46.4; 3. Demotte (WLW), 2:49.3.

1,600: 1. Jenny Furlong (LF), 6:08.0; 2. Abba Alvarez (LF), 6:20.0; 3. Karadimos (WLW), 6:30.0.

3,200: 1. Dean (WLW), 13:43.0; 2. Diana Potter (LF), 14:02.

400 relay: 1. Western, 52.8; 2. Franklin, 56.0; 800 relay: 1. Western, 1:54.3; 2. Franklin, 2:08.0; 1,600 relay: 1. Western, 5:04.0; 3,200 relay: 1. Western, 10:45.0; 2. Franklin, 10:55.0.

Franklin's dual meet record: 3-2 overall, 2-1 WLA-Western Division.

BIRMINGHAM MARIAN 76
 LIVONIA LADYWOOD 52
 May 11 at Ladywood

High jump: Alexis Noel (LL) 5-feet, 4-inches; 100-meter hurdles: Suzanne Peplinski (LL), 16-3; 100 dash: Brianna Watson (LL), 12.7; 800 relay: Ladywood (Kelly Carey, Laura Yales, Katie McGraw, Page Ahrens), 1:54.0; 400 relay: Ladywood (Watson, Carey, Kelly Predmesky, McGraw), 54.1; 300 hurdles: Peplinski (LL), 48.2.

Ladywood's dual meet record: 1-3.

BOYS TRACK

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND 90
 BLOOM. HILLS KINGWOOD 77
 HARPER WOODS 7
 May 11 at Lutheran Westland

Shot put: Brian Ross (LW), 33 feet, 10 1/2 inches; discus: Brian Ross (LW), 113-15; high jump: Brian Ross (LW), 5-4; long jump: Brian Ross (LW), 20-4; pole vault: Brian Ross (LW), 10-3; 100-yard hurdles: Brian Ross (LW), 15.4; 330 hurdles: Brian Ross (LW), 43.8; 100 dash: Brian Ross (LW), 10.4; 220: Brian Ross (LW), 23.4; 440: Justin Collins (LW), 1:05.8; 880: Stanolius (BHK), 2:35.2; mile: Cranbrook, 5:05.1; 2 mile: Cranbrook, 10:50.8; 440 relay: Lutheran Westland (Clark, Gower, Brian Clark, Andy Moldenauer, Richard Whitely), 46.7; 880 relay: Lutheran Westland (Gower, Clark, Moldenauer, Whitely), 1:40.2; mile relay: Lutheran Westland (Adam Voigt, Jason McFall, Justin Ericson, Matt Roe), 0:38.5.

BIRMINGHAM BROTHER 71
 REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 67
 May 10 at Brother Rice

Shot put: Nick Brzezinski (RCC), 51 feet, 11 1/2 inches; discus: Brzezinski (RCC), 162-8; 400-meter hurdles: Brian Kuszyński (RCC), 53.2; 800 relay: Redford CC (Nick O'Keefe, Joe Haller, Kuszyński, Dan Jase), 8:24.7; 400 relay: Redford CC (Jase, Woehike, Matt Markowicz, Justin Cessante, Derek Anderson), 46.3.

CC's dual meet record: 3-1 in the Catholic League Central Division (second place).

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GIRLS SOFTBALL ROUNDUP



Vacuum cleaner: Westland John Glenn shortstop Samantha Crews scoops up a grounder during Monday's double-header against North Farmington. See girls softball roundup below.

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Chargers take 2 against Franklin

The first time the Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin girls softball teams were scheduled to meet on April 23 it was rained out.

On Monday, the sun shined on the host Chargers and it poured again on Franklin's parade as Churchill captured both ends of a double-header, 9-2 and 7-3.

Churchill is now 10-8 and 2-5 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Franklin falls to 7-12 and 0-7.

Adrienne Doyle pitched seven strong innings for Churchill in the opener, scattering six hits. She struck out nine and did not walk a Patriot.

Christine Fones had two hits and five RBI for Churchill, including a two-run single in the fourth inning followed by a two-run triple in the fifth. Kelly Stahley also contributed two hits.

Kelly Young led Franklin with a pair of hits.

In the second game, pitcher Meghan Misiak struck out 10, walked three and allowed five hits to pace the Chargers.

Franklin couldn't hold a 3-1 lead as Churchill took advantage of walks and errors with a six-run rally in the bottom of the sixth.

Tara Muchow, Franklin's starting pitcher, suffered both losses. She gave up seven hits, 19 walks and had 19 strikeouts during the two games.

On Saturday, Churchill swept visiting Redford Union, 1-0 and 3-0. Fones' game-winning RBI single in the bottom of the 10th under the international tiebreaker format sealed the victory for the Chargers in the opener.

Doyle pitched all 10 innings, scattering eight hits and one walk while fanning six.

Misiak, meanwhile, tossed a two-hitter in the nightcap. She struck out 13 and didn't allow a walk.

Carly George led Churchill with two hits, while Sallie Kuratko had an RBI triple followed by Kristin Derwich's RBI single.

FARMINGTON 7-4, STEVENSON 4-8: Livonia Stevenson (4-9, 2-5) came back to earn a split of a WLAA-Lakes Division double-header Monday against the host Falcons as pitcher LeAnne Schraufnagle tossed a five-hitter.

Jill Shapoff led Stevenson's offensive attack in the nightcap going 4-for-4 with an RBI. Katie King added three hits and knocked in a run.

Kristi Copi was 2-for-4 with three RBI, while Stephanie Ladd contributed two hits and two RBI.

Jessica Brown, in relief of starter Melissa Mytty, took the loss.

Angie Luttman went 2-for-4 in the opener at Farmington prevailed.

King went 3-for-4 with two RBI in a losing cause. Irene Grias and Shapoff each added two hits.

Kelley Hutchins, the Stevenson starter, allowed eight hits and four walks over six innings.

Brown, who worked six innings for the Falcons, got the victory. She got relief help from Mytty in the seventh.

N. FARMINGTON 16-9, JOHN GLENN 12-10: Westland John Glenn (5-15, 3-5) gained a split of a WLAA-Lakes Division twinbill Monday against visiting North Farmington (11-10, 4-5) by rallying for a pair of runs in the bottom of the seventh of the nightcap.

Renee Kolb singled, went to second on a North error and took third on Stephanie Fedulchak's bunt single.

Fedulchak, the winning pitcher, then stole second and both runners scored on Amanda Ross' game-tying single followed by Stephanie Crews' game-winning RBI double.

Glenn collected 11 hits as Abby Massey went 3-for-4 with a two-run homer and double. Nikki Reisinger, Samantha Crews, Stephanie Crews and Ross each added two hits.

Fedulchak gave up six hits, 14 walks and struck out nine.

Samantha McComb hit a solo homer in the sixth and Melanie Stein added two hits in a losing cause.

North, however, outslugged Glenn in the opener as Stein was 4-for-5 with a triple. Chrissy King also had four hits, while Minna Hindo and McComb each contributed three.

Samantha Crews led Glenn with four hits, including a two-run homer and a pair of doubles.

Massey, Ross, Sarah King and Stephanie Crews each contributed two hits. Massey had a three-run homer in the seventh, but North hurler Kristina Colombo held on for the victory.

Glenn's Sarah King took the loss.

The Rockets were out-hit, 17-14.

REGINA 7-6, LADYWOOD 2-5: Catholic League Central Division leader Harper Woods Regina (24-2, 7-1) completed the sweep Tuesday with a 13-inning victory in the nightcap against host Livonia Ladywood (10-15, 1-7).

Melanie Grewe had three hits and Kristen Barnes added two hits for the Blazers. Sarah Thiesmeyer contributed an RBI triple, while Becky Mitchell chipped in with an RBI single.

Losing pitcher Shelly Moross worked 10 of the 13 innings.

"The kids played real hard and they easily could have won it as they lost it," Ladywood coach Bob Lulek said.

Rebecca Pawlik, who gave up 12 hits and three walks over seven innings, suffered the defeat in the opener.

Ladywood had just three hits, an RBI double by Grewe, an RBI single by Day and a triple by Thiesmeyer.

JOHN GLENN 17, WAYNE 4: Amanda Ross, Samantha Crews and Abby Massey had two hits apiece last Thursday, lifting Westland John Glenn to the non-league victory over rival Wayne Memorial in a five-inning mercy-rule shortened game.

Ross had a triple, double and three RBI, while Crews contributed a two-run homer. Massey tripled and knocked in two runs.

Amy Paling and Kara Kirk each had a pair of hits for the Zebras.

Stephanie Fedulchak was the winning pitcher, giving up six hits and eight walks.

Wayne starter Jenny Drys, who worked four innings, suffered the defeat. She gave up 11 hits and six walks.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 13-10, CLARENCEVILLE 3-0: Lutheran High Westland improved to 10-5 overall and 5-1 in the Metro Conference by taking a pair of games Monday from visiting Livonia Clarenceville (1-6, 1-5).

The Lady Warriors won the opener as Kari Charles went 3-for-3 with two RBI. Sharon Greer added a homer, triple and four RBI.

Katie Heiden, the winning pitcher, gave up just four hits and one walk over five innings.

Clarenceville starter Taryn Charette suffered the loss.

In the nightcap, Heather Rose blanked the Trojans on two hits over five innings. She walked three and struck out two.

Sarah Marody had two hits and three RBI.

Lutheran Westland also turned a pair of double plays.

"This, collectively, is the best infield I've had in 16 years of coaching," Lutheran Westland coach Ron Gentz said.

On Saturday, Lutheran Westland took a pair of games in the Rochester Lutheran Northwest Round Robin Tournament, defeating the host Crusaders, 19-18, in the first game was Greer. Marody and Emily Reinke each collected three hits. Greer and Reinke combined for nine RBI.

The Warriors, who led 13-0 at one point, got a complete game from hurler Katie Heiden. She walked 11, scattered 12 hits and struck out nine in picking up the win.

The Warriors also defeated Hamtramck, 21-6, as Heiden, Rose and Liz Unger collected two hits apiece.

RBI leaders included Heiden with five; Rose and Unger, three apiece.

Rose, the winning pitcher, gave up six hits and two walks over five innings.

MURON VALLEY 18, URBAN 3: In a game that last just three innings (mercy rule) on Tuesday, host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-3 overall) earned the non-league win against Detroit Urban Lutheran.

Rachel Zahn, the winning pitcher, helped her own cause with a single, triple and five RBI. Gretchen Grosinske added a double, single and four RBI, while Sam Pellegrino knocked in a pair of runs.

Zahn struck out five, walked five and allowed two hits in three innings.

