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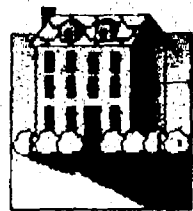
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Clampdown would target rentals



Westland has never had a rental property inspection program, and some city officials would like to change that. Improved quality of housing is the goal of the program, discussed during a budget study session Monday.

BY DARRELL CLEM
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After curtailing apartment growth in Westland, city officials want to begin a new inspection program forcing landlords to keep up their rental properties. The proposal would have far-reaching ramifications in a city where Planning Director Tod Kilroy estimates that

40 percent of all dwellings are rented - including apartments, duplexes, condos and houses.

"There's no question this would improve the quality of housing," Kilroy said Tuesday.

Westland has never had a rental property inspection program, meaning that thousands of tenants live in residences that city inspectors never check

for deficiencies.

During a budget study session Monday, Mayor Robert Thomas said he has known of landlords who evicted tenants for complaining to city officials about inferior living conditions.

"It's terrible," he said.

Thomas said such incidents have occurred in neighborhoods such as Norwayne - where many duplexes and single-family houses are rented in a highly populated area bound by Palmer, Merriman, Glenwood and Wildwood.

Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin on Monday suggested a rental inspection program, although he conceded it isn't likely to happen with a new city

budget to be adopted June 7.

One holdup: City officials would have to hire more inspectors to tackle rental properties.

Even so, Griffin's proposal drew strong support from colleagues who have criticized some landlords - or "slumlords" - for failing to keep up their rental properties.

"Frankly it will make the town better, so I'm all for it," Councilman Richard LeBlanc said.

A decade ago, Mayor Thomas campaigned partly on a platform for curbing rental property development, and

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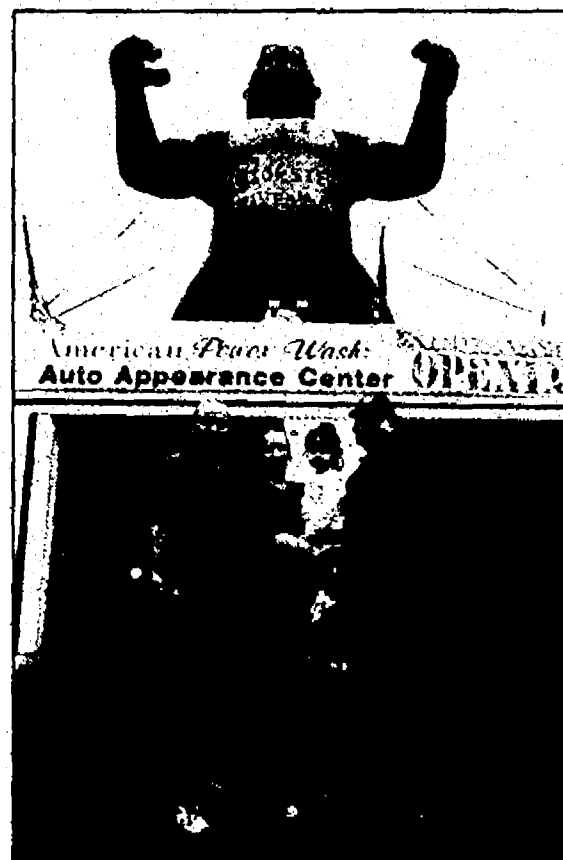
Back in business



PHOTOS BY PETER WILLIAMS

Cause to celebrate: American Power Wash on Wayne Road in Westland is celebrating its reopening following a fire last October. Activities May 18-23 had a fire prevention theme.

Crowd scene: Above are owner Dan Green (right) and Chili Joe, talking with patrons during the reopening. Chili Joe prepares a batch of his famous chili at left during the event. At right, Green (left to right), Julie Hahn, office manager, daughter Desiree Lynn, 3, and husband Tony Hahn, shop manager, stand out front during the grand opening.



Pizzeria employee escapes injury in robbery try

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A pizzeria worker making a front-door delivery narrowly escaped two masked, stick-wielding teenagers Monday night by running to his truck and driving off, police said.

Two witnesses told Westland police they saw two attackers beating on the worker's 1989 Nissan pickup as he drove off.

No one was injured, and one woman walking in the neighborhood told police that she ran away because she feared that she would be assaulted.

The incident occurred about 10:30 p.m. Monday when a Crazy's Pizza driver tried to deliver an order that had been phoned in for a residence on Cheboygan Court near Grand Traverse - southwest of Palmer and Merriman, police said.

The worker told police that the situa-

tion seemed suspicious after he pulled into a residential driveway and noticed there were no lights turned on indoors.

The employee reported that he went to the front door and knocked, but returned to his truck and got inside after he saw two suspicious teens standing near his vehicle, wielding wooden sticks.

One attacker grabbed the driver-side truck door and opened it, but the owner pulled it shut as he drove off, a police

report said.

"Both suspects began hitting his vehicle with the wooden sticks," a police officer wrote.

The delivery driver returned to Crazy's Pizza and phoned police, and witnesses told police that the attackers fled to a field behind Jefferson-Barns Elementary School and then rode off on two bicycles.

The phone call to the pizzeria appar-

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State school bus inspection shows improvement

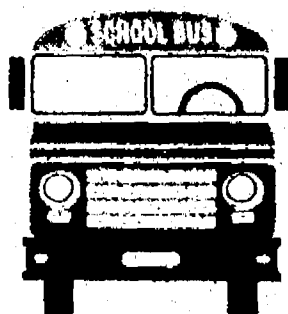
BY JULIE BROWN
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Wayne-Westland Community Schools officials are pleased with a report from the Michigan State Police on local school bus inspection.

The district had a 73.2 percent passing rate this school year, up from 37 percent in 1997-98 and just 19 percent the two years before that. This year's Wayne-Westland inspection was held April 29 to May 12 and included 71 buses, eight of them new.

"I wanted improvement," said Gary Davis, district transportation director. He told those at Monday night's school board meeting this is the first passing inspection for the district since 1987.

This year, 64.8 percent of buses earned green sta-



tus, the highest marking. Some that earned yellow status were considered safe for operation but had minor flaws to fix.

"Not one driver or aide had a written mark against them," Davis said. "Their buses were spotless."

The state inspector was strict, but fair, he said. Davis praised all involved in this year's effort, including drivers, aides, mechanics and others. "Everybody's a team and we got through it."

He'd like to see more improvement. "Where do we go from here? We go forward."

The district covers more than 2 million bus miles per year, said Superintendent Greg Baracy, who called the report "extraordinary." He praised the improved morale and spirit of cooperation that made improvement possible.

In other action, the school board:

■ recognized June 4 as School District Paraprofessionals/Teacher Aides/Teacher Assistants Recognition Day.

■ honored art student Jonathan Patterson, a graduating John Glenn High School senior who will attend the Center for Creative Studies. He received the 13th Congressional District Art Competition Award.

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man said Monday. "An expanded closet is like what we're in, but we're making do with what we have, and our program is doing very well."

Councilman Charles "Trav"

Griffin said city officials need to consider more space for Youth Assistance as they try to reach an accord for renovating municipal buildings or constructing new ones.

Moreover, Councilwoman Justice Barns said the city should consider revamping the way the program and its employees are handled.

Youth Assistance isn't a city department. Rather, city officials have a contract with Bowman to provide the services.

Bowman's budget pays salaries for herself, a program assistant and a clerical worker. Part of the money, also is used for programs and supplies.

Barns voiced concern about

Youth Assistance employees who lack many benefits, such as pensions, that Westland city employees receive. She indicated that officials should consider making the program a city department.

Barns said it seems unfair that Youth Assistance workers don't receive the same benefits as hourly union employees in Local 1602 of AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees).

"It's that kind of fairness.

That's what I'm talking about," she said Monday.

Aside from volunteers, Youth Assistance also has six other workers who receive some pay - but from Wayne County's budget rather than local coffers. Those include people who oversee "life choice" classes and drug testing, among other programs.

Youth Assistance also receives some grants from businesses like Target and North Brothers Ford.

In the end, city officials Monday raised some key Youth

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Assistance questions without providing any immediate answers - questions that they indicated will require long-term planning.

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his department heads say the promise has been kept.

Kilroy said only two significant rental developments have occurred in recent years.

"We've really tried to pay attention to that kind of thing," Kilroy said, adding that officials discourage developers from even pursuing rental developments.

Still, city officials lack the authority they'd like to have over rental developments that are already here.

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The city would charge inspection fees, but Griffin said new revenue wasn't his reason for suggesting a rental ordinance. He said the city may even lose

money on the program. "I don't care if we make any money," he said.

Rather, Griffin and his colleagues want Westland to be empowered to enforce certain living standards for residents who officials say deserve a decent place to live - even if they don't own it.

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ently was made from a public telephone, police said.

Police are asking anyone with information about the incident to contact the Westland Police Department at (734) 722-9600.

One suspect was described as a 6-foot white male, 160 pounds, 17 to 19 years old, wearing a dark baseball cap, an allergy-type "dust mask" over his face and a long, black, leather jacket.

A second suspect was described as a 5-foot-10 white male, also 160 pounds and 17 to 19 years old. He wore a dark baseball cap, a dust mask a dark jacket, possibly blue.

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"You're a very talented young man," Baracy said. "We wish you continued success and good luck."

■ heard from the Patchin Elementary Choir, under the direction of teacher Craig Watson. The students, in grades one-five and representing about half the total, sang the national anthem and "Of the People."

"It takes a lot of time and interest and dedication," said Patchin Principal Dennis Genig. "They do a great job." The choir meets each Thursday before school.

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Good sounds: Bea Sanders, 95, enjoys the music at the Liberty Park Senior Community "Salute the Stars" dinner at the facility May 19. Music was provided by Robin Beck. At right, Jewell Motes, 90, enjoys the music.

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Seniors celebrate long life

A "Salute the Stars" dinner was held Wednesday, May 19, at Liberty Park Senior Community in Westland. Honored were nine residents who are age 90 or older. Entertainment was provided by vocalist Robin Beck.

Seniors honored were Verne Keeth, 90, Hilma Delorme, 90, Jewell Motes, 90, Arnold Frisk, 91, Cora Hardie, 91, Bea Beliger, 91, Ruth Schiller, 92, Marcel Sosnowski, 93, and Bea Sanders, 95.

The corporate office, Fourmidable Group, has traditionally honored older seniors, said Keri Anne Franchek, resident manager at Liberty Park. It was difficult for seniors to travel to restaurants and participation was low.

"We decided to keep the tradition going." All nine seniors attended the dinner.

"It's wonderful," Franchek said of such occasions. "The social interaction is the main reason" for living in such a facility.

Liberty Park has a home health care agency, catered meals and housekeeping service. "We have a wonderful community and wonderful staff," she said. "They're a great bunch of people."



Flower: Cora Hardie, 91, receives a rose from Dolores Amolsch at the Liberty Park Senior Community "Salute the Stars" dinner.



Entertainment was provided by vocalist Robin Beck.

Adult ed open for Schools of Choice

On May 10, the Wayne-Westland Board of Education authorized participation in an Intra County Schools of Choice plan for the 1999-2000 school year. Participation in the program is limited to 17- to 20-year-old students enrolling in adult education classes at either the Tinkham Adult Education Center or the William D. Ford Career/Technical Center.

Intra County Schools of Choice applications will be accepted and students will be placed according to the following guidelines:

■ Applications will be accepted June 1 until July 1, 1999, at either the Tinkham Adult Education Center or the William D. Ford Career/Technical Center. A

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waiver to extend the deadline has been requested.

■ Applicants must be residents of Wayne County.

■ No transportation will be provided.

■ Students must not have been expelled from school or suspended more than six days in the last two years.

Applications may be obtained in person only from Tinkham Adult Education Center, 450 S. Venoy, Westland 48186, (734) 595-2429, or William D. Ford Career/Technical Center, 36455 Marquette, Westland 48185, (734) 595-2135.

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Library will close

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will be closed Sunday and Monday, May 30-31, for the Memorial Day observance.

Summer hours for the library,

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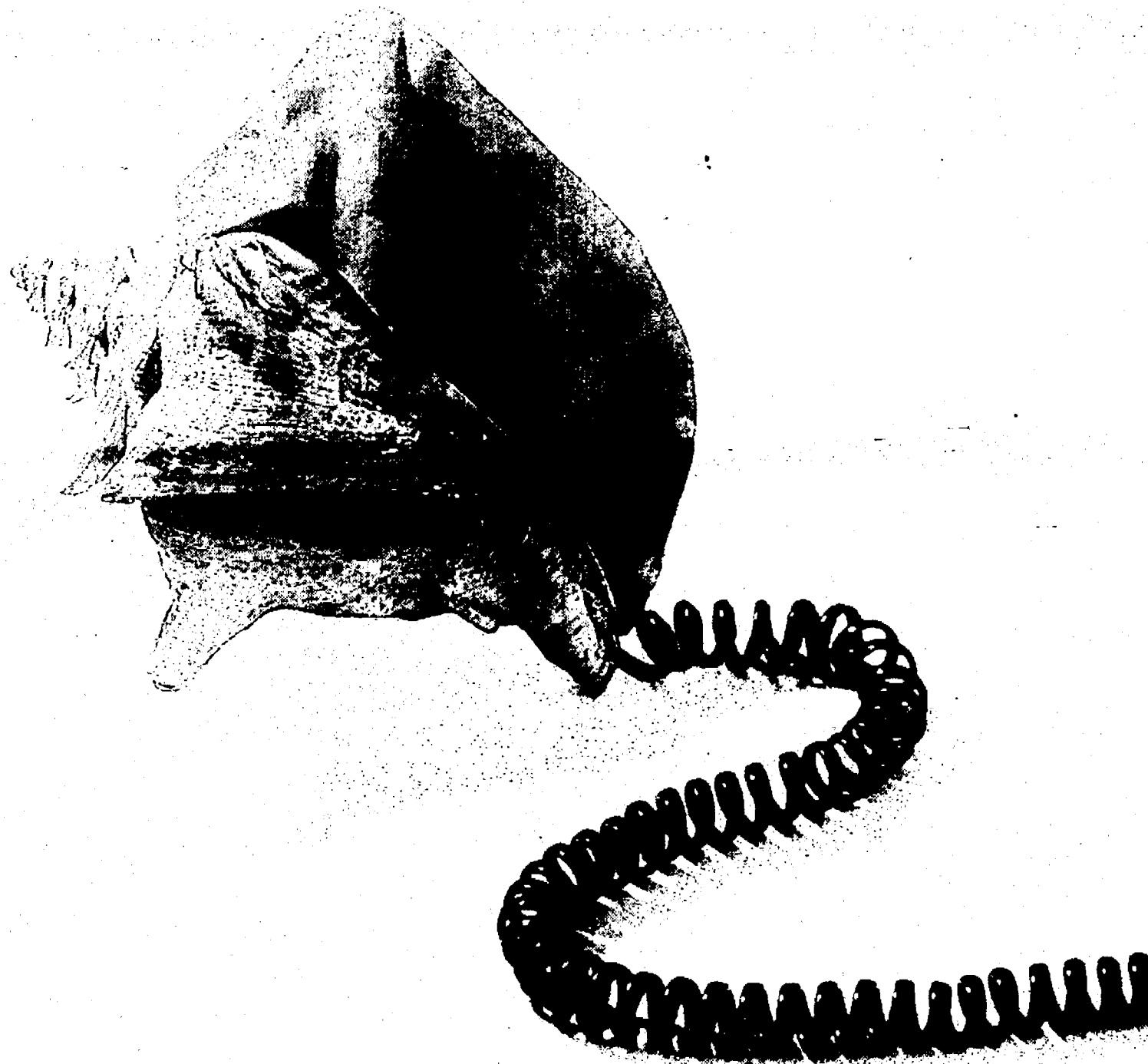
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Four candidates are competing for two seats at stake in the June 14 election. The winners will receive four-year terms.

In the wake of U.S. school shootings, what, if anything, should be done to make Wayne-Westland schools safer?

Do you favor a state constitutional change allowing tax dollars to be used as vouchers or tax credits by families sending children to private and parochial schools?

The district's \$14 million surplus compares to a \$278,000 deficit in 1993-94. Given a history of financial ups and downs, what should be done to ensure long-term stability?

What letter grade would you say Superintendent Greg Baracy's administration has earned? What improvements, if any, would you suggest?

What would be your top three priorities as a school board member? Briefly explain.



LORNE J. "SKIP" MONIT
Monit, 47, of Wayne is a project manager for Sensomatic Electronics. Attended Michigan State; graduated Henry Ford Community College with associate degree. Has three school-age children with wife Kitty. Helped chair a successful Bond Election Committee for \$108 million in school improvements; now serves on Bond Construction Committee. Treasurer of Wayne Baseball Association and member of Wayne Memorial High band boosters. Coached basketball for Westland Youth Athletic Association.

■ The misconception that most people have is that there is something significant that can be done. There is very little, unless you consider diligence, attentiveness and deterrent. If the intent is true, diligence and attentiveness will discover that intent. Once the intent is evident deterrent is necessary. With cooperation of parents, students and teachers, students who pose a threat will give off clues that can be detected and the threat defused. But real threats require punishment.

■ I do not favor allowing tax dollars to be used as vouchers or tax credits. I believe that public schools are the threads that hold democracy together by offering an education to all people. If tax dollars are allowed to be diverted to private/parochial institutions, public schools will be diluted and lose the ability to give everyone an equal chance at a quality education.

■ Since Proposal A, our district has had to operate at a deficit ... that necessitated measures to help defray financial disparity. Good fiscal management, cutting the fat and offering early retirement packages (helped) narrow the fiscal gap ... To ensure stability, the negative effects of Proposal A need to be reversed. To achieve this, the district must be allowed to pass millages to create more funds or the state must close the fiscal gap by raising the per-student allowance.

■ During my work on the Bond Election Committee I was privileged to work closely with Supt. Baracy. He showed me an immense dedication to the students in the district and a concern for the welfare of the community. He is extremely approachable and personable. I find his administrative team very capable and helpful. I would give his administration the highest of marks. As far as improvements at this time, I have none to offer.

■ My first priority is to put kids first in everything I do. Anything that will enhance their education and educational experience will take precedence over all else. Secondly, I intend to take a fair and honest approach to every decision and issue that needs my attention. While that may sound naive, I want to make sure that nothing clouds the issue in any instance. Lastly, I intend to see the bond project through to its successful conclusion.



MARTHA PITSENBARGER
Pitsenbarger, age not given, is a school board incumbent, Wayne resident and clinical social worker for Value Options. Bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan; master's in social work from University of Michigan. Has three grown children - Wayne Memorial High graduates - with husband Jack. Facilitates group for female offenders at 29th District Court. Involved in Wayne Playscape. Attends United Methodist Church, Wayne. Former PTO leader. Parent advisory board at Adams, Franklin schools.

■ It's difficult to plan and prepare against a terrorist attack as occurred in Colorado. We must continue to provide an atmosphere and open communication with students and parents so they feel comfortable going to the administration and/or local authorities if potential problems arise. We have very good crisis response programs in place and many student support programs to help diffuse student differences ... Our relationships with police agencies are very good.

■ I think the Michigan Constitution should be protected. I do not favor a change allowing public tax dollars for private and parochial schools. Public school funding should not be reduced to fund private and parochial schools nor should taxes be raised to support the same. Other questions remain. If you're in private or parochial schools, are you willing to allow government to control your schools? This issue must be answered.

■ We anticipate an \$11 million fund equity at the end of this year due to the fact that our foundation allowance (per pupil spending) was frozen in 1998-99. We must maintain our district student enrollments and continue to watch our spending in order to save our fund equity. Since Proposal A, our revenue growth is controlled by the state. It will be necessary to ensure that expenditures are consistent with the rate of revenue growth ... without affecting student programs.

■ I would give Dr. Baracy and his administration an "A." I feel this team has been successful in fulfilling stated goals for our district that are benefiting both education and our community. My suggestion would be for them to continue their good work.

■ 1) Completion of the bond project on time and under budget. The project has been going very well and our students will benefit greatly by all the improvements. This will have a major positive effect on our community and home values. 2) Maintain good financial accountability of all aspects of school operation. 3) Continue to work hard to raise test scores across the district and ensure our curriculum is aligned with various tests and state core curriculum.



BRENDA SMITH
Smith, 19, of Wayne is a full-time college student transferring from Henry Ford Community College to Eastern Michigan to explore a career as a high school science/journalism teacher. Departing editor-in-chief of a college newspaper, The Mirror News. Single with no children. Past president of Westland Junior Civitans and lieutenant governor for Michigan Junior Civitans. John Glenn High activities: student council treasurer 1996-97, SADD, Quiz Bowl, Science Olympiad, New Adventurers Club.

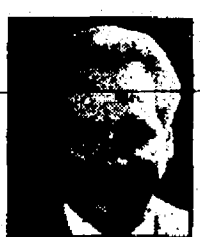
■ School should be a stable environment in which all students feel welcome ... One way to possibly curb violence involves students making decisions and problem-solving. Including students on committees that deal with violence in the classroom can alleviate feelings of helplessness and teach students that everyone can and must play a part in creating safer schools. Parents and citizens should also be allowed to play a part in returning school into a place of learning.

■ Vouchers can be viewed as good or bad. People using vouchers to send their children to private or parochial schools can take away vital money from the school district. However, letting people choose where their children go, and therefore making school a sort of competitive business, can increase productivity. Being on the school board means being a representative of the district. If citizens see it as something to be tried, then it should be looked into with greater detail.

■ I was a student in the district when the deficit occurred. I have seen what it does to students' morale and school involvement. To keep this from happening again, the district needs to set long-term goals for the money it receives. Ideally, the district should have enough funds set aside to run at 100 percent for about a year ... While keeping that much money may not be viable, an amount comparable to that should be set and kept.

■ It is hard to give a letter grade when there is no criteria to go on. I believe Greg Baracy's administration has done a good job concerning administrative duties. The budget is at a surplus and the board is doing a great job with bond money. But what is lacking is just as important as the administrative side. Public communication lines with the board have been closed off more than they should ... Board meetings need to be more publicized with parents, citizens and students being involved.

■ My top three priorities are students, staff and parents. If you keep all three in mind when making a decision, you will make the best possible choice on everything. Our students are the backbone of the school district. The staff keeps our schools running. Many have dedicated their lives to making things better. Parents also play a major role in students' development ... If we do not listen to all three, then we will not achieve our potential.



MARSHALL WRIGHT
Wright, 51, of Westland is a licensed social worker - Bachelor's degree, education, University of Windsor; bachelor's degree, biology, Central Missouri State. Married, three children. Friends of the Westland Library secretary, Westland Goodfellows, Wayne-Westland Junior Miss, Westland Playscape Committee, Westland Festival volunteer, Friends of Sassafras Trails, volunteer coach, Dad's Club, St. Gerard's school board vice president 1980, Wayne-Westland extracurricular activities committee.

■ As a school board candidate in 1997, I was the only candidate to respond in the Observer that my priority for our schools would be to have a secure learning environment. I cannot emphasize enough that our schools need to be ... havens of learning where our children can learn without fear. I will ensure that a zero tolerance policy to violence, drugs and weapons is upheld. I will encourage ... early intervention plans, peer mediation and mentoring groups, conflict resolution, faculty sponsors, outreach programs ...

■ Even though parents have the right to send their children to any school ... providing public tax dollars to families who choose private or parochial schools over public schools shouldn't be the answer. Utilizing tax dollars would increase the potential for future tax increases and decrease the potential for state aid which would further weaken schools. An idea: identify qualities parents look for in non-public schools, strengthen those qualities in public schools or add them.

■ Currently the \$14 million surplus represents only 11 percent of our total \$95 million general fund budget - below the state-preferred healthy fund equity of 15 percent ... As a team, I feel we can ... 1) Work with legislatures to increase per pupil spending. 2) Work with Realtors to interest home buyers to live in Westland, generating more revenues. 3) Plan for employee contracts. 4) Create a rainy day fund 5) Remain within budget. 6) Plan for future costs of maintenance.

■ I have not been involved in the process that provides directives to anyone in the administration so I honestly could not provide an evaluation. As an observer, I would say that our school district appears to be heading in a positive direction, but there is still much more to be done.

■ I would group my priorities under one word: Planning. We must have well-thought-out plans for 1) safety in our schools 2) maintaining a balanced budget and 3) raising academic MEAP scores, and then these plans must be put into action.

Remember to vote in the Wayne-Westland school election Monday, June 14

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 10, 1999

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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

Also present were Acting City Manager Kocsis, Treasurer/City Clerk Bettis, City Attorney Cummings, Department of Public Services Director Barnes, Acting Police Chief Bertha, and Streets, Sewer & Water Supervisor Morton.

The Mayor announced it was time for Public Discussion for items not on the agenda.

- Mike Bachko, of Garden City, asked questions regarding carpeting for administration and camera tripods.
- Charlene Djordjevic, of Garden City, announced the need most homes for exchange students, July 23 to August 24, 1999.
- Herman Bersano, of Garden City, questioned the appointment of relatives to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission, and whether or not a conflict of interest exists.

♦ **Item 05-99-217**
Moved by Lynch; supported by Waynick: RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the meeting of May 3, 1999. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

The Mayor announced it was time to receive communications from Boards and/or Commissions.

- Ed Kane, Chairperson of the Planning Commission, discussed rezoning issues.

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

1. Resolution Honoring Father Prus from St. Raphael's Church.
2. Rezoning 2210 & 2070 Arcola.
3. Installation of Rear Drain at 29747 Rush.
4. DeBiasi & Associates, Inc., Payment.
5. Police Department Purchases.
 - a. Equipment for Crown Victoria Police Vehicles.
 - b. Installation and/or removal of Equipment for Police Vehicles.
 - c. Equipment for Weighmaster Jeep Cherokee.
 - d. Equipment of 1999 Harley Davidson Motorcycle.
6. Computer Acquisition for Detective Bureau.
7. Miscellaneous Concrete Replacement/Installation.
8. DPS Purchases.
 - a. Sod
 - b. Black Dirt
 - c. Grass Seed
 - d. Cold Patch Material
 - e. Ready Mix Concrete
9. Resolution Opposing SB 1256 & HR 1534.
10. Housing Rehab Case #9808.
 - a. Roofing & Gutters
 - b. Electrical
 - c. Windows/Door
 - d. Plumbing
 - e. Bath Items
 - f. Glass Block
 - g. Porch
 - h. Driveway
11. City Managers Contract.

♦ **Item 05-99-218**
Moved by Lynch; supported by Wiacek:

WHEREAS, Father Edward Prus is a true servant of God and in the priesthood for 38 years; and

WHEREAS, Father Prus has been the parish priest at St. Raphael's Church since 1991; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to the service of his parishioners and the community as a whole is unparalleled; and

WHEREAS, he was very instrumental in renovating St. Raphael's Church; and

WHEREAS, he is a "server" not a "jitter" at the Lenten Fish Fry's; and

WHEREAS, he reaches out to all parishioners; especially the children, making them feel as 100% participants in parish functions; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Garden City honors and pays tribute to Father Edward Prus for his services and dedication to his church and community; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the good wishes of the City Council of the City of Garden City, St. Raphael's Parish, and all the people

whom he has touched, offer Father Prus our sincere best wishes on his retirement.

AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: None

♦ **Item 05-99-219**
Moved by Briscoe; supported by Waynick: RESOLVED: To return to the Planning Commission the rezoning of 2210 and 2070 Arcola due to incomplete information coming to Council. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

♦ **Item 05-99-220**
Moved by Kaledas; supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To award the consent agenda bids, Items B-5-a, B-5-c, B-5-d, and B-6:

- I. To award the bid for equipment for the new 1999 Ford Crown Victoria Police vehicles to Mobile Communication Services, Inc., in the amount of \$20,648.00.
- II. To award the bid for equipment for the Weighmaster Jeep Cherokee, to Mobile Communication Services, Inc., in the amount of \$3,897.00.
- III. To award the bid for equipment for a new 1999 Harley Davidson Police Motorcycle to Mobile Communication Services, Inc., in the amount of \$1,531.00.
- IV. To award the bid for a new computer for the Detective Bureau to Discount Computer Inc., in the amount of \$3,080.90.

AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: None

♦ **Item 05-99-221**
Moved by Dodge; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To award the bid for removal and installation of equipment for Police Vehicles to Mobile Communication Services, Inc., in the amount of \$4,300.00. Mobile Communications is not the lowest bidder, they are being awarded the bid due to:

- a. Existing services with our police equipment.
- b. They supply on-site repairs.
- c. Having one vendor will minimize blame appropriation, having one vendor blame the other. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmember Wiacek. ABSENT: None. Motion passed.

♦ **Item 05-99-222**
Moved by Lynch; supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To award the bid for miscellaneous concrete replacement and drive approach installations covering the Mid-Town East and West, Perrin, sidewalk and approach projects to Century Cement Co. in the estimated amount of \$80,000.00. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

♦ **Item 05-99-223**
Moved by Dodge; supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To award the consent agenda bids for DPS purchases, for Items B-8-a to B-8-3:

- I. To award the annual supply of sod to Huron Sod Farms, Inc. at 0.95 per square yard.
- II. To award the annual contract of black dirt to Wolverine Contractors, Inc. at \$7.00 per yard.
- III. To award the annual supply of grass seed to Barson's Florist Greenhouse at \$1.32 per pound.
- IV. To award the annual supply of cold patch material to Barrett Paving Materials Inc. at \$37.94 per ton.
- V. To award the annual supply of ready mix concrete to National Block Co.

AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: None

♦ **Item 05-99-224**
Moved by Dodge; supported by Waynick:

WHEREAS, The U.S. is currently considering Senate Bill 1256 and the U.S. House of Representatives H.B. 1534 which imposes new federal mandates and far reaching federal preemption of local government land use and zoning authority; and

WHEREAS, These two Bills would expand litigation and taxpayers liability against cities and towns in Federal court, would remove any incentive for a developer to negotiate with a community; and

WHEREAS, The City of Garden City firmly believes that State and Local governments are the agencies that must protect the public health, safety, welfare and the environment; and

WHEREAS, The City of Garden City does not believe the founding fathers ever intended the federal courts as the place to settle disputes about property cases and also firmly believes that the bill violates the most basic principles of federalism; and

WHEREAS, The National Governor's Association, most State Attorney Generals, the Judicial Conference of the United States, the

National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and every single environmental group who has viewed this issue are ardently opposed to these bills.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Elected and Administrative Officials of the City of Garden City are vehemently opposed to SB 1256 and HB 1534 and demand that all elected officials reject this bill that would preempt traditional and historic state and local land use and zoning authority.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President and Vice President of the United States, all local Cities, elected State and Federal officials, Michigan Municipal League, Conference of Western Wayne, Michigan Township Assoc., U. S. Conference of Mayors, and all surrounding communities, and ask they adopt this or similar resolution and sent it to their elected representatives to show support for defeat of these bills.

AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: None

♦ **Item 05-99-225**
Moved by Briscoe; supported by Wiacek: RESOLVED: To award the bid for Housing Rehab Case #9808 - Roofing and Gutters to George H. Pastor & Sons, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$2,696.00. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

♦ **Item 05-99-226**
Moved by Kaledas; supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To award the bid for Housing Rehab Case #9808 - Electrical to A to Z Electrical, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$2,640.00. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

♦ **Item 05-99-227**
Moved by Briscoe; supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To award the bid for Housing Rehab Case #9808 - Windows/Door to Window One, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$4,290.00. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

♦ **Item 05-99-228**
Moved by Wiacek; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To award the bid for Housing Rehab Case #9808 - Plumbing to George H. Pastor & Sons, the lowest responsible, in the amount of \$3,883.00. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

♦ **Item 05-99-229**
Moved by Waynick; supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To award the bid for Housing Rehab Case #9808 - Bath Items to George H. Pastor & Sons, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$3,033.00. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

♦ **Item 05-99-230**
Moved by Dodge; supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To award the bid for Housing Rehab Case # 9808 - Glass Block to Creative Glass Block, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$334.43. AYES: Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Mayor Barker. ABSENT: None. Motion passed.

♦ **Item 05-99-231**
Moved by Lynch; supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To award the bid for Housing Rehab Case #9808 - Porch to IBC Service, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,650.00. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

♦ **Item 05-99-232**
Moved by Kaledas; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To award the bid for Housing Rehab Case #9808 - Driveway to Canton Cement, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$3,398.00. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

♦ **Item 05-99-233**
Moved by Dodge; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To rescind motion #05-99-210, to set a public hearing on May 24, 1999 at 7:15 p.m. regarding the rezoning of Lots 3921-3925 of Folker's Garden City Acres #23 Sub (west of 29469 Warren) and to return to the Planning Commission the rezoning of Lots 3921-3925 of Folker's Garden City Acres #23 Sub from R-1 to R-2 due to incorrect and incomplete information coming before Council. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

♦ **Item 05-99-234**
Moved by Waynick; supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To refer to the Planning Commission, the rezoning of Lots 3921-3925 Folker's Garden City Acres #23 Sub (west of 29469 Warren). AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmember Kaledas. ABSENT: None.

The meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

Volunteers needed for river day clean up

Volunteers can help clean up the Rouge River on Saturday, June 5.

Organizers hope western Wayne County residents will participate to pull out logjams, shopping carts, old appliances, tires and other debris from the river during River Day '99. On that day volunteers from Friends of the Rouge, the Clinton Watershed Council, Friends of the Detroit River and the Huron River Watershed Council will band together for cleanups, tree plantings and garden tours

to increase public awareness about the rivers in southeast Michigan.

Here is a list of activities at several Wayne County and other nearby sites in the Rouge River watershed with contact people listed:

■ Canton Township: storm drain stenciling, "aesthetic" stream survey and stream survey at various sites. Meet at township building, 1150 Canton Center Road. Contact Steve Shaw at (734) 397-5405

■ Dearborn: stream cleanup,

shrub planting, streambank erosion prevention/demonstration; Ford Field Chicago Road House parking lot, north side of Michigan Avenue at Brady. Time Supinger, (313) 943-2180

■ Dearborn Heights: stream cleanup in Hines Park, Wallaceville area near Beech Daly/Warren Avenue. Kurt Heise, (313) 277-7413

■ Detroit-Rouge Park, river cleanup. Larry Truel, (313) 935-

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■ Farmington Hills: stream cleanup. Jean Barrett, (248) 473-9521

■ Livonia: stream cleanup, storm drain stenciling, Botsford Park on Lathers north of 7 Mile. Sharon Sabat, (734) 466-2540

■ Northville: Northville Park cleanup, Main Street and Center. The first 60 registered volunteers will receive a free Rouge Rescue/River Day cleanup T-

shirt. Dan McGuire, (248) 349-0203

■ Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, stream cleanup; 27055 Orchard Lake Road. Mike Kadrofske, (248) 471-7606

■ Plymouth, stream cleanup, bike tour. Linda Langmesser, (734) 455-9144

■ Plymouth Township, stream cleanup, bike tour, Alan van Kerckhove, (734) 455-9144

■ Redford Township, stream cleanups, two sites, register at northwest corner of Puritan and

Pomona (Beech Daly). Walter and Joyce Bates at (313) 532-0250 or Redford Department of Public Works at (313) 387-2690

■ Southfield, stream cleanups, Beech Woods Park, Beech Road just south of Nine Mile. Brandy Bakita, (248) 354-5344

■ Westland & Holliday Nature Preserve, wetland planning, stream cleanup, storm drain stenciling, nesting boxes, rear parking lot, Service Merchandise, Central City Parkway and Nankin Boulevard. Bob Patterson, (734) 595-0288 ext. 223.

Group eyes petition drive on concealed weapons law

BY MIKE MALOTT
STAFF WRITER

If Michigan lawmakers go ahead with plans to change the state's conceal weapons permit process, it will likely be challenged at the ballot box.

Carolynne Jarvis, executive director of the Lansing-based Michigan Partnership to Prevent Gun Violence, said her group is compiling a list of names of anyone who would like to get involved in a petition drive to overturn any "shall issue" law that may be passed by the legislature.

A petition drive would be headed up by the Law Enforcement Coalition, a group of associations representing prosecutors, sheriffs, state troopers and other law officers, Jarvis explained.

She said the groups expect to challenge any changes to the law which say local gun boards "shall issue" permits when certain criteria are met, eliminate a "determination of need" to get a permit, or reclassify the majority of permits as general rather than restricted. Most permits issued currently are restricted.

"At a time when kids are picking-up guns as personal problem-solving tools, it's atrocious that an entire legislature is saying that for adults guns are personal problem-solvers of first resort, that the world is so dangerous adults have to walk around with a gun strapped to their hip on a daily basis," Jarvis said.

State senators delayed action on the proposed conceal weapons legislation last week in the wake of yet another school shooting, this time in Georgia. But the proposal was expected to be back on track this week. Passage of bills changing Michigan's permit process is expected before lawmakers recess for the summer in June.

Before the Senate is a package of bills passed earlier by the House of Representatives as well as its own version of concealed weapons reform, Senate Bill 460, sponsored by Sen. David Jaye, R-Washington Township.

According to Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, the result will likely be a combination of the two packages.

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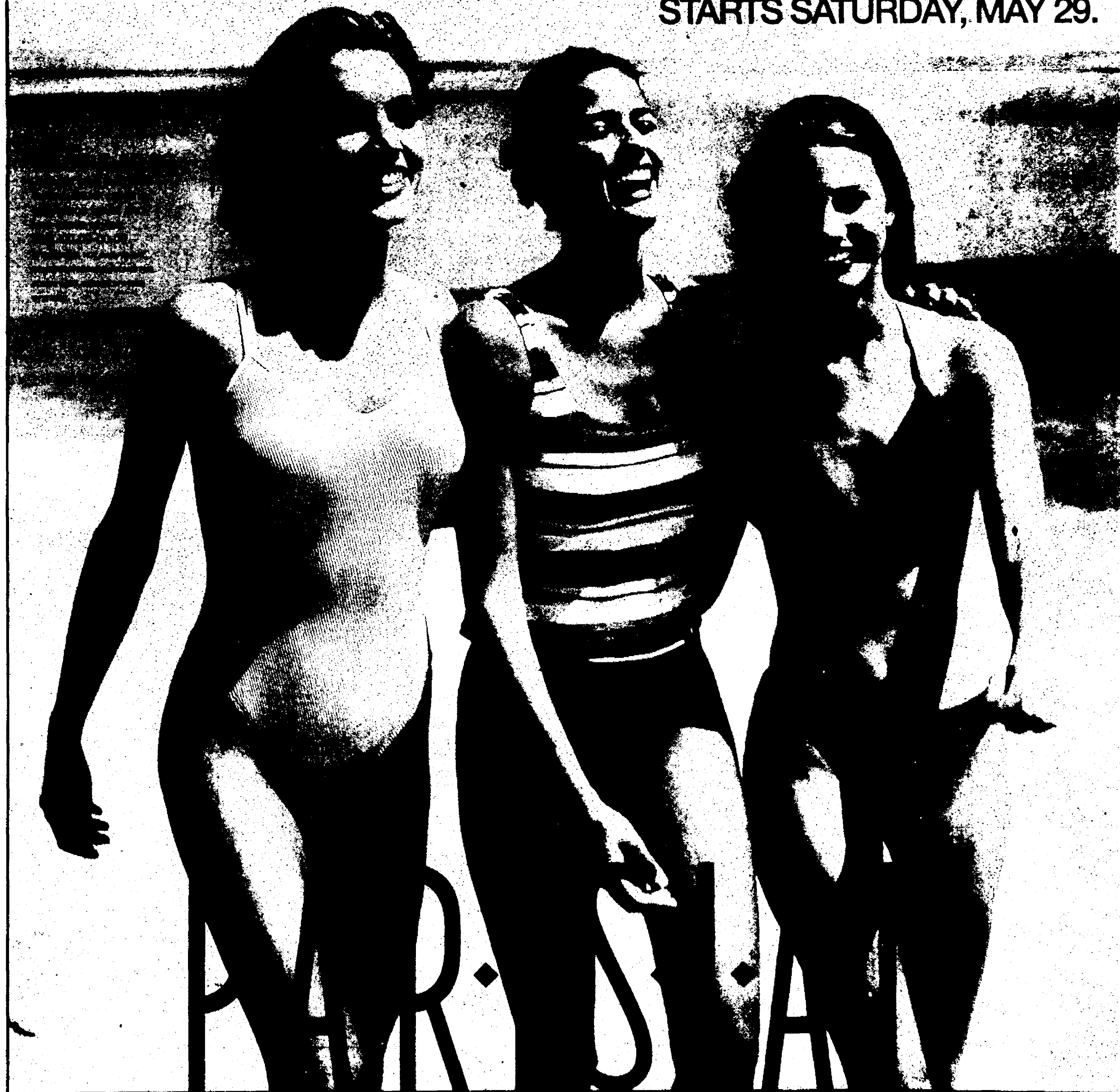
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Former theater property center of controversy

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

A controversy over environmental issues is brewing in Livonia, stemming from a developer's bid to build a housing and shopping project at the former George Burns Theater site, which includes a forested wetland.

The Phoenix Land Development Corp. in Farmington Hills wants to build a 9.55-acre retail development and a 11.85-acre residential townhome development. The site is at Plymouth and Farmington roads, home of the now-closed theater.

At issue are 6.56-acres of wetlands east of the theater. Phoenix wants to build on that piece of land but must get a permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. If the DEQ grants the permit, the developer must in turn create up to twice the amount of the original wetlands into new wetlands elsewhere.

Supporters say the development will revitalize the Plymouth Road business corridor and bring additional tax money to the city. They also say the wetland in question is not a natural one.

Environmental advocates say creating new wetlands doesn't solve the problems developments ultimately create.

The DEQ will hold a public hearing 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, in the Livonia Civic Center Library Meeting Rooms A and B. The library is at 32777 Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road. Anyone may attend.

Phoenix developer Steven Schafer said the new project will fill an important housing and retail niche in Livonia.

"I think it will bring additional life to the Plymouth Road corridor," Schafer said. "I think it offers a great opportunity and new type of housing within the community."

The development will have 220 townhouses and six separate retail buildings. The concept is different from the traditional "strip mall," he added.

If Phoenix gets the wetland permit, it hopes to start building by

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late this summer and fill the space within a couple years.

The townhomes are expected to cost in the low- to mid-\$100,000 range and offer a variety of floor plans, Craig said.

Phoenix is negotiating with potential tenants, which could include a coffee service business. He would not disclose any names.

Sidewalks and a park area are among the pedestrian-friendly features in the site plan.

"There should be synergy between the residents and community," Schafer said.

He said the Plymouth Road wetland is not like a traditional wetland.

"It's not a natural pristine wetland you might see in other areas," he said. The public hearing notice issued by the DEQ described it as a "disturbed" wetland.

Mike Polsinelli, chairman of the Plymouth Road Development Authority, said the development will be a good fit for Livonia.

"I'm excited about it," he said. "I think it's an opportunity for redevelopment of the corridor. It offers a type of residence not currently available in the city."

The development authority is spending \$10 million to revitalize the corridor with streetscape features such as landscaping, buried utility lines, improved street lighting and sidewalks. It receives money from property tax increases of Plymouth Road businesses, not from taxpayers or the city.

"The increased tax dollars (from Phoenix) allows us to do more in the corridor," Polsinelli said.

Environmental advocate Bill Craig questioned the effectiveness of building over wetlands and replacing them elsewhere. Craig is president of the Holiday Park Nature Preserve Association.

"When you take out a real wetland and put in a phony one, they

generally fail," Craig said. "(Mitigated wetlands) generally get abandoned. This is a business-friendly state (but) as a result, nature suffers."

The only successful wetland replacement project he could think of was Crosswinds Marsh in Sumpter Township, in southwest Wayne County south of Belleville. That replacement was required because Detroit Metro Airport cut into some wetlands.

Crosswinds is a park with ponds, walking and horse trails, with Wayne County serving as caretaker. Caring for the mitigated wetland after it is created is extremely important, he added. But even with Wayne County's backing, he's still unsure of the marsh's long-term success or even whether it is actually working.

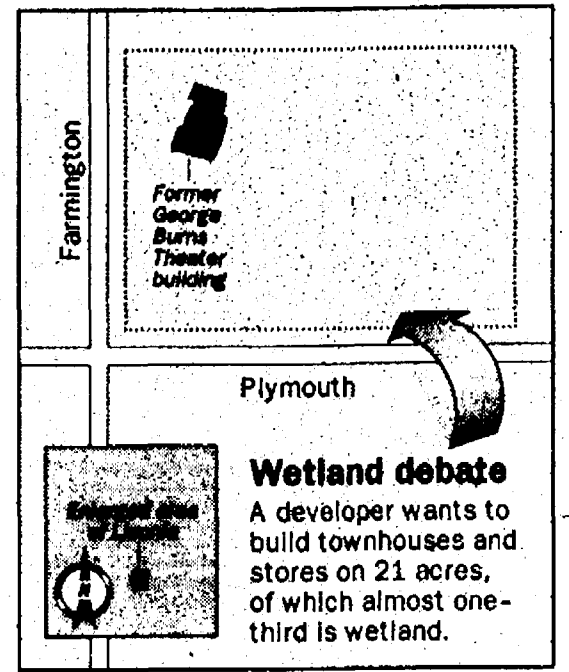
"It looks like it's working," he said. "I hope it's working."

Developers have built in so many wetland areas that it's becoming increasingly difficult to find suitable mitigation spots, Craig said. It's possible the mitigated land won't even be in Livonia, he said.

If the DEQ grants the permit, Craig said he hopes the DEQ requires Phoenix replace the maximum amount of land possible and that the replaced wetland will be somewhere in the Rouge River watershed.

Craig said he knows he's fighting an uphill battle.

"Wetlands aren't truly protected in this state," he said. "Developers usually get their way."



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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16.2, Chapter XVI of the Charter of the City of Westland, a petition has been filed with this Body to absolutely abandon and vacate the following:

"Vacation and abandonment of westerly 116' of the Currier Avenue right-of-way and the westerly 116' of the Hanover Avenue right-of-way, east of Middlebelt Road, north of Van Born, SW-36."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on Monday, June 7, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. DST in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, to hear any objections thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that true copies of this notice be served, posted and published in accordance with provisions of the City Charter.

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS
Westland City Clerk

Published: May 27 and June 3, 1999

CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 223-A-3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND CONSENTING TO THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF A CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE UPON CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, Ameritech New Media, Inc. ("New Media") is the franchisee under a Cable Franchise Agreement dated as of October 20, 1997 with the City of Westland ("Franchise") pursuant to Chapter 8.5 of the Westland City Code, sometimes referred to as the Cable Television Ordinance, as amended ("Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, New Media is a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Ameritech Corporation ("Ameritech"); and

WHEREAS, Ameritech and SBC Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation, ("SBC") have entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated May 10, 1998 pursuant to which Ameritech will become a direct wholly owned subsidiary of SBC; and

WHEREAS, after the merger New Media will continue to directly own and operate the cable television system in the City authorized by the Franchise and will continue to be wholly owned by Ameritech, but New Media will be controlled by SBC through its 100% ownership of Ameritech; and

WHEREAS, Ameritech and SBC submitted an Application for Franchise Authority Consent to a transfer of control on FCC Form 394 providing certain information with respect to the parties and the proposed transfer; and

WHEREAS, Ameritech and SBC submitted additional information and documents relating to the transaction and its effect on the provision of cable television service within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to consent to the transfer of control subject to acceptance by Ameritech, SBC and New Media of the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Acceptance Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City has the authority to grant this consent pursuant to its City Charter by adoption of this Ordinance,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Westland as follows:

Section 1. The City of Westland does hereby consent to the transfer of control to SBC Communications, Inc. of Ameritech New Media, Inc., subject to the execution of an Acceptance Agreement in the form attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 1.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage, and as provided by law, and shall expire on May 30, 2000 if the merger and transfer of control of Ameritech New Media, Inc. is not completed by that date.

Section 3. The Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney and Special Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to implement the proceeding, including signing the Acceptance Agreement and other appropriate documents.

Section 4. All ordinances or portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Adopted this 17th day of May, 1999.

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS
Westland City Clerk

Adopted: May 17, 1999
Effective: May 17, 1999
Publish: May 27, 1999

Glen Eden honors veterans



Remembering: Veterans were honored for their sacrifices and contributions at Glen Eden Memorial Park's annual Memorial Day Observance Sunday, May 23. Approximately 250 people attended the service held before the Veteran's Memorial. Navy Chaplain Commander Jonathan Frusti delivered the memorial address. Officiating were the Rev. V. F. Halboth, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Redford and the Rev. Douglas K. Thompson, a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Westland. The ceremony included a choral and musical presentation by Angel Tuomi and the Brass Choir of Our Savior Lutheran Church of Hartland under the direction of Larry Clark. Members of the Marine Corps Training Center of Detroit served as color and honor guard. On Saturday, May 22, 15 scouts aged 11-14 from Boy Scout Troop 740 of Garden City placed more than 1,100 American flags on veterans' graves. Scouts have been placing flags on the graves at Glen Eden for the last 20 years. The flags will remain until Flag Day, June 14. Arthur Bodenmiller worked with this project toward earning his Eagle Scout Badge. Scout Justin Deykes played "Taps" after the flags were placed. He is the leader of Scout Troop 740.

Holiday blood drive planned Saturday

American Red Cross Donor Centers will be open for special Memorial weekend hours from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 29.

In recognition of Memorial Day, everyone who attempts to donate will receive a limited edition Red Cross "Remember" pin, and have their names entered in a raffle for Meadowbrook, Pine Knob, and Grand Prix tickets, restaurant dinner packages, and other giveaways.

Schedule an appointment at a center near you by calling 800-GIVE-LIFE.

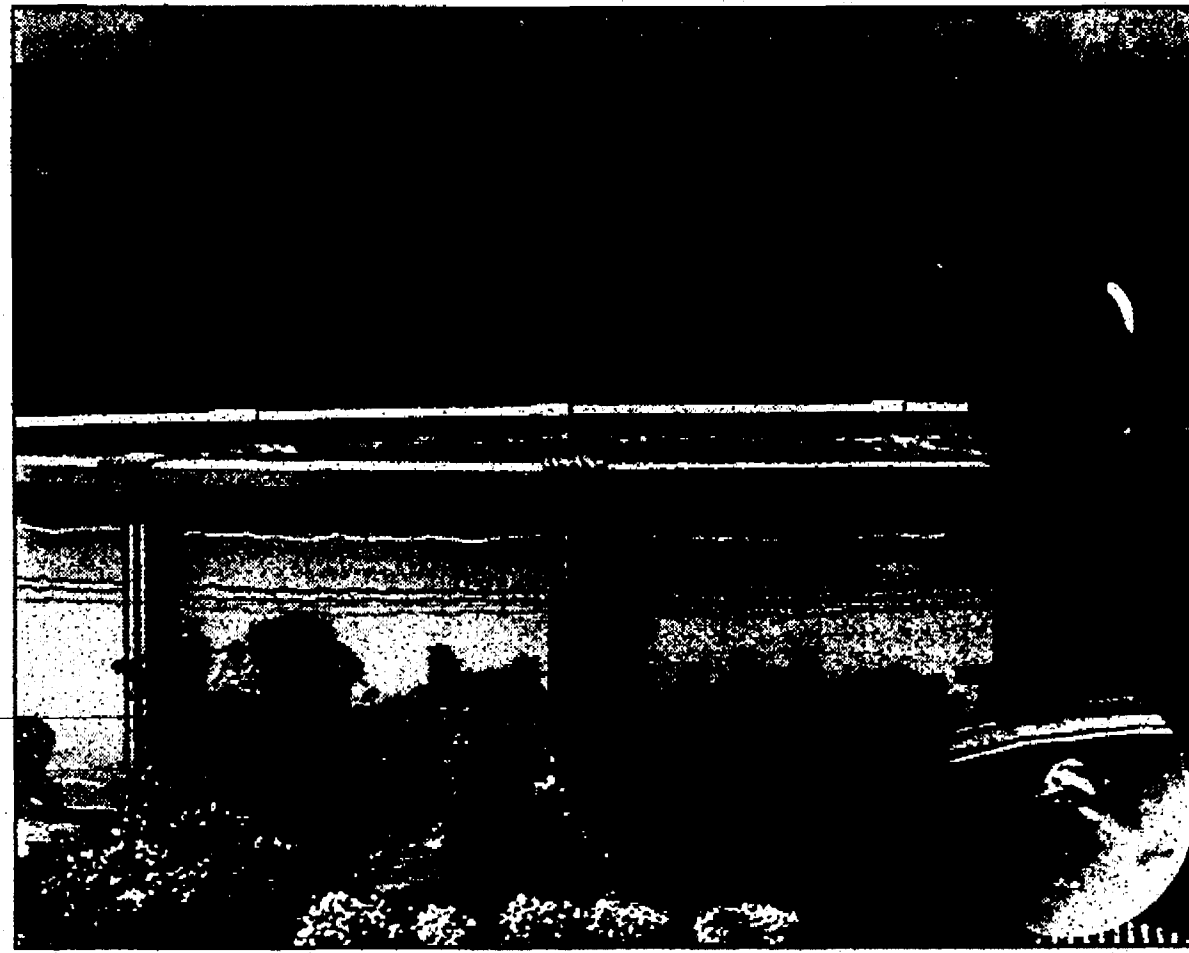
Every day more than 700 people are needed to donate blood to meet the need of patients in southeastern Michigan.

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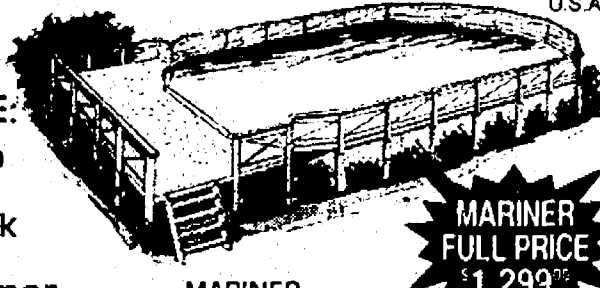
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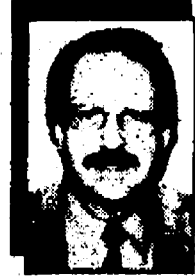


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Prosecutor's review of airport leases continues

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Even though a tentative settlement of \$450,000 was reached Monday with a parking operator at Detroit Metro Airport to reimburse Wayne County for refund claims on shuttle van leases, an independent evaluation by the Wayne County's Prosecutor's office is expected to continue this week on the company's vehicle leases.

Questions about the leases were first raised by Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy in an audit report released in December. Dunleavy found Wayne County could be paying as much as \$400,000 too much to APCOA to lease 37 vehicles and discovered the airport could have leased the majority of vehicles for an average of about \$17,000 each, not approximately \$28,000, as was the airport's actual reimbursement.

APCOA leased the shuttle buses through financial agreements with various lending institutions, then collected reimbursements from Wayne County.

David Katz, director of Detroit Wayne County

Metropolitan Airport, said airport officials reached a tentative settlement with Cleveland-based APCOA. Katz expects to send letters this week to county commissioners and the county prosecutor's office informing them of the settlement.

"The commissioners gave us instructions within a range of \$380,000 and \$500,000 and the \$450,000 is within that range," Katz said.

Since that range was established, county prosecutors now believe Wayne County may be owed more than \$1 million, after they obtained information on more than 100 vehicle leases and title histories.

Monday's settlement also came four days after county commissioners voted to end the parking contract unless an agreement was reached with APCOA. In late March commissioners had approved a contract conditional upon the county

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George Ward,
assistant prosecuting attorney, Wayne County

and APCOA settling the refund claim, estimated in the range between \$380,000 and \$500,000, within 30 days.

Commissioners set that

range after George Ward, chief assistant prosecuting attorney for Wayne County, informed Dunleavy that Wayne County is entitled to a \$503,647 refund claim on APCOA's 37 lease agreements with lending institutions for shuttle buses.

On May 19 the prosecutor's office filed a complaint in Wayne County Circuit Court against McQ Leasing, the firm renting vans to APCOA, to obtain sales information on lease vehicles.

"The question to be confronted is, why did Wayne County pay at or near levels that constituted 'full payout' and still get no credit for the disposition value of vehicles which were only 1 1/2 years

old?" asked George Ward, Wayne County chief assistant prosecuting attorney, in a letter May 12 to county Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy.

Ward said Wednesday: "My understanding is that the county commission's instructions were (Wayne County) wouldn't settle this thing until we evaluated it."

Ward reviewed the lease agreements after Dunleavy and his staff estimated the airport could have purchased shuttle vans for less than what the lease agreement cost. Dunleavy also reported his findings to the county prosecutor's office in accordance with the county ethics ordinance.

In March Ward said the prosecutors "did not find reason to suspect that the mistakes made locally on these leases reflect a culpability which should disqualify the corporation in the current bidding."

"However, the above refund (\$503,647) is an obligation of APCOA to Wayne County," Ward wrote. Ward had suggested if APCOA qualifies as the lowest responsible bidder on the pending contract, which it did, commissioners should require the refund claim as a contract condition.

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debate is what the laws say about carrying concealed weapons into schools, bars, restaurants, churches or sports arenas. The House-approved package, centered around House Bill 4530, sponsored by Rep. Mike Green, R-Mayville, would allow such establishments to post signs barring weapons from being brought into them. Senators are expected to amend the package to strictly prohibit concealed weapons from some buildings, schools in particular.

Another issue is whether local gun boards should be altered or done away with altogether. One proposal would hand the responsibility for permits over the the Secretary of State. Another would realign the membership of local gun boards.

At present, anyone who wants a permit to carry a concealed weapon has to apply to the county gun boards, which consist of prosecutors, sheriffs and representatives of the state police. Currently, those boards have

discretion in handing out permits, and applicants are required to prove their need for a concealed weapon.

Both proposals would require the boards to issue permits if the applicants meet the criteria.

Jarvis said her group favors the current discretionary system on concealed weapons permits.

Anyone who would like to contact the group, to sign up to take part in a petition drive, can reach the Partnership by calling (517) 332-4299.

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AAA Michigan wants to remind people of those rules this week during National Safe Boating Week.

No one under the age of 14 may operate a personal watercraft in Michigan, except for children aged 12 to 14 before Jan. 1, 1999, and who obtained a boating safety certificate before that

date. Those born after Dec. 31, 1978, must earn a boating safety certificate to operate a PWC. Certificates are received after passing a safe boating class. Classes are offered by boating organizations, the Red Cross and local law enforcement.

Other changes include:
 ■ Children 12 years and under must wear an approved personal flotation device to ride a PWC. All PWC users must wear a PFD. Those under 12 are

restricted to Type I or Type II devices, which keep an unconscious person face up in the water. Other types are Type III, which requires a person to tilt back his or her head to avoid being face down in the water; and Type IV, a ring or cushion to be thrown to an-overboard victim.

■ No one under age 7 shall be aboard a PWC without a parent or guardian.
 ■ Anyone renting a PWC who does not have a valid boating

certificate must participate in a safety briefing and obtain a temporary certificate from the renter valid only for the rental period.