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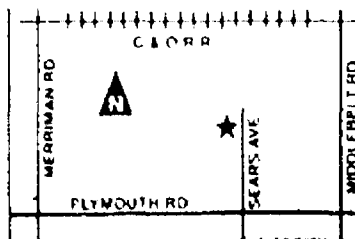
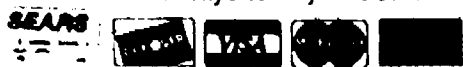
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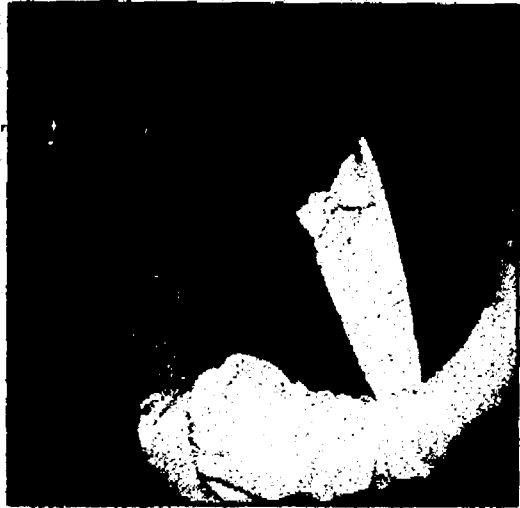
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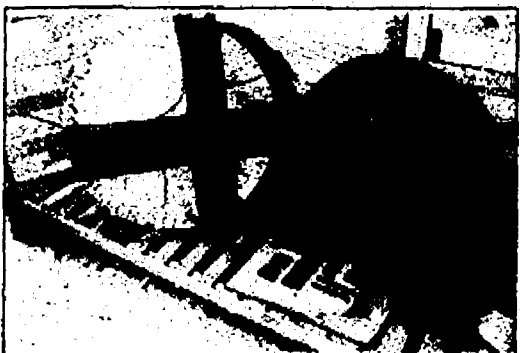
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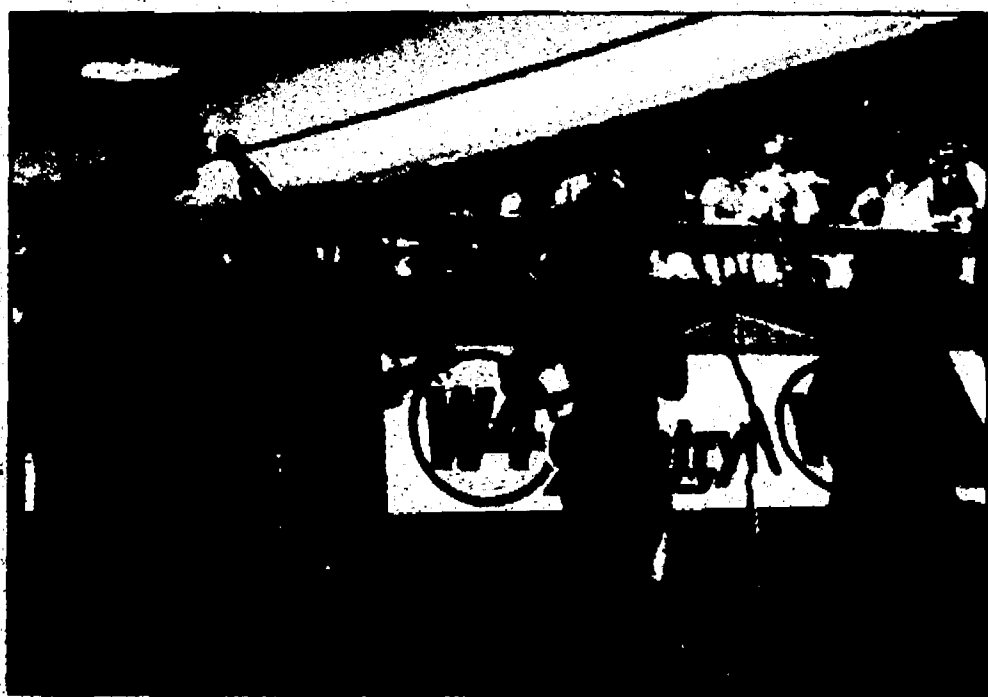
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A passion for music



Hoedown veterans: The Forbes Brothers, pictured here with background singer Jill Jack, are playing the Budweiser Downtown Hoedown for the sixth time on Saturday.

The Forbes Brothers play for the love of it

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

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Spearheading the Detroit country music scene, The Forbes Brothers aren't in it for notoriety, money or accolades. It comes down to one thing.

"We play because we like to play," said Scott Forbes, who along with his brother Dennis, is the core of The Forbes Brothers. "It's not a business for us. We do it for heart and soul. We don't play a lot for the same reasons other bands do. I think that people have to remember that music starts as an art, a gift."

The Forbes Brothers' art earned the band all five country music awards at the Detroit Music Awards on April 23. Country music fans can judge the band for themselves at 2 p.m. Saturday when the group plays the 1999 W4 Country-Budweiser Downtown Hoedown in Hart Plaza. The free event runs Friday-Sunday, May 14-16.

The band includes the Forbes brothers, guitarist J.C. Whitelaw, bassist Jon Ross, keyboardist George Canterbury, drummer Dave Jack, and background vocalist Jill Jack. At the Hoedown, however, they will have a special guest.

"We're playing this year with our band and we're backing Devin Scillian," he said of WDIV-TV's NewsBeat anchorman. "He's a very good songwriter and just a nice guy. At the end of our set, we'll bring him out. He's a really good lyricist, a good melodic songwriter."

Royal Oak natives, Scott and Dennis Forbes have been playing together since they were in grade school. In early 1990, the two decided to take it a step further.

"We've been songwriters for a long time and just decided to put a band together," said Scott Forbes, who lives in Farmington Hills. Dennis Forbes resides in Keego Harbor.

In 1995, Scott and Dennis Forbes, co-owners of the Mr. B's restaurant chain, released their self-titled debut album. "The Forbes Brothers" has reached sales of 4,800.

The Forbes Brothers maintain a high profile by steering away from bars and toward gigs opening for

country music stars like Diamond Rio, The Tractors and Ricochet. This year marks the sixth time that The Forbes Brothers have played the Hoedown.

The group is planning on releasing its second CD before Christmas. Late last year the brothers teamed up with guitarist Earl Klugh to record the song "Learning to Live" for the CD

What: The 1999 W4 Country-Budweiser Downtown Hoedown
When: Friday-Sunday, May 14-16, at Hart Plaza in Detroit. The performances are free and open to those of all ages. Call (313) 259-W4W4 for more information. The Hoedown will also be featured as a two-hour local special from 9-11 p.m. Sunday, June 6, on WDIV-TV (NBC).

Schedule

Friday, May 14

3:10 p.m. TBA
4:15 p.m. Sassy
5:30 p.m. Sara Evans
6:45 p.m. Matt King
8:15 p.m. Lee Roy Parnell
9:45 p.m. Terri Clark

Saturday, May 15

noon Starlight Drifters
1 p.m. Forbes Brothers with Devin Scillian
2:30 p.m. Trini Triggs (lower stage)
3:45 p.m. Shane MacAnally (lower stage)
4:45 p.m. Chad Brock
6:30 p.m. Mark Chesnutt
8:15 p.m. Lonestar
10 p.m. Tracy Lawrence

Sunday, May 16

1 p.m. Steele Canyon
1:45 p.m. Diamondback
3:15 p.m. Sheldaisy (lower stage)
4:15 p.m. Susan Ashton
5:45 p.m. Montgomery Gentry
7:15 p.m. The Kinleys
8:45 p.m. The Bellamy Brothers

"Two Guitars, Bass and Drums... Songs for Survival," a benefit for the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation. The Forbes Brothers met Klugh when he sat in with the band at Mr. B's restaurant in Troy.

"Earl Klugh, it was a thrill working with him. I was speechless the way he plays guitar. There's nobody in the world like this guy. He's just an incredibly nice person, Earl, more than any of the other Detroit stars,

still goes out to bars and listens to musicians play. He's still a Detroit musician through and through even though he's an international star."

The Detroit country music scene is an intimate and cozy one, Scott Forbes explained. Warner Bros. recording artist Anita Cochran, who scored a No. 1 record with Steve Wariner with "What If I Said," along with the Clinton River Band and Shotgun Willy are among the top of the small group of country artists in the area.

"There's not a huge country market here. Country is in kind of a depression nationally. It always comes back, but I think part of the reason country is weak right now is because of the people producing the records. They're not willing to stretch it out and experiment with rock 'n' roll. If you listen to country, it sounds like the same five musicians have played on every record," he said.

The Forbes Brothers, on the other hand, delve into several genres.

"Our band has a Detroit attitude. Even though the songs are country, they're played with a hard-driving edge. We definitely are influenced by Bob Seger and Detroit Wheels, growing up here and the whole Detroit rock scene that happened over the years," he said.

"I've always loved Hank Williams Sr., but I also loved the MC5 and I really am a big fan of the alternative rock scene in Detroit like Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise and The Verve Pipe. People always ask me what I like and I say, anything that's done well," he said.

The Forbes Brothers have done well for themselves. Scott Forbes chalks up the band's success to the fact that it does all original material, and to Mike Watts, owner of the Plymouth production company Watts Up! and the Hoedown's producer.

"He has really helped our band out a lot. He's always liked us and he's always got us on really good shows. He's always been able to recognize original talent in Detroit. We would not have had the recognition that we've had had it not been for Mike," he said.

Onstage: Bob Thiel as "Iceman" and Patrick Moug (kneeling) as "Bones" in a scene from "Captain Beefalo." Moug's play premieres at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall in Northville on Friday.

Cop takes a shot at writing and acting in plays

Show times for "Captain Beefalo," at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall in Northville, are 7 p.m. Friday, May 14, and Saturday, May 15, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 16. Tickets are \$10 and include hot and cold hors d'oeuvres before the show. The doors open one hour before the show. Cash bar.

Reservations are required, and can be made by calling Genitti's at (248) 349-0522. The theater is at 108 East Main St.

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Patrick Moug, a sergeant with the Livonia Police Department, has drawn his new play, "Captain Beefalo," from his own life.

Don't expect a gritty crime drama.

The play, which premieres Friday at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall in Northville, is about a suburban police officer from a family with a law-enforcement tradition. Nicknamed Hoss, the cop wants to become an actor.

"He's midway through a career and he doesn't know if he wants to give it up to take this risk in life," Moug said.

Adding to that pressure is an older brother, an officer nicknamed Bones, who wants Hoss to stay in police work.

The play's title is the nickname of a third brother, who has just died in the line of duty as the play opens and whose life is invoked both as a reason for Hoss to stay a cop and a reason for him to follow his dream.

"The two brothers take from Beefalo what they think he was all about," said Phil Powers, who is directing the show at Genitti's.

Hoss' conflict, Moug said, is an expression of what he feared would happen to him as he pursued his real-life goals of writing and acting.

Instead, he said, his family has been supportive — even though Moug studied acting in his spare time for a year before he told anyone but his wife.

Moug, who plays Bones to Aaron Toronto's Hoss, said he has long loved writing, acting and going to shows. But

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Fireballs all set to torch the charts

What: The Atomic Fireballs
When: Doors open at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 23
Where: The Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit.
How: Tickets are \$10 in advance for the 18 and older show. Call (313) 833-9700 or (248) 645-6666 for more information.

Other performances by The Atomic Fireballs include:

■ "Late Night With Conan O'Brien," 12:35 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, on NBC TV.

■ As part of the "Vans Warped Tour" with Pennywise, Blink 182, Sevendust, Cypress Hill, Black Eyed Peas, Less Than Jake, Grinspoon, The Vandals, The Living End, Suicidal Tendencies, Ice T, Molotov, Dropkick Murphys, Bouncing Souls, Royal Crown Revue, Frenzal Rhomb, River Panix, Lunachicks, Spring Heeled Jack, 7 Seconds, H2O, Bumpin' Uglies, Gramercy Riffs, Thoughts of Ionesco and Sto-Poke, 1 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at the Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre, 10 Water St., Pontiac. Tickets are \$24 in advance for the all-ages show. Call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com> or <http://www.warpedtour.com> for more information.

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To say that The Atomic Fireballs are a priority of Lava/Atlantic Records, would be an understatement.

Atlantic Records' CEO Ahmet Ertegun has been calling lead singer John Bunkley regularly since the two met. Lava Records president Jason Flom calls Bunkley a "superstar in the making."

The band will make its big-screen debut this fall in an as-of-yet-untitled film starring Neve Campbell and Matthew Perry. In September, the octet jumps on a Playboy-sponsored tour.

But it's just all in a day's work for the always-smiling Bunkley and the rest of the Detroit-based swing/jump blues band.

"I would see him all the time even before we signed," Bunkley said of Ertegun. "He would be calling me up from the World Cup in Turkey. I was on the Warped Tour so I'd get back to the hotel and I'd have a message that Ahmet called from Turkey. It was kind of weird."

"Ahmet, he's a good guy. He did some songs with Ray

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Author Elmore Leonard reads from his new novel, "Be Cool," with musical accompaniment by the Stone Coyotes as part of the "Be Cool" club tour, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Multi-Detroit Music Award winner Jill Jack also performs. Tickets are \$10 for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit <http://www.themagicbag.com>.



On stage: Jennifer Allie (left to right), Kerry Plague, Alan Madeleine, Margaret Gilkes, Hank Bennett, Anju Chopra and Thomas Adams in a scene from the SRO Productions presentation of "The Wisdom of Eve."

Theaters have lively schedule

They've been rehearsing for months, now it's show time for community theater groups throughout metro Detroit.

Here's what's opening this weekend at a community theater near you.