"These new state laws were created to help curb the number of PWC accidents, injuries and deaths due to the PWC's rapid rise in popularity," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan community safety services manager.

PWCs comprise less than 10 percent — 95,000 — of the more than 980,000 registered watercraft in Michigan. Yet 40 per-

cent, or 214 of the 514 boating accidents in 1998 involved PWCs.

Four of the 26 people killed in boating accidents during 1998 were on PWCs, compared to only one in 1997. Of 63 accidents reporting more than \$100 in damage to craft or property, 35 percent, or 22, involved a PWC.

PWC operators should follow these tips:

■ Take the required classes to operate a PWC.

■ Know your passengers and non-owner operators. Be sure friends can legally operate your PWC, or you could be liable.

■ Never operate a PWC or any watercraft under the influence of alcohol. About half of all fatal boating accidents are alcohol-related.

■ Know and follow all local boating regulations.

■ Wear the proper personal flotation device. Last year 20 of 25 people killed in Michigan weren't wearing a PFD.

Canton helps lead building boom in '98

Southeast Michigan saw a building boom in 1998, the biggest year for residential construction in 25 years.

Some 25,870 building permits were issued in the region's seven counties during 1998, according to figures recently released by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. The last time residential building permits exceeded the 25,000 mark was in 1973, SEMCOG says.

Leading the way were Macomb Township where 1,848 permits were issued, Canton Township (1,279), and Chesterfield Township (865). Sterling Heights (822), Shelby Township (740), Independence Township (722), Waterford Township (617), Pittsfield Township (604), Ypsilanti Township (524) and Novi (519) rounded out the top ten.

For apartments, Canton topped the list with 398. Independence ranked third with 347. Dearborn (7th, 280), Westland (8th, 266) Auburn Hills (9th, 264) and South Lyon (10th, 238) were the most built in areas.

Low mortgage rates, a surging economy and low unemployment were attributed as the causes for the growth. More young couples, many with children, seeking homes in the suburban fringe areas was also given credit for the growth, according to the SEMCOG.

The report, "Residential Construction in Southeast Michigan, 1998," concludes Oakland and Macomb counties together accounted for more than half of the region's total growth.

Macomb Township, Canton and Chesterfield topped the list for residential units for the second year in a row. But Independence had the largest growth in new permits over 1997, seeing 441 more permits issued than last year. Holly and the city of Plymouth reported the largest declines.

The City of Detroit had the largest percentage gain in issuance of new housing permits, 232 percent, since new permits reached 316 when only 95 were issued the year before. Detroit led the region in demolitions with 5,609 homes being torn down.

In Livingston County, new single family homes are going up fastest in Genoa Township (301), Oceaola Township (264), Hamburg Township (259), Hartland Township (163), Marion Township (149) and Brighton Township (145).

In Oakland County, new single family homes are being built most in Waterford (528), West Bloomfield (425), Independence (375), Novi (348), Rochester Hills (306), Commerce Township (286), Troy (274), Rochester (239), Orion (225), Oxford (218) and Oakland Township (216).

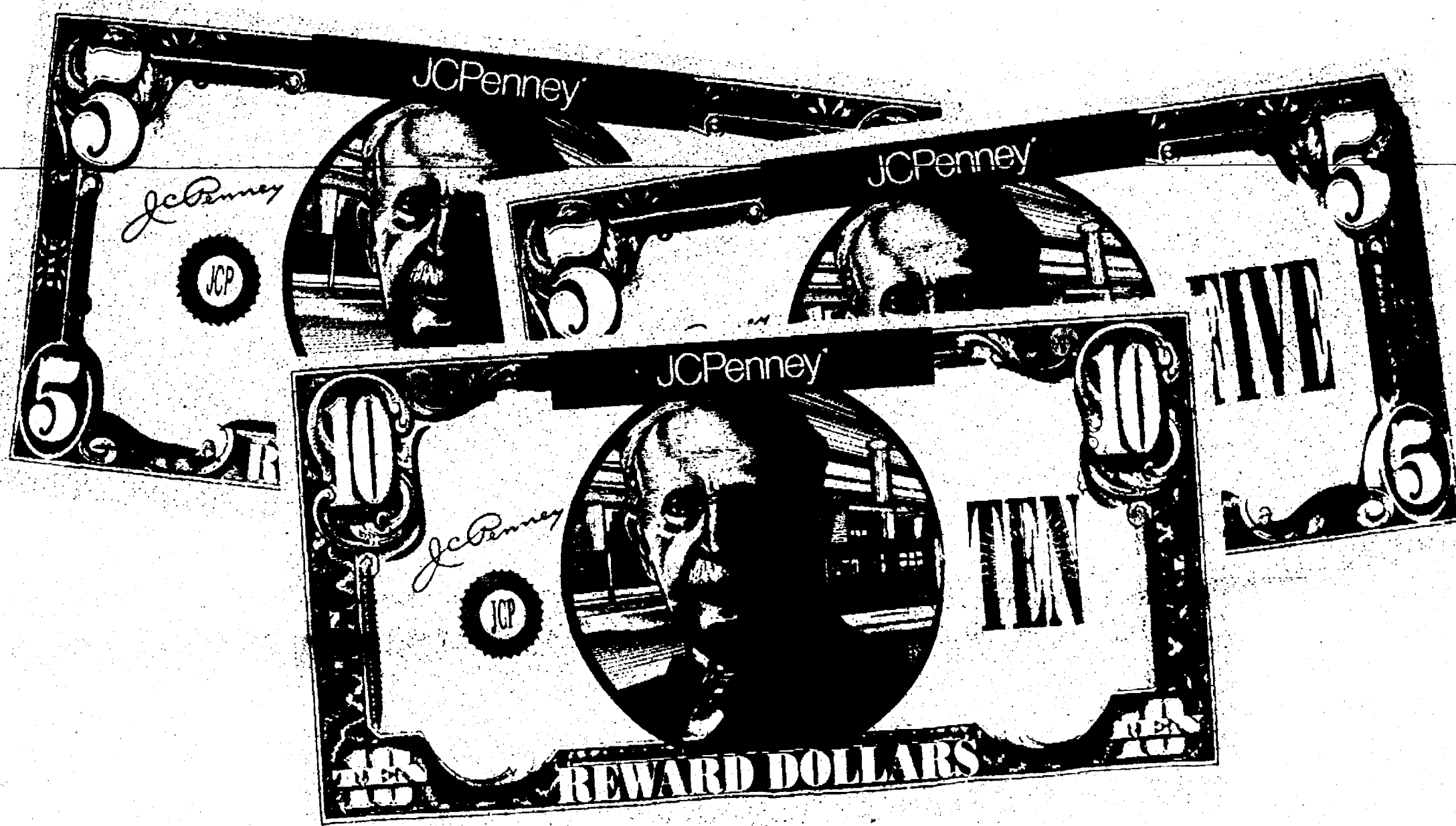
Other Oakland communities with more than 100 new homes were Farmington Hills (193), White Lake Township (193), South Lyon (155), Lyon Township (150), Springfield Township (138), Brandon Township (130), Pontiac (122), Highland Township (107) and Wixom (103).

In Wayne County, Canton led the single family home construction pack with 881 new homes. Then came Brownstown Township (293), Plymouth Township (233), Northville Township (200), Van Buren Township (142), Livonia (135), Southgate (127) and Westland (116).

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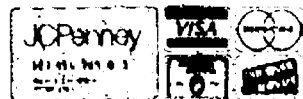
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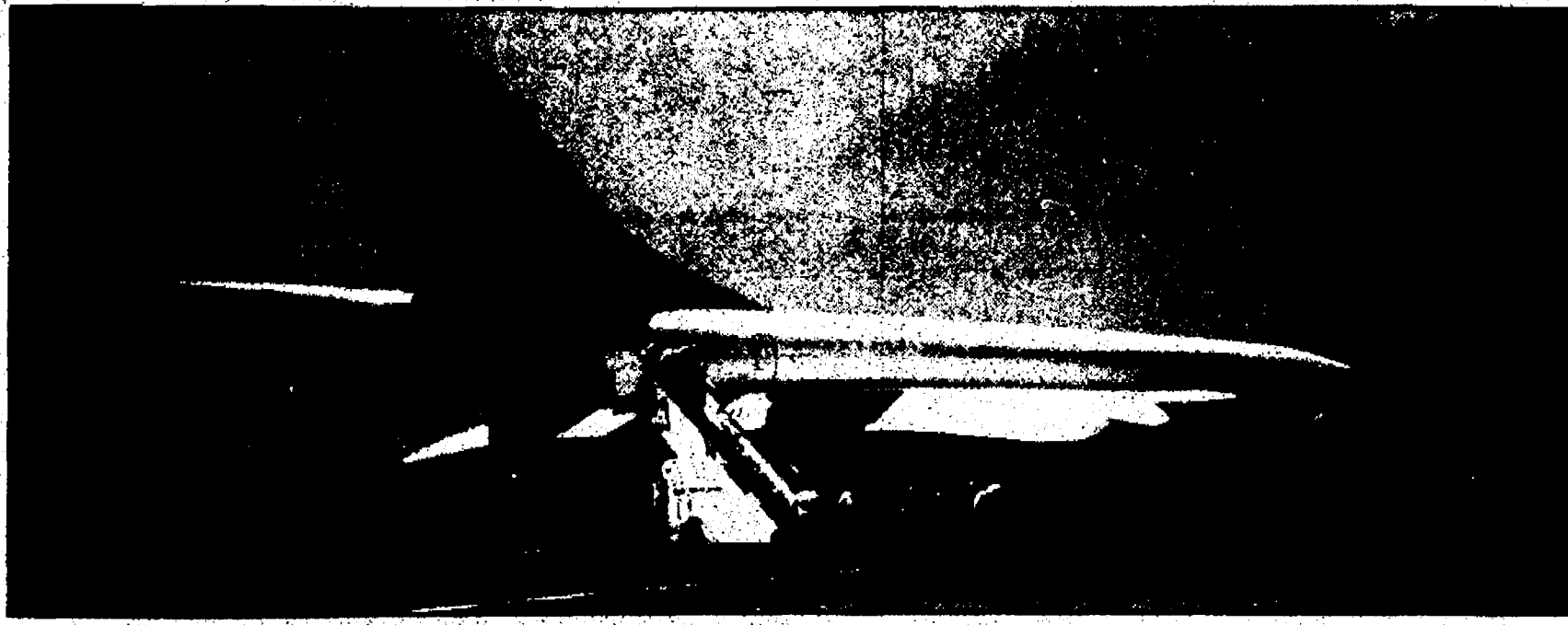
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STORY AND PHOTOS BY RENÉE SKOGLUND

It is such a sleek way to defy gravity. For the first time in 14 years, the Concorde, the world's only supersonic passenger aircraft, flew into Detroit Metropolitan Airport last Friday, Saturday and Sunday and whisked away 297 excited members of the Nomads Inc., an air travel club based at the airport.

Their destination was Paris, a mere 3-hour, 45-minute flight from New York.

"This is the ultimate Nomads travel experience," said Jack Kozma, Nomads president.

The Nomads was founded in 1965 and now has 12,000 members, most living within 100 miles of the airport. For most of its trips, the Nomads uses its own Boeing 727-221A aircraft, which is housed in the club's own terminal.

"We call it our Super 727 Clubhouse," said Kozma.

However, last weekend's Concorde flights were a bit more than a trip in a flying clubhouse.

On the outside, the aircraft resembles a horizontal rocket, with a long, slim fuselage flaring into a pair of delta wings. The plane takes off at a much steeper angle than other passenger aircraft and approaches its landings at an upward angle.

One of the Concorde's most distinctive design features is its needle-nosed cockpit, which bends downward 12.5 degrees when landing for a better view of the runway.

"It looks like a praying mantis when it lands," said airport operations agent Ken Demers.

The plane's interior definitely was not built for large people or those with claustrophobia.

The cabin is just 8 feet wide. Twenty-five double rows of leather seats line each side of a nar-

row aisle. Also, the windows, from which Kozma said you can see the Earth's curve, are smaller than those in traditional aircraft.

Arnold and Colleen Knopp of Trenton, group leaders for the Friday flight tour, arrived well in advance of the Concorde's 5:25 p.m. departure. They were anxious for the flight to begin.

Colleen Knopp briefly described the sensation of accelerating into Mach 2 speed: "It pushes you back into your seat. Just before going into Mach 2, it's like going one...two...three...go!"

The Concorde cruises at an altitude of almost 60,000 feet at a speed of 1,367 miles an hour. Once in the stratosphere, there is no turbulence. Speed is sensed rather than felt.

"The only time you notice is when you're talk-

ing to your companion. You turn and it's light. Then you turn away and when you look again, it's dark," said Josiane DeAngelis, an Air France employee.

"It is like traveling as fast as the clouds," she added.

Each Concorde flight carried 99 passengers plus a crew of two pilots, one flight engineer and six cabin attendants. Passengers dined on Chateaubriand and orange mousse.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, a Nomads member but not a Concorde passenger, said the Nomads have been an "outstanding" member of the airport community for 34 years.

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| • Height: | 37 ft. |
| • Engines: | Four Rolls-Royce/SNECMA Olympus 593s, each producing 38,000 lbs. thrust with reheat. |
| • Range: | 3,740 miles |
| • Fastest crossing of the Atlantic: | New York to London in two hours, 54 minutes and 45 seconds. |
| • Comparable flights, Paris to New York: | Concorde, 3 hours 45 minutes in each direction; Boeing 747, 7 hours 55 minutes. |
| • Number of Concorde in operation: | 13 (six for Air France and seven for British Airways). |



Rare bird: The Concorde, the world's only supersonic passenger aircraft, flew into Detroit Metropolitan Airport last Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the first time in 14 years. Nearly 300 members of the Nomads Inc., an air travel club based at the airport, took the aircraft on a 3-hour, 45 minute flight from New York to Paris.

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OBITUARIES

AGNES M. BASSETT

Services for Agnes M. Bassett, 79, of Westland are today, May 27, at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Erie, Pa. Arrangements will be by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland.

Mrs. Bassett was born Jan. 17, 1920, in Pittsburgh, Pa., and died May 23 in Saline. She was a social worker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William J. and Delia Vines. She is survived by her daughter, Jane Bassett Millett of Westland; sisters, Brenda Marie, S.S.J., of Erie, Pa., Louise Forquer of Erie and Grace O'Rourke of Pittsburgh; and grandson Luke Millett.

Burial was at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Erie. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Washtenaw, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor 48108, or McCarty Cancer Foundation, 27387 Woodward Ave., Berkley 48072.

JAMES H. FIGLEY

Services for James H. Figley,

79, of Westland were May 26 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland. The Rev. Drex Morton officiated.

Mr. Figley was born March 28, 1920, in Muskegon and died May 22 in Farmington Hills. He was a job setter and worked for 27 years at Burroughs Corp. in Plymouth.

He is survived by wife Elizabeth I. Figley of Westland. He was preceded in death by parents Guy and Virgie Figley. Mr. Figley is also survived by daughters Linda J. (Johnnie) Elkins of Mesa, Ariz., and Cynthia S. Kahler of Westland; sons Dennis J. Figley of Howell and David A. (Gale) Figley of Moorpark, Calif.; and brother Melvin Figley of Ohio City, Ohio.

Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, West Metro Region, P.O. Box 721129, Berkley 48072-0129.

Weighty subject: The Garden City and Westland chambers of commerce will co-sponsor a nationally recognized businesswoman, Florine Mark, president and CEO of the largest Weight Watchers franchise, at noon Tuesday, June 1, at Amantea's Restaurant, on the southeast corner of Warren Road and Venoy. The program is open to the public, with reservations due by Friday, May 28. Persons may call the Westland chamber at 326-7222 or the Garden City chamber at 422-4448. Tickets are \$15 each.



Florine Mark, chamber speaker

ACHIEVERS

The following students from Westland graduated from Schoolcraft College at the May 8 commencement:

Sarah C. Abate, John H. Adams, Lisa A. Adams, Maureen P. Aird, Amber L. Alexander, Loretta J. Alterman, Jeremy E. Atherton, Maureen L. Baker, Joan E. Bassett, Joy M. Beauregard, Kyle D. Becker, Douglas Bender, Jeffrey D. Bennett, Sheila M. Biglow, Alison J. Billings, Beverly A. Bishop, Steven Gloch, Jeffrey J. Bobby, Carlos S. Bonilla, Gary A. Brda, Janet C. Brewer, Sharon K. Bright, Michael K. Briscoe, Teri A. Carl, Jennifer K. Cartwright, Scott S. Cavin, Stacy M. Cavin, Christopher M. Chapman, Karen A. Chuck, James M. Churches, Lori A. Clark, Tina M. Dequin, Stephanie I. Dionne, Margaret R. Dixon, Erin E. Domras, Deborah N. Edwards, Michael S. Ehlers, Christopher A. Eichsteadt, Janet R. Elliott, Andrea L. Evans, Kimberly M. Fields, Kristina M. Garavaglia, Amy M. Gauss, Kristen K. Gearn, Leila Hajahmad, Charles G. Hanschu, Carrie A. Heiser, Michael B. Holbert, Richard M. Hopper, Benjamin A. Howes, Victoria Huzar, Joann A. Jaco, Rodney S. Johnson, Karen M. Karas, Sheila S. Kimble, Cindy D. Klein, Mary A. Kocsis, Brenda Kolb, Rosanne L. Kraus, Dianne M. Kritzman, Debra K. Kuehnel

Scott M. Latham, Melissa A. Lauerman, Paula M. Listmantocco, Nicholas S. Lombardi, Jeffrey S. Lumetta, Dana E. Mattila, Heather L. McCartney, Heather W. McGowan, Ernest E. Meyers, Cynthia Y. Monkiewicz, Jason T. Neece, Maryanne C. Nelson, Michelle M. Obuchowski, Mary T. Oliverson, Eric S. Oswald, Robert A. Owsley, Joseph P. Pacut, Julie L. Paja, Stephen D. Patch, Gitaben S. Patel, Elizabeth R. Patton, Nicholas V. Pavicic, Cynthia A. Pelchat, Thomas J. Pientowski, Mia N. Potter, Sandy A. Pizgalla, Lisa M. Robertson, Jacqueline M. Romej, Jackie A. Schroeder, Ruth A. Serra, James M. Sewruk, Gretchen M. Sexton, Kelly K. Sexton, Tracey M. Sloan, Larry A. Smith, Melissa B. Spadacini, Lena R. Spencey, Patricia J. Spurgeon, Catherine C. Steinbrenner, Matthew G. Stevens, Paula R. Stoll, James E. Thomas, Jennifer A. Tompkins, Elizabeth M. Usiondek, Vickey M. Vaclavek, Kimberly A. Valettti, Bridget L. Van Delinder, David A. Van Vliet, Michelle I. Voss, Laura M. White, Carol L. White, Jonnell A. Whitekus, Allen A. Williams, Kristy L. Willis, Colin T. Wing, Donna L. Wojcik, Ronald C. Woodsack Jr., Jamie S. Wood and Amber I. Woodruff.

have been named to the dean's list for the winter at Schoolcraft College in Livonia:

Jennifer Marie Amer, Kelsey Rae Barker, Alison Jean Billings, Carrie Lynn Blythe, Eric F. Buchanan, Larry Allen Byram, Erin Marie Clayton, Ivette Quoc David, Rebeka Farah, Jason Douglas Gagnon, Leila Hajahmad, Wendee Saran Hernandez, Chera Leal Hixson, Richard Michael-Thomas Hopper, Yvonne L. Houston

Christopher John Jedrzewski, Meghan Lea Jones, Ingrid Erin Knoff, Jessica Ann Koch, Louis Karl Krause, Kurt James Krist, Melissa L. MacDonald, William W. McDonald Jr., Cindy L. Maloof, Tatjana Martinovski, Charles Patrick McDermott Jr., Tracy Dawn Mikszewski, Pamela Lorraine Miller, Cynthia Yvonne Monkiewicz

Stacey L. Neece, Gitaben S. Patel, Chad Jordan Pennington, Kelly L. Pugh, Amy Renee Rokita, Shauna Rochelle Salin, Pauravi H. Shah, John Patrick Shinn, Diana Dawn Silvestri, Lena Renea Spencer, Paula Renea Stoll, Chadi Takach, Crinela Fica Todea, Helen Ann Tomlin, Jamie Lynn Walters, Kelli Jaelyn Wills and Beth Kathryn Zadorecky.

The following students from Westland

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***SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
May 3, 1999**

*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of May 3, 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.

Vice President Morgan convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Frank Kokenakes, Daniel Lessard, Joanne Morgan, Patrick Nalley, Kenneth Timmons, James Watters. Absent: Dianne Nay.

Golden Apple Award: Secretary Dan Lessard presented the Golden Apple Award to Broc Butcher, custodian at Nankin Mills Elementary School for his outstanding performance of his everyday duties.

Carli Scholarship Recipients: The James P. Carli Memorial Scholarships (\$1,000) were presented to the following 1999 graduates: Kristin Derwich, Churchill High School; David Bosman, Franklin High School; and Smits Kacholiya, Stevenson High School.

Recess: Vice President Morgan recessed the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and reopened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

School Employee Recognition Week: Jay Young, director/Community Services, recognized the week of May 3, 1999 as School Employee Recognition Week.

Audience Communications: Jan Strunk, 8100 Hubbard, recognized the achievements at Nankin Mills and thanked Broc Butcher for his "above and beyond" attitude. Karen Zyczynski, teacher and LEA president, addressed the Board regarding the important part that teachers play in the education of all children. Hal Downs, 9728 Horton, teacher and single father, addressed the Board regarding the outstanding education his two children are receiving through the Livonia Public Schools of which the teachers are responsible in part for their success. He also stated that teachers should be rewarded for their work.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Kokenakes and Timmons that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the following consent agenda items as recommended by the superintendent: **I.V.A** Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 1999. **I.V.B** Minutes of the Closed Session of April 15, 1999. **V.I.A** Move that general fund check nos. 315235 through 315940 in the amount of \$4,991,471.59 be approved for payment. Also, move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$1,568,816.70 be approved. **V.I.B** Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the purchase of replacement cabinets for Washington and Webster Elementary, all middle school art rooms, and Family Life rooms at Holmes and Riley from Farnell Equipment for a total purchase price of \$422,350. **V.I.C** Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of paper from Unisource Company for a total price of \$298,061.80. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Gift - Washington PTA: Motion by Watters and Timmons that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the gracious gift of \$2,000 from the Washington PTA for the purchase of two recycled plastic eight-foot picnic tables for their courtyards. In addition, they would like to contribute one-half the cost of a laminating machine. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Hull SIP Presented: Principal Dick Braun introduced PE teacher Jennifer Rivera who presented a physical education instructional demonstration and Sue Ward, who introduced other members of the staff and community for their School Improvement presentation.

Ballot Language Resolution: Motion by Lessard and Nalley that the Board of Education adopt the legal resolution establishing the ballot language for the election of candidates to fill positions on the Board of Education. (See Official Minutes for resolution entirety.) Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Authorization to Accept Resignations: Motion by Nalley and Timmons that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the superintendent or the designee to accept employee resignations on its behalf for the 1999-2000 school year. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Middle School Principal Appointment: Motion by Watters and Kokenakes that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and appoint R. Joseph Anderson to the position of middle school principal beginning May 3, 1999. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Teachers for Approval: Motion by Lessard and Nalley that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 1998-99 school year to: Allison VanDover and Kira Myer. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Retirements: The Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District unanimously adopted resolutions of appreciation for: Bruce Buzzard, Patricia Herrod, Nicholas Lovich, Valeria Lovich, Mildred Norman, Donald Paradine, Joyce Paradine, and James Rice.

Reports from the Superintendent: Dr. Watson...

- stated that our thoughts and prayers go to the students and families of Columbine High School in Colorado and in lieu of this catastrophe, he was sending a letter to all student households to inform everyone of the steps and strategies we are placing in each of our schools to secure safety for all;
- read a letter from Dan Freeman who commended Boy Scout Troop 734 who were involved in a cleanup project at FHS;
- commended Jack Kalousek, student activities director at FHS, who is being nominated by Gleaners for their Golden Rule Award for his work in the community;
- recognized Susan McAmmond and five of her 6th grade students for performing the water tests from the River Rouge project; and
- introduced the video presentation of the Tyler musical titled *It's a Beautiful Land We Share*; a special visit from the Music Lady at Jackson Center; and a short clip from Elaine Koon's *The First Years Last Forever*.

Hearing from Board Members: The Board congratulated Ron Van Horn upon his retirement; extended congratulations to the Carli recipients; congratulated the Golden Apple Award recipient Broc Butcher; enjoyed the Hull School Improvement presentation; attended the MPTA Convention and was proud of all the awards that were given to the students and community of Livonia Public Schools; attended the MASB Awards Ceremony where we received an award for our Board having the majority of members that have earned keys to the Better Boardmanship Awards; and congratulated Dan Lessard for his award of merit.

Adjournment: Motion by Timmons and Lessard that the regular meeting of May 3, 1999 be adjourned. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

President Nay adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

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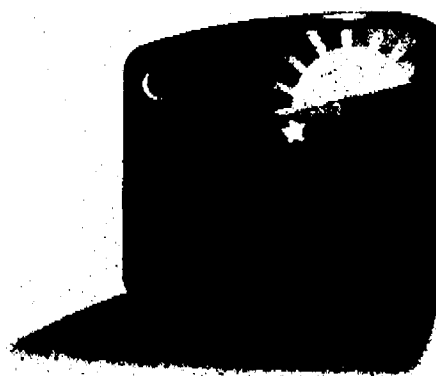
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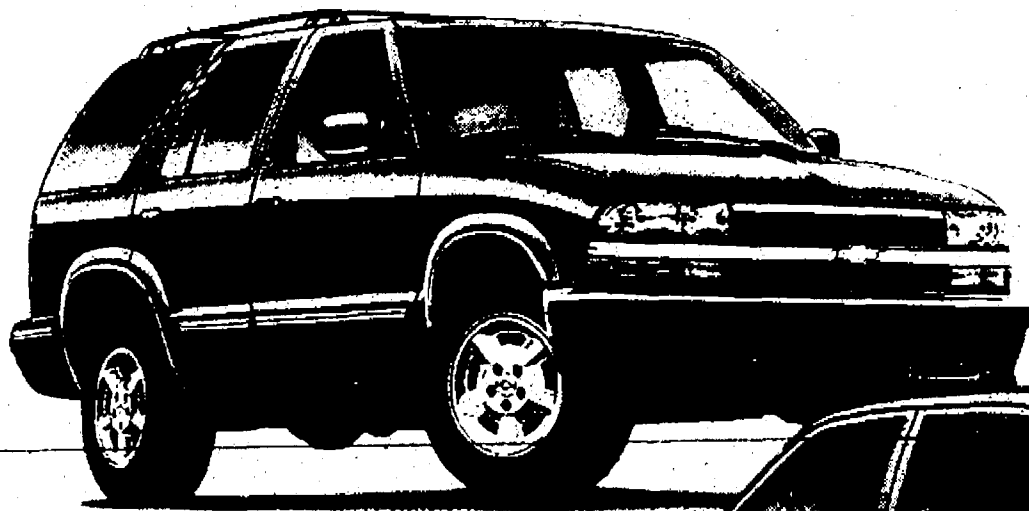
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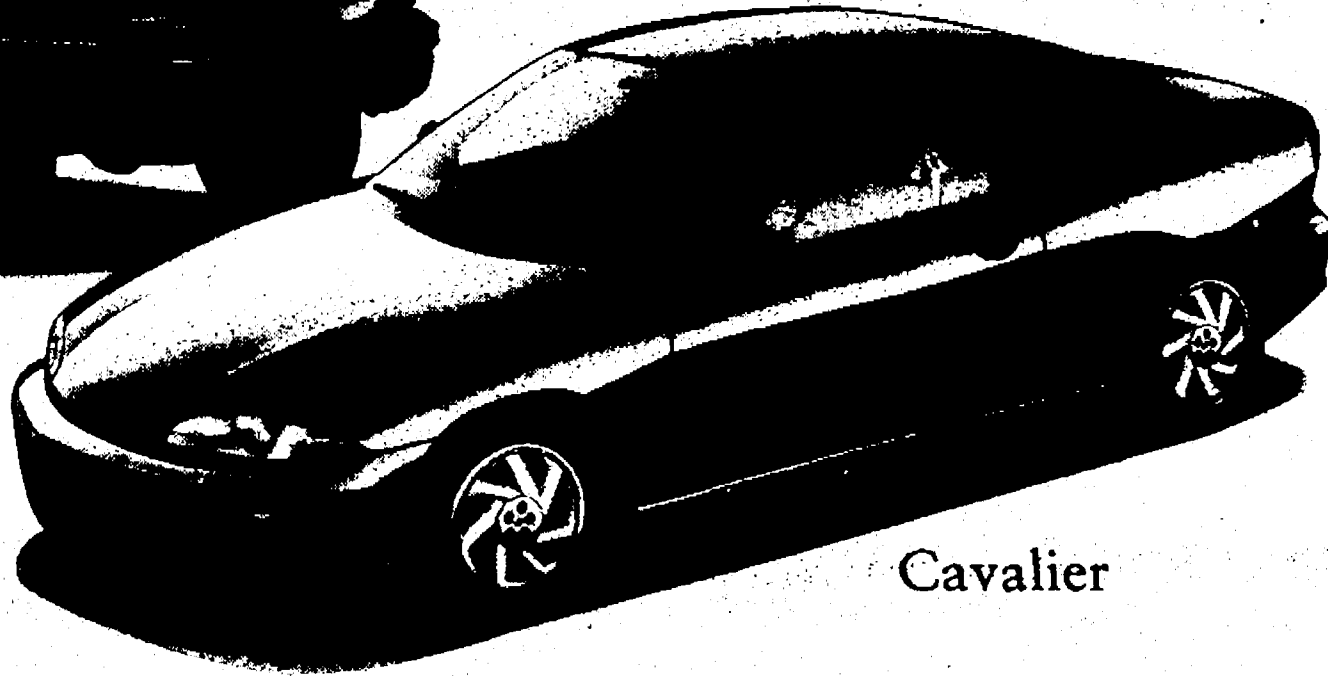
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Final Statement for the Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan Strategy and a One-Year Action Plan for Fiscal 1999/2000 Including Proposed Housing and Community Development Goals, Strategies and Proposed Use of Funds for Program Year XXV (07-01-1999 / 06-30-2000)

BACKGROUND

As required by U.S. Congressional Statutes, the City of Westland has prepared a Five Year Consolidated Plan Strategy for the period July 1, 1995 - June 30, 2000 as a prerequisite to receiving funds from a variety of Federal and State sources including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Homeless Assistance Programs, the HOME Program, and certain other Federal Programs, including Section 8 Housing Assistance. In addition, the City prepares an annual Consolidated Plan Action Plan with funding requests for project and programs for the upcoming fiscal period.

The Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan are designed to be integrated documents for identifying and meeting the needs for Community Development and Affordable Housing within the City of Westland. Further, they include a review of the total resources expected to be available to assist in the provision of Community Development and Affordable Housing needs. This potential includes public and private resources, non-profit housing and community development organizations, financial institutions, state housing organizations, social service agencies, and others. The Five Year and Annual Consolidated Plan Strategy process is intended to produce a Five-Year Strategy and Annual Action Plan to begin closing the gap between the quantity of decent housing which is affordable to individuals and families with low or moderate incomes and the need for such housing and to restore the community with CDBG funded capital outlay projects and public services.

1999/2000 CONSOLIDATED PLAN ACTION PLAN NARRATIVE

The 1999/2000 Consolidated Plan Action Plan will provide information regarding the financial resources which are expected to be available in Federal fiscal year 1999 for Community Development and affordable housing programs including new construction, rehabilitation, rental assistance, homeless programs, etc. The Consolidated Plan reviews various Federal, State, County, and local resources as well as those of the private and non-profit sector.

The Consolidated Plan Action Plan also discusses implementation for the City fiscal year 1999/2000 (7/1/1999-6/30/2000) in terms of the number of households to be assisted by Federal, State or Local programs and which family types the assistance will be targeted to. For fiscal 1999/2000, the City anticipates programs and projects which were already projected under the 1998/99 Consolidated Plan Action Plan. The 1998/99 Consolidated Plan Action Plan provided a mixture of housing programs to serve very low and lower income families; owners and renters; elderly, small family and large family commensurate to the amount of Federal State assistance provided to the City.

Housing rehabilitation for owners; rehabilitation of rental property in the Norwayne and Carver Subdivisions; and the provision of Section 8 rent subsidies to all family types will continue at levels provided during the five-year period 1990-1995. The City has begun a demonstration Home Buyers Program in both the Norwayne and Carver Subdivisions to encourage a greater interest in homeownership amongst families who currently rent. The Westland Housing Commission will continue to operate its Family Self-Sufficiency Program for up to as many as (50) interested families who are currently receiving Section 8 Housing Assistance benefits. The program encourages families to either work or obtain an education and become independent of government assistance.

The City will continue with the implementation of its Carver Subdivision Revitalization Plan starting with the designation of a non-profit housing provider, Peoples Community Hope for Homes, to start affordable housing initiatives including in-fill housing on vacant, tax reverted lots and an acquisition, rehabilitation and resale program for vacant homes. PCHFH has prepared a Neighborhood Preservation Program application that has been submitted to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. MSHDA has reviewed and approved this plan. Request for Proposals were received from developers in regard to constructing one or more new subdivision streets in the Carver Subdivision south of Powers St. New subdivision development should begin in the upcoming fiscal period since a developer has been given a designated developer status with the City.

Homeless shelter programs will continue as is, with Wayne County and local governments needing to plan for transitional and permanent housing for the homeless. Supportive housing programs for special needs individuals will continue to be provided by county-wide non-profit organizations who may possibly be subject to budget cutbacks. It is assumed that Wayne County will continue to support the operation of the Wayne County Family Center which provides (23) units of emergency shelter. The shelter is operated through a contract with Lutheran Social Services of Michigan.

The Westland Department Housing and Community Development will monitor the progress and implementation of the Consolidated Plan and provide reports to various commissions, HUD, and the local legislative body on a regular basis.

ADOPTED YEAR XXV COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME PROGRAM

The City of Westland anticipated receiving approximately \$1,086,000 in Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the Year XXV Program which begins July 1, 1999, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. It is proposed to utilize \$246,000 in program income returned to the City from loan and grant departments from the CDBG funded Housing Rehabilitation Program to provide an increased level of capital improvements and public service activities in the Year XXV Program. The City also anticipates receiving a slight increase in the amount of HOME funds as received in the prior fiscal period from both Federal and State resources. The total expected HOME funding is \$407,000. To complete two major projects in one year, the City will apply for a Section 108 Loan in the amount of \$700,000 to construct the Carver Subdivision Fire/Police Station, No. 5.

NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

The CDBG program was enacted by Congress in 1974 to address the problem of deteriorating cities and neighborhoods. In order to achieve this goal of revitalizing the nation's communities, the federal government established three broad national objectives to which the City of Westland has certified it will give maximum feasible priority. These objectives include:

1. Activities which benefit low and moderate income families.
2. Activities which aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.
3. Activities which address an urgent threat to the health or safety of the community.

LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

1. Preserve and/or expand the existing housing stock through housing rehabilitation and code enforcement programs.
2. Conserve and upgrade the neighborhoods of low/moderate income families through capital improvements and the installation of new public infrastructure.
3. Improve and expand the recreational facilities for low/moderate income families, including senior citizen and the handicapped.
4. Provide for, and expansion of, a varied program of social and community services to low/moderate income persons including senior citizens.
5. Provide for the expansion of job opportunities for low/moderate income persons.
6. Alleviate conditions which are detrimental to the health and safety of the residents.
7. Undertake planning studies for the future provision of capital improvements and expansion of social and community services.
8. Barrier-free accessibility projects for physically handicapped and disabled persons.
9. Expand housing opportunities for low income families with special initiatives including new construction single family homes, home buyer program with incentives for new and existing housing and in-fill housing for vacant lots in existing neighborhoods along with an acquisition, rehabilitation and resale program.

1999/2000 PROPOSED USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Consistent with the above-stated objectives, the Administration is proposing the following list of projects/programs for the City's Year XXV Community Development Block Grant Program.

| Project | Funding Level | Classification | Objectives National | Local | Location |
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| CD Administration (99-01) | \$240,000 | Program Admin. | 1 | 1-9 | A,C |
| Administer Community Development Block Grant program, federal regulations, compliance monitoring, housing assistance and state housing grant programs, operate Dorsey Community Center and contract assistance to the Family Resource Center at Lincoln Elementary School. | | | | | |
| Rehab. Admin. (99-02) | \$115,000 | Low/Mod. Rehab. Admin. | 1 | | A,C |

Administer General Rehabilitation Program, Emergency Repair, Barrier-Free and Rental Rehabilitation Programs. Repair standard units to meet City codes and eliminate health and safety hazards.

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| Housing Rehab. (99-03) | \$125,000 | Low/Mod. Single Unit Resid. | 1 | | A |
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Fund loans, grants, and deferred loans to provide financing to complete programs listed under Item #2. Proposed funding could be used to assist (7) homeowners for General Rehabilitations and assist (15) homeowners with emergency repairs or barrier-free access improvements. Low-interest home rehabilitation loans are served by NBD (Bank One). The processing fees for the new program year will be \$5.00 to set up each loan, and \$6.00 monthly to service each loan. The fee is deducted from interest earned by the City, therefore, homeowners will not pay any fee directly.

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| Senior Programs (99-04) | \$178,500 | Low/Mod. Public Service/Seniors | 3,4 | | A,B |
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Operate Senior Center on Newburgh Road. Provide services including telecare, home-bound meals, congregate site lunch, emergency transportation home chores, funding for Operation Breadbasket (\$18,900) and Senior Nutrition Program included in amount above. The Senior Resources Department may utilize grant funding and resources from other County, State, and Federal sources in addition to Block Grant funds

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| N.S.A. Transportation (99-05) | \$7,000 | Low/Mod. Public Service/Trans. | 4 | | D,J,K |
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Provide essential transportation services, via cab, to low income families at subsidized cost in Norwayne and Carver/Van Born Subdivisions only. Restricted service destinations. (CT 5685, 5680 and 5689) The fare basis will be increased from \$2.00 per ride to \$3.00 per ride for eligible residents. The City subsidy will also be increased from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per ride. The total cost per ride will be a \$7.00 flat fare for all service.

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| Community Com. Programs (99-06) | \$24,680 | Low/Mod. Public Service/Substance Abuse | 4,6 | | A,E |
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Provide substance abuse counseling services to individuals and groups and prescribe treatment programs. CCODA has become incorporated into Hegira Programs.

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| First Step Domestic Violence and (99-07) | \$19,700 | Low/Mod. Public Service/Battered Spouses. | 1 | 4,6 | A,G |
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Program to reduce incidence of spouse abuse and sexual assault; counseling, education, outreach, transportation, and emergency shelter.

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| Child & Family Neighborhood Program (99-08) | \$19,700 | Low/Mod. Public Service/Youth | 4,6 | | D,C |
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Provides parenting education and skills workshops, training sessions and counseling for low/mod. income parents in Westland. Referrals made by schools, court, police, and fire department; also sponsors child abuse prevention programs.

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| Youth Assistance Program (99-09) | \$14,500 | Low/Mod. Public Service/Youth | 4 | | A |
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Partially fund Youth Assistance Program, a juvenile counseling and mentoring program for disturbed delinquent youth, 7-16 years of age.

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| Friendship Center Building Expansion, Phase III Loan Payment (99-10) | \$171,000 | Low/Mod. Public Improvement/Senior Centers | 3,4 | | B |
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Construct additional space at the Westland Friendship Center due to the increasing number of seniors participating in daily activities at the Center. A total of 4,620 sq. ft. addition was installed on the east side of the existing assembly hall. The addition houses (4) new activity rooms with folding partition walls. The total project cost was \$863,487 (excluding interest on the project financing). A primary loan was obtained from HUD via the Section 08 loan program in the amount of \$530,000 and \$100,000 was budgeted for the project in the fiscal 1997/98 Consolidated Plan Action Plan. Repayment will be made in five years for the first loan. The difference between the revised project cost and the allocated funding was met by the City obtaining a second, concurrent 108 loan in the amount of \$300,000 with a term of ten (10) years. The \$171,000 in funding represents a scheduled loan repayment.

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| Rehab. Code Enforcement (99-11) | \$10,000 | Low/Mod. Public Improvement | 1 | | I |
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Manpower allocation for inspection work for rehabilitation projects citing code violations and work write-ups for single and multi-family unit rehabilitation projects. Also, the Building and Police Departments will assign officers in target areas to cite building code violations and hazard/nuisance conditions including junk vehicles.

Construct approximately 200-250 sq. ft. of new office space at the rear of the Dorsey Center for a non-profit counseling agency. Family Neighborhood Services (FNS) provides no cost or low cost counseling services for Westland residents who do not have access to other counseling options. This space will be used to replace office space taken away from FNS during the past several years due to growth in the City's own Housing and Community Development Programs. The funding will also be used to integrate existing office space at the rear of the building (barrier free access compliance, ingress/egress) with the new addition.

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| Carver Subdivision Infrastructure Phase IV (99-13) | \$451,445* | Low/Mod. Public Improvement | 1 | 2,9 | J |
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Install 8" concrete road and curb/gutter, 10" sanitary and storm sewers; and make minor upgrades to existing watermain for Currier Street, and platted subdivision road that has not yet been built. Install a boulevard entrance and extend Irene Street to connect Currier at its eastern extremity. The road will be installed as a catalyst for development of approximately (320) new homes on 60'x12' lots to be built by a private developer. The total project cost is estimated at \$950,000. Additional financing will be provided by the City's general fund (\$200,000) which will be added to three prior years \$125,000 funding increments. The City will request in its CPAP application to HUD for reimbursement of the \$200,000 of pre-awarded costs as provided for the block grant regulations at (24 CFR 570.200 (g), March 1996). The advanced funds from the City will be repaid with CDBG funds over a two year period. Total funds budgeted for this project is \$1,026,445.

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| Carver Subdivision Fire/Police Station, Phase II (99-14) | Section 108 | Low/Mod. Public Improvement | 1 | 2,6 | J |
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Provide for the engineering, architectural design, development costs, site-work etc. to construct a Fire/Police Station, No. 5, in the Carver Subdivision (CT5690) at the southeast corner of Annapolis and Irene Roads. The station would be built on city-owned, tax reverted property. The fire/police station would be manned full-time and the apparatus room would have a specially equipped mini-pumper/ALS Rescue vehicle to be purchased at a future date. An office will be constructed or Community Policing and this will be manned on a part-time basis. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$870,388 to be funded as follows: a total of \$150,000 in Year 1998 CDBG funds; \$168,943 of 1998 reprogrammed funds (remaining fund balances from prior years activities). The City will apply for a \$700,000 Section 108 Loan concurrent with its 1999/2000 CPAP application. This financing would be paid back over a ten-year period. Total funds budgeted for this project is \$1,018,943.

*Funding consists of \$356,920 Year 1999 CDBG funds and \$94,525 of Reprogrammed CDBG funds listed below.

REPROGRAMMING OF CDBG FUNDS:

| | Increase | Decrease |
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| Fire/Police Station, No. 5, Carver Subdivision (99-14) (See prior activity description for 99-14) | \$94,525 | |
| Decrease: | | |
| 96-19 Jefferson-Barns Drop-Off Zone | | \$7,932 |
| 97-02 Rehabilitation Administration | | \$6,593 |
| 97-12 Van Born Watermain, Phase II | | \$40,000 |
| 98-12 Norwayne Easement Removal Phase II | | \$40,000 |
| SUBTOTAL: | | \$94,525 |

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| HOME Rental Rehabilitation Program (Norwayne and Carver Subdivisions) (99-HO1) | \$200,000 | Rehab. Multi-Unit Residential | 1 | 1,9 | D,J |
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Funding to be used to continue existing HOME Rental Rehabilitation targeted neighborhoods. Anticipate (8) projects with (20) dwelling units for renter at 60% of median income. Must bring entire unit up to currently adopted BOCA existing housing code, both interior and exterior. Program provides 50% of total project cost up to a maximum of \$10,000 for one or two bedroom units and up to \$12,000 per unit for apartments with three or more bedrooms. Owner provides the remaining project funds from non-governmental sources. Rents are restricted for a five-year period. No displacement of families permitted under program. (CT 5685 an CT 5690). The City has also received a \$168,500 grant from MSHDA in the 1998-99 program year which can be used in conjunction with the City's HOME funds to support Rental Rehabilitation. These funds carry over to the 1999/2000 Annual Plan Program.

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| Home Funds Administration (99-HO2) | \$40,700 | Administration/Planning | 1 | 1 | N/A |
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In conformance with Federal Home Program regulations, utilize 10% of allocated HOME funds for reimbursement to the City for eligible administrative, and planning costs. No new personnel will be hired. Use to offset additional staff requirements to develop HOME programs as well as consultant fees, contractor costs, and other anticipated fees and expenses (i.e. appraisal, legal, engineering, environmental, titlework, planning, banking, architectural) necessary to implement and administer the various City of Westland HOME programs.

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| Set-Aside to Non-Profit Housing Organization (Peoples Community Hope for Homes, Inc.) (PCHFH) (99-HO3) | \$206,300* | Homeownership Assistance (Special Sub recipient) | 1 | 9 | L |
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Existing non-profit housing organization has been designed by the City of Westland to conduct affordable housing projects and programs to initiate a revitalization of the Carver Subdivision, a distressed residential neighborhood. Planned activities include in-fill housing on existing lots. Another program includes the acquisition, rehabilitation, and resale of homes that are currently vacant. No displacement of low income families will be permitted. PCHFH will use a 100% recapture of grant funds provision for properties sold before the end of the HOME affordability period. PCHFH has an approved Neighborhood Preservation Plan through the State of Michigan which will provide funding for the Carver Subdivision Revitalization for (2) to (3) new in-fill housing projects. Administrative/operating costs will be allocated at \$20,350 and the remaining funds, \$146,950 must be used for project costs.

*Funding consists of \$166,300 of 1999 HOME funds and \$40,000 of reprogrammed HOME funds listed below:

REPROGRAMMING OF HOME FUNDS

| | Increase | Decrease |
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| Set-Aside to Non-Profit Housing Organization - Peoples Community Hope for Homes, Inc. (PCHFH) | \$40,000 | |
| Special HOME Project (Senior Housing) 97-HO4 | | \$40,000 |

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| *TOTAL PROPOSED CDBG BUDGET: | \$1,332,000 |
| Regular Block Grant Allocation: | \$1,086,000 |
| *Program Income: | \$246,000 |

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| TOTAL PROPOSED HOME BUDGET: | \$407,000 |
| U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development | \$407,000 |

*The above amount includes \$176,636 in program income received in the prior fiscal period 7/1/87-6/30/98 and the current fiscal period, 7/1/98-6/30/99 returned to the City from loan and grant repayments from the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Fund. Total program income received during the 7/1/97-6/30/98 fiscal period was \$176,636. We anticipate receiving \$170,000 to \$190,000 in program income for the fiscal period which runs July 1, 1998-June 30, 1999 and receiving \$80,000-\$100,000 for the Year XXV CDBG Fiscal Period which runs July 1, 1999-June 30, 2000.

LOCATIONS:

- City-wide impact for low-moderate income persons
- 1119 N. Newburgh Road between Ford and Marquette
- 32715 Dorsey Road (Norwayne), Westland, MI 48186-4755
- Census Tract 5685 (Norwayne) - Wildwood, Palmer, Glenwood, and Merriman
- 8623 N. Wayne Rd., Suit 156, Westland, MI 48185
- Civic Complex at 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185
- 44567 Pinetree Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170
- City-wide impact for handicapped/disabled persons
- Community Development target area's exceeding HUD low-mod threshold.
- Census Tract 5690 (Annapolis, Inkster, Van Born, Middlebelt).
- Census Tract 5689 (Annapolis, Van Born Middlebelt and Henry Ruff).
- Census Tract 5690, Carver Subdivision (Annapolis, Harrison, Van Born, and Middlebelt)

ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL 1999/2000 (07/01/99-6/30/00)

Listed below is the Total Anticipated Funding to Be Received by the City of Westland from Federal and State sources:

- Community Development Block Grant - Estimated funding to be received by City of Westland from HUD Time Period for Expenditures (12 Months) \$1,086,000
- Program Income Allocated to New CDBG Projects and Programs. \$246,000 Time Period for Expenditure-(12) Months.
- Participating Jurisdiction' HOME Funds received directly from HUD. \$407,000
This funding will be utilized to fund the following program: A \$166,300 set-aside to Peoples Community Hope for Homes, Inc. A non-profit housing organization; HOME Rental Rehabilitation Program (Norwayne and Carver Subdivision) at \$200,000; and \$40,700 for Administration. Time Period for Expenditures - (24) Months
- Michigan State Housing Development Authority Allocation from Housing Resource Fund to supplement City's own HOME Rental Rehabilitation Program. \$166,500
- Annual Contract Authority from HUD for 118 Section 8 Housing Certificates for existing, participating families or those on official waiting list at 506 of median income or below, Section 8 funding is being cut back as new project contracts are approved on an annual basis. \$603,724* (Est.)
Time Period for Expenditure - (12) Months
- Annual Contract Authority from HUD for 265 Section 8 Housing Vouchers for existing, participating families or those on the official waiting list at 50% of median income or below. Section 8 funding is being cut back as new project contracts are approved on an annual basis. \$1,417,643*(Est.)
Time Period for Expenditure - (12) Months
- Annual Contract Authority from HUD for Section 8 Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator. Wages and salary only. Contracted out; no new permanent staffing. Time Period for Expenditure - (12) Months \$28,840
- Funding for New Section 8 Preservation Vouchers at the Pointe West Apartment Complex in Westland. WHC will obtain funding for 220-230 housing vouchers to be used for existing eligible residents. \$1,015,242
Time Period for Expenditure - (12) Months
- Section 108 Loan for the Carver Subdivision Fire/Police Station, No. 5 \$700,000* (Est.)

*Indicates potential funding not yet approved by Congress or the State of Michigan.

DISPLACEMENT:

No displacement is anticipated for any Year XXV proposed project or program. Consistent with the historical use of CDBG funds and the proposed projects listed above, the City of Westland will not allocate monies where it would result in the involuntary and permanent displacement of residents. However, if displacement should unexpectedly occur, the city is prepared to assist residents so displaced in any of the following ways:

1. Payment for replacement housing;
2. Payment of reasonable moving expenses;
3. Payment of reasonable cost of rental housing;
4. Referrals to housing agencies;
5. Benefits and procedures for displacement will be carried out in accordance with the Uniform-Relocation Act.

A complete statement of the City's Displacement Plan is on file in the Community Development Department at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, for citizen review during normal business hours M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

The Westland City Council received public comments at a public hearing on April 19, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. on the One-Year Action Plan for Fiscal Year 1999/2000. Citizen review and comments were also taken at the April meetings of the Westland Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee (CDCAC), Westland Rehabilitation Review Board, and Westland Housing Commission, as listed above. Anyone who was unable to attend the official public hearings and wished to comment or make suggestions can do so by submitting their comments in writing to the Department of Housing and Community Development at 32713 Dorsey Rd., Westland, MI 48186. Technical assistance will be provided on a limited, as needed basis to low, very low and extremely low income resident groups that require assistance in developing proposals for eligible programs, approved by the City under the consolidated submission. A full copy of the revised Citizen participation Plan is on the file in the Housing and Community Development Department at 32715 Dorsey Rd., Westland, MI, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

ROBERT J. THOMAS, Mayor
City of Westland

Roadwork comes to a halt for holiday weekend

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

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With nearly 300 construction projects in progress across the state, motorists will need to allow for extra time if they leave before this holiday weekend.

But travelers received good

news Wednesday when Gov. John Engler announced that most construction on Michigan freeways and highways will be suspended from 3 p.m. Friday through 6 a.m. Tuesday so that motorists will have an easier time reaching their destinations.

That means construction on I-75 and U.S. 23 in the Flint area

will be suspended, along with work on I-96 between Kent Lake and Novi roads. Southbound I-275 traffic will continue its crossover to the northbound lanes through July while the new southbound lanes are repaved.

The Michigan Department of Transportation will continue roadwork with some traffic restrictions on only 33 projects during this period.

"We are focusing our investments, fixing our worst roads first and applying a mix of fixes that will give motorists good roads for years to come," said Gov. John Engler in a prepared statement. "As residents and visitors from other states kick off the summer travel season, we want them traveling."

AAA Michigan estimates that nearly 2 million Michigan motorists will hit the highways during this weekend.

About 80 percent of travelers

will drive more than 100 miles and half will be headed out of state, according to an Auto Club survey.

Vacation travelers leaving before Friday have pretty good odds that they will be driving through construction zones. Once the weekend begins, traffic may flow easier through construction zones where construction cones are expected to be removed.

With the increased traffic, motorists should prepare for their trips to take longer.

"Leave (yourself) a lot of time for travel," said Debbie Pearson, broadcast supervisor for AAA Michigan. "The state is taking down a lot of construction cones, and in some years, they take down as many as half of them."

"It depends how far they are into the project."

AAA reports that MDOT is not expected to close the Southfield Freeway in Wayne County on

the holiday weekend, but in Oakland County two left lanes of the southbound Southfield over M-10 and Nine Mile are closed until late August. Also closed is the ramp from southbound M-10 to southbound M-39. The right two lanes of northbound Southfield are closed at Nine Mile, as is the ramp from northbound Northwestern Highway to northbound Southfield until late June.

Lanes will be closed this weekend on Telegraph between 10 and 12 Mile roads.

On I-275, construction crews are expected to pour new concrete during the first week of June, if the weather cooperates through the end of this week.

I-275 has been reduced from four lanes to three during this year's \$49 million resurfacing project.

During Memorial Day weekend in 1998, 17 people were killed in 15 fatal crashes in

Michigan, an increase from the 16 killed in 14 crashes in 1997. Alcohol was a factor in three of the fatal crashes, while 47 percent of the 1998 victims were not wearing seat belts.

This weekend will also see resumption of AAA Michigan's "Bring 'Em Back Alive!" broadcasts to more than 100 radio stations throughout the state to alert motorists to traffic problems. Signs will be posted at dozens of Operation Care rest areas statewide, where complimentary coffee and refreshments will be served.

For detour information, motorists should call 1-800-AAA-MICH to receive traffic reports that will be updated hourly. Motorists also can click on the Michigan Department of Transportation Web site at www.mdot.state.mi.us/index.htm

Nankin Mills hosts 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.

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

fied. 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.



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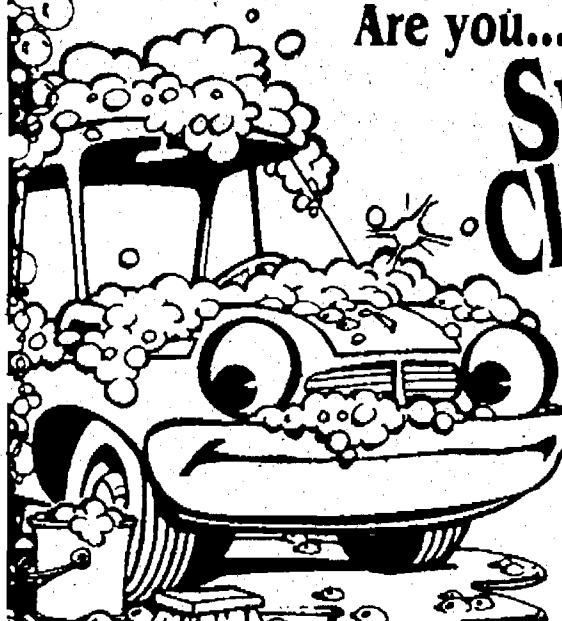
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School board Monit, Pitsenbarger top picks

Wayne-Westland Community Schools voters are fortunate that all four candidates in the Monday, June 14, school board election are dedicated, sincere people who care about the quality of education.

The four are: Lorne J. "Skip" Monit of Wayne, employed by Sensormatic Electronics as a project manager; Martha Pitsenbarger of Wayne, a clinical social worker/therapist with Value Options; Brenda Smith of Westland, a student transferring from Henry Ford Community College to Eastern Michigan University; and Marshall Wright of Westland, a licensed social worker.

Pitsenbarger is an incumbent who has served on the school board since 1995. Although a challenger, Monit also has school district ties. He was tri-chairman of the Bond Election Committee which led a successful \$108 million bond issue for school improvement. He serves on the Bond Construction Committee which oversees construction.

None of the four interviewed last week by the Observer indicated an interest in moving from the school board to other political offices. Moving on or up isn't necessarily a bad thing, but it's good to see their interests are close to home.

Our endorsement choices for the June 14 school board election are **Lorne J. "Skip" Monit and Martha Pitsenbarger.**

Pitsenbarger demonstrated during an interview that she has become knowledgeable of school issues during her first term, and she deserves another. With school building renovations moving ahead, she cites as her No. 1 priority "the challenge to improve the MEAP scores." She aims to continue to align the local core curriculum with the state's.

"I think a lot of the other things have been



Monit



Pitsenbarger

fixed, or are in the process of being fixed," she said in her recent Observer interview.

Monit said a potential move to the school board post as a way to continue the work he's begun. "If I don't do a good job, then my kids are going to suffer," he said of the three school-age children that he and his wife have in Wayne-Westland, one at each school level.

Brenda Smith graduated from Glenn in 1997, and plans to become a teacher. We admire her views and enthusiasm, and hesitate to bring up her youth. Youth is often an asset, but experience must be considered as well, and the experience of Monit and Pitsenbarger outweighs that of Smith.

Wright has good ideas, too, including making schools safe and improving MEAP scores. We'd like to see him present his ideas more effectively.

Both Pitsenbarger and Monit have ties to the current school board and administration. That's not all bad, but we would strongly urge them to serve as independent voices, representing the best interests of the students and others of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

All four candidates are out and about, trying to reach voters through door-to-door campaigning and other means. Consider our views, but make the decision for yourself. And, please, do remember to vote June 14 for the two candidates of your choice. We recommend **Pitsenbarger and Monit.**



Dramatic display

On the attack: Nicholas O'Brien, 4, of Westland "attacks" Livonia police Sgt. Francis Donnelly to demonstrate the department's protective gear. The Livonia department held demonstrations of SWAT and K-9 teams at a recent open house. We applaud such efforts of police officials to work with the community and its youngest residents.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

LETTERS

Let people speak

Westland residents need to have a say in the recreational facility that is being talked about. The phone survey that reached 600 residents isn't enough.

It needs to be put to a vote. What is Mayor (Robert) Thomas worried about? Why doesn't he want it to be voted on? I always thought the government was for the people by the people, not because a mayor wanted something. If Mayor Thomas is successful in suppressing this on the November ballot, I can also promise that I won't vote for him in the next election.