SRO Productions presents Mary Orr's drama "The Wisdom of Eve," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, May 14-30 at the City of Southfield's historic center, "The Burgh, in the renovated 1854 church on the northeast corner of Civic Center Dr. and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph. Tickets are \$8 general admission, \$7 senior adults and children. Call (248) 827-0701 for tickets or information.

"The Wisdom of Eve" was adapted from the book by Mary Orr, and was the basis for the film "All About Eve," and "The Musical Applause."

The play takes an "inside" look at Broadway stardom. This is a

biting comedy with mesmerizing drama.

Village Players

This Friday, the Village Players will begin a three-week run of Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night," directed by Linda Hammell.

Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 14-15; May 21-22; and May 28-29; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 16 and May 23 at the Village Players of Birmingham, 752 Chestnut, (one block south of Maple, and one block east of Woodward Ave.) Tickets \$12, call (248) 644-2075

The play, set in August of 1912, was first performed three years after O'Neill's death in 1953. In a catalogue of plays distinguished by emotional and intellectual depth, and experimentation, "Long Day's Journey Into Night" is perhaps the playwright's most autobiographical

work.

Stagecrafters

Stagecrafters presents the final Main Stage show of the 1998-99 season, "Crazy for You," featuring music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin, book by Ken Ludwig, May 14 through June 6 at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Performances 8 p.m. with the exception of 2 p.m. Sunday. There will be one evening Sunday performance, 7 p.m. on May 23.

Tickets are \$12-\$14, call (248) 541-6430. A special dinner theater package is available from Illusions Bar & Grill in downtown Royal Oak, call (248) 586-1313.

Crazy for you was inspired, loosely, by the 1930 Gershwin musical "Girl Crazy."

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Charles and he told me he had some songs filed away that he wanted me to hear," Bunkley added matter of factly.

The Atomic Fireballs are celebrating the release of their Lava/Atlantic debut "Torch This Place," due in stores Tuesday, May 18 - the same day the group appears on "Late Night With Conan O'Brien." The Atomic Fireballs have also set a CD release party and performance for Sunday, May 23, at the Magic Stick in Detroit.

"Torch This Place" kicks off mercilessly with Bunkley's scat-like shouts accompanied by hand-claps before bursting into the full-throttle jump blues of "Man with the Hex," the album's first single. "Caviar and Chitlins" swings, while "Hit By a Brick" is straight from the soundtrack to a mystery.

"Torch This Place" was recorded in Vancouver with Bruce Fairbairn, whose credits include Aerosmith, AC/DC, Chicago and Van Halen. It may seem like an odd pairing, but Bunkley explained, it was everything but odd.

"He's a trumpet player. He's a jazz aficionado. He really likes old music like Miles and Charlie Parker and all that stuff. He won our hearts because that's what he does. He likes old soul music, rhythm and blues, and jump blues," Bunkley explained.

"That's where his heart really is. He knew about horns and trumpets, and big drum sounds from his experience with rock. Plus, he was so easy to get along with. He's a fun guy and he's got that Canadian hospitality going."

Longtime fan

Blues and soul are Bunkley's first loves. Growing up on Detroit's west side, Bunkley indulged in his mother's album collection, listening to performers like Wynonie Harris and Louis Jordan.

He first found success locally with the ska band Gangster Fun, which he formed during his years at Oakland University in Rochester. When Gangster Fun ran dry, Bunkley took a break from music to pursue a master's degree in sociology and work as a glassblower at Greenfield Village.

In 1996, he and trumpeter James Bostek came up with the idea to start a jump blues/swing band - long before swing bands like the Cherry Poppin' Daddies, Mighty Blue Kings and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy hit the charts.

The Atomic Fireballs inked their multi-album deal with Lava/Atlantic in the summer of 1998 after artist and repertoire rep Rick Goetz heard tracks from the band's debut "Birth of the



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

High-profile gigs: The Atomic Fireballs, featuring singer John Bunkley, performed at The Magic Stick in the Majestic complex. Staying true to their dedication to longtime friends, The Atomic Fireballs return there Sunday, May 23, for a CD release party and performance.

Swerve."

"It did pretty well in markets like Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis and Des Moines, Iowa. They (A&R folks) sit around and watch what makes a little blip on the screen," Bunkley said.

Goetz then flew out to Chicago to see The Atomic Fireballs perform in front of 250,000 people, and alongside bands like Fastball and Marcy Playground. He, along with Flom, was impressed.

"The Fireballs' live show is one of the most exciting and fun live shows I've ever seen," Flom said last summer. "It's highlighted by John Bunkley who, in my opinion, is a superstar in the making."

"He's got style for days and his moves ... he's on a different planet than the rest of us. You can't help smiling."

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a football scholarship took him to the University of Connecticut (he majored in communications) and a brother and, yes, a family tradition, led to a police career.

But he loves the thrill of acting in a live format, which he compared to playing football on national television or the adrenaline rush a cop might get during a high-speed chase or a high-stakes arrest.

"I love acting like I don't love anything else in the world," he said.

Moug brings an authenticity honed on his regular job to his play, Powers and Toronto said.

■ 'He understands what makes good drama, what makes good theater, what makes good comedy.'

Phil Powers
director

"I think it's been terrific to have him know that world so well," Toronto said.

"He understands what makes

good drama, what makes good theater, what makes good comedy," Powers said.

He's also flexible, receptive to ideas and criticism and willing to rewrite and rewrite, both said.

"You hear horror stories about people who write their stuff and want to be in it as well," Toronto said.

"Captain Beefalo" has been optioned by the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea for the 2000-2001 season. Another script by Moug, "Michigan Autumn," is scheduled to be filmed, in a local production, later this year.



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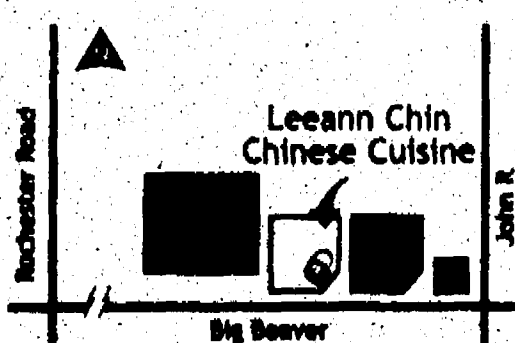
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'Blood Brothers,' intense drama

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents Willy Russell's musical drama "Blood Brothers" 8p.m. Friday-Saturday May 14-15, and 21-22; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16 and 23. The Guild is on Madison near the south corner of Monroe and Outer Drive in Dearborn. For ticket information, call (313) 561-TKTS. This production contains adult language and situations; not recommended for preteens.

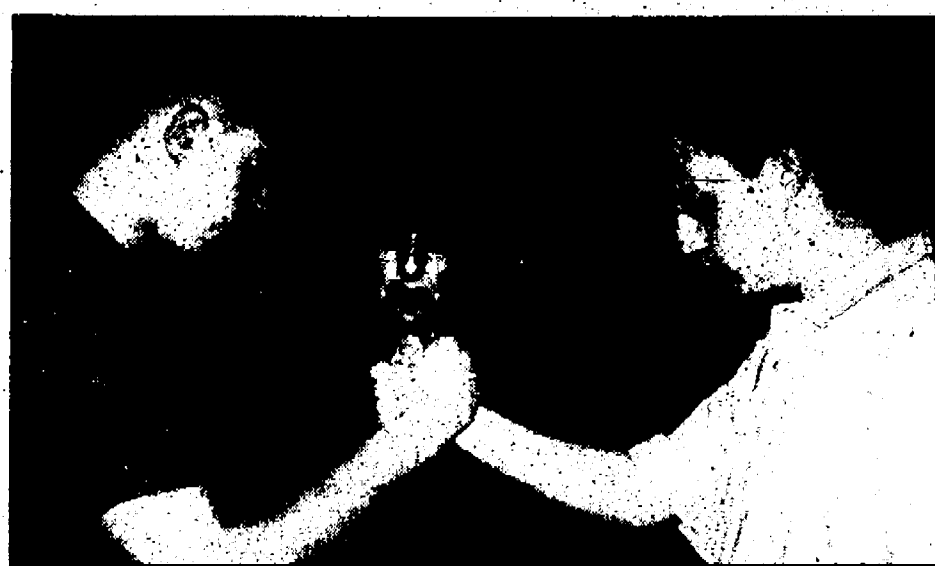
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The Players Guild of Dearborn's presentation of the musical drama "Blood Brothers" is a captivatingly intense tragedy, full of foreshadowing and foreboding. And while the soundtrack will never be a hit, the songs convey the sadness and futility that unfolds.

Mrs. Johnstone, a struggling cleaning woman with a house full of children, discovers shortly after her husband deserts her that she is pregnant with twins.

Her employer, Mrs. Lyons, a wealthy, childless woman, begs her for one of the twins. Since Mrs. Lyons's husband has refused to adopt a baby, but is away on business for extended periods, Mrs. Lyons schemes to pass the baby off as her own. Mrs. Johnstone, who risks losing her other children to the welfare authorities, very reluctantly agrees. Thus the twins are separated at birth.

However, the two boys seem inexorably drawn to each other, and become best friends, despite their diverse backgrounds and



Farewell: Eddie (Jeff Ostrowski, right) tells his best friend Mickey (Ron Williams) goodbye as Mrs. Johnstone (Valerie Mould) watches in "Blood Brothers."

their parents' attempts to keep them apart. As they reach adulthood, class differences begin to tear them apart, and the superstition of the fate of twins separated at birth seems to be on a collision course toward fulfillment.

Under the skillful direction of Kim Donovan of Farmington Hills, the strong cast kept the show's pace rapid and suspenseful. The chorus, whose members played multiple roles — from children to adults — added a colorful infusion of characters to the show.

Brian Townsend and Richard Moore's cleverly constructed and versatile set, which facilitated the rapid scene changes, was augmented with drops and easily moved furniture to segue rapidly

from exterior to interior scenes.

Valerie Mould of Royal Oak is wonderfully sympathetic as Mrs. Johnstone, whose guilt over the surrender of one of her twins shadows her life. Mould captures both the plucky optimism of a woman determined to care for her children despite heavy odds, and the wrenching grief when she surrenders a twin to Mrs. Lyons. She embodies much of the sadness in her frequent reprises of the character's signature ballad, "Marilyn Monroe."

Emily Tyrybon effectively portrayed Mrs. Lyons's desperation and descent into mental illness. Haunted by her conscience in the form of the narrator, her fear is chronicled in song. Doug Clark of Royal Oak, who plays the narrator, has a powerful stage presence and a voice that sends chills

up one's spine. His searing glances, deliberate movements, and menacing voice drove Mrs. Lyons further into her downward spiral.

The twins, Mickey and Eddie, were played respectively by Ron Williams Jr. of Redford and Jeff Ostrowski. Both are talented actors and strong singers. They were wonderfully convincing as 7-year-olds and angst-ridden adolescents. Their wonderful voices were a credit to the less than memorable songs. "That Guy," their duet, tellingly captured the insecurities of awkward 14-year-old boys.

However, Williams lost credibility when a prop mishap caused him to break out of character and shake uncontrollably with laughter in a crowd scene freeze meant to accentuate a grim song by the narrator.

Linda, Mickey and Eddie's sidekick, who loved them both in turn, was played with warmth, longing, and passion by Ruthann Hande of Canton. Hande metamorphosed from a convincing tomboy in pigtails to a beautiful, sensuous woman. Her fluid movements and expressive face accentuated her strong stage presence.

The period costuming, from the 1950s to 1970s, was effective and realistic, and added believability to the scenes where adults portrayed children. The properties — especially the symbolic guns — worked well. Make-up crew deserves special recognition for their hairstyles, which effectively portrayed both the age of characters and their states of mind.

Paula Poundstone performs benefit for Gilda's Club

BY KEELY WYGNONIK
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Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit is "identified with humor," said Geri Lester of Franklin who is treasurer of the board of directors.

That's one of the reasons they chose comedienne Paula Poundstone as the featured performer at Gilda's Big Night Out, Wednesday, May 19 at St. John's Armenian Banquet Center, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. The event benefits Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit. It begins at 6 p.m. with a silent auction. Dinner, catered by the Golden Mushroom restaurant follows at 7:15 p.m. The program begins at 8 p.m. Gene Taylor of WOMC is the host and emcee. Tickets are \$125 (donor) and \$200 (patron). Corporate tables are available for \$3,000 and benefactor tables for \$5,000. Call (248) 577-0800 for tickets.