Judi Cornfoot
 Westland

touch with their constituents and real life outside Mount Olympus (called D.C.) And what is unfolding in 1999 related to planless and thoughtless wars and their inevitable body bags demands people who will serve the people instead of self-service.

Beatrice Scalise
 Westland

Put kids first

My recent letter concerning the breakdown of the traditional American family because mommy drops the little ones off at day care seems to have struck some nerves. I'm glad it did.

I was strongly ridiculed with the proverbial cop-out, "It can't be done today," which I've heard for years along with "Single income families can't make it in today's economy." Hogwash!

It can be done because I did it and others I know have done it, too.

First, parents must have a "conviction" of family rearing. Most people today don't have any convictions. By this I mean what Webster uses as one of the word's definitions: An overwhelming strong persuasion or belief.

If two adults have a conviction to raise their children at home while daddy works, they can do it.

This involves two very important aspects. No. 1, Priorities - If your priorities are to accumulate all the material possessions you can, forget it, you can't do it and won't. And you will likely reap the benefits that we see in today's youth. Just let mommy drop little Johnny and Susie off at day care, let a complete stranger be their caretaker, and scramble off to pursue your cherished career. No. 2, Sacrifice - If you want to raise your children the correct way at home, major sacrifices are inevitable. For example: I worked two jobs for over 10 years, had one auto (a VW), took no vacations and homeschooled.

So it can't be done, the yuppies bemoan! The fact is they don't want to do it. They have no convictions, priorities and won't make the sacrifice!

If you believe this is hot air from a man who lives in a dream world, check out these Web sites and their links to the facts: www.family.com and www.stretcher.com.

Or crank up your search engine, type in "single family income" and check it out.

Or is this a sacrifice you can't endure?

By the way, day care is not defined in my 1968 Webster's dictionary. Odd?

Can you imagine Mrs. Cleaver, Mrs. Nelson or Mrs. Anderson looking in the Yellow Pages for "child care"? I can't.

The Voice of Reason

Steve Jeffers
 Westland

Honor heroes with actions

Littleton, Colorado. Conyers, Georgia. Port Huron, Michigan. Trench-coat Mafia. Copycats. Bomb threats. Armed police patrolling the halls of suburban high schools.

On Belle Isle, a high school "senior skip day" turns deadly when an "attack" by a high-powered water squirt gun is answered by fire from a 9-mm semiautomatic.

With construction projects across the state causing traffic to back up and tempers to grow short, police warn drivers to try to keep calm, worrying about more violent instances of "road rage."

A press release from a group calling itself the National Motorists Association carries the "warning": "Memorial Day travelers beware: Police are preparing their ticket books!" After

considerable detail about how one should behave when stopped for a traffic violation, the release adds:

"The National Motorists Association goes to great lengths to help its members fight traffic tickets. It takes time and effort to successfully challenge a traffic ticket, but the rewards are many."

In this setting, Americans prepare to celebrate Memorial Day, a day set aside to honor American soldiers who died in wars to keep this country "safe for democracy."

We don't mean to be negative, but we wonder what those fallen heroes would think about school bomb threats, drive-by shootings, road rage and armed police in school hallways. Is this what they were fighting for? Dying for?

Rouge cleanup effort critical

The annual cleanup of the Rouge River has come a long way in the last 14 years and so has the river.

Thanks to lots of federal money, persistent and visionary county, state and local leaders and many dedicated volunteers, one only has to drive throughout western Wayne County to witness a changed waterway.

Saturday, June 5, Friends of the Rouge needs some 2,500 volunteers to remove log jams and debris from the Rouge and stencil storm drains at 20 area work sites.

This year's cleanup is different because it represents an effort to focus greater attention on the plight of rivers in southeastern Michigan. Volunteers from Friends of the Rouge, the Clinton Watershed Council, Friends of the Detroit River, and the Huron River Watershed Council will band together for River Day '99.

The core will be the 14th annual Rouge Rescue river cleanup. Local sites, including Holliday Park Nature Preserve, need help.

For more information or to sign up, call Friends of the Rouge at (313) 792-9627.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Who drives better, men or women?



"I'd have to say men. If you've seen my wife driving, it would be pretty conclusive."

Scott Siebert
 Livonia



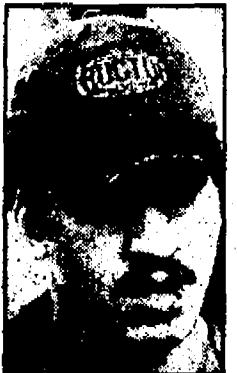
"Of course I'm going to say women. I think we're more careful, especially since we usually drive the children."

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 Westland



"On the whole, I think women are safer drivers."

Carol Leskey
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"It depends on what age they are. In my opinion, I drive somewhat better than she (his sister) does."

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POINTS OF VIEW

Sobering message

Tragedy of drunken driving deaths reminder to us all

It was great to meet Christine Byndas and her family. I just wish it could have been under other circumstances.

Byndas, of Milford, was at the May 15 Mothers Against Drunk Driving Run/Walk From the Heart in Hines Park. Her parents, Mary and Victor Casaz of Tinley Park, Ill., came to the annual event as well, with family members.

Their daughter and Christine's sister, Caryn Casaz, was killed by a drunken driver while running in the park Sept. 13, 1995. Many others who have lost loved ones in drunken driving crashes were at the MADD event, which was a fund-raiser.

I remembered Vanessa and Lara Carioni, sisters from West Bloomfield and students at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. They were killed by a drunken driver in 1985. That was

one of the first stories I did for the Farmington Observer as a reporter just a couple years out of school.

The pain of the Carioni family was palpable. I remember later when the girls' mother called to tell me the case was wrapping up in court. I don't recall the sentence, but it couldn't have been too harsh when compared to what that family went through.

My late grandmother belonged to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and, for years, encouraged me to join, along with my sister. We never did, and most in our generation didn't adopt such a hard-line stance on drinking.

Drinking and driving, however, is another story altogether. I'm reminded of the Carionis, who never got to see their daughters marry, pursue careers or become mothers. Mary Casaz spoke of her daughter's "spirit,



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her zest for life, her love of man, her smile, her sense of humor."

Casaz was a University of Illinois graduate with a bachelor's degree who worked as an engineer for the Ford Motor Co. She was 24 when she died. Sometimes I think of how old the Carioni sisters would be had they lived; they really weren't all that much younger than I was, although the dis-

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tance seemed greater.

Their father, Juan, was a physician, and I remember thinking how painful it must be to have all that training and knowledge, and yet have two beautiful daughters die in an instant in an auto wreck. A police visit in the middle of the night is every parent's nightmare.

The death of Caryn Casaz is more recent, but I'm sure her loved ones often pause to think how old she would be and where life would have taken her. Many were at the MADD event in Westland that Saturday, and it was difficult to find words to express sympathy.

I think what most of them would want is for all of us to refrain from drinking and driving and to use a designated driver if necessary. This is a season of graduations, weddings and other happy times; let's make sure that happiness isn't destroyed at the hands of a driver who's had one too many.

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Uniforms offer a security blanket for timid youth

Would I have acquired more detention slips during my years at Ladywood High School in Livonia from 1959-1963 if I hadn't been in uniform?

Contrary to popular belief, I don't think so.

I think the day-after-day anonymity of that navy skirt and white blouse made me bolder. It allowed my tender "individuality" to percolate behind the scenes and emerge at just the right moments - like wearing my beanie folded in half on my head during Mass on the first Friday of each month.

Or suggesting my senior class English club should be named "Speak

Easy." (Sister Mary Janine did not approve.)

But most of the time, I was just part of a blur of navy and white, defined mainly by my seat position in class. I was row 6, seat 2, just one of the girls. Thank God.

My friend and former classmate, Alyce (Graye) Humphrey of Plymouth Township, feels the same way.

"I actually liked the uniform because it relieved me of being cool. I wasn't cool anyway. The uniform meant I didn't have to say, 'How many times have I worn this before?'" she said.

Although quiet, Humphrey had a skewed sense of humor made more



RENEE SKOGLUND

memorable because it belonged to someone clad head to foot in boring navy blue and white.

We saw her humor, not her clothes. Those of us who weren't very

humorous or brave enough to fold beanies in half could remain safely anonymous until their shining, if misguided, moment came.

Their uniform was a security blanket.

They could wait, like Christine Roperdi did, until a warm summer day during junior year when our principal, Sister Mary Benigna, asked us to line up "four abreast" while waiting to exit for the bus.

"But I only have two," dared Roperdi.

They could wait, like Janie Dudek did, until the end of their senior year to announce in religion class that they were going to "marry for money, not

for love."

Bold proclamations for a Catholic girls' school in the 1960s. I don't think they would have drawn the gasps and giggles had they been said out of uniform.

And if there were no shining moments, we were all part of the collective groan when some nun burst into our class unannounced for a hem-length check.

We were equals. As my friend Alyce said, "Uniforms were a life-simplifier."

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School woes don't justify DeVos' sneaky voucher plan

Make no mistake about it. A carefully planned, well-financed plot to use public tax dollars to finance private or religious schools is under way.

Kids First! Yes!, an outfit based in Midland and financed by multimillionaire Dick DeVos, has launched a drive to force a statewide vote that would allow public money to be spent on vouchers for tuition at private or parochial schools.

If the necessary 302,000 valid signatures from registered voters are filed with the Secretary of State, Michigan voters will vote in November 2000 whether to approve changes in the Constitution that would:

- Repeal the ban on vouchers, tax credits or other public funding for nonpublic schools that was adopted statewide by voters in 1972.
- Limit school vouchers to about half state and local per-pupil spending in public schools - currently about \$6,000. Any extra costs for private schools would have to come from parents, churches and other groups.
- Require vouchers to be offered in 38 "failing" school districts, such as Detroit and Pontiac, where graduation rates are extra low.
- Allow voters or local school boards in other communities to decide whether they want to use vouchers.

DeVos, president of Amway Corp. and a former member of the State Board of Education, says Kids First! Yes! will spend \$5 million "and go north from there" in the drive. Teachers unions and other education groups will mount fierce opposition. The result: "This might be the most expensive ballot campaign in Michigan history," according to Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics.

The Kids First! Yes! spin strategy is to present the measure as a perfectly reasonable way to empower poor parents whose kids are trapped in failing schools. Clever! This seemingly compassionate rationale masks nothing less than a direct attempt to get public dollars to fund the income of nonpublic schools.

Some indication of the smooth planning behind the measure can be gained by noting the timing and sequence of the announcement PR blitz. George Weeks, political reporter for The Detroit News, led off with a front-page story on April 25. On April 26, Cardinal Adam Maida announced his support for the campaign. And on April 27, The Detroit News ran a favorable editorial:

And there's a semi-secret end game in this



PHILIP POWER

plot. Having repealed the constitutional ban on public funding for private schools, advocates for parochial plan on turning to the legislature, where a law enabling universal tax credits for private school tuition can be passed with just 20 votes in the Senate and 56 in the House.

Now I get as frustrated as anyone at the slow and uncertain pace of reform in the public schools. The extreme measure of replacing the entire elected school board in Detroit shows just how entrenched petty school boards and powerful unions are in resisting efforts to improve public K-12 performance. That's why I think charter schools are a worthwhile experiment and a way to keep the pressure on for school reform.

But, mark my words. If we pass a wholesale voucher plan, it will siphon off public tax dollars to fund private and religious schools in Michigan and weaken the public schools as a whole. It's a reform strategy akin to the doctrine from the war in Vietnam that we had "to destroy the village in order to save it."

Sure, parents now choosing to pay the tuition bill for their kids to attend religious or elite private schools would welcome a publicly funded voucher to pick up part of the tab. And lots of parents in urban areas where the schools are lousy and the pace of reform is all too slow are terribly frustrated at the few good options available to their kids.

But all this pales in the face of what kind of damage could be done to our society if we wind up destroying the entire public school system in Michigan.

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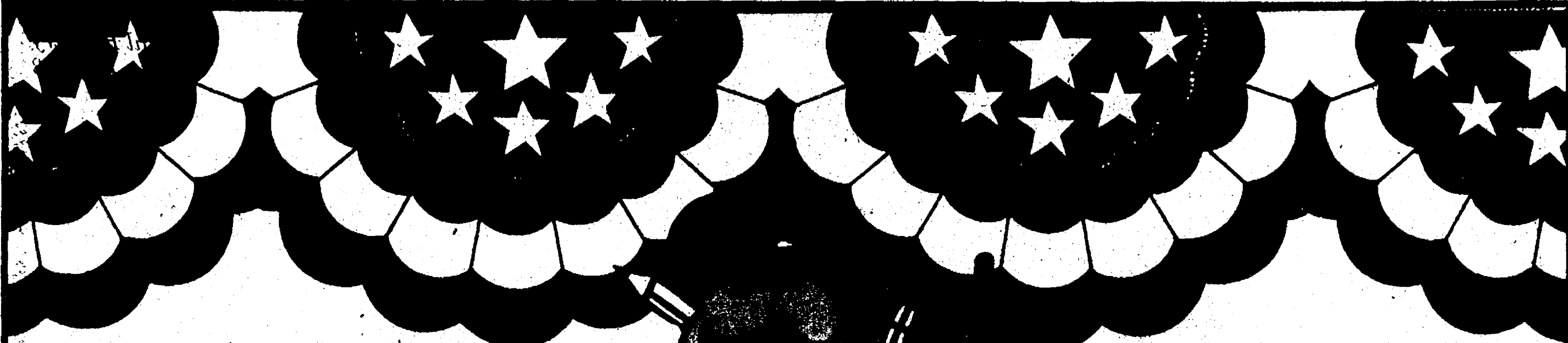
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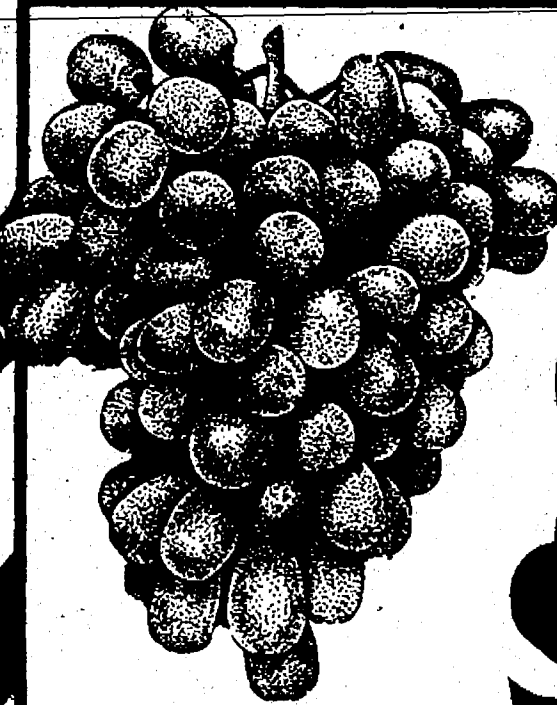
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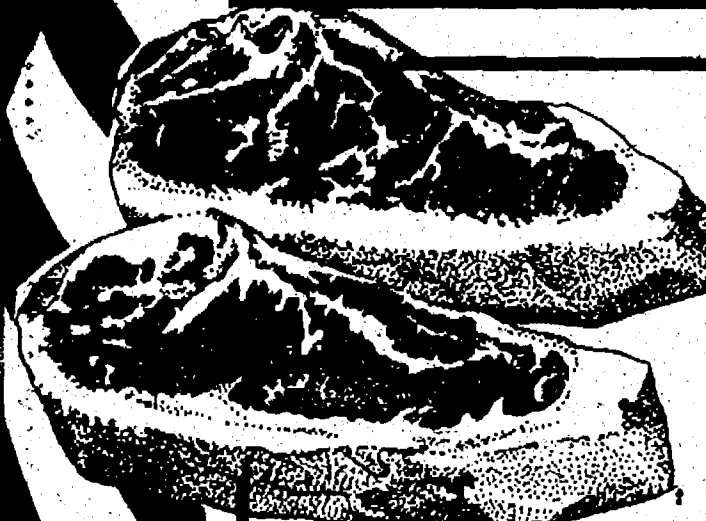
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Who's to blame for problems with our kids?

What's the problem with these kids, anyway? What's the matter with their parents? Kids have no respect. Parents don't take responsibility. Kids don't take responsibility. Mothers should stay home and raise their children instead of sending them off to day care. Teenagers need to develop tougher skin. It's the fault of the guns. Guns don't kill people, people kill people. It's television. And video games. MTV. Rock and Rap. The Internet.

Everyone has a comment or an opinion. Everyone wants to place blame, even if they don't know where to place it. And quite honestly I'm tired of listening to it.

I don't know what happened in Littleton. I don't know what happened in Georgia. I don't know what happened in Port Huron. I don't know what happened in our local schools. Why do kids (or adults) make bomb threats, write out hit lists, put up posters warning that these people or those people are going to die?

Why do they do it? I don't know. What I do know is that there are no simple answers. And that's what most people seem to be looking for.

"Just talk to your kids," one pundit writes. "Listen to them. Do things together. Spend some time at a family cottage."

Uh, huh. And just say "No." "We have to toughen up on gun laws," a politician pontificates. "Make it harder to get guns. Get rid of the guns."

"No," a second-amendment advocate proclaims. "We have a constitutional right to bear arms. Guns don't kill..." And so on.

"What are the schools teaching these kids anyway? And where are their parents?" That's from the "I-don't-have-a-clue-what's-going-on" types "but-that-doesn't-stop-me-from-having-an-opinion."

Now, as the parent of a 15-year-old daughter AND a 25-year-old son, I've got some pretty strong opinions about what's wrong with the public school system. I could do a whole series of columns just listing the problems. But the schools aren't to blame for Littleton.

I've got some equally strong views about what's wrong with parents today. I could do a series on that, too (with at least two columns devoted to parenting mistakes I've made). But the parents aren't to blame for Littleton.

Who's to blame?

Guns delivered the lethal bullets, but the people with the guns pulled the triggers. Obviously, the shooters are to blame, but what kind of society produced such actions? Maybe society is to blame.

Now that's an old cop-out going back to the Hippies of the 1960s or even the Lost Generation of World War I. Society was at fault for their misery.

I never bought into that. I was one of those "you take responsibility for your own actions" kind of guys. I still believe that to be true. But we are products of our culture, our environment, our society. And what kind of society are we raising our children in? Consider, for example:

■ Video games. We've come a long way from "Pong," that little square cursor bouncing off computer generated walls on your TV screen. If you've ever played (or seen) games like "Doom" or "Castle Wolfenstein," you know there is violence in them.

Blowing someone away on a computer screen isn't the same as doing it in a school library. But if your kid grows up with those games, it isn't beyond belief that the experience lessens the horror of the real thing, with real guns, real bullets and real people.

■ The Internet. It's a marvelous new medium. You can send messages to relatives next door or overseas, buy airline tickets online, do research for a term paper or get the recipe for

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New look: Red Hot Chili Peppers' lead singer Anthony Kiedis was barely recognizable when he stepped on stage with his newly shorn platinum-dyed hair, button-down shirt, tie and black pants.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Decorated with multiple piercings and tattoos, Danna Lorenzetti knows what it's like to be different.

"Every day I get stared at for what I wear, who I am, and what I have to say," the bright-eyed, outgoing Livonia Stevenson High School senior said. "I mean, everyone is going to get made fun of once in their life, whether it is right or not. How you react is what makes you or breaks you."

"I have always been extremely accepting of everyone. I always have been friends with a large variety of people. I feel that not closing yourself off and accepting others without assuming things about them could be the smartest thing you will ever do."

Lorenzetti was one of 500 area students chosen to attend a private concert with the Red Hot Chili Peppers at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac Tuesday night. The students were chosen by Windsor, Ontario, radio station CIMX-FM, 89X, based on their ideas on how to combat hate in high schools.

The contest was a learning experience as well. Winners picked up their tickets during a picnic at Royal Oak's Common Ground Sanctuary, a transitional living center for troubled teens.

Krysta Thomas, a 16-year-old Troy Athens High School student, said she didn't enter the contest necessarily for the tickets.

"I never win anything; I never even thought I would win. I thought it was just cool that someone was reaching out to high school kids," she said. "I just think kids need to be aware. If they think someone is unstable, they shouldn't be afraid to tell someone. I think that's really what needs to be said."

Toning it down

Known for their overt sexuality and partial on-stage nudity, the Chili Peppers kept the hour-long show to PG-13. Bassist Flea (Michael Balzary) hit the stage shirtless, while sticking up his middle finger at the crowd. Flea and lead singer Anthony Kiedis, a Grand Rapids native, traded barbs about sex acts and homework. Drummer Chad Smith, who grew up in Birmingham, kept a strong backbeat.

Kiedis was barely recognizable with his short platinum-dyed hair, a



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL BURCHMANN

Be my guest: Livonia Stevenson High School student Danna Lorenzetti (right) took her art teacher Heidi Bloom to the Chili Peppers concert on Tuesday. Lorenzetti explained that if students had better relationships with adults, incidents of hate would decrease.

white button-down dress shirt and black pants.

Early in the show, Kiedis tore off his shirt and tie before ripping into "Give It Away," one of only two hits the Chili Peppers played. (The other was the sing-along "Under the Bridge.") Crowd-surfing teens flew through the air or slam-danced to "Give It Away," a song that many of the kids heard for the first time when the Chili Peppers were on "Sesame Street."

The concert focused on songs from "Californication," the Chili Peppers' album due out Tuesday, June 8, and deep cuts from "What Hits!" and "Blood Sugar Sex Magik." To preview "Californication," visit <http://www.redhotchilipeppers.com> after June 4.

The concert was the fourth of five in the United States designed to promote teen tolerance. Initially, the tour was dubbed "High School Spirit" in which the biggest fan would win a private show at a club for his or her high school. That plan was revised, however, after the shootings at

Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

Lorenzetti said that her high school is finally acknowledging kids who are a little different. Recently, she won the senior prize for "Most Creative Wardrobe" for her baggy pants, piercings and tattoos.

"I thought it was cool because I got noticed for being myself, not necessarily having the prettiest eyes, nicest dress or best car," Lorenzetti said.

She and fellow ticket winner Brian Rose, a student at Lutheran High School West in Westland, said that if kids, teachers and administration had a better rapport, the incidents of hate would decrease. As a testament to that, Lorenzetti took her art teacher, Heidi Bloom, to the concert with her.

"A lot of people, if they had better relationships with adults and teachers they would realize it's really not OK to do that," she said about making fun of other students.

Jeanne Hargreaves, a Walled Lake

Central High School student, agreed.

"People act violently and maliciously because they lack attention, love, and predominately tolerance," she said. "They need at least one mentor or person they trust to direct them away from hate. That's why I've chosen to help out younger kids and act as a mentor in my community."

Rose said school administrators should take a stronger stance against violence.

"Public school teachers can't get involved in anything," he said. "If two kids are fighting, they can't break it up. In our school, there's no tolerance for that."

Rose described a recent incident in which a student was suspended for making a bomb threat.

"They got involved. They heard something was going on and they took action on it."

The well-mannered and well-spoken

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Flower power

Her grateful gardens say thanks for help

BY SUE MASON
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Erica Fenn fondly remembers those days when she and her husband Gary would drift on their boat, fishing for pike off Bois Blanc Island.

Gary loved to fish and Fenn believes they caught more pike than any other person on the island where they have had a summer home since the mid-1970s.

So, her choice of containers for her late husband's remains, while odd, is quite appropriate.

"It was my son Gary's idea, he said why not a bait box," said the Livonia resident with a chuckle. "So my husband is in a bait box from Meijer... it was either that or a golf bag."

It also fits with his final resting place on Bois Blanc, situated in Lake Huron near Mackinac Island. On July 31, in a ceremony that will involve residents of the island, she will say good-bye and lay him to rest.

"I don't know why I waited so long; I guess I didn't want to say good-bye," she said. "My good-bye will be his eulogy."

Fenn talks easily about her husband, the former assistant dean and professor of pharmacy at Wayne

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

A show of thanks: When Erica Fenn wanted to say thanks for the help she received, she decided to create grateful gardens, pots filled with pansies, that she put at her church and her doctor's office.

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building a pipe bomb. You can take a virtual tour of the Smithsonian or download hard-core pornography. It's whatever you want it to be.

■ Television. That same tube that brought The Beaver and Walter Cronkite and Marcus

Welby into your living rooms now brings in MTV, Jerry Springer, "Beverly Hills 90210," "Married With Children" and other uplifting dramas.

Sure, there's lots of good stuff on TV, especially some of the cable channels. But watch a few

episodes of Jenny Jones, Jerry Springer or Ricki Lake (which teenagers do) and you have to wonder. Consider this promo for a recent Ricki Lake show:

"The guests on today's 'Ricki' refuse to believe their mate is cheating. In fact, unless they see

some hard proof, they will continue to believe their lover is innocent. Leave it to these guests - friends and family - to deliver the proof and it's in the form of videotape catching these mates in the act. One woman is here to show her best friend, who just

happens to be pregnant by this woman's brother, that her man has been cheating."

And don't forget that Jenny Jones trial, in which a jury found the show guilty - to the tune of \$50 million - for contributing to the murder of Scott Amedure. Even the trial, which was televised live on Court-TV, was "great television."

mercials, ads for "feminine hygiene" products and sexy lingerie. The message? Sex is OK so long as you don't have a cigarette afterwards.

Sex sells. That's been a truism in the advertising world for years. So does violence. Just look at the popularity of those "Die Hard" movies.

Underlying message

The underlying message of these talk shows is clear: ridicule, humiliation, cheating, hostility, even violence are all normal parts of life.

Even reasonably well-produced shows like "90210" portray young people focused (obsessed) on love, sex and relationships. School is a place to hook up with romantic partners, not to go to class, get good grades and learn something in the process. What kind of message are teens getting from these shows?

You can figure that out yourself, but are the shows completely to blame? In part, but there is obviously a market (i.e., a viewing audience) for them. If there were no audience there'd be no advertisers, and if there were no advertisers, there'd be no shows.

So everyone (producers, advertisers, viewers) is culpable for the message being delivered. Which brings me to another influence:

■ The business world. We finally got rid of cigarette ads and liquor ads on TV. They've been replaced with condom com-

Cigarettes. Guns. Alcohol. We know they're bad for us, but we still buy them. And as long as there is a market, producers are going to produce them and advertisers are going to advertise them. But shouldn't corporations have a social conscience? Shouldn't they worry about harmful products or the messages sent by the TV shows they sponsor?

In an ideal world, yes. But in a world in which "downsizing" and "layoffs" are part of doing business, it's hard to find much evidence of a conscience, social or otherwise. In a world in which something called a "hostile takeover" is considered normal business practice, can we expect our teenagers to be like something out of "Father Knows Best"?

"What's the problem with these kids, anyway?"

We are. All of us. Parents. Teachers. Business people. Entertainers.

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ken teen further said that students could learn to respect adults by taking courses like the Junior Reserve Officers Training Course, which he attends.

"It's a class sponsored by the Army. They teach you about ideals of life and how to be a good leader and how to go through life," Rose said. "It teaches you respect and gives you lots of con-

fidence, stuff that regular high school classes can't teach you."

Thomas said the solution to hate is simple.

"Kids need to understand it's not cool to make kids' lives miserable," she said. "It doesn't make them any more of a person. It doesn't make them any better, if they make fun of people."

REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION

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- Voting Place: Tyler School, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 4A**
- Voting Place: Taylor School, 36611 Curtis, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 7A**
- Voting Place: Taylor School, 36611 Curtis, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 8A**
- Voting Place: Taylor School, 36611 Curtis, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 8B**
- Voting Place: Marshall School, 33901 Curtis, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 9A**
- Voting Place: Bryant School, 18000 Merriman, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 10A**
- Voting Place: Coolidge School, 30600 Curtis, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 11A**
- Voting Place: Coolidge School, 30600 Curtis, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 12A**
- Voting Place: Riley Middle School, 15655 Henry Ruff, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 12A**
- Voting Place: Riley Middle School, 15655 Henry Ruff, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 14A**
- Voting Place: Riley Middle School, 15655 Henry Ruff, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 14A**
- Voting Place: Buchanan School, 16400 Hubbard, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 16A**
- Voting Place: Hoover School, 15900 Levan, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 16B**

- Voting Place: Holmes Middle School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 17A**
- Voting Place: Hoover School, 15900 Levan, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 17B**
- Voting Place: Holmes Middle School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 18A**
- Voting Place: Randolph School, 14470 Norman, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 19A**
- Voting Place: Webster School, 37855 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 19B**
- Voting Place: Hull School, 34715 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 20A**
- Voting Place: Hull School, 34715 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 21A**
- Voting Place: Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 22A**
- Voting Place: Kennedy School, 14201 Hubbard, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 22B**
- Voting Place: Roosevelt School, 30200 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 23A**
- Voting Place: Roosevelt School, 30200 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 23B**
- Voting Place: Adams School, 28201 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 24A**
- Voting Place: Adams School, 28201 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 24B**
- Voting Place: Emerson Middle School, 29100 W. Chicago, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 25A**
- Voting Place: Washington School, 9449 Hix, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 31A**
- Voting Place: Washington School, 9449 Hix, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 31B**
- Voting Place: Garfield School, 10218 Arthur, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 32A**
- Voting Place: Garfield School, 10218 Arthur, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 33A**
- Voting Place: Rosedale School, 9825 Cranston, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 34A**
- Voting Place: Grant School, 9300 Hubbard, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 34B**
- Voting Place: Grant School, 9300 Hubbard, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 34C**
- Voting Place: Jefferson School, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 35A**
- Voting Place: McKinley School, 9101 Hillcrest, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 35B**
- Voting Place: Emerson Middle School, 29100 W. Chicago, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 36A**
- Voting Place: Cleveland School, 28030 Cathedral, Livonia, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. 36B**
- Voting Place: Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. W12**
- Voting Place: Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Court, Westland, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. W15**
- Voting Place: Holliday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain, Westland, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. W16**
- Voting Place: Lowell Junior High School, 8400 Hix, Westland, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. W21**
- Voting Place: Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. W25**
- Voting Place: Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. W27**
- Voting Place: Ferrinville School, 33344 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. W30**
- Voting Place: Hayes School, 30600 Louise, Westland, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. W30**
- Voting Place: Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. W35**
- Voting Place: Nankin Mills School, 8100 Hubbard, Westland, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. W36**
- Voting Place: Divine Saviour, 39375 Joy Road, Westland, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. W40**
- Voting Place: Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Court, Westland, Michigan. **PRECINCT NO. W41**

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

DANIEL P. LESSARD
Secretary, Board of Education

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, June 8, 1999, the Garden City Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185.

Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage.

| YEAR & MAKE | STYLE | VIN # |
|--------------|-------|-------------------|
| 1988 DODGE | SW | 2B4FK21K6JR641741 |
| 1985 MERCURY | 4 DR | 2MEBP75X5FB649074 |

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, June 1, 1999, the Westland Police Department will conduct a Public Auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 AM at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

| YEAR | MAKE | BODY STYLE | COLOR | V.I.N. |
|------|----------|---------------|----------|-------------------|
| 83 | FORD | 2DR ESCORT | RED | 1FABP0447DW258736 |
| 89 | GMC | PU | RED/BLUE | 1GTD1923K2528588 |
| 91 | FORD | 2DR RANGER | MARON | 1FTCR10U3MUC09579 |
| 89 | EAGLE | 4DR MEDALLION | GRAY | VF1EF45H6K2068923 |
| 83 | OLDS | 2DR CUTLASS | BROWN | 1G3AR47A8DM356896 |
| 92 | CHEV | VAN | BURGY | 1GCDM15Z7NB142277 |
| 87 | CHEV | 4DR CELEBRITY | BLACK | 1G1AW51R2H6233344 |
| 92 | CHRYSLER | CONV/TLEBRARY | WHITE | 1C3XU4530NF267984 |

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

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WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. NO. 10-5/17/99

Presiding: Council Present Cicirelli
Present: Anderson, Barna, LeBlanc, Scott
Absent: Griffin

108: Approved: minutes of regular mtg. held 5/3/99 (Abstain: Barna & Scott)

- Approved request for P.D. Graham Elementary School "Neighborhood Walk" on 6/17/99 at 12:30 p.m. in school neighborhood to celebrate accelerated reader program achievement

- Adopted Ordinance #223-A-3, consenting to transfer of control of Cable Television Franchise from Ameritech New Media, Inc. to SBC Communications, Inc., subject to terms and conditions

- Adopted Budget Amendment 99-21, Purchase of stove for Bailey Center

- Approved Design and Environmental Consultant for Public Education Plan of Rouge Project General Permit to LaLaonde & Co., amt. not to exceed \$17,145

- Approved bid for Fire Dept. Rescue Vehicle to Goggan & Associates, amt. \$81,526

- Adopted Joint Resolution in celebration of 100th Anniversary of Michigan Municipal League

110: Approved Interlocal Agreement and By-Laws of Western Wayne 800 MHz Digital Communications Association

111: Confirmed reappointment of R. Curry to Local Development Finance Authority for 4 yr. term, expires 4/4/2003

112: Granted request from Guest Planning Services, Inc. transfer ownership of 1998 Class C licensed business, 35000 W. Warren, Westland Center from Jonathan B Pub

114: Granted request from S. Brown to split Lots 41-45, Carver Subdivision

115: Granted request from Cullen Dubose extend final site plan for 1 yr., Green Brook Condominiums

116 & 117: Introduced, waive procedure and grant Final Draft of HUD Mandated 1 yr. Consolidated action Plan for Fiscal 1999/2000-Year XXV Community Development Block Grant & HOME Program Budgets

118: Approved Check List - \$598,485.30 & Prepaid-\$3,354,838.18 Mtg. adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Minutes available in City Clerk's Office

SANDRA A. CICIRELLI
Council President

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS
City Clerk

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Cowden-Artuso

April Anne Artuso and Daniel Joseph Cowden were married Jan. 23 at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church in Bloomfield Hills by Msgr. Anthony Tocco, the Rev. Joseph Mindling and the Rev. Daniel Mindling.

The bride is the daughter of Muno Artuso of Pinckney and Robert and Sheena Kliza of Livonia. The groom is the son of John and Patricia Cowden of Columbia, Mo., formerly of Bloomfield Hills.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School, a 1994 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in audiology and speech pathology and a 1996 graduate of Wayne State University with a master of arts degree in speech pathology. She is employed as a speech-language pathologist at Audian Medical Center in Missouri.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Brother Rice High School, a 1993 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in economics and a 1998 graduate of the Wayne State University School of Medicine. He currently is a surgical resident at the University of Missouri Hospitals and plans to continue at the University of Arizona in Tucson in two months.

The bride asked Karalee Kliza to serve as her maid of honor with Teri Brown as matron of honor and Leslie Mannelli, Kristin Kegg, Kristen Hughes,



Amy FitzGerald, Catherine Fox and Christine Cowden as bridesmaids. Abigail and Mavis Orrick and Alexiss McKinney were flower girls.

The groom asked Robert Lalain to serve as best man with Matthew Moore, Kayle Green, Michael Cowden, Thomas Cowden, J. David Cowden, Gregory Fox and William Cowden as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at the Orchard Lake Country Club in Orchard Lake before leaving on a honeymoon trip to St. Martin. They are making their home in Columbia, Mo., before moving to Tucson later this year.

Kirchner-Johnston

Robert and Katherine Kirchner of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Renee, to Philip Thomas Johnston, the son of Thomas and Phyllis Johnston of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She is employed as a sales manager at the Radisson Suites Hotel in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Northville High School and has a bachelor's degree in business management from Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as a headlines manager at Dick's Sporting Goods.

A June wedding in Livonia is being planned.



Spence-Shorkey

Jan and Lowell Spence of Traverse City, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy, to Brian Shorkey, the son of Louis and Madeline Shorkey of Harbor Beach.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She is employed as a fifth-grade teacher at Grant Elementary School in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a 1982 graduate of Cousino High School in Warren. He is self-employed.

A June wedding is planned at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church in Livonia.



Bachert-Rooke

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bachert of Bloomfield, N.M., announce the engagement of their daughter Sharon Joy Bachert of Farmington Hills to David Thomas Rooke of Westland, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Rooke of Elk Rapids.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Bloomfield High School and a 1995 graduate of Western New Mexico University. She is currently employed as a computer instructor with New Horizons Computer Learning Center.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Michigan Technological University. He is currently employed as a customer service representative with Philip Services Petro-Chem Processing Group in Detroit.



A June wedding is being planned in Farmington, N.M.

Garry-Bianchi

Glen and Part Garry of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Michele, to Steven S. Bianchi, the son of Sabatino and Wanda Bianchi of Bloomfield Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Garden City High School and is currently attending the University of Michigan. She is employed in network and computer operations at the Ford Motor Co.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School and Central Michigan University. He is employed in product development/finance at the Ford Motor Co.

A July wedding is planned at



St. Hugo of the Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills.

Dupuis-Stachura

Gloria Nell Stachura and Christopher Scott Dupuis were married in April 17 Renaissance-style wedding at the Excalibur Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of Stephen and Virginia Stachura of Canton. The groom is the son of Daniel and Georgianne Dupuis of Plymouth.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is employed by Citizens Insurance and Wayland Inc.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is employed by the Ford Motor Co. in Livonia.

The bride asked Kristina Grady, Kimberly Comai and Lisa Vonholten to serve as her attendants.



The groom asked Eric Dupuis, Fred Comai and Paul Dupuis to serve as his attendants.

The couple and their guests enjoyed dinner and a show at the Excalibur. They are making their home in Westland.

Clark-Harden

Kenneth and Denise Clark of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Marie, to Matthew Jon Harden, the son of Robert and Deborah Harden, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1999 graduate of Alma College with a bachelor of arts degree in education.

Her fiancé also is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1998 graduate of Michigan Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed by Honda.

A June wedding is planned at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia.



Livonia.

Demaine-Cuevas

Peter and Phyllis Demaine of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Leigh, to Daniel A. Cuevas, the son of Miguel and Patricia Cuevas, also of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1996 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in communication. She is pursuing a master of business administration degree at Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a project administrator at HoMedics in Keego Harbor.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is working on his bachelor of arts degree at Eastern Michigan University. He is employed by Plymouth Construction Equipment in Canton.



A July wedding is planned at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville.



Griffen-Kieltyka

David and Regina Griffen of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Jeremy Louis Kieltyka, the son of Dan and Laurene Kieltyka, also of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Schoolcraft College with an associate in applied science degree. She is employed as a data entry clerk in the Staples Business Advantage regional sales office.

Her fiancé also is a 1996 graduate of Garden City High School. He attended Schoolcraft College and studied the tool and die trade. He is employed by the U.S. Postal Service.

A June wedding is planned at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth.

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For more information, call Sue Mason at (734) 953-2131 or Tiffanie Lacey at (734) 459-2700.

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CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

MEDICARE AGENCY ACCESS

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers is sponsoring a Medicare Agency Access in Westland. All residents of the 13th Congressional District are invited to meet with Medicare Beneficiary Outreach staff 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, at the American House Senior Resident Complex, 39201 Joy, Westland. The informational meeting will include a question-and-answer session. The meeting will provide information on Medicare choices, fraud and abuse. For information, call Deborah Johnson or Nancy Graham in Rivers' office at (734) 485-3741.

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 meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The Friends also hold a book sale during regular library hours at the library.

WESTLAND CENTER

WALKERS MEET

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

AT THE CHAMBER

GOLF CLASSIC

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

RECREATION

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 6-8:50 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 waterside 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. 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.

HOSPICE

Community Hospice & Home Care Services will hold a volunteer training program for eight weeks, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, June 24 through Aug. 12, at 32932 Warren Road at Venoy, Suite 100, Westland. Volunteers are needed to help with general office duties, fund-raising, marketing, bereavement, direct patient care and companionship. Training is free. For information or to register, call Pat Garland, volunteer director, (734) 522-4244, on or before Monday, June 21.

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-

Wheels: Bailey Brock, 2, (left) of Wayne tries to push her sister Destiney, 4½, in a car at the annual Community Garage Sale outside the Bailey Center in Westland May 15.

Garage sale



Seeking treasure: At left, Lori Siferd of Lima, Ohio, visiting the area, takes a look at clothes. Above, Jessica Veltri, 9, of Westland looks at a necklaces at the garage sale.

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 Newburgh 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 pre-primary impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL

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

GARDEN CITY CO-OP

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

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL

St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Avenue in Dearborn Heights, has morning

and afternoon classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. Registration has begun. Call (313) 274-6270.

YWCA READINESS

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

GARFIELD CO-OP

Garfield Cooperative Preschool offers programs for children 18 months to 5 years. It is at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 462-0135.

FRANKLIN PTSA

The Franklin High PTSA is

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

TUTORIAL PROGRAM

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

MOM'S MORNING OUT

Children, ages newborn to 6, and their mothers are invited to a Mom's Morning Out 9-11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Newburgh 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 opens to the public 1-4 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month through September. People are welcome to come and visit the renovated 1856 schoolhouse at Warren and Cowan roads, west of Merriam in Westland.

WESTLAND MUSEUM

The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette

and Cherry Hill. Call (734) 326-1110.

FRIENDS MEET

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

FOR SENIORS

HEARING CHECKS

Every third Tuesday of each month, a representative from Personalized Hearing Care of Westland will check and clean 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 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.

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

SENIOR CHOIR

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

EXERCISE

Musical Chairs is a new program from Jazzercise designed for exercisers older than 40. The program provides a low to moderate workout geared for the older adult. The exercise improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates resistance exercises using rubber tubing and light weights with walking and jogging patterns. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise

mat are suggested. Robert Cassidy is the certified Jazzercise instructor. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

TRAVEL GROUP

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

CARD GROUP

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

MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE

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

WORK REFERRAL

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

DYER CENTER

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

CLUBS IN ACTION

WESTLAND ROTARY

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

SWEET ADELINES

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

CHADD

CHADD of Northwest Wayne County meets the first Thursday of the month throughout the school year at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. CHADD is a nonprofit, parent-based, volunteer organization whose aim is to better the lives of individuals with attention difficulties. Call (313) 438-3099.

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:

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Annual event helps state 'Parade into 21st Century'

Spectacular was the word for recent Michigan Parades into the 21st Century, the 10th annual parade, hosted by the state's capital city, Lansing.

Part of the series of 11 annual statewide parades, it celebrated the last 100 years in the state and the arrival of 21st century in the year 2000.

"What an extravaganza this parade is to help us all remember Michigan's great history," said Gov. John Engler. "This parade has become a spectacle for the entire state to appreciate and enjoy!"

The parades were made up of entries from many of the 83 Michigan counties and salute a different decade of American history each year. This year's parade featured the 1990s and recognized Michigan State University's championship basketball and hockey teams and their coaches.

In addition, 21 bands, including a contingent from Garden City High School, military and veteran units, fraternal and service clubs, historical units, floats, festival queens, antique farm tractors and equipment and clowns added to the fun and excitement.

This 2 1/2-hour parade is one of the largest in the Midwest with more than 200 units, involving more than 4,500 people from more than 100 Michigan communities participating.

In the parade this year were 25 animal units - horses, canine heroes representing Leader Dogs for the Blind, camels, zoo animals and others.

This year's equine parade entrants represented some of the best and rarest horses in the country and the world. Leading this year's equine division was the newly formed Michigan Department of State Police Voluntary Mounted Unit, with Insp. Shelby Slater and Sgt. Lorenzo Veal.

The Michigan State Police was formed in 1917 as a mounted constabulary. In 1924, the horses were replaced by motor vehicles, but in August 1998, a move

was made re-form mounted unit. Slater and Veal own their own mounts and cover all expenses to make mounted presentation. The unit is accepting donations of horses and equipment to help develop it.

This year's equestrian grand marshal was the MSU Spartan Chariot, pulled by a team of white Arabian geldings and driven by Mike Hall of HJH McCoy Arabians of Traverse City.

Costumed units

Ethnic equine units included Harmony Acre Arabians, owned by parade equine chair Nancy Harm. Harm's Arabian geldings, "Harmony Diamond" and "Harmony Tarifa," were ridden by Harm and Laura Roberts of Salem.

The horses and riders were attired in authentic imported tack and costumes from Saudi Arabia and Egypt. This year the Arabian horses were escorted by three Saluki dogs whose origins are from Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Eight Peruvian Paso Horses from the Lagos Grandes Paso Horse Club, organized by president Connie Hydel of Redford, demonstrated the smooth ride of the only non-trotting equine breed on earth. The Peruvian Paso horses and riders were in authentic tack and costumes consisting of white shirt, and pants, ponchos and hats.

The Michigan Paso Fino Club, led by Diane Hunt of Adrian, demonstrated the horse's smooth gate with eight horses in English Tack and riders in black Spanish tuxedo outfits with flat hats. The four beat lateral gait is a reason the breed is becoming so popular with older and physically challenged riders.

New to this year's parade was the unique and powerful Clydesdale drill team from Sunnybend Farm in Augusta. Shay Weirick is the captain of the group, which provided the parade's largest equine, measuring 18 hands and weighing more than 2,400 pounds.

Representing English Dressage riders was Karen Hopkins of Durand, riding her 25-year-old registered Half Arabian gelding, "Spirit of Freedom," which competes in Dressage and Class A Arabian shows. He also is used to educate children about horses.

The historical black Buffalo Soldiers 10th Cavalry Calico Troops who fought to settle the Western Frontier were represented by horses and costumed riders led by Jimmy Buchanan of Detroit.

Several members of the Michigan Horse-Drawn Vehicle Association displayed a variety of horse breeds and equipment. Lucille Jensen of Morris drove her Arab Welch pony "Rainbow," pulling a 1908 Sears Runabout Carriage decorated with silk flowers.

Jackie Fleming of Bridgeport drove her imported Clydesdale gelding, "Scotty," pulling a surrey used in the early 1900s to take visitors around Bell Isle in Detroit. Linda Aloya drove another Clydesdale owned by Fleming, pulling a surrey made at the Lansing Wagon Works.

Dade Schultz of Charlotte brought his familiar 4-hitch matched bay mules, pulling a red show wagon. This award-winning hitch has won numerous awards at the Great Lakes International, Michigan and Ohio state fairs.

The popular award winning Polkadot Precision Drill Team, led by Mary Pino of Laingsburg, was represented by eight women riders in hot pink and silver sequined outfits, performing drill formations throughout the parade.

The Michigan Posse, led by

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On the move: Wearing authentic costumes from Saudi Arabia and Egypt, Nancy Harm rode "Harmony Tarifa" and Laura Roberts of Salem rode "Harmony Diamond." Also a part of the unit were Mary O'Connor of Livonia (from left), U.S. Rep. Debbie Stabenow, who coordinated the Salute to Michigan Mothers, Chelsea Clark of South Lyon with "Adytha," Andy Kron of South Lyon, Carmela Kudyba of Northville, Karis Welty of Ann Arbor with "Emir," Marie Clark of South Lyon with "Jordan" and Kathleen O'Connor of Livonia.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Phillips

Chuck and Norma Phillips of Garden City recently celebrated their 50th anniversary at buffet dinner reception at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.

They met in 1947 while vacationing at Houghton Lake and exchanged vows on March 19, 1949, in Plymouth. She is the former Norma Gates.

Sixty-five family members and friends attended the party, given by their three children - Ronald

and his wife, Barbara, Janis Bailey and Lori McGuire and husband, Steve.

They also have 10 grandchildren - Steve and wife Leslie, Katie, Michael, Mollie, Daniel, Megan, Stanley, Shane and Anna.

He's retired from Burroughs Corporation and has worked at The Flower Shop. She is a volunteer at Garden City Hospital. Their interests include the Elks Lodge and golfing and volunteer work at the hospital.

Giovannini

Erick and Denise Giovannini of Livonia will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with a Hawaiian cruise.

High school sweethearts at Fordson High School, they exchanged vows on May 10, 1974, in Detroit. She is the former Denise McGlinch.

They have two children - E.J., 21, and Emily, 18.

She is employed as an office manager. He is a Wayne County Sheriff's deputy and enjoys rac-

quetball and she likes to golf. They also are members of Northville Christian Assembly.



Rzetelny

Alvin and Patricia Rzetelny of Livonia recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner given by their sons at the Mountain Jack Restaurant.

The couple exchanged vows on April 22 at the Boston Methodist Church in Boston, Pa. She is the former Patricia Douglas.

They have four sons - Kim, Robin, Randy and Kevin - and six grandchildren - Randy, Ryan, Robert, Jessica, Katelyn and Bradley.

She is a retired secretary from Qualex Inc. in Novi and he is a retired tool and die maker from Detroit Diesel in Detroit.



Sheldon

Terrence and Diane Sheldon of Canton recently celebrated their 25th anniversary at a family gathering, hosted by their daughters, at the Buoy Restaurant in Rogers City.

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 10, 1973, in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights.

They have two daughters, Courtney, an engineering student at Kettering University in Flint, and Kimberly, who is majoring in natural resources and environment at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

He recently celebrated 30 years of service with Ford Motor Company and is currently working in emission testing. She is a legal assistant in Westland.

Ramsey

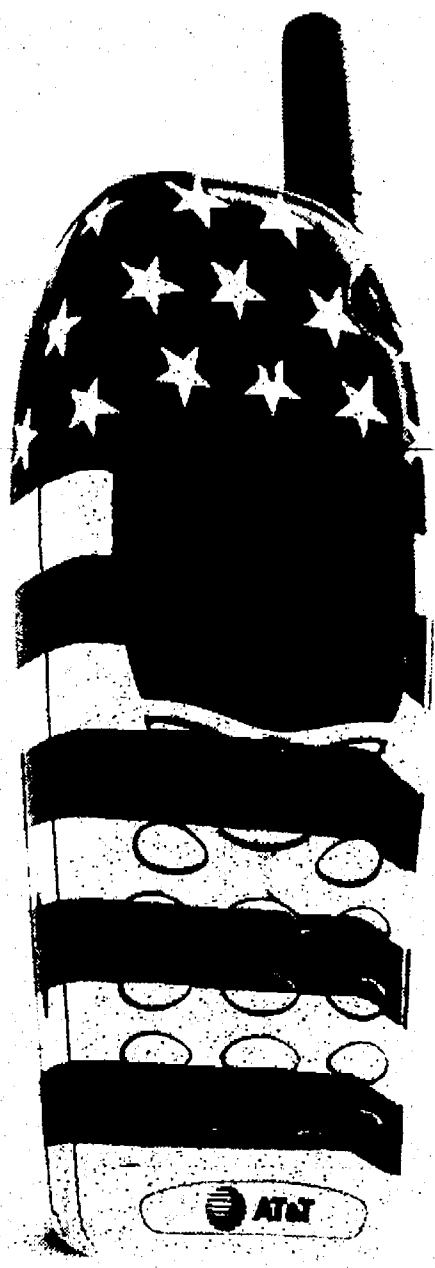
William and Lillian Ramsey of Livonia will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on May 21 at a dinner with their family.

The couple, who moved to Livonia in 1971, exchanged vows May 21, 1949, at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Detroit. She is the former Lillian Brokenshire and worked at the J.L. Hudson's Co. when they met.

They have two married sons - William John and wife Barbara and Dean Scott and wife Virginia - and five grandchildren - Brian, Lori, Kristin, Cary and David.

He retired from Burroughs-Unisys in 1982. Their interest include gardening.

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Parade from page B5

Janet Washington of Lansing, also performed drill exercises. The posse is a new group comprised of experienced parade riders who have ridden in the 1993 Presidential Inaugural Parade, Martin Luther King Holiday Parades and several America's Thanksgiving Day Parades in Detroit.

Also performing was the Michigan Black Horsemen's Association, led by Wade Jones

of Detroit, attired in their traditional black, gold and white costumes. The group introduces inner city youth to the world of horses through various projects in Detroit.

Crowd pleasers

Miniature horses, always a crowd pleaser, were represented by "Soat's General Patton," driven by Lesa Migot, and "Candified Milkeeway," driven by Glo-

ria Redd, both of Ray, Mich. "Candified Milkeeway" is a 4-year-old stallion futurity winner who has placed in 98 percent of the horse shows he has entered.

The Canine Hero Unit, a big hit with spectators young and old, featured the Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester which brought 20 guide dogs and puppies in training. The Leader Dog Program is unique to Michigan and was started by the Detroit

Area Lions Club in 1913.

Traditionally, the parade has provided lunch and a collectible embroidered patch for participants. Equine entries were awarded a special red, white and blue ribbon to wear in the parade and given a bag of the parade's official equine parade treat, "Buckeye Peppermint Snacks," provided by Dr. Dan Kapper and John Fischer of Buckeye Feed Mills Inc. in Dalton, Ohio.

Parade volunteers included equine photographers Pam Cowling of Ionia and Linda Phelps of Farmington. COSTCO of Farmington Hills also provided one-hour photo processing.

Sue Shultz and friends from Standish helped distribute food and horse snacks as well as escorted units. The Danville Wranglers 4-H Club of Ingham County, led by Jean Battin, Sue Emerick and Karen Rulison, provided cleanup following the ani-

mals.

According to Harm, the Michigan Parade Committee hopes to make the equine division one of the country's top equine parades and is seeking breeds and other animals and activities not represented this year.

The Equestrian Legends Unit offers an opportunity for parade riders with out a group to participate and be with other horses. Schoolcraft College in Livonia also offers classes on parade training, drill formations and costume making through its Equine Certificate Program for those who want to prepare and participate in parades.

For more information, call Harm at (248) 437-5672 or reach her by fax (248)-437-1636. Applications are being accepted for the 2000 extravaganza which will be at 11 a.m. May 14, 2000, in Lansing



All dressed up: Karen Hopkins of Durand, who graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School, paraded down Michigan Avenue in Lansing with her Half Arabian gelding, "Spirit of Freedom."

Grateful from page B2

State University, a far cry from the almost two years she has spent coming to grips with his sudden death on April 5, 1997.

While she gets ready for the burial service, Fenn also has been busy the past month creating "Erica's Grateful Gardens" at her church, Emmanuel Lutheran, and the offices of her doctors, Timothy Johnson and Michael Fox.

"I thought flowers would be a good way to say thanks," said Fenn, who bought large planters for the church and filled them with pansies. "It took a lot of people for me to get back on my feet, so it's time for paybacks with my grateful gardens."

Surprise gift

Fenn surprised church members with the 25-inch planters, but according to Diane Cassidy, the alternative worship leader, they were able to figure out who they were from. There was a sign saying it was "Erica's Grateful Garden."

"Erica said it's a reminder that God is always with us and a gift for all the love and kindness," said Cassidy. "Erica saw God in the lives of the people of the church."

Fenn doesn't delve too deeply into what happened during those two years, but credits her therapist, Pat Sweeting of Hegira Programs Inc. with helping her deal with her loss.

Erica and Gary met at Purdue University. She was a student

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Diane Cassidy
Emmanuel Lutheran Church

and he was a professor, working on his doctoral degree. In 1961, he left the university for work in Houston.

They planned to marry that Christmas, but Fenn only made it to October. She flew to Houston and they were married on his birthday, Oct. 18. By Christmas, she was pregnant with their first child.

They lived in Houston for two years before they moved to Detroit, where Gary had accepted a position at Wayne State University. He taught undergraduate classes for 34 years, retiring in 1996 as the assistant dean and graduate officer of the School of Pharmacy.

On a Friday night, Fenn told him she loved him when he came to bed. She awoke at 6 a.m. to the sound of his alarm, his reminder to take medication. Gary didn't respond. Sometime during the night, he had died of heart failure.

"I was crazy the first year, I didn't know where to turn, where to go without this man," Fenn said. "Gary was my first true love. When he died, you could have opened up my chest and taken my heart out. I loved him so much."

Things to do

These days, she tends to her gardens and plans for the burial service. A few weeks ago, she bought a grave stone that had a lighthouse on it. She admits it has only been about six weeks since she has come to grips with Gary's death.

Pointing out that she's one to finish what she started, Fenn plans to put hardy mums in the planters as fall approaches. The gardens are a prelude to a bigger project. She wants to organize the building of a quality park for children in Hamtramck. Her daughter Gretchen and her husband live there, and Fenn has discovered that it is a wonderful community.

"I'm going to do it in the fall," said Fenn with determination. "I'm going to meet with the mayor and I'm going to do this, no ands, ifs or buts about it."

And "way down the road," she'd like to open a shelter for women. In the two years since Gary's death, she has met a lot of women who have been abused and have no place to go, she said.

"I had to fix myself emotionally before I can fix America," she said. "I had to fix me before I do this."

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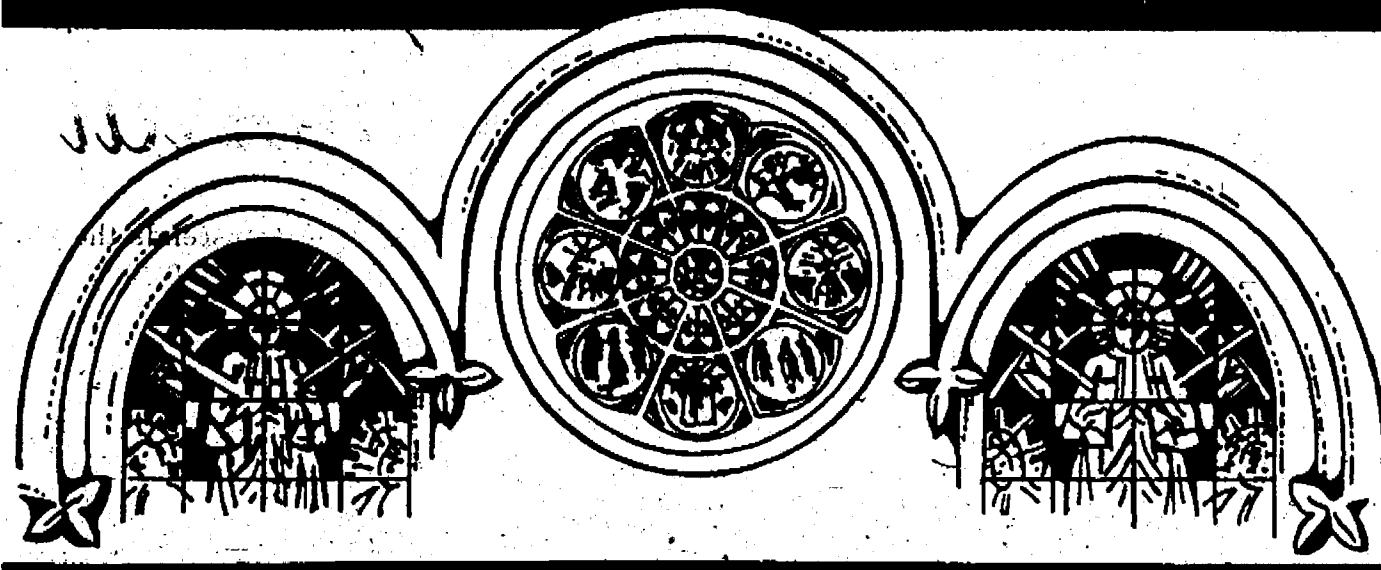
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Band without a name enhances worship at Memorial

BY KENNETH VOYLES
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The Beatles, Fleetwood Mac, Pearl Jam ... Great bands with equally great names.

At Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia, great music from a great band can be heard each Sunday morning during the contemporary worship service. The music is courtesy of ... the congregation doesn't know its name and neither do the musicians.

The name isn't important to this group of people. The only thing that matters is enhancing the praise portion of Memorial's weekly service. For a growing number of people, the music is a key reason why they are drawn to the Livonia church.

The six-piece group (not including the backup vocalists) is made up of musicians from throughout the metropolitan area. They are led by Les Hardin, a 27-year-old Kentucky native with a wry sense of humor, who came to Livonia more than a year ago as Memorial's new associate minister.

Hardin is in charge of the worship services, among other duties, and takes great pride in the growth of musical praise at Memorial.

"We really don't perform for the people in the audience or for ourselves," said Hardin. "We perform for an audience of one - God. We try to consistently provide a quality avenue for people to express themselves and their worship for the Lord."

Music counts

The band's name might not count, but the music does. And it's no surprise with the talented efforts of so many people on display each week, serving up songs of worship, praise and exaltation.

Beside Hardin, who leads on vocals and plays acoustic guitar, the band includes Jay Harnish of Livonia as drummer, Steve and Kathy Long of Belleville on electric guitar and keyboards, Carly Polanski of Detroit on tambourine and Grant Reed of Canton on bass.

Various trios of Memorial members provide backup vocals and other backup musicians include Laurie Hildreth of Novi on keyboard and Monica Hoppe of Commerce Township and Lori Martin and Ryan McGilvrey of Livonia on guitar.

The group formed shortly after Hardin arrived at Memorial when he hooked up with Reed and another drummer, Chris Meyers. They talked about starting a band and were supported by the church's Worship Committee as it developed plans for a contemporary service in the new worship center.

"As the band grew, we were blessed that God sent us the people we needed," Hardin said. "We always wanted our core to be around the drums, guitar and bass. Grant wanted to be a part of it from the beginning and went out and learned the bass in little more than three months." The church has always includ-



Musical enhancement: With more than 200 worshippers, Les Hardin believes his band with no name is having an impact on people deciding to return for the Livonia church's contemporary service.

ed music in its service - with members often performing songs of praise to recorded music - but only since Hardin's arrival and the move to a more contemporary worship has that effort taken on the guise of a "music

ministry."

It's just another sign that the 53-year-old church is trying to stay fresh and contemporary, said the Rev. Mark McGilvrey, Memorial's minister for more than 26 years.

Having an impact

The band is having an impact. Attendance at the 9:30 a.m. service has grown to more than 225 people each week.

"One of my goals was to have

music that transcends the kind of modern Christian music usually seen in worship," Hardin said. "What makes us unique is the style of music we play. It's basically guitar with a heavy back beat."

"Worship bands aren't unique, but they tend to be a lot lighter and dominated by keyboards."

Hardin hasn't heard anyone attending Memorial say that the band was instrumental in attracting them to the church, but he believes it helps people make a decision to return.

"When people visit a church for the first time, they check two things, the nursery and the bathrooms," he said. "People want to know there is a place for their children and that the place is clean."

"More and more, though, people are looking at how your worship is presented. Worship is a two-way street. You get out of it what you put in. We want people to worship the Lord and know it's also OK to have a lot of fun doing it."

As for the band's name, that's up in the air. One idea the group jokes about is Penhaven.

"In practice, we can never find a pen when we need one to jot something down," Hardin said. "So we've come up with 'Penhaven' in anticipation of having all the pens we'll ever need in heaven."

Memorial Church of Christ is at 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-8722.

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NEW PRIEST

Jeffrey Day, the son of Dennis and Victoria Day of St. Richard Catholic Church in Westland, was among eight men ordained to the Catholic priesthood by

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NEW BEGINNINGS

The Rev. Chuck Sonquist will speak about "The Grief Process" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 3, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east

of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

FLEA MARKET

Rice Memorial United Methodist Church will have its

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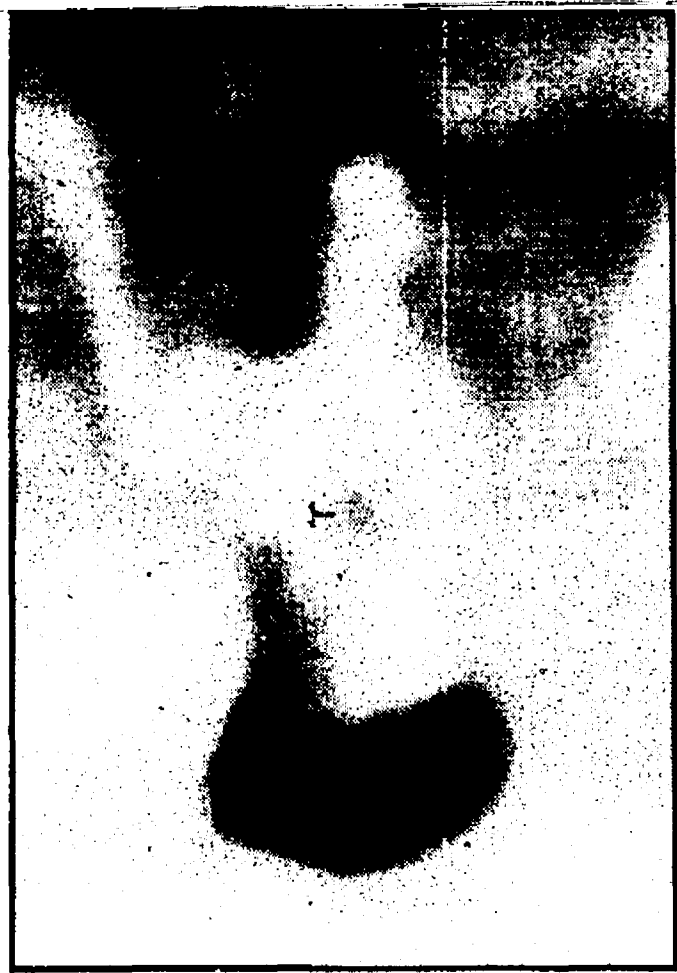
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will host the "Cross Roads" Christian day camp by LORMM 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 14-18 at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia. The camp for children in kindergarten through the sixth grade will feature a week of games, crafts, water play, Bible stories and fun. The cost is \$35 for the first child, \$30 for the second child and \$25 for each

additional child. To register, call (248) 442-8822.

FAITH LUTHERAN
Sunday, May 30, is the last day to register for Faith Lutheran Church's vacation Bible school, scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon June 21-26. The registration fee is \$7 for one child, \$12 for two, \$18 for three and \$24 for four or more children (living at the same

address). The fee includes a T-shirt that children will decorate, materials, daily snacks and gifts on the last day. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-7349.

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN
Children ages 4 through the fifth grade are invited to a castle adventure set in merry old England. Geneva Presbyterian

Church will have its vacation Bible school, SonCastle Faire, 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. June 21-25 at the church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton. SonCastle Faire will feature songs, skits, crafts, games, Bible studies and snacks. The closing program will be a musical event for the whole family at 7 p.m. June 25. The cost is \$5. To register or for more information, call

the church at (734) 459-0013.

ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN
St. James Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school 9 a.m. to noon June 21-15 at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. The school is for children ages 3 through sixth grade and costs \$5 per child. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-7730.

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June, 7, 21 and 28, at the Agency for Jewish Education, 21550 W. 12 Mile, Southfield. The program will focus on identity, traditions, communications and holidays and families. The cost is \$6 per adult per session. For more information, call Sue Stetner at (800) 397-4876.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Garden City Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Strawberry Festival 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 11, at the church, 1841 Middlebelt. Garden City. Festivities include strawberry shortcake, ice cream, hot and cold beverages, baked goods, arts and crafts, children's games and more.

FAITH INKUBATORS

Rich Melheim, a Lutheran pastor, will present an energetic, insightful new way to do Confirmation with youth at a Faith Inkubators Conference 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June

11-12, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia.

The free learning event will also include the "Total Family Sunday School" and "Faith Stepping Stones" concepts. There also will be music, games and creative commercials modeled at 6:30 p.m. June 11.

To register, call Faith Inkubators at (888) 55-FAITH.

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 Drive (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Tickets are available only by calling Women of Faith at (888) 493-2484.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to

improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other June 11-13 and July 16-18 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or at www.rc.net/detroit/wvme

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.

DAY CAMP

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will sponsor five weeks of day camp 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (extended care will be available) June 28-30 for children entering the first grade through

sixth graders at the church; 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Activities include Friday "fun" lunches, recreation, stories, crafts and two weekly field trips to places like Greenfield Village, Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, Maybury State Park, Four Bears Waterpark, putt-putt golfing and a trout pond.

The cost is \$90 per week. Children can register for one or more weeks. To register or for more information, call the Christian Education Office at (248) 374-5977.

FLEA MARKET

Vendors are needed for a flea market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne at Hunter roads, Westland. Space costs \$20. Applications are available by calling Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-7225.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a

nonprofit charitable organization, offers tai chi classes at 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, and St. Paul United Methodist Church, 165 E. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.

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

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Northville Christian School is holding open enrollment for preschool-eighth grade classes at the school, 41355 Six Mile, Northville. Preschool has morning and afternoon sessions for 3

and 4 year olds. Kindergarten is a full day program three days a week. All grades have a strong academic, biblically based environment. For more information, call (248) 348-9031.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is accepting applications for enrollment is 1999-2000 prekindergarten program for 4 year olds. Tuesday and Thursday morning and afternoon classes are available at the school, 17810 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 421-9022.

Registration is taking place now for kindergarten classes offered through the Christ Our Savior Early Childhood Program at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The Christian program has a class size of 15-18 children with two teachers from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Extended care is available. For more information, call (734) 513-8413.

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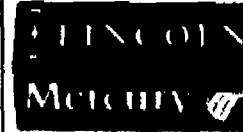
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

State Cup champions

The under-14 Michigan Wolves, a Livonia Y Premier League boys soccer team, captured the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association Cup May 23 in Saginaw with four straight victories capped by a 2-1 win over Southfield Vardar III in the finals.

The under-14 Wolves, coached by Lars Richters, also defeated the Farmington Fury (7-1), Lansing CA Blast (7-0) and Clarkston Impact (4-0).

Members of the Wolves include: Brady Crosby, Nik Djokic, J.T. Katikos, Charlie Knoll, Livonia; Ryan Busse, Brian Emrick, Brian Popeney, Canton; Danny Lentz, Farmington Hills; Dutch Morrell, Plymouth; John Haezebrouck, David Williams, Southfield; Josh Churella, Patrick Kelleher, Novi; Steve Dempsey, Jason Tillman, Brighton; Mike Borowiak, Fraser; Gary Levy, Detroit; Keith Mullins, Dearborn Heights.

The assistant coach is Kevin Callaway, while the team managers are Sandi Popeney and Jan Haezebrouck.

Emert leads All-Stars

Madonna senior forward Scott Emert (Walled Lake Central) scored a hat trick to lead the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference All-Stars to a 4-1 win over the eight-school Mid-Central College Conference All-Stars in a game played Saturday at Goshen College (Ind.).

Emert, Madonna's all-time leading scorer, also assisted on the WHAC's other goal by Crusader teammate Sam Piraine (Dearborn Heights).

The WHAC squad, which won for first time in three years, was coached by Madonna's Pete Alexander.

Collegiate notes

•Although bypassed for the all-tournament team, University of Michigan first baseman **Bryan Besco** (Westland John Glenn) hit .500 in the Big Ten baseball tournament, going nine for 18 with four doubles, one triple, two homers and eight RBI.

Besco is hitting .299 overall with 23 doubles, six homers and 39 RBI.

Michigan (32-28 overall) won the tournament with a 3-1 record, capped by a 12-11 victory in the championship final over host Minnesota.

UM will meet top seed California State-Fullerton (44-11) in the first round of the NCAA regional, 3 p.m. Friday in South Bend, Ind.

•Michigan State University sophomore **Paul Terek** (Livonia Franklin) finished second in the decathlon (7,225 points) at the Big Ten men's track and field championships last weekend in Minneapolis.

Terek, who bettered his mark by 19 points from a year ago, was runner-up to the Gophers' Ben Jensen (7,649 points). Terek bested 6 feet, 3 1/2 inches for a personal best in the high jump.

St. Damian unbeaten

The junior varsity girls basketball team (grades 5-6) from St. Damian Parish in Westland finished undefeated to win the West Division title in the Catholic Youth Organization's West Division.

Members of the Chargers, coached by Don Papke, include: Amanda Butrey, Julie Collins, Meaghan Garbutt, Rebecca Garbutt, Karen Hiskett, Rachel Jachym, Monica Juco, Morgan Papke, Casey Petras, Chelsea Ritz, Melissa Russell, Liz Sergison, Emily Strong, Kelly Williams and Rebekah Zurenko.

Assistant coaches include Ron Butrey and Martha Papke.

AAU Jamboree hoops

The Michigan AAU boys basketball state final four jamboree weekend will start tonight at Schoolcraft College auxiliary and main gyms.

In the 17-and-under division, the Grand Rapids Storm will play the Farmington Express and Team Michigan Gold will face the Tri-County Cobras at the 6 p.m. followed by the 19-and-under games between Team Detroit vs. Michigan Mustangs and Team Michigan vs. Grand Rapids Magic.

Action continues, beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday. The 14- and 13-and-under age groups also also involved.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene write to: Brad Emons, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. 48160; or send via fax to (734) 591-7279.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER

Title quest: Harrison first baseman Mike Hoad tries to make the tag on Stevenson's Steve Anderson (left photo), while the Spartans' Roy Rabe (top photo) clubbed a solo homer in the sixth to cut the deficit to 3-2.

Spartans nipped in WLAA final

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PREP BASEBALL

Farmington Harrison, long known for its football prowess, is getting to be just as good at winning Western Lakes Activities Association baseball championships.

The Hawks (20-5) won their third title in the last five seasons Wednesday with a suspenseful-to-the-end, 3-2 victory over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

"We've had some nice players, some three-year starters," said Harrison coach John Herrington, who has guided the Hawks to 13 WLAA football titles. "We've had a good run of kids. People like Andy Gutierrez, who has a true passion for the game, have been leading us."

"We don't have as many kids in this school, but the kids we do have come out to play. It's a credit to the summer leagues around here that they're very fundamentally sound."

Stevenson had a 7-4 edge in hits, but Harrison had an otherwise strong pitching performance from senior Zach Burton, who struck out 11 and didn't

give up a walk while working out of some tight spots.

The Spartans (16-9) scored both of their runs on leadoff homers by Brad Buckler and Roy Rabe, who also threw a complete game and pitched well in a losing cause.

"He was due to get a big win," said Herrington of the 6-foot-4 Burton, who has a 5-4 record. "He's pitched in most of our toughest games and had been losing by a run or so."

"His last three were quality starts, and I knew he wasn't going to walk people. I just had a feeling, but I would have been confident with Joe (Ghanam), too."

Rabe gave up two runs on two hits and two walks in the first inning, but he held Harrison to just two hits over the last five. He finished with eight strikeouts and five walks.

"Roy got through the first inning and settled down," Stevenson coach Harvey Weingarden said, "and, for the most

part, he had them off balance.

"We played a very solid game. The boys hit the ball well. Harrison is a fine team. They're well coached and we knew it would be a battle. I think the 3-2 score is a reflection of the high quality of baseball in our league."

Buckler homered in the fifth, and the Spartans had a chance to tie the score at 2-2 in that inning.

With one out, Dave Stando singled, stole second and went to third on a throwing error, but the next two batters went down with a strikeout and a flyout.

Harrison scored the winning run in the bottom of the fifth. No. 9 hitter Louie Hadley smashed a leadoff hit to deep center field and gave the Hawks a 3-1 lead on leadoff batter Blake Boesky's sacrifice fly to left field.

"The ball wasn't hit very deep, but Hadley has good speed and they didn't make a good throw home," Herrington said, adding Hadley has been outstanding at third base. "He was a backup shortstop and moving him to third was one of the best moves of the year."

Stevenson threatened again in the

sixth. Rabe homered and the next batter, Steve Anderson, singled. But Harrison executed a 6-4-3 double play, and Burton ended the inning with a strikeout.

"The fifth inning was big, and I thought we took the momentum away from them when we turned the double play," Herrington said.

The Hawks got their first run when Boesky scored on a double steal, opting to go home when the Spartans let the throw to second go through on Brian Nelson's steal. Nelson made it 2-0 on Kevin McVay's two-out single.

Stevenson had the tying run at second with one out in the seventh, but Burton duplicated the strikeout-flyout combination to end the game. Rabe, Stando and McVay had two hits apiece.

"I think we had a pretty good team effort all the way around," Weingarden said. "Three or four weeks ago we decided we had to win every game, and we won eight in a row to win the division."

"We're very proud of that, because it's been a long time since that happened at Stevenson."

Stevenson, Churchill eye title date

Ladywood also advances

The matchup Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson wanted, but never got in the regular season is here, and there's a much greater prize at stake: a district championship.

The two area powers in girls soccer will meet in the Division I district final at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Livonia Franklin.

Their regular season game was rained out and no make-up game was arranged so this is the first meeting of the year for the two teams.

Churchill earned a berth in the championship game with a 3-0 win over Garden City in Wednesday's district semifinal at Garden City Junior High.

Two-time defending state champion Stevenson beat visiting Westland John Glenn, 7-0, in the other district semifinal on Wednesday.

"I'm pretty confident in our offense, but we have to buckle down defensively," Churchill coach Chad Campau said. "The key is to play physical and tough defensively. We'll definitely be ready to play."

Churchill senior forward Stacey Supanich scored two goals, one on a penalty kick, and assisted on another.

Junior midfielder Renee Kashawlic scored a goal and Michelle Smith collected an assist for the Chargers, 9-5-1 overall.

After a scoreless first half, the Chargers scored 10 minutes into the second half on a goal by Kushawlic, assisted by Supanich.

The lead grew to 2-0 when Supanich converted a penalty kick after the hard work by Kersten Conklin, who was pulled down in the box to earn the Chargers a free shot.

Supanich finished the scoring with an insurance goal with eight minutes left, assisted by Smith.

Goalkeeper Jennifer Gabon made three saves for the shutout.

"Garden City played with a little more intensity than we did in the first half," Campau said. "We possessed the ball real well, just kind of fell apart when we got in the offensive end. The second half we did a much better job matching their intensity."

Stevenson, now 11-4-1 overall, got two goals apiece from Dana White and Michelle Vetraino, while Anji Sied and Megan Urbats also stood out with one goal and one assist apiece. Beth Poulos also scored a goal, while Sarah Wittrock contributed two assists.

Goalkeepers Lesley Hooker and Katherine Koch combined on the shutout.

The loss dropped Glenn to 7-7-3 overall.

Stevenson scoring threat Lindsay Gusick also returned to the lineup after suffering an ankle injury



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Side-stepping: Wayne Memorial's Toni Watson (right) tries to fend off Garden City's Kristen Hubbard in Monday's 4-0 opening-round district loss.

during a trip May 14-15 to Chicago. She played 10 minutes at outside midfield.

"Lindsay should be ready to go," Stevenson coach Jim Kimble said. "She should be about 85 to 90 percent. We're pretty healthy all around aside from Lindsay."

And how will the Spartans attack Churchill? "It's no secret, we'll look for Conklin, she's their go-to player," Kimble said. "The key is our focus, our attitude and how we go into the game."

"It's our prom night and if get any distractions, then we'll be in for a dogfight."

•LADYWOOD 7, THURSTON 0: On Wednesday, Livonia Ladywood whipped host Redford Thurston, 7-0, in a Division II district semifinal game.

The Blazers led 3-0 at halftime and added four more goals in the second half as they advanced to the championship game at

DISTRICT GIRLS SOCCER

5:30 p.m. Friday at Ladywood.

Ladywood is now 5-11-1 overall.

Sophomore Stefanie Stachura scored two goals, one unassisted, and contributing one goal each were Lauren Arnold, Melissa Harakas, Megan Sheffety, Katie Rozum and Andrea Schimmel.

Tina Lopez and Jennie Bartkowiak assisted on two goals each and Harakas earned one assist.

Sophomore goalkeeper Liz Obrecht earned the shutout.

"My team is starting four freshmen (Rozum, Bartkowiak, Obrecht and Kristin Whalen) and three sophomores (Stachura, Harakas and Jenny Drabik) and growing together great," Ladywood first-year coach Jill Logsdon said. "It took us awhile to bond and work together as a team. I think we have a good chance in the final, definitely. Now that we have a few wins under our belt we're more confident than ever before."

Thurston bowed out at 5-9-1 overall.

•JOHN GLENN 9, FRANKLIN 2: Sarah Pack notched a hat trick Monday as host Westland John Glenn (7-6-3 overall) opened Division I state tournament action by beating Livonia Franklin (0-13-2 overall) for the second time this season.

Glenn also had two goals and three assists each from Katie Krause and Lacey Catarino. Val Kurzynski chipped in with two goals and one assist.

Glenn also won an earlier matchup between the two teams, 9-1.

On Friday, Glenn tied visiting Belleville, 2-2, as Krause and Kurzynski scored goals. Nicole Panyard drew an assist.

On Wednesday, Glenn blanked Walled Lake Western in a WLAA crossover, 4-0. Catarino led the way with two goals and one assist.

Krause had one goal and one assist, while Kurzynski tallied the other goal.

•GARDEN CITY 4, WAYNE 0: Lindsay Kinast tallied a pair of goals Monday to lead the host Cougars (9-4-3 overall) to the Division I district triumph over Wayne Memorial (7-7-2 overall).

Dawn Sanders scored one goal and one assist. Rose Sanborn scored the other Garden City goal, while Kelly Upton contributed two assists.

Goalkeeper Jessica Pappas made four saves to notch the shutout.

GC also won an earlier meeting between the two teams, 3-0.

•LADYWOOD 5, REDFORD UNION 0: Melissa Harakas and Katie Rozum each scored twice Monday, leading Livonia Ladywood (4-11-1 overall) to the Division II district victory over host Redford Union (2-13-3).

Harakas scored the game-winner in the opening half as Ladywood led 1-0. Stefanie Stachura added a second-half goal.

Goalkeeper Liz Obrecht recorded her first shutout of the year as the Blazers made it two straight victories.

Center midfielder Jenny Bartkowiak also turned in a stellar performance.

"Jenny controlled the game at midfield," Ladywood first-year coach Jill Logsdon said. "She won balls in the air and did a great job of distributing."

On May 15, Stachura had a hat trick in Ladywood's 5-1 non-league win over host Walled Lake Central. Harakas and Andrea Schimmel scored the other goals for the Blazers.

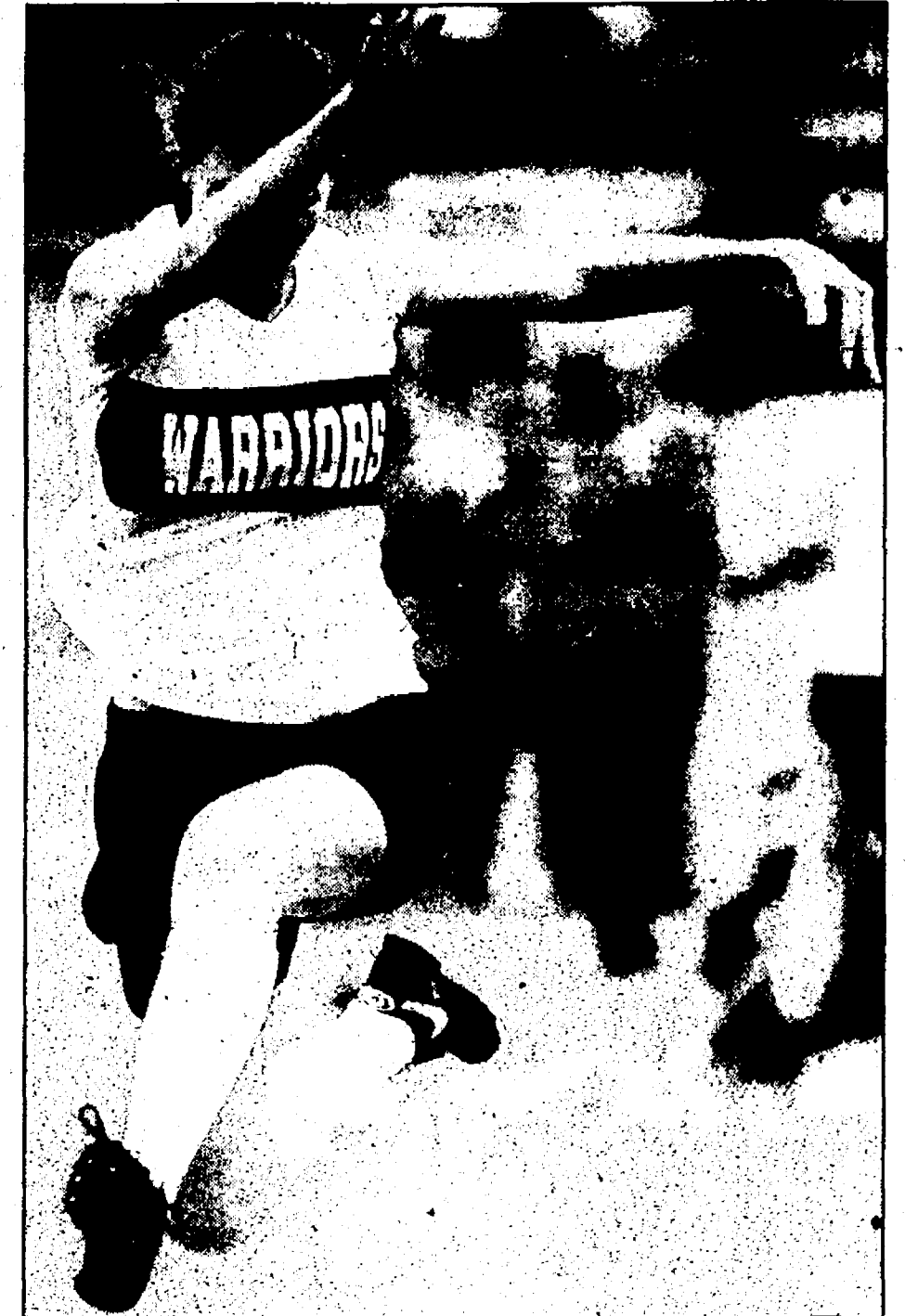
BEST GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PERFORMANCES

Coaches should report updates for the list of Observerland best girls track and field results to Dan O'Meara at (734) 953-2141 by phone or (734) 591-7999 by fax.
SHOT PUT
Tiffany Grubagh (Salem) 39-11
Paula Tomlin (Salem) 38-15
Julie Telford (Mercy) 34-10 1/2
Erinly Yambosky (Stevenson) 34-1
Shannon Moran (Redford Union) 33-11
Rachel Kieft (Redford Union) 33-2
Lisa Batko (Franklin) 33-2
Jenny Sciberas (Canton) 33-1 1/2
Michelle Bonior (Salem) 33-1
Angie Puroll (Garden City) 32-11 1/2
DISCUS
Tiffany Grubagh (Salem) 138-4
Julie Telford (Mercy) 120-9
Jenny Heifer (Churchill) 119-5
Jep Dash (Lutheran Westland) 106-11
Erinly Yambosky (Stevenson) 106-4
M'fanda White (Salem) 104-9
Julie Yambosky (Stevenson) 104-7
7th Armstrong (Farmington) 102-7
Megan Kelley (Redford Union) 99-0
Julie Kluka (Harrison) 98-8
HIGH JUMP
LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 5-8
Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 5-4
Carey Czech (Mercy) 5-4
Autumn Hicks (Salem) 5-3
Alisha Chappell (Salem) 5-1
Amy Driscoll (Canton) 5-1
Bekah Hoffmeier (Lutheran Westland) 5-1
Felicia Barnett (John Glenn) 5-0
Andrea Polasky (Stevenson) 5-0
Erin Hayden (Ladywood) 4-11
Lizzy Mathis (Mercy) 4-11

Erin Szara (Garden City) 4-11
LONG JUMP
Nicolette Jarrett (John Glenn) 17-2
LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 16-9
Erin Hayden (Ladywood) 15-11 1/2
Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 15-11 1/2
Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 15-9 1/2
Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 15-8 1/2
LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 15-6 1/2
Carey Czech (Mercy) 15-6 1/2
Jessica Cichon (Churchill) 15-5
April Aquino (Salem) 15-5
POLE VAULT
Kim Wise (Garden City) 10-6
Karl Cezet (Churchill) 9-6
Shiloh Wint (Franklin) 9-1
Andrea McMillan (Franklin) 9-0
Jane Peterman (Churchill) 9-0
Lauren Turner (N. Farmington) 8-8
Kelly VanPutten (Salem) 8-6
Lilliana Cipollone (Churchill) 8-3
Abbie Schrader (Stevenson) 8-0
Kristen Schilk (Canton) 7-6
Nicole Simonian (John Glenn) 7-6
Jocelyn Boyla (John Glenn) 7-6
Jenny Kim (Garden City) 7-6
100-METER HURDLES
LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 15.6
Alisha Chappell (Salem) 16.0
Erin Lizura (Redford Union) 16.0
Emily Mayberry (Harrison) 16.0
Suzanne Pepinski (Ladywood) 16.1
Crystal Alderman (Canton) 16.2
Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 16.3
Kristel Stricker (Farmington) 16.5
Valerie Brown (Salem) 16.6
Carey Czech (Mercy) 16.7
Cassie Ehlerdt (Stevenson) 16.7

300-METER HURDLES
Suzanne Pepinski (Ladywood) 46.5
Crystal Alderman (Canton) 47.6
Christy Tzilos (Stevenson) 47.9
Cassie Ehlerdt (Stevenson) 48.2
Alisha Chappell (Salem) 48.4
Katie Sherron (Stevenson) 48.6
Valerie Brown (Salem) 49.1
Jami Snow (Mercy) 49.2
Hana Hughes (Lutheran Westland) 50.0
Jessica Myks (Canton) 50.2
Carey Czech (Mercy) 50.4
100-METER DASH
Angka Morris (Mercy) 12.1
Brianna Watson (Ladywood) 12.6
Rachel Jones (Salem) 12.6
LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 12.8
Meredith Fox (Canton) 12.8
Felicia Barnett (John Glenn) 12.9
Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 12.9
Michelle Bonior (Salem) 12.9
Beth Kwapis (Churchill) 13.0
Andrea McMillan (Franklin) 13.1
Angela Mikkelsen (Stevenson) 13.1
Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 13.1
Theresa Chernenkoff (Stevenson) 13.1
200-METER DASH
Angka Morris (Mercy) 25.4
Rachel Jones (Salem) 26.3
Nicolette Jarrett (John Glenn) 26.4
LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 26.8
Melissa Drake (Salem) 27.0
Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 27.1
Brianna Watson (Ladywood) 27.1
Jennifer Felton (Redford Union) 27.4
Jennifer Hardacre (Stevenson) 27.5
Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 27.5
400-METER DASH
Nicolette Jarrett (John Glenn) 58.3
Angka Morris (Mercy) 58.9
Autumn Hicks (Salem) 59.4
Meredith Fox (Canton) 1:00.4
Jennifer Hardacre (Stevenson) 1:00.8
Rita Malec (Franklin) 1:01.0
Katie Sherron (Stevenson) 1:02.6
Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 1:03.3
Page Ahrens (Ladywood) 1:03.5
Christy Tzilos (Stevenson) 1:03.9
800-METER RUN
Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 2:27.9
Dawn Daniels (Wayne) 2:30.0
Ashley Fillion (Churchill) 2:30.7
Valerie Burnisky (Mercy) 2:30.7

Tess Kuehne (Lutheran Westland) 2:31.1
Miranda White (Salem) 2:31.3
Becky Pheasant (Salem) 2:31.9
Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 2:33.5
AnneMarie Vecrussse (Salem) 2:33.6
Leslie Knapp (Stevenson) 2:35.0
1,600-METER RUN
Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 5:18.1
Ashley Fillion (Churchill) 5:26.0
Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 5:33.1
Tess Kuehne (Lutheran Westland) 5:36.0
Kristen Switalski (Redford Union) 5:37.1
Kim Wood (Salem) 5:38.6
Stephanie Skwiers (Churchill) 5:40.0
Alison Fillion (Churchill) 5:41.1
Melanie Mester (Salem) 5:41.4
Kristen Balta (Farmington) 5:42.7
3,200-METER RUN
Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 11:48.8
Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 11:55.7
Alison Fillion (Churchill) 11:56.3
Ashley Fillion (Churchill) 12:04.1
Stephanie Skwiers (Churchill) 12:13.5
Kim McNeelance (Stevenson) 12:20.0
Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 12:30.6
Lisa Jasnowski (Salem) 12:31.3
Sarah Polletta (Mercy) 12:37.4
Kim Wood (Salem) 12:41.2
400-METER RELAY
Westland John Glenn 50.2
Plymouth Salem 50.5
Livonia Ladywood 52.0
Livonia Stevenson 52.5
Farmington 52.7
800-METER RELAY
Westland John Glenn 1:45.3
Plymouth Salem 1:46.7
Livonia Stevenson 1:50.0
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:51.6
Plymouth Canton 1:52.1
1,600-METER RELAY
Livonia Stevenson 4:08.3
Plymouth Canton 4:08.9
Plymouth Salem 4:09.3
Livonia Ladywood 4:17.1
Farmington Hills Mercy 4:18.4
3,200-METER RELAY
Livonia Stevenson 9:49.1
Plymouth Salem 10:11.6
Livonia Churchill 10:28.0
North Farmington 10:29.7
Plymouth Canton 10:29.7



Take-off: Lutheran Westland's Anna Rolf finished second in the long jump at the Metro Conference meet.