"I was a very big fan of hers," said Poundstone about Radner, a Birmingham native and well-known comedienne who died of cancer. "When I was in high school other kids had black-light posters of music groups on their walls — I had pictures of Gilda on my wall along with other comedy greats."

Laughter, they say is the best medicine, and while it isn't a cure, it certainly helps people suffering from cancer and their families.

"I'm a cancer survivor and I know the importance of being with people who experienced the same thing you're going through," said Lester who is one of the honorary chairpersons for Gilda's Big Night Out. "It's important to have something like this outside the hospital facility. It wasn't available when I was going through treatment."

Over 700 people have passed through the doors since Gilda's Club Metro Detroit opened in



Paula Poundstone

Royal Oak last January.

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit is a dream come true for Radner who envisioned a warm and welcoming place where people cancer, their friends and family could join with others to build social and emotional support.

Proceeds raised from Gilda's Big Night Out will help Gilda's Club continue its work.

Lester is excited about the silent auction. Two rooms are filled with 100 items.

"We have beautiful art pieces, a trip, some diamond earrings, dinners and symphony tickets. People have been very generous and kind," she said. "Gilda's Club is open to everyone at no charge. We're here to help people live with cancer and make every day worthwhile."

Poundstone is a frequent guest on the Rosie O'Donnell Show, winner of several CableACE Awards for her HBO comedy specials and is currently the voice of Judge Stone on the ABC Saturday morning program "Squigglevision." She will be starring in a new animated series for UPN "Home Movies" in which she voices the character of Paula Small, a divorced single mom with two children.

'Wait Until Dark' has 2nd act thrills

The Plymouth Theatre Guild presents Frederick Knott's suspenseful drama, "Wait Until Dark" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 13-15 at the Water Tower Theatre, on the grounds of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 West Seven Mile Road, west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville Roads. Not recommended for children under age 12. Tickets \$9, \$8 advance, call (248) 349-7110. Plymouth Theatre Guild will also be presenting "Wait Until Dark" 5 p.m. Sunday, May 16 at the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory, 5710 N. Canton Center Road. Tickets \$8 in advance, \$9 at the door. For more information about this performance, call (734) 397-5417.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

The Plymouth Theatre Guild's presentation of "Wait Until Dark" suffered through a slow moving first act script of redundant exposition before presenting a frightening, fast-paced second act. If the first act were selectively cut, the Guild would have an exciting thriller on their hands.

"Wait Until Dark" is the story

of Susy Hendrix, a blind woman whose photographer husband Sam unwittingly becomes the courier for a doll containing heroin. Sam was given the doll by a fellow plane passenger, who told him the doll was for a hospitalized girl in Sam's home city of Montreal. However, the doll disappears from the Hendrix apartment, and the criminal elements after the heroin become desperate to get it back.

Gloria, Susy's temperamental 10-year-old neighbor, knows where the doll is and becomes Susy's eyes when they must outwit the encroaching criminals.

The play begins with two criminals "casing" the Hendrix's apartment. Knott's script spends way too much time setting up the background, which other characters reiterate again and again. Dennis Hubbell of West Bloomfield as Mike Talman and Barry Levine as Sgt. Carlino are the two criminals recently released on parole who are blackmailed into helping mastermind bad guy Harry Roat.

Levine is a Columbo type, with a rumpled raincoat but without the smarts.

Hubbell is suave and charming as Talman, gaining Susy's trust

by claiming to be a friend of her husband, who is away on business.

Arianna Prusak of Novi is wonderful as Susy, mastering the deliberate and searching movements of a blind person, and conveying her character's terror and frustration. Her final battle with the evil Roat is wonderfully choreographed and well timed, especially since much of it takes place in dim light or the dark. The scene is very frightening and believable whether played in total darkness or lit only by the refrigerator bulb.

Sara Wiercioch of Plymouth plays 10-year-old Gloria, the bratty neighbor who fortunately has a redeeming side to her personality. Sara is wonderful in her tantrum scene when, after being accused by Susy of stealing the doll, she impulsively flings kitchen implements around the room with unbridled enthusiasm.

Keith Prusak, who plays the evil mastermind Roat, and who is Arianna's husband in real life, is cast against type as her would be murderer. He conveyed well the bright but twisted criminal mind and times his trump cards well. He has a powerful stage

presence and is like a panther in his dimly lit final battle with Susy.

The set, a living room/kitchen combination, is ugly, bland, and cluttered, with only one poorly stained kitchen cupboard. The props mirror what one would expect to see in a college dorm room, not the home of a successful photographer who would have an eye for color and detail. The house is also unusually cluttered for a blind person who would need strict organization. Why would a photographer with a studio a few blocks away have an open darkroom in his apartment? Especially one lit with a white — not red — bulb. And if the show is set in the present day, why do they have an old dial phone?

Susy's calf-length jeans and loose-fitting shirt are unflattering, and both her outfit and Gloria's are nondescript, missing an opportunity to add some color to the stage.

Testimonial honor musician Kazarian

A testimonial dinner for clarinetist Hachig Kazarian will be held beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at the Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

Kazarian will be honored for promoting Armenian music.

The program will include hors d'oeuvres, dinner and Armenian music and dance. Tickets are \$50 a person. All proceeds will go to

the Hachig Kazarian Music Scholarship Fund at the Juilliard School of Music in New York City.

There will be several featured speakers and presentations by the Juilliard School of Music, Eastern Michigan University and government officials.

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THE CENTURY THEATRE

"Forbidden Hollywood," runs through Sunday, June 27, at the newly restored 200-seat theater in the Gem/Century building, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$29.50. (313) 962-2913

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Magda's Story," runs through May 23, 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

GEM THEATRE

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," runs through June 27 at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 or (248) 645-6666

JET

"The Caregiver" through Sunday, May 30, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900 or <http://comnet.org/jet>

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"The Rocky Horror Show," runs through Sunday, May 9, at the theater in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

NEW STUDIO COMPANY

"Master Class," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 13-15, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16, Varner Studio Theatre, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$18-\$25. (248) 377-3300/(248) 645-6666

COLLEGE

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE

"American Enterprise," a story about idealist George Pullman, inventor of the Pullman railway, runs in rotating repertory to May 15, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE

"The Trip to Bountiful," May 13-16 and 20-23, Civic Playhouse, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. evening performances, and 2 p.m. Sunday matinees. \$16, \$14 for seniors and students. (734) 971-0605

AVON PLAYERS

"Children of Eden," a new musical based on the Biblical stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel and Noah's Ark. May 14-16 and 20-22, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. \$15. (248) 608-9077

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

"Little Shop of Horrors," May 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 14-15, at 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$12. (248) 553-2955

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE

"City of Angels," May 13-16 and 20-22, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sundays, in the Flies Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms. \$16. (313) 881-4004

NOVI THEATERS' PERFORMANCE PLUS

"Picnic at Hanging Rock," intriguing mystery set a turn of the century. Friday-Sunday, May 14-16, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile. \$8, \$7 advance. (248) 347-0400

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"Blood Brothers," a dramatic tale of fate and class for fraternal twins separated at birth, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 14-15 and 21-22, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, May 16 and 23, at the theater, 21730 Madison, Dearborn. \$13, all seats reserved. (313) 261-1175

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

"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. Thursday-Saturday, May 13-15, 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. Performance at Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory, 5 p.m. Sunday, May 16, call (734) 397-5417.

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS

"Into the Woods," a musical by Stephen Sondheim, May 14-16 and 21-23, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 206 W. Long Lake between Crooks and Livernois roads. \$13, \$12 seniors/students. (248) 988-7049

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

"Around the House," a cabaret-style show celebrating the rich blend of music, visual arts, dance, drama, and film, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 14-15 and 21-22, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile, west of I-275, Livonia. \$10, \$8 members. Some of the language and themes explored might be uncomfortable for younger viewers. (734) 464-6302

WALK & SQUAWK PERFORMANCE PROJECT

"Who It Is," a musical journey in search of American identity written and performed by Andy Kirshner, a tapestry of jazz, gospel, reggae, scat, remixed Debussy, Yiddish, Afro-Cuban and rap music, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sundays, through May 16, at the Performance Network, Ann Arbor. \$15, \$12 students/seniors. (734) 663-0681.



LINDA SOLOMON

Be Cool: Author Elmore Leonard reads from his new novel, "Be Cool," the sequel to "Get Shorty," with musical accompaniment by the Stone Coyotes as part of the "Be Cool" club tour, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Multi-Detroit Music Award winner Jill Jack also performs. Tickets are \$10 for the 18-and-older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit <http://www.themagicbag.com>. In "Be Cool," Chili Palmer begins a new career managing rock bands. Besides listening to and hanging around the Stone Coyotes, Leonard also researched Fiona Apple, Gwen Stefani and Alanis Morissette, and even had Aerosmith at his home for a barbecue.

And June 3-13, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. \$18, \$15 students/seniors/museum members. (313) 494-5800

WYANDOTTE COMMUNITY THEATRE
"Funny Girl," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 14-15, at Wilson Middle School, 1275 15th St., near Goddard, Wyandotte. \$9, \$8 students/seniors. (313) 438-0126 or <http://www.wydotlights.com>

ZEITGEIST THEATRE
Eugene Ionesco's "Victims of Duty: A Pseudo-drama," opens Friday, May 21, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturdays through June 12, at Zeitgeist, 2661 Michigan Ave., west of Tiger Stadium, between 19th and 20th streets, Detroit. (313) 965-9192

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

DETROIT PUPPET THEATRE

PuppetArt presents "Kolobok," a Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man," noon and 2 p.m. Saturdays, May 15 and 22 and Sundays, May 16 and 23, at the theater, 25 E. Grand River, between Woodward Ave. and Farmer Street, Detroit. \$8 adults, \$6 children. (313) 961-7777

MARQUIS THEATRE

The musical "Rapunzel," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, May 15, 22, 29 and June 5, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, May 16 and 23, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6. (248) 349-8110

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

American Family Theater's production of "Robin Hood," 9:30 a.m. and noon Monday, May 17, at the center, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. \$8. (248) 424-9022

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

"The Ted Sullivan Show," Broadway and hip-hop dance, short scenes, and selections by the TinderBox Choir, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 15, in the Cathedral Theater of the Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. \$3. (313) 535-8962

WILD SWAN THEATRE

World premiere of "Brothers of the Heart," an adventure and coming-of-age story of 14-year-old Shem Perkins who runs away from home, set in Michigan's pioneering days, for ages 9 and older, through May 16, gala opening 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, with old-fashioned ice cream social and afterglow in the Towsley Theater, (\$20, \$15), at the Towsley Theater, in the Morris Lawrence Building at Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor. \$8, \$6 children. (734) 763-TKTS: Backstage tour and audio-description available for blind and visually impaired audience members by reservation, (734) 995-0530

SPECIAL EVENTS

CRANBROOK GARDENS' SPRING PLANT SALE

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$5. Free parking and shuttle available from Christ Church lot across Lone Pine. (248) 645-3147

STEWART FRANKIE LEUKEMIA FOUNDATION

Holds a bone marrow drive, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 15, St. Mary Catholic Church Parish Hall, 730 S. Lafayette, at Lincoln St., Royal Oak. (248) 828-2865 or <http://www.sff.com>

"GREETTOWN ARTS FESTIVAL"

Featuring music by the Robert Lowe Group, Jazzhead, Thonetta Davis, and Black Beauty and the Sugarfoot Horns. Friday, May 21: Drum Devils, Jimmy McCarty and Jeff Grand, Soul Clique, "Hammond 8-3 Organ Summit" with Chris Codish, Gerard Gibbs and Bill Heid, and Ron Levy's Wild Kingdom. Saturday, May 22: and Mighty Royal Lites, The Motor City Street Band, Johnny Bassett and the Blues

Insurgents, Thonetta Davis, Odessa Harris, Alberta Adams. Sunday, May 23, Detroit's Greektown.