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Lady Warriors rule Metro, regional

The girls track season just keeps getting better and better for Lutheran High Westland. On the heels of their regional conquest Saturday at Almont, the Lady Warriors completed a perfect Metro Conference season by running away from the nine-team field Tuesday at home. Lutheran Westland, winning three of four relay events, led the way with 171 points followed by runner-up Bloomfield Hills Kingswood with 135. Rounding out the field was Macomb Lutheran North, 85; Grosse Pointe Woods University-

Liggett, 59; Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 36; Harper Woods Lutheran East, 13; Livonia Clarenceville, 9; Harper Woods, 6; and Hamtramck, 2. Tess Kuehne led Lutheran Westland with firsts in the mile- and two-mile runs with times of 5:42.2 and 12:47.8, respectively. She also teamed up with Jessica Montgomery, Erin Jung and Aimee Anthony to win the two mile relay (11:01.0). Teammate Jen Dash added a first in the discus (106 feet, 11 inches). The 880-yard relay quartet of

Chelsea Romero, Bekah Hoffmeier, Hana Hughes and Krissy Rose finished first in 1:56.7. The mile relay foursome of Jung, Hoffmeier, Rose and Hughes was also victorious in 4:30.8. The Warriors also took a second in the 400 relay with Romero, Sarah Vetting, Karen Abramczyk and Anna Rolf were clocked in 55.7. Individual seconds went to Amanda Sales, high jump, 4-7; Rolf, long jump, 14-10 1/2; Hoffmeier and Kelly Clark, (tie) pole vault, 7-0 each; Rolf, 110

hurdles, 17.5; Hughes, 330 hurdles, 50.2; Jung, 880, 2:38.5. Thirds were garnered by Carly Higgins, discus, 87-3; Hoffmeier, high jump, 4-5; Rolf, 330 hurdles, 53.5; Rose, 440, 1:06.6. Fourth-place finishers included Anna Schwecke in the discus (84-10) and Romero in the 220 (28.7). Among the fifths: Schwecke, shot put, 30-4 1/2; Abramczyk, high jump, 4-5; Sales, long jump, 13-7; Melanie Marshall, pole vault, 6-0; Anthony, 880, 2:50.4; Montgomery, two mile, 14:29.2. Sixth place finishers for the Warriors included: Higgins, shot put, 29-11 1/2; Jodi Rolf, long jump, 13-2; Jessica Gomulka, 440, 1:10.1; Mary Ebendick, mile, 6:26.4; and Holly Foreman, two mile, 14:46.2.

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CLASS C REGIONAL GIRLS TRACK RESULTS
May 22 at Almont
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran Westland, 108 points; 2. Almont, 77; 3. Southfield Christian, 72; 4. Detroit DePorres, 70; 5. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 43; 6. Redford Bishop Borgess, 42; 7. Detroit Benedictine, 39; 8. Detroit Dominican, 18; 9. Detroit Crockett, 16; 10. Detroit Communication & Media Arts, 11; 11. Royal Oak Shrine, 10; 12. Harper Woods, 6; 12. Livonia Clarenceville, 2; 13. (tie) Allen Park Cabrini and Detroit Commerce, 0 each.
Lutheran Westland finishers (top 2 qualify for state meet)
Shot put: 2. Anna Schwecke, 31 feet, 9 inches (school record); 4. Carly Higgins, 82-3; discus: 2. Jen Dash, 99-1; 4. Higgins, 87-3; high jump: 4. Bekah Hoffmeier, 5-1; 6. Amanda Sales, 4-9; long jump: 1. Anna Rolf, 15-1 1/2; pole vault: 2. Kelly Clark, 7-0; 3. (tie) Hoffmeier, 7-0; 100-meter hurdles: 4. Rolf, 17.3; 300 hurdles: 4. Hana Hughes, 50-1; 5. Rolf, 52.4; 400: 4. Krissy Rose, 1:05.0; 6. Hoffmeier, 1:06.6; 800: 3. Tess Kuehne, 2:31.1; 4. Erin Jung, 2:35.8; 1,600: 3. Kuehne, 5:36.0; 5. Mary Ebendick, 6:15.2; 3,200: 6. Jessica Montgomery, 11:55.7; 400 relay: 3. Lutheran Westland (Chelsea Romero, Rolf, Rose, Hughes), 54.0; 800 relay: 4. Lutheran Westland, 1:54.0; 1,600 relay: 2. Lutheran Westland (Jung, Rose, Hughes, Kuehne), 4:19.2; 3,200 relay: 2. Lutheran Westland (Jung, Aimee Anthony, Montgomery, Kuehne), 10:41.9.

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DISTRICT GIRLS SOCCER DRAWS
DIVISION I
LIVONIA FRANKLIN (Host)
Friday, May 28: Livonia Stevenson vs. Livonia Churchill, 3:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the South Lyon regional semifinal vs. Dearborn district champion.)
SOUTH LYON (Host)
Saturday, May 29: Championship final at South Lyon, 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the South Lyon regional semifinal vs. Temperance-Bedford district champion.)
SOUTHFIELD-LATHROP (Host)
Friday, May 28: Championship final at Lathrop, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Utica Eisenhower regional semifinal vs. Utica Ford district champion.)
DIVISION II
LIVONIA LADYWOOD (Host)
Friday, May 28: Championship final at Ladywood, 8:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Livonia Ladywood vs. Monroe-Jefferson district champion.)
PONTON (Host)
Friday, May 28: Championship final at Ponton, 8 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Livonia Ladywood vs. Tecumseh district champion.)
PUP BARNHILL
Thursday, May 27
Chive CNH at Redford CC, 4 p.m.
Huron Valley at Redford CC, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 29
(Big Game Starts at Redford CC)
N. Farmington vs. Redford CC, 10 a.m.
Detroit vs. Southfield, noon.
Salem vs. Redford CC, 2 p.m.

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| <p>400 Meter</p> <p>1. Ryan Shiplett (LF), 1:26.7</p> <p>2. Eric Scott (LC), 2:21.3</p> <p>3. Devin White (LC), 2:05.4</p> <p>4. Matt Johnson (PS), 1:19.0</p> <p>5. Ugo Okunribun (PC), 1:19.8</p> <p>6. Aaron Sparks (F), 1:19.3</p> <p>7. Ryan Shiplett (LF), 1:26.7</p> | <p>800 Meter</p> <p>1. Ryan Shiplett (LF), 2:06.8</p> <p>2. Matt Johnson (PS), 2:06.8</p> <p>3. Ryan Shiplett (LF), 2:06.8</p> <p>4. Matt Johnson (PS), 2:06.8</p> <p>5. Ryan Shiplett (LF), 2:06.8</p> <p>6. Matt Johnson (PS), 2:06.8</p> <p>7. Ryan Shiplett (LF), 2:06.8</p> <p>8. Matt Johnson (PS), 2:06.8</p> | <p>1,600 Meter</p> <p>1. Ryan Shiplett (LF), 4:14.5</p> <p>2. Matt Johnson (PS), 4:14.5</p> <p>3. Ryan Shiplett (LF), 4:14.5</p> <p>4. Matt Johnson (PS), 4:14.5</p> <p>5. Ryan Shiplett (LF), 4:14.5</p> <p>6. Matt Johnson (PS), 4:14.5</p> <p>7. Ryan Shiplett (LF), 4:14.5</p> <p>8. Matt Johnson (PS), 4:14.5</p> |
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WESTERN LAKES BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET

Walled Lake Central wears 1st-ever crown

Chargers runner-up; Rocks 3rd

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Unseasonable conditions for late May couldn't put a damper on Walled Lake Central's performance Tuesday in the Western Lakes Activities Association boys track meet.

Despite temperatures plunging below 50 degrees and winds gusting over 25 MPH, the Vikings scored 133 points to record their first-ever WLAA championship in school history by out-pointing host Livonia Churchill (107) and defending champion Plymouth Salem (105.5).

Walled Lake Western was fourth, while Plymouth Canton took fifth in the 12-school meet. See attached WLAA boys track meet results.

Kearney shattered the mark of 14.5 set by Churchill's Jason Belaire in 1989.

"We felt pulling Jason out was a smart move for us," Churchill coach Rick Auatin said. "We didn't believe he could help our team with a sore hamstring and we didn't want to jeopardize anything with him going into the state meet."

Churchill also went 1-2 in the shot put led by Mike Gaura and Guy Diakow. Eric Scott also added a second in the long jump.

"Our kids ran great tonight," Austin said. "But Central won the last five events. They're a very talented team. You don't need seconds and thirds when you have those powerful runners like that taking firsts."

Central won the meet's last five races to overhaul Churchill, which had led the meet until the 200-meter dash.

Individual victories by Jason Culbert (300 hurdles), Jeremy Auer (800 run), Alex Hritcu (200) and Todd Mobley (3,200), along with a triumph in the 1,600 relay secured the title for Central.

Injuries kept Salem from making a serious run at Central. The Rocks were without middle distance standout Bobby Cushman, who was injured in the regional, along with sprinters Mike Shull and Chris Mason.

"The last three or four years we've been slim on injuries in the big meets, but this year they hit us pretty hard," Salem coach Geoff Baker said. "At one point of the meet we thought we had a shot at it, but the injuries mounted up too much."

"We pointed toward this since we had our first meeting back in January," said seventh-year Central coach Steve Dollaway. "We reached our goal and it's a fantastic feeling. This is a great group of kids."

"We just have to recoup and go back at it next year."

Dollaway had reason to smile. He inherited a sad-sack program which piled up 55 straight dual meet defeats.

Salem's Nick Allen captured the 1,600 in 4:27.6 and added a second in the 800. Allen also teamed up with Matt Anderson, Donnie Warner and Jon Little to capture 3,200 relay.

"My first two years (1993-94) we didn't even score in this meet," Dollaway said. "We started recruiting kids from other sports, mainly football and soccer. I figured it would make everybody better. We have 54 kids on this team now."

But the meet's star was Walled Lake Western's Lorenzo Parker, who set a meet record with a clocking of 10.8 en route to winning the 100.

Two sophomores also gave the Vikings a boost. Jason Kittle took third in the high jump, while Chris Haney took a fifth in the pole vault.

Parker's time bettered the mark of 10.9 established in 1997 by Westland John Glenn's Hardin James.

"Everything pretty much turned out the way I thought," Dollaway said. "In the field events we didn't get as much, but we got more in the running events than I figured."

Parker also soared 22 feet, 1 inch to win the long jump and was a member of the victorious 400 relay (43.3). He was also a part of meet record 800 relay team (1:30.0) for the Warriors along with Chris Payton, Richard Barbera and Eric Sage.

Churchill, the Western Division dual meet champion, appeared primed to win the title, but then senior standout Ryan Kearney pulled out of the 300 hurdles and a leg of the 1,600-meter relay with a sore hamstring after setting a WLAA record in the 110 hurdles with a time of 14.2.

Other individual champions included Livonia Stevenson's Dustin Willim in the discus; Franklin's Ryan Shiplett in the pole vault; Plymouth Canton's Jordan Chapman in the high jump; and Canton's Jerry Gaines in the 400.

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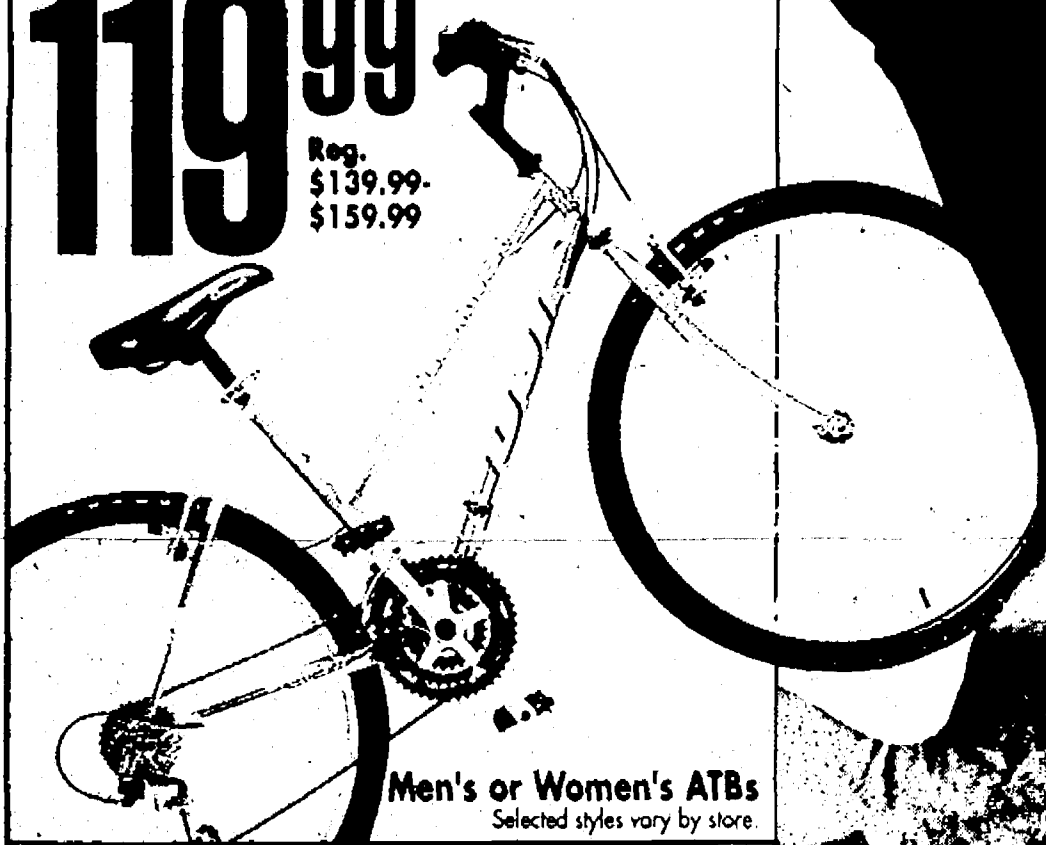
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• FOOD TEXT: Montecarlo
• Entertainment: THE LARAOOS 7 PM - 11 PM in the Big Tent

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• FOOD TEXT: Roast Beef
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SATURDAY



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SUNDAY



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Hot Tix: Spend some time discovering the past at Greenfield Village in Dearborn during Civil War Remembrance, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday and Monday, May 30-31. Admission \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 seniors age 62 and over, \$7.50 kids ages 5-12, children under 5 and members free. Call (313) 271-1620 for information.

Smooth

Earl Klugh, Kimmie Horne carry on the jazz tradition

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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The Detroit area has always been fertile ground for developing musical talent, and many of those who make it to the national stage decide to stay here and pass the tradition along.

Guitarist Earl Klugh of West Bloomfield remembers when he was a student at Mumford in the late '60s and early '70s.

"There were a lot of great players at my school and great

players at Northwestern and Cass Tech, so many good musicians and many of them went on to play professionally," he said.

For Detroit singer Kimmie Horne inspiration came in the late '80s from an established Detroit music fixture.

"It started about 10 years ago, I went to see a local performer, Norma Jean Bell, and that was the first group I got involved with. After seeing all the energy she possessed, I said I want to do that," Horne said. "Also, it was a female doing it

and that inspired me. I said, 'That's what I want to do.'"

Klugh and Horne join an all-star lineup June 4-6 for the V98.7 Smooth Jazz Fest at the Southfield Civic Center. Horne will perform Friday on a bill with flutist Alexander Zonjic and guitarist Lee Ritenour. Klugh performs Saturday with Tim Bowman, Diana Krall, Rick Braun, Peabo Bryson and Keiko Matsui. Sunday features Syro Gyra, Larry Carlton and a night time evening of guitars

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Jazz legend; Guitarist Earl Klugh of West Bloomfield is part of an all-star lineup performing outdoors at the Village on the Green in Southfield during the three-day, V98.7 Smooth JazzFest.

JAZZY FESTIVALS

■ **"V98.7 Smooth JazzFest"** - 3:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, June 4, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 5, noon to 10 p.m. Sunday, June 6, Southfield Civic Center on the Village Green, 26000 Evergreen Road at Civic Center Road. Admission: Friday performances free for those with entrance passes obtained through event sponsors. Entrance passes available at all Co/Op Optical stores and participating Ameritech Cellular locations. Tickets for the Saturday and Sunday performances are \$18 each day, or \$28 for both days. Saturday and Sunday tickets available at Ticketmaster outlets, or call (248) 645-6666. For more information, call the V98.7 information line, (248) 855-2400, the event hot line (734) 453-9157 or <http://www.wattsupinc.com>

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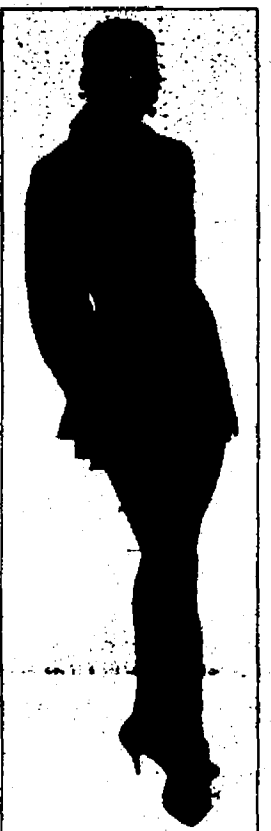
- 3:30 p.m. Gates open
- 4:30 p.m. Randy Scott
- 5:30 p.m. Break
- 6 p.m. Kimmie Horne
- 7 p.m. Break
- 7:30 p.m. Alexander Zonjic
- 9 p.m. Break
- 9:30 p.m. Lee Ritenour
- 11 p.m. Show ends

Saturday, June 5

- 11 a.m. Gates open
- Noon Tim Bowman
- 1 p.m. Break
- 1:30 p.m. Diana Krall
- 3 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Rick Braun
- 5 p.m. Break
- 5:30 p.m. Keiko Matsui
- 7 p.m. Break
- 7:30 p.m. Earl Klugh
- 9 p.m. Break
- 9:30 p.m. Peabo Bryson
- 11 p.m. Show ends

Sunday, June 6

- Noon Gates open
- 1 p.m. Straight Ahead
- 2 p.m. Break
- 2:30 p.m. Brian Bromberg
- 4 p.m. Break
- 4:30 p.m. Syro Gyra
- 6 p.m. Break
- 6:30 p.m. Larry Carlton
- 8 p.m. Break
- 8:30 p.m. Evening of Guitars and Saxes
- 10 p.m. Show ends



Kimmie Horne

■ **Jazzfest '99** - Seventh annual festival 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, June 5, in the Ferndale High School Courtyard, 881 Pinecrest. All day admission \$5 per adult; \$3 seniors/children; children under age 6 are free. Bring blankets and lawn chairs to sit on. Call (248) 547-1700 Ext. 5115 for information. Features professional, college, high school and middle school jazz bands including drummer Miguel Gutierrez with his group, Truth, the Henry Ford Community College Jazz Band, Don Dale's Duet, and the Troy Athens High School jazz band.

■ **Michigan Jazz Festival** - Sunday, July 18, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Father's Day Brunch with the Larry Nozero Quartet and guest artist Johnny Trudell, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 20, Waterman Center, Schoolcraft College Livonia. Tickets \$25 per person, proceeds benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival. Call (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454 for details.

■ **Birmingham Jazzfest** - Thursday-Saturday, July 22-24, with performances by Marcus Belgrave and the Detroit Jazz All Stars, Tim Weisberg, Kimmie Horne, Randy Scott, Pamela Wise and the Afro Cuban All Stars, Ken Navarro, Warren Hill and others, at Shain Park and various Birmingham restaurants. For information call (248) 433-FEST after July 1.

MUSEUMS

Cranbrook's virtual roller coaster ride

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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Arriving at the apex of any roller coaster ride, the routine is quite common: Take a deep gulp, choose your religion, hold oooooonnnnn and scream for redemption.

Or at least scream the name of the engineer who hopefully took all the necessary safety precautions in designing the roller coaster upon which you've tossed your fate - and possibly your lunch.

Or not. For those who've only thought about coming face-to-face with the 5Gs of King's Islands' invert-

ed roller coaster, or those looking for a deeper appreciation of why roller coasters elicit thrills, chills and a modified reassembly of breakfast, the Cranbrook Institute of Science will unveil this Saturday, "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters."

No barf bags or minimum height regulation required.

Reasons for the thrill

In the days where virtual experiences are becoming indistinguishable from the real thing, the Institute of Science offers a laboratory for vicarious and vertigo-loving thrill seekers. "Scream Machines" includes

six distinctive interactive displays that examine the scientific and physiological reasons roller coaster riders are filled with terror and joy.

"We're looking at roller coasters as sheer fascination," said Larry Hutchinson, curator of exhibits.

"There's a lot of science that goes into it. You can fool your eyes and ears. From the pure science side, you can respect the physics and physiology."

The exhibit includes:
■ A massive roller coaster model that simulates the principles of gravity, momentum,

WHAT: "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters"

WHEN: Saturday, May 29 to Monday, Sept. 6

WHERE: Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills

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Screaming joy: Sheer terror and fun of roller coaster rides is explored at Cranbrook Institute of Science.

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Scream Machines, an exhibit produced by the Ontario Science Centre.



Free fall: The "G-Force" interactive display provides a first-hand experience for bicycle riders to feel the pull of gravitational force.

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kinetic and potential energy, which are theorems considered in the design of loops and drops.

■ Interactive displays to demonstrate the effect of a roller coaster ride on the inner ear and visual perception.

■ A video that was filmed from the front cars of what are considered the world's five most thrilling roller coasters.

■ "G Force," a vertical bike loop whereby visitors can experience the gravitational pull while riding inside an 18-foot circular track.

"Scream Machine," which arrived from the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto, makes its first U.S. appearance at Cranbrook.

The exhibit is expected to continue to travel to other science institutes around the country.

Ultimate confrontation

A trip around a roller coaster isn't just an inducement to

scream. It's the ultimate confrontation with self-imposed fears where terror mingles with the sheer will power to transcend one's fear.

Of course, as people grow older, they're less likely to seek physical thrills like riding a roller coaster, said Hutchinson.

"For most people, thrill seeking peaks during their late teenage years," he said.

But "Scream Machines" offers an opportunity to get in touch with your daring side, said Hutchinson.

As part of the exhibit, a Zuckerman Personality Profile will provide a quick analysis of whether you are a thrill seeker.

While science can determine the reasons for the thrill and the principles on which roller coasters are designed, ultimately, the experience is the thing.

Just ask any agnostic who becomes suddenly convinced dur-

ing a roller coaster ride that God is a realistic alternative.

Two of the most popular places in the Midwest offering roller coaster thrills are Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, and King's Island, located outside of Cincinnati.

Cedar Point has 13 roller coasters, including the 24-story Power Tower, and the Magnum XL-200, which has a 205 foot hill and travels as fast as 72 mph.

Meanwhile, at King's Point, Face/Off — one of seven roller coaster rides at the amusement park — is a descriptive reference to how the 5Gs pull and twist at your body. The ride is attached below the track, and riders sit with their legs dangling in the open air.

Leaving, of course, plenty of room to scream. And perhaps, unfortunately, more than enough room for lunch to be tossed around.

Smooth

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and saxes with Marc Antoine, Kirk Whalum, Peter White and Everette Harp.

Earl Klugh

Klugh has said he isn't a "jazz" guitarist. He isn't all that comfortable with labels like New Age or Smooth Jazz either.

"I guess labels, everybody needs labels, but there are too many," he said. "I don't think it defines the music. It's more for marketing than for musicians. It's something they end up calling what I do, but I do a wide range of music and it's called everything from fusion to new age."

When Klugh was growing up he heard a wide variety of music that influenced the direction of his playing toward the soft, intricate and intimate acoustic sound that has become his trademark.

"My Mom and Dad listened to Harry Belafonte, Nat King Cole, Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra. And my mom was from Mississippi so she also listened to country, Patsy Cline and people like that," Klugh said.

In fact it was a musician most associated with country music who became Klugh's first inspiration and later a friend, guitar legend Chet Atkins.

"He was the first person I heard who played the instrument as a soloist. At that time I was about 13 and it was great to hear someone play that well. I wanted to emulate what he was doing with the melody," Klugh said.

At his mother's encouragement, Klugh began playing piano. But, he said, he had wanted to play guitar from the time he was 7 or 8 years old and heard the sound of Spanish and classical guitar on the television.

Klugh used his knowledge of piano to teach himself guitar. Though he briefly took lessons he is mostly self-taught.

But it was exposure to jazz musicians that really turned Klugh into a professional musician.

"I would go to Baker's Key-board and hang out with Chick Corea and George Benson. They can get you going in a lot of different directions," he said.

By the time he was 15, Klugh was recording with Yusuf Lateef. In 1973 he began touring with fellow guitarist Benson and later played briefly with Corea's Return to Forever.

Klugh has been a mentor for others, as well. Redford pianist and composer Darryl Dybka toured with Klugh before moving to Nashville and credits him for helping him with his career. Klugh introduced Dybka to Chet Atkins who recorded several of Dybka's numbers and took him on a sideman.

Klugh has been putting the finishing touches on a new CD he started recording in November.

"For the lack of a better term, it's pop music," he said.

Singer Roberta Flack makes a guest appearance to sing a new song co-written by Klugh, "