ICE COMPANY

Southfield's 28th annual ice skating spectacular, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 13-15, 1:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 15-16, and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at the Southfield Sports Arena, 26000 Evergreen Road. \$9.50, \$9, \$8.50. (248) 354-9357/(248) 354-9603

"LUCAS LECTURE"

Professor Omri Ben-Shahar, professor of law and economics at Tel Aviv University, speaks about the implications of the election and the peace process on the Israeli economy, as part of the annual Lucas Lecture, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13, Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, Jewish Community Center, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030

MEADOWBROOK THEATRE GUILD

"A Blast From the Past: A Celebration of the '50s, '60s and '70s," 7 p.m. (dinner at 8:30 p.m.) Saturday, May 21, dinner, dancing, silent auction, and live music by the Teen Angels, at Cherry Creek Golf Club, 5200 Cherry Creek Drive, Shelby Township. \$100 per person, to benefit Meadow Brook Theatre and its educational outreach programs. (810) 716-8503

BOB MILNE CONCERT

The ragtime pianist performs 2 p.m. Sunday, May 16, in Varner Hall at Oakland University, Rochester. \$10, \$5 students, \$8 groups each in groups of 10 or more. (810) 793-6515/(800) 701-5024

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>

PLYMOUTH IS ARTS TRAGEOUS

Artists demonstrations, music and poetry readings in and around 15 downtown Plymouth galleries and businesses, 7-10 p.m. Friday, May 14, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 15, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 16. Free. (734) 455-8838/(734) 455-5531

REDFORD THEATRE

"Sunset Boulevard" film with guest organists Newton Bates and Gus Borman, 7:30 p.m. organ overture followed by 8 p.m. film Friday, May 14, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. overtures with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. films, Saturday, May 15, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 537-2560 or <http://theatreorgans.com/ml/redford>

CANTOR PENNY STEYER

Temple Sholom cantor, 1 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Jeff Hall, Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, A. Alfred Taubman JCC Campus, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Free. Lunch at

noon and costs \$2.25, reservations required by May 14. (248) 967-4030

TIN CAN TOURISTS RALLY

A gathering of vintage travel trailers and motor coaches from across the nation on display, May 20-23, Concours d'Elegance competition for trailers 25 years or older 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at Camp Dearborn, Milford. (248) 684-0393/(888) 757-7701, ext. 49945

FAMILY EVENTS

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Let's Play Opposites," a "Tiny Tots" event that demonstrates the concept of opposites, featuring assistant conductor Ya-Hui Wang, narrator Rheda Becker, and Wesley Jacobs (principal tuba of the DSO), and the Pointe Repertory Dancers in a feature performance of Kleinsinger's Tubby the Tuba, 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Saturday, May 15, Mercy High School, Farmington Hills. \$10. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

BENEFITS

"COME TO THE CABARET"

Temple Emanu-El presents Nancy Gurwin & Company in song, 7 p.m. Sunday, May 16, \$25, includes hors d'oeuvres and desserts. To raise funds for Temple improvements, educational programs for the religious school students and fine art students. (248) 967-4020

EARTH ANGELS SOCK HOP

Special performance of '50s music by Earth Angels, pizza dinner with dessert, hula hoop contest, prizes for best '50s contest, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the William Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$8, \$5 children ages 5 and younger, to benefit the Earth Angels, an advanced performance group of young people ages 9-17. (248) 330-6410

GILDA'S BIG NIGHT OUT

6 p.m. (silent auction), 7:15 p.m. (dinner) and 8 p.m. (program with comedian Paula Poundstone), Wednesday, May 19, at St. John's Armenian Banquet Center, 22001 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. \$125, benefits 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 seven 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 day of tour, benefits Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. (734) 453-3016

"KOSOVO RELIEF BENEFIT"

With the 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

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Season finale concert features pianists Joann Freeman and Jutta Czapki in Mozart's "Concerto No. 10 in E-flat Major for Two Pianos," also works by Schumann and Bruckner, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills.

\$20, \$15 students. (248) 645-2276

CHAMBER MUSIC ANN ARBOR

"Spring Fest 99: Folk Themes in Chamber Music," celebrates the work of great composers who have drawn upon folk traditions for their inspiration, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, May 16 and 23, in the Apse at the University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$20, \$10 students, \$30 family (one adult and children), \$50 (two adults and children). (734) 930-1960

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA

With conductor Charles Burke performing music by Mendelssohn, Glinka, Rachmaninoff and Respighi, 8 p.m. Sunday, May 16, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 general admission main floor seating, \$25 reserved box seats. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Featuring violinist Gil Shaham performing Bela Bartok's Violin Concerto No. 2, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 20-21, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48 (\$60-\$63 box seats). (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.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 Tew, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$15, \$8 children ages 12 and younger. (248) 645-6666/(734) 464-2741/(734) 421-1111

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

Spring Concert, 1 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Churchill High School auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$6, \$3 seniors/students. (734) 591-7848

MICHIGAN FLUTE ORCHESTRA

Under director Shaul Ben-Mier, 5 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington, Franklin. \$8, \$5 children ages 10 and younger. (248) 626-6606

ROYAL OAK COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

8 p.m. Friday, May 14, features flutist Alice Lenaghan and guitarist Terry Herald in premier performance of concerto by Detroitter Terry Herald, at Kimball High School, 1500 Lexington, Royal Oak. \$7, \$5. (248) 988-6991

REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY

Waltzes, overtures, marches, show tunes, and a "Surprise" symphony, soloists are clarinetist Emily Petti in Von Weber's Concertino and French horn player James Schuster in Mozart's third Horn Concerto, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at Redford Union High School. Free.

BRASS

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND

"Brass Roots: Getting to the Bottom of the Brass Band," a concert of music from "Bugler's Holiday" to Shostakovich, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. \$10, \$8 students/seniors, \$25 families. (248) 424-9022/(248) 618-9725

POPS/SWING

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.detroitssymphony.com>

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA

9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 513-5030 (swing)

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

10:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (western swing)

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

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

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Auditions for new members for the 1999-2000 season on May 22. (734) 591-7849

SECOND CITY KID'S IMPROV CAMP

Applications are now being accepted for the Second City's "Kid's Improv Camp" to be held 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. June 14-24, for students ages 10-13 and 13-16, respectively; 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. July 19-29 for students ages 13-16 and 16-18, respectively; and 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Aug. 16-26 for kids ages 10-13 and 13-16, respectively, at The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$150. (313) 964-5821

SPIRIT OF DETROIT CHORUS

Looking for new members of all ages to rehearse and become new members of the ladies group that sings four part harmony in the barbershop tradition, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, at St. Paul's

Presbyterian Church, Five Mile west of Inkster Road, Livonia. (313) 937-2429

CHORAL

CANTATA ACADEMY

"An Opera Gala: Great Opera Choruses and Arias," 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. \$12 seniors and students, \$15. (248) 358-9868

RENAISSANCE VOICES

Spring Concert featuring a mix of vocal music performed by men's and women's ensembles, with special guest the 16-member male a cappella group Con Spirito, 4 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at Christ Episcopal Church, 120 N. Military, at Cherry Hill, Dearborn. \$8, \$5 seniors/students. (3

8 days a week

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RAREFIELD
The bassist and guitarist perform original compositions and works by John Coltrane, Thelonius Monk and Duke Ellington, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Detroit Institute of Arts Recital Hall, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15, \$12 seniors, students and Creative Arts Collective members. (313) 833-4005

WORLD MUSIC

BEAU SOLEIL
7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 20, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$18.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (Cajun)

BLACK MARKET
8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (reggae)

IMMUNITY
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; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, May 21, Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge: 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

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>

JAN KRIST
9 p.m. Friday, May 14, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101

PHIL OCHS TRIBUTE
Featuring Greg Greenway, Kim and Reggie Harris, Pat Humphrey, Magpie, Camille West, Tom Prasada-Rao, Matt Watroba, Neil Woodward, Josh White Jr., Robert Jones and Small Potatoes. 8 p.m. Friday, May 21, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

RFD BOYS
8 p.m. Saturday, May 15, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (9734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

PLYMOUTH POETS
"Generation X Poetry Night," with Will Tupper, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 844 Penniman. (734) 459-7319

DANCE

COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS
8 p.m. Saturday, May 15, live Irish music by Nutshell, all dances taught, no partner needed, open jam for string band musicians of all levels from 4-6 p.m. (free), at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-8863/(734) 426-0241

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING
7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, all dances taught, partner not required, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

PICNIC SOCIAL DANCE
2 p.m. Sunday, May 16, music by The Vanities begins at 3 p.m., food and refreshments available for purchase, at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy. (248) 689-3636

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Randy Lubrisonic, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 13 (\$5), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 14-15 (\$12); Ron Morey, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 20 (\$5), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22 (\$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
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); Billy Ray Bauer, 9 p.m. Friday, May 21 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. Saturday, May 22 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), 7 p.m. Sunday, May 23 (\$8), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Christopher Titus through May 16, also appearing Chris Speyer, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

SECOND CITY
"Impeachment and Cream," through May, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, 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 gen

eral admission seating. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451
SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER
8 p.m. Thursday, April 30, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451

MUSEUMS

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901; 'Remembering Downtown Hudson's' exhibit, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays: \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Special Effects" at 1:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

GREENFIELD VILLAGE
"Greenfield Village Antiques Show and Sale," 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 15, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 16, Greenfield Village's Lovett Hall. Free lecture, "Remembrance of Things Past: The Golden Age of American Antiques, 1700-1850," 3 p.m. Saturday, May 15. \$7, \$6 for seniors ages 62 and older. Proceeds benefit the SmartFut Field Trip program of Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. A preview of the collection will be from 6-10 p.m. Friday, May 14. (313) 982-6044
HENRY FORD ESTATE-FAIR LAKE
Visit the estate of the automotive pioneer, includes the restored riverside powerhouse and Henry Ford's personal garage and cars, see giant generators placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that still operate today, travel the underground tunnel to the 56-room mansion with elaborate carved woodwork and personal artifacts, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590
CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
"Discover Greatness: An Illustrated History of Negro Leagues Baseball," through Sunday, June 13, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. \$5, \$3 for children ages 17 and younger. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS
9 p.m. Thursday, May 13, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450; 9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, The Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (blues)

JOCELYN B
10 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, May 14-15 and 21-22, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. \$5, 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues)

"BE COOL CLUB TOUR"
With Elmore Leonard and Stone Coyotes, and Jill Jack, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (variety)

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)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE NIGHT"
Featuring Burning Sensations, Sin Embargo, Throwaway Kids and N2 Submission; 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

BLUE HAWAIIANS
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 14-15, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLUE MOON BOYS
9 p.m. Thursday, May 13, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922; 9 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)

BLUE ROSE
9 p.m. Friday, May 14, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-0210; 9 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 or <http://www.bluerose.uma.com> (blues)

BLUE SUIT
With Alberta Adams, 9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

THE BONESKINNERS
Featuring former members of Was (Not Was), 8 p.m. Monday, May 17, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Canceled. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (blues)

BONNE TEMPS ROULE
9 p.m. Friday, May 14, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 10:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (R&B)

BRIDGE
With Gods Made Love and Treblehead,

10 p.m. Saturday, May 15, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

BROKEN TOYS
With Buddha Fyza 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)

JONATHAN BROOKE
8 p.m. Friday, May 21, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. \$18.50 in advance, \$21 day of show. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (pop)

JUNIOR BROWN
8 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$22.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (blues)

BUSTER WYLIE
10 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Atwater Block Brewery, 237 Jos. Campau, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 393-2337 (acoustic pop)

CALAMITY JANE
With Trale, 9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

CHUNK-A-FUNK
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, May 21, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 223-1700 (funk/rock)

EDDY "THE CHIEF" CLEARWATER
9 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

DANNY COX
6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (acoustic pop)

MORRIS DAY AND THE TIME
8 p.m. Friday, May 21, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 general admission seating. 21 and older. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheatre.com> (R&B)

DIVESTURE
9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

EDEN'S JOURNAL
With Troll for Trout, 9 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

GLENN EDDY
9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

ELECTRIC BOOGALOO
Celebrates release of CD, "Blues for the Dog," with guests Baked Potato and Clovis Minor, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

ELIZA
8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600; 7 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (acoustic pop/rock)

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With Liquid No. 9, 9 p.m. Thursday, May 13, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

GORDON BENNETT
7 p.m. Thursday, May 12, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675; 10 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (rock)

GRAVITY WELL
With The Triggers, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

AL GREEN
8 p.m. Sunday, May 16, Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. \$35 and \$45. All ages. (313) 832-5900 (soul)

GREYHOUNDS
8 p.m. Friday, May 14, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558 (blues)

R.R.R.
8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856; 10 p.m. Friday, May 21, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 656-7700 (rock)

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22, and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 23, Sinbad's, 100 St. Clair St., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 822-7817 (blues/honky-tonk)

LISA HUNTER
8 p.m. Friday, May 21, Coffee Beanery, 307 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 650-3344 or <http://www.lb.com/onemanclopping/li.htm> (acoustic rock)

SYNOPSIS
9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays in May, Flying Fish Tavern, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, north of 14 Mile Road, West Bloomfield. Free. All ages. (248) 865-8888 (adult contemporary)

THE INCURABLES
9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, TC Gators, 42559 Ford Road, Canton. Free. 21 and older. (734) 981-0906/(734) 721-1622

or <http://www.incurables.com> (rock)
J-TRAIN
10 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Mount Chale, 4715 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-2929 (R&B)

PHIL KELLY
6-10 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays in May, Morels, A Michigan Bistro, 30100 Telegraph Road, north of 12 Mile Road, Bingham Farms. Free. All ages. (248) 642-1094 (contemporary piano)

R. KELLY
With Busta Rhymes, NAS, Foxy Brown, Deborah Cox and Kelly Price, 7 p.m. Sunday, May 16, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$45, \$55 and \$75. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (R&B/rap)

KNEE DEEP SHAG
With Give and Heavy Weather, 8 p.m. Friday, May 21, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (funk)

MICHAEL KRIEGER
6-10 p.m. Tuesdays in May, Morels, A Michigan Bistro, 30100 Telegraph Road, north of 12 Mile Road, Bingham Farms. Free. All ages. (248) 642-1094 (contemporary piano)

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND
With Corey Harris, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 13, and Saturday, May 15, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. The show originally scheduled for Friday, May 14, has been moved to Thursday, May 13, due to the Pistons' playoff game. Tickets purchased for May 14 will be honored on May 13. \$33. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

STONEY MAZAAR AND THE WESTSIDERS
9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213; 9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

NATALIE MERCHANT
7:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$32.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (pop)

MONSTER MAGNET
With Staind and Hemigod, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 13, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$15 in advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

MOODYMAN AND ALTON MILLER
9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (deep house techno)

MULLENS
9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (rock)

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY
9 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

MIKE NESS
With Deke Dickerson, 8 p.m. Friday, May 21, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (rock)

NOBODY'S BUSINESS
9 p.m. Friday, May 14, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (rockabilly)

"OTHER SPACES"
Featuring Tars Tarkas, visionEar and 4FR, 9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Xhodos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. \$5. All ages. (248) 399-3946 (electronic)

PANGAER
With Dr. Joe, 10 p.m. Friday, May 14, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

PIRANHAS
With Clone Defects and Geriatrics, 9 p.m. Friday, May 14, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (punk)

PHUT
With Panicsville, Michael Dec and W-Vibe, 9 p.m. Thursday, May 13, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (rock)

ROD PIAZZA AND THE MIGHTY FLYERS
8 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (blues)

THE PLANTS
9 p.m. Thursday, May 20, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030 (rock)

QUEEN BEE
With Forge and Cobra Youth, 9 p.m. Friday, May 14, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

GARY RASMUSSEN
6:30 p.m. Thursdays May 13 and 20, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (acoustic rock)

REEFERMEN
9 p.m. Tuesdays in May, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922; 9:30 p.m. Thursdays May 13 and 20, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (blues)

RHYTHM HOUSE
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22,

Lucky 13, 21350 Van Born Road, Dearborn Heights. Free. 21 and older. (313) 274-6066 (R&B)

ROOT DOCTOR
9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

KRISTIN SAYER
9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (acoustic R&B)

JO SERRAPERE
9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101; With John Devine, 8 p.m. Friday, May 21, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558 (acoustic blues)

SERUM
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)

SIMON SAYS
8 p.m. Monday, May 17, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Cover charge. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

SIMPLE NEPTUNE
With Nailing Betty, 9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. Free before 9:30 p.m. 18 and older. (313) 567-6020 or <http://www.simpleneptune.com> (rock)

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The force is with Troy couple's 'Star Wars' Web site

BY KURT ANTHONY KRUG
SPECIAL WRITER

With the exception of a few pieces of signed artwork framed in the living room, the Troy residence of "Star Wars" fans Dave and Loren Phillips isn't cluttered with merchandise from the 22-year old space opera.

They won't be camping out in front of theaters to buy tickets to the May 19 premiere of "Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace."

However, they are the caretakers of one of many high-profile "Star Wars" Web sites — Echo Station-on the World Wide Web. Echo Station (www.echostation.com) has been recognized on Yahoo Internet Life, Wired!, and

will even be mentioned on a "Phantom Menace" special to be aired on the Sci-Fi Channel May 17 (just two days before the eagerly anticipated "Phantom Menace" bursts onto the scene).

"We're just not insane about 'Star Wars.' We have a good time but don't go overboard. We don't have to have everything with a 'Star Wars' moniker. The only thing 'Star Wars' we have in our home is the signed artwork in our living room. We're just regular folks who really like 'Star Wars' and run a really successful Web site," said Phillips, 28, a Boston University alumnus.

On average, Echo Station receives 16 million hits per week, which translates to more

than 36,000 users each day. The Web site, which has been referred to as "the thinking person's 'Star Wars' site" and "a 'Star Wars' hub," is not a news site. It doesn't have any spoilers about upcoming "Star Wars" events, nor partake in any gossip about the sci-fi phenomenon.

Anything that does delve into the realm of the new movie is marked with large warning graphics telling people to stay away if they want to remain blissfully unaware of what lies ahead.

Instead, its contents are very high brow. It includes interviews with "Star Wars" writers, including prolific New York Times best-selling novelist Kevin J. Anderson, who penned

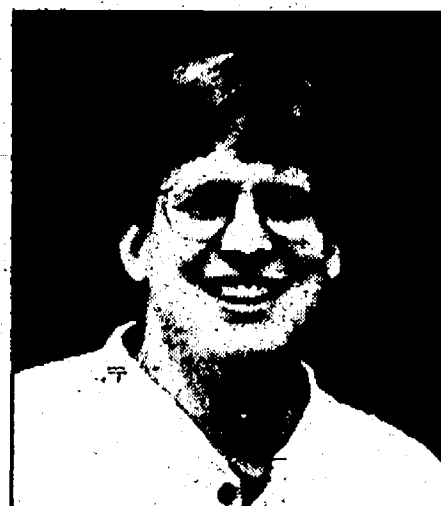
"Star Wars: The Jedi Academy Trilogy," "Darksaber," and the "Young Jedi Knights" series. It also includes reviews of current novels and comics, and in-depth information about video and computer games. There are even essays by anthropology professors analyzing Japanese influences on the space opera. People with Ph.D.s in aeronautics discuss the dynamics of "Star Wars" vehicles in chat rooms.

Phillips describes Echo Station as having a "community philosophy" for serious "Star Wars" fans who wish to avoid all the hype surrounding the upcoming movie. Although the Web site has a Web-based storefront with affiliations to Amazon.com and Dark Horse Comics, it is not a moneymaker; the costs of maintaining and running the site far outweigh any commissions that come in from referral sales at affiliated sites. For Phillips and his staff, it is a labor of love.

"I wanted to build a place where folks can go and feel at home with other folks. There's no news or gossip on this site," said Phillips. "Europeans don't want to read any spoiler warnings since 'The Phantom Menace' will not be released in Europe for another few months, but they still want to visit 'Star Wars' sites and chat with fans from around the world."

"Star Wars" isn't the only subject people talk about on our site; they talk about other things like politics, current events and relationships."

Echo Station originated from a CompuServe "Star Wars" Forum circa 1994-95 (nobody is sure of its date of origination, according to Phillips). The first issue of the Electronic Magazine (more affectionately known as the



Dave Phillips



Loren Phillips

Emag) held a contest to give the group's project a name. The overwhelming suggestion was Echo Base, the name of the Rebellion's headquarters on the icy planet Hoth at the beginning of "The Empire Strikes Back." However, not wanting to infringe on "Star Wars" creator George Lucas' trademark, the staff decided on Echo Station instead.

"We are the only big 'Star Wars' site that has never received a cease and desist order from Lucas. Many others crossed the line and Lucas had to step in. We have worked with people from LucasFilms (Lucas' company) when doing interviews to make sure that what we are doing is OK with them," said Phillips.

Although not one of the original staff members, Phillips has certainly made the project his own and the results have changed his life dramatically. He discovered it in December 1995 when he was living in Washington, D.C., and quickly became a staunch contributor to the Emag. It was his positioning that led it to become the only fan-based "Star Wars" effort on

all three major online services: CompuServe, America Online, and MSN. His knowledge of the Internet led him to register the domain and bring the staff's contributions to the World Wide Web in 1997.

It was through Echo Station that he met Loren. He moved to Michigan six months later and the two were married in September 1996.

They have since started their own Web-site-hosting company, NovaTech Web Services (www.novatech.net). Primarily created to help offset the costs of running such a heavily trafficked "Star Wars" Web site, it has enabled the staff of Echo Station to have the freedom to run features such as the integrated message boards and chat rooms, both very popular with Web-site visitors.

They are currently developing an official Web site for Sergei Fedorov of the Detroit Red Wings.

"There's a lot of cool stuff on Echo Station," said Phillips. "We're having just as much fun creating it as people do visiting it."



MARIO TURI

Dreamy: Kevin Kline stars as Bottom and Michelle Pfeiffer is Titania in "William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Love transforms Bard's Midsummer Night's Dream

BY ANNIE LEHMANN
SPECIAL WRITER

Shakespeare is enjoying revived interest thanks to recent Oscar-winning movies like "Shakespeare in Love." Now comes William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," with a baby boomer pleasing cast including Kevin Kline, Calista Flockhart and Michelle Pfeiffer.

Unlike the Bard's version which is set in ancient Greece, this "A Midsummer Night's Dream," takes place in a small village in Tuscany, Italy at end of the 19th century. The impending marriage of Duke Theseus (David Strathairn) to Hippolyta (Sophie Marceau) sets the backdrop to this tale of love, magic and self discovery.

While wedding preparations are under way, other couples are having troubles.

Hermia (Anna Friel) is

betrothed to Demetrius (Christian Bale) but loves and is loved by Lysander (Dominic West).

Helena (Calista Flockhart) pines for Demetrius whose heart, like Lysander's, belongs to her best friend, Hermia.

Because Hermia's father insists that she honor her betrothal, she and her beloved flee on bicycles to the enchanted forest. Pedaling in pursuit are the abandoned Demetrius and spurned Helena.

In the meantime, a group of players prepare "The Most Lamentable Comedy, and Cruel Death of Pyramus and Thisbe" in honor of Theseus' upcoming marriage.

They, like the four star-struck lovers, go to the magical forest to rehearse, unaware that fairies and sylphs mix magical love potions to sway the forest visitors in unexpected ways. The Shakespearian antics begin.

The four lovers work wonderfully in ensemble and Kevin Kline's Nick Bottom strikes a winning balance between buffoonery and likable charm.

Stanley Tucci as the horned, gray-haired Puck, shines in his mischievous and misguided machinations. But the movie has its weaknesses.

While the sets are eye-candy lush, and the score beautiful spiked with works by Mendelssohn, Puccini and Verdi, the staging feels too staged and some of the performances, most notably that of Titania (Michelle Pfeiffer) are surprisingly leaden.

Still love transforms is "A Midsummer Night's Dream's" enduring message. When Titania Duke comments about the play within a play he says, "most notably discharged." Overall, this too would apply to this yuppified version of Shakespeare's comedy of love.

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The voice is familiar, the name is Susan Calloway



Susan Calloway's sweet, angelic voice has resonated from televisions and radios across the nation. Still, she is neither a household name nor a chart-topping artist.

But perhaps "Imagine yourself in a Mercury" or "Catch the spirit, of Spirit Airlines" has floated through your mind. That's Susan Calloway and now that she's become one of the most sought-after session singers, she wants to tackle the charts.

The 1987 Southfield Christian graduate is hoping to catch the attention of record companies with her self-titled EP. To help with her quest, she called upon Lee Heiman of the Manhattan-based Track Management Group, and Farmington Hills producer Gerard Smerek (New Radicals, Natalie Merchant).

The four-song EP is a collection of mainstream pop/roots rock tunes that Calloway recorded in various locations including Pearl Sound in Canton, and mixed at the influential Hit Factory in New York.

Smerek, she said, brought a "very artistic perspective" to the recording project.

"Production is an artistic thing too. The thing that I like about working with Gerard is that he's very meticulous. He's very much a perfectionist. He likes to work hard, whatever it takes to get the best take or get something right. He's really committed to that."

"The other thing that's great about him is I think he understands what my music is. In its most simple form and its most elaborate form, I think he understands what it is and how it should sound. That's really important because I think a good



Celebrating release: Susan Calloway celebrates the release of her self-titled EP with a show Saturday, May 22 at the Magic Bag.

producer for me is someone who knows how to lay the backdrop for my voice. My project is very focused on what I'm doing vocally so everything else kind of becomes second to my voice."

Originally Calloway had planned on recording a full-length album, but she and Heiman opted for an EP.

"We really didn't want to commit to the expense or the time or the whole thing of doing a full record. We're still kind of developing things. We're trying to get a deal. That's my whole objective here."

Calloway admitted that she has already outgrown the songs on her EP, including the seductive "Falling Down." Her recent songs are a little edgier.

"The record is definitely a

snapshot of what I was doing at the time. The material on the record has developed into something even more. So it's kind of cool."

Susan Calloway does an acoustic performance, 7 p.m. Friday, May 14, Harmony House, 28297 Woodward Ave., Berkley. Call (248) 544-1700 for more information. She also performs with her band - drummer Todd Glass, bassist Joe Lambert, guitarist Brett Lucas, and guest keyboardist Chris Codish - on Saturday, May 22, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge is \$6 for the 18 and older show. Doors open at 8 p.m. and the opening act SisterSeed goes on at 9 p.m. Call (248) 544-3030 or more information, or visit <http://www.susancalloway.com>.

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Brotherhood

The Grand Rapids music scene is a close-knit one. Brian Vander Ark and A.J. Dunning, singer and guitarist, respectively for The Verve Pipe, recently jumped on stage with neighbors Mustard Plug in Los Angeles to collaborate on a punked-up version of the VP's hit "The Freshman."

And last year Vander Ark helped out friends Papa Vegas by producing their five-song EP for his label Sid Flips.

"It was very friendly and it was fun. It was a really good experience for us to work with somebody who has been in the studio so much and had gone through a major-label production with their first album 'Villains,'" said Papa Vegas singer Joel Ferguson.

Papa Vegas' strong showing on CD and on stage lead to a deal with RCA, home of The Verve Pipe, and consequently their debut full-length "Hello Vertigo," released in April on RCA/Sid Flips.

Papa Vegas wrote some of the material for "Hello Vertigo" holed up in a rehearsal space in a small town southwest of London.

"We wanted to escape Michigan for awhile. None of us had really been into a larger (city), like a New York or an LA. We wanted to shed some of the Michiganness from us and kind of like be thrown into a situation that would be a little more difficult maybe for us to handle and then do it as a team," Ferguson said.

"Hello Vertigo," produced by Don Gilmore, is a collection of pop songs that meld prog rock, English pop, and roots music.

"I'm definitely more into Andy Summers guitar chords and things like that. I've always tried to steer away from the basic and simple chords and stretch my fingers as far as I can to get



Returning home: Papa Vegas opens for fellow Michiganders The Verve Pipe on Wednesday, May 19, at the 7th House in Pontiac. The show is sold out. Papa Vegas is, from left, Scott Stefanski, Joel Ferguson, Mick Force and Pete Dunning.

more interesting textures on the guitar," he said.

The Verve Pipe and Papa Vegas also play the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, on Wednesday, May 19. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18 and older show. The show is sold out. Call (248) 335-8100 or more information.

Lilith Fair

Lilith Fair and Ticketmaster are treating Lilith Fair fans to an exclusive opportunity to purchase up to four advance concert tickets via Ticketmaster for Lilith Fair at Pine Knob Aug. 14-15 when they pre-order the tour's compilation albums, "Lilith Fair: A Celebration of Women in Music, Volumes 2 and 3." Advance tickets are available by calling (248) 645-6666 or visiting <http://www.ticketmaster.com> to Lilith Fair CD buyers before tickets go on sale to the general public May 22. The offer

is good until May 17 or until the limited number of tickets are sold out. According to the tour's official Web site, <http://www.lilithfair.com>, the Dixie Chicks, Queen Latifah, Sarah McLachlan, Liz Phair, Cibo Matto, Jennifer Knapp, Sinead Lohan, and Sheryl Crow are scheduled to perform on Aug. 14. Hitting the stage the next day, Aug. 15, are Dixie Chicks, Queen Latifah, McLachlan, Crow, Martina McBride, Cibo Matto, Morley, Susan Tedeschi, Nelly Fortado and Wild Strawberries.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, May 14

"WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM"

A new version of Shakespeare's most magical comedy. Stars Christian Bale, Rupert Everett, Calista Flockhart, Kevin Kline.

"TBA WITH MUSSOLINI"

A coming-of-age tale of a young man who is taken under the wing of five eccentric women who plan to make him into "a perfect British gentleman." Stars Cher, Judi Dench, Joan Prowright, Maggie Smith, Lily Tomlin.

"THE CASTLE"

Exclusively at the Landmark Maple Art Theatre. A warm hearted comedy about a working class man who takes enormous pride in his property and family must defend his home from being taken to make room for airport expansion. Stars Michael Catton, Stephen Curry.

"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.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, May 19

"STAR WARS - EPISODE I THE PHANTOM MENACE"

Story of a nine-year-old boy named Anakin Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi, a brash young Jedi Knight. This first chapter in the Star Wars saga follows Anakin's journey as he pursues his dreams and confronts his deepest fears in the midst of a galaxy in turmoil. Stars Liam Neeson, Jake Lloyd.

Scheduled to open Friday, May 21

"LOVERS OF THE ARCTIC CIRCLE"

Compelling story of two lovers whose lives intersect continuously from adolescence to adulthood. Stars Fele Martinez.

"THE LOVE LETTER"

Kate Capshaw, Blythe Danner, Ellen DeGeneres star in this comedy about a sleepy New England town and how one mysterious love note has the power to unlock some startling secrets.

"TREKKIES"

Documentary about the largest fan phenomenon in pop culture history, the "Star Trek" fans.

Scheduled to open Friday, May 28

"WITTING HILL"

Julia Roberts and Hugh Grant team up in this romantic comedy about a small bookstore owner whose world is turned upside down after the biggest movie star in the world walks in.

Scheduled to open Friday, June 4

"THE HOUSE"

Alfred Brooks and Sharon Stone star in this wily comedy about a Hollywood screenwriter down on his luck who finds a real live muse living in his Los Angeles.

"BUBBA VISTA SOCIAL CLUB"

Documentary inspired by the album, includes appearances by legendary performers Ry & Joaquim Cooder, Ibrahim



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Animated feature:

"Tarzan," which is opening at metro Detroit movie theaters on June 18, features the vocal talents of Tony Goldwyn, Glenn Close and Rosie O'Donnell and songs and music by Phil Collins.

Ferrer, Ruben Gonzales, Eliades Ochoa and many other renowned Cuban musicians.

"INSTINCT"

Anthony Hopkins and Cuba Gooding Jr. star in this action drama about a psychiatrist who analyzes an anthropologist who's accused of a murderous attack.

"ENDURANCE"

Haile Gebrselassie, Shawanness Gebrselassie, and Gebrselassie Bekele star in the life story of an Olympic athlete who was born to a farmer's wife in Ethiopia.

Scheduled to open Friday, June 11

"THE THOMAS CROWN AFFAIR"

Pierce Brosnan, Rene Russo and Denis Leary star in this romantic thriller about a millionaire playboy who steals a painting from a well-guarded museum and his fiery romance with the female insurance investigator who is on to his game.

"AUSTIN POWERS: THE SPY WHO SHAGGED ME"

Mike Myers and Heather Graham star in the sequel as Austin Powers time-travels back to 1969 in London to search for his mojo, stolen by his look-alike nemesis, Dr. Evil.

"THE GENERAL'S DAUGHTER"

John Travolta, Madeleine Stowe, and James Cromwell star in this crime thriller in which ambition, destructive passion and long suppressed secrets lead to murder on a U.S. Army post.

"BESIEGED"

Thandie Newton, David Thewlis and Claudio Santamaria star in Bernardo Bertolucci's romantic drama in which a young married African woman, while studying medicine in Rome, has an intense romance with an eccentric English composer.

BACKSTAGE PASS



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advantages of living in a metropolitan area. It creates much of the energy and character that distinguishes our community from Chicago, Los Angeles, Cleveland or New York.

Who are we and how did we get where we are? Since the '60s, many of the answers have emanated from the Cass Corridor, famed as a center of creativity, counterculture, urban blight, education and cultural rebirth. It seems a bit overwhelming to hang so many tags on a relatively small area. In attempting to give you a snapshot of Cass con-

tributions to the visual and performing arts, I asked for help from Marsha Miro, who serves as art correspondent on Detroit Public TV's Backstage Pass series, and turned to music producer Ron Pangborn for a primer on sounds of the Cass Corridor.

"There was an abundance of both positive and negative energy in the wake of the riots of 1967. The exodus and devastation had formed an urban frontier, and much of the art created on Cass during this period reflected both the wasteland and promise of the area," says Miro.

"A lot of the energy was coming from those who taught at Wayne State University. When Sam Wagstaff became the first curator of the Contemporary Arts Museum at the DIA, it ushered in an exciting period of artistic expression," she adds.

A couple of months ago, Backstage Pass introduced you to Chris Turner, whose metal sculptures are drawing plenty of attention. His warehouse near Tiger Stadium has become a haven for young artists. The

roots for this 1990s industrial art scene can be traced to the Cass Corridor in the 1960s, where a talented group of artists lived and created in a loft district, often using abandoned materials collected from the street in their art.

The work of Michael Luchs, Gordie Newton and others during this period has had a lasting influence on the contemporary art scene that is uniquely Detroit.

To this day, many associate the Cass Corridor with 1960s counterculture, and, certainly, there were many elements which created an environment of social upheaval.

"The White Panther Party, John Sinclair and the legendary MC5 captured most of the notoriety, but the exciting sounds that were emerging in jazz should not be overlooked. Artists like Lyman Woodard and Wendell Harrison, and bands such as Shadowfax were making extraordinary music," said Backstage Pass music producer Ron

Pangborn.

A local jazz cooperative fostered a movement in Detroit jazz that we can enjoy today, with many of the performers still going strong in the clubs.

On an edition of Detroit Public TV's Backstage Pass airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16, we'll pay homage to the origins of the local arts scene in the Cass/Wayne State University area, and sample the fresh music and art being produced today. Pangborn's pick is the Luddites, a group of former WSU students who were multiple winners at the Detroit Music Awards in March. The alternative folk rock band performs in studio.

So, the next time you hear of something exciting happening in Detroit's Cultural Center, the Center for Creative Studies, or dozens of other dens of creativity, remember the loft people of thirty years ago.

In fact, maybe we could create a loft district surrounding the studios of Backstage Pass. It was just a thought.

'Titanic' tickets now on sale

The Tony Award-winning "Titanic: A New Musical" has set sail on a national tour and will cruise into the Fisher Theatre for a limited engagement Sept. 7-26.

Eighty-five years after the Titanic first sailed into history, the story behind the legendary maiden voyage opened at Broadway's Lunt-Fontanne Theatre in April of 1997. "Titanic" went on to win five Tony Awards, every category in which it was nominated, taking the awards for Best Musical, Best Book, Best Score, Best Orchestrations and Best Sets.

Board this ship of dreams as the lives and yearnings of the crew, staff and passengers unfold against "Titanic's" awesome story, more incredible than fiction. In April of 1912, the pride of nautical engineering, the largest moving object in the world, the "unsinkable" R.M.S. Titanic went down in just 2-1/2 hours after steaming full speed into an iceberg. The real stories of some of the people who made that trip are as lovely and as

haunting as they are heartening.

Peter Stone, Academy Award and Tony Award author, has written the story with music and lyrics by Maury Yeston, Tony Award and Drama Desk Award winner. The production is directed by acclaimed British director Richard Jones and choreographed by Lynne Taylor-Corbett.

The original Broadway cast recording of "Titanic" was produced by RCA Victor on the BMG Classics label. Shortly after it was released, the album became the fastest selling Broadway cast recording in RCA history and was nominated for a Grammy Award.

Tickets range from \$32.50 to \$70. Performances are 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sunday and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets for "Titanic" are now at the Fisher Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone, call (248) 645-6666.

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Joe Muer's keeps seafood concept while reinventing itself

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Detroit restaurateur Joe Muer lent his name to a Southfield eatery in 1994.

The art deco bar and grill never really caught on.

That's history.

In late summer 1997, veteran former employees of Joe Muer's seafood house in Detroit, Geoffrey Browning and Chick Taylor, purchased the restaurant. Today, with general manager Greg Nowoweicki, also a longtime downtown Joe Muer's employee, and talented executive chef Joe Shafer, on board since last November, Joe Muer's Grill has reinvented itself.

After purchasing it, Browning and Taylor closed Joe Muer's Grill for remodeling. Their personal design is club-like with lots of medium-dark stained oak and a variety of seating options in booths, tables of four, and larger circular seating with comfortable banquettes. Walls accented in red create a warm comfortable feeling. In the booths, lighting accents the tables and food, while diners remain soothed in the shadows.

You'll feel comfortable here in pressed blue jeans and shirt or a business suit.

The most significant change in remodeling was the incorporation of a large bar area which has become a meeting place. Also on display is a large model of the Bob-lo boat Columbia. Browning's family operated the boats from 1949 to 1979. The lower level, housing rest rooms, also has photographs from this period in Detroit's history.

If you've anguished at the amped-up noise level in other restaurants, Joe Muer's Grill has sound breaks in the floor design to make table conversation possible.

Last January, a model of the logo's fish was crafted by longtime patron John Kreiger of Detroit. It hangs at the entrance signaling that Joe Muer's is principally about seafood.

"We're the natural heirs to what people remember about Joe Muer's downtown, but we've improved the concept," Browning responded to my question about decision to retain the name. And this has been done well.

Joe Muer's Grill

Where: 30855 Southfield Road, Southfield (248) 644-5330.

Hours: Monday-Thursday lunch 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., dinner 4-10 p.m. Friday until 11 p.m. Saturday dinner only 5-11 p.m.

Menu: Seafood emphasis, but also a savvy selection of chop-house specialties including chicken. All served with vegetable and choice of rice or potatoes.

Cost: Lunch seafood dishes \$9-\$14. Dinner with double the number of choices \$17-45. For kid's under 12, six-item menu \$6-13.

Reservations: Recommended.

Credit cards: All majors.

Browning and Taylor have retained the essence of Joe Muer's signature dishes and taken them to new heights with more attractive, upbeat plating.

Are cottage cheese and marinated beans your "amuse bouche" at dinner? Yes. Side accompaniments of creamed spinach and stewed tomatoes are also available for those who remember these downtown staples.

"Some diners expect that this 140-seat location can do everything the 440-seat downtown restaurant did," Browning remarked. "That's impossible."

It's probably good that it is. It allowed reinvention and fueled a vision for the future. In the kitchen department, this is being done by 34-year-old executive chef Joe Shafer, a Schoolcraft College culinary grad.

Shafer trained under the best: Master Chef Milos Cihelka and Steve Allen at the Golden Mushroom. He worked with Allen to open Steve and Rocky's in Novi.

Now, as solo top toque, Shafer has added signature dishes to both the lunch and dinner menus, such as the House Salad, composed of toasted pecans, red onions, apples, spring mix, crumbled blue cheese with apple cider and balsamic vinaigrette. Rock Shrimp Risotto with asparagus, scallions, tomatoes, roasted red peppers, tomatoes, cheese and shrimp sauce is another. Shafer signature and an example of the new-age seafood touch.

But in the "if it's not broken, don't fix it" category are Joe Muer classics such as Shrimp, Ilene and Deviled Crab Balls as appetizers. Among fresh seafood items, Canadian Lake Perch is number one, followed by Atlantic

Halibut and Seared Atlantic Salmon with caramelized capers and fried parsley butter.

There aren't many fish houses serving Steamed Fennel Haddie or five soft-shelled crabs at dinner for \$22.75, or one-of-a-kind Whole Dover Sole.

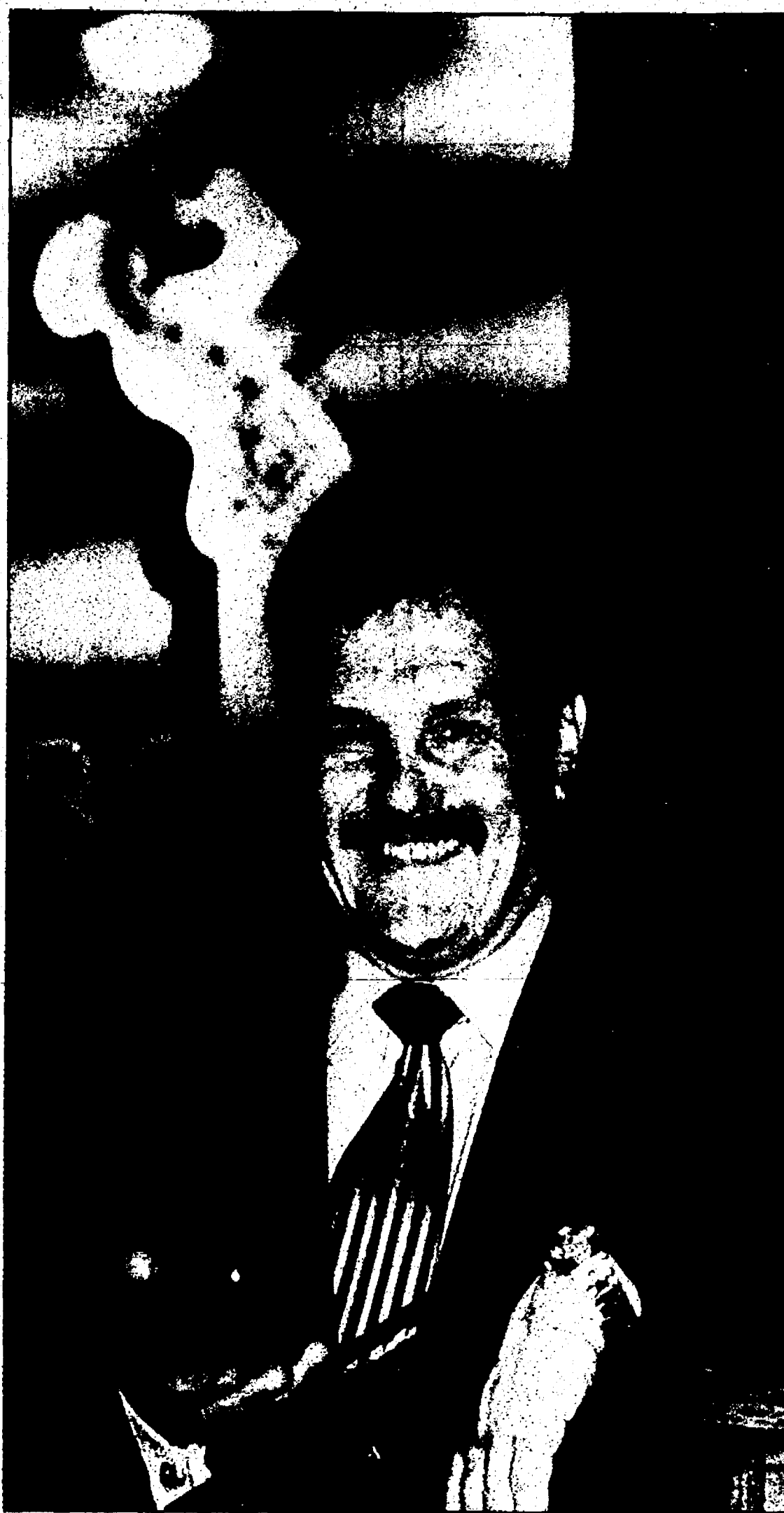
No other restaurant has R.C. Potatoes either.

Here's their story. Joe Muer's downtown used to serve boiled potatoes as a side. There were daily leftovers. Not to be wasteful, they were cubed, deep-fried and served the next day as Re-Cooked. That's one version of R.C. The other is that a speech-challenged employee, fond of the potatoes yet unable to say he liked them really crispy, just called them R.C.

They are re-cooked and one of the best leftovers ever. They're also really crispy!

A well-constructed wine list includes such star newcomers as La Joya and Justin as well as top-ranked imports. A proprietor's fun Bordeaux select list is available on request. You can't buy a bottle of some of the listings at auction for the price on this list.

Whether or not you know the legend of Joe Muer's in Detroit, you'll enjoy what the "downtown refugee" owners are doing in Southfield. Joe Muer's Grill is about the freshest seafood, served in a comfortable atmosphere, wood-top tables at lunch and dressed up with white table cloth at dinner. Read between the lines of the modest Joe Muer's Grill sign on Southfield, just south of 13 Mile Road. It says "Come on in and get to know us. We've reinvented ourselves."



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Toast to tradition: Geoffrey Browning is one of the owners of Joe Muer's Grill. A veteran former employee of Joe Muer's seafood house in Detroit, Browning, along with partner Chick Taylor, offer some of what people remember about Joe Muer's downtown with some pleasant surprises.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in *What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik*, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

OUTDOOR DINING

Big Rock Chop & Brew House, 245 S. Eton, (south of Maple) Birmingham (248) 647-7774; Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant, 4480 Orion Road, Rochester (248) 651-8361 and the three East Side Mario locations 2273 Crooks Road (northeast corner of M-59) Rochester Hills (248) 853-9622; 31600 Plymouth Road (west of Merriman)

Livonia (734) 513-8803 and 29267 Southfield Road (between 12 and 13 Mile Roads) in the Southfield Commons Shopping Center (248) 569-9454 have officially opened their patios.

TOO CHEZ

In honor of the National Hockey League and the Stanley Cup Champion Red Wings, Too Chez restaurant, 27155 Sheraton Dr. (northwest corner of Novi Road and I-96) will offer free hors d'oeuvres of "Red Hot Wings" and a Special Octopus Appetizer each time the Red Wings play in the NHL Playoffs. This special promotion will be offered from the start to the finish of each game every time the Red Wings

play, concluding with when the Wings again bring home the Stanley Cup. For more information and reservations, call (248) 348-5555.

PIKE STREET

Is celebrating its 15th anniversary. Local saxophonist/flutist/composer and producer Larry Nozero performs with pianist Cliff Monear 7-11 p.m. Friday, May 14, 21 and 28. Pike Street is at 18 W. Pike St. in

Pontiac, call (248) 334-7878 for information.

PINOT NOIR EXTRAVAGANZA

All Pinot Feast, 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 14 at Morels, A Michigan Bistro, 30100 Telegraph, Bingham Farms. The cost is \$98 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Call (248) 642-1094 (Ext. 3) for reservations.

VI CHOPHOUSE & LOBSTER BAR

An evening with Ed Sbragia of

Beringer Vineyards, 7 p.m. Monday, May 17, 27790 Novi Road, (in the Hotel Baronette), Novi. The Cost is \$75 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Reception 6:30 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Call (248) 305-5210.

THE LARK

Italian dinner, 7 p.m. Monday or Tuesday, May 24 or 23, 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield. The cost is \$95 per person, not including beverages, tax and gratuity. Call (248) 661-4466.

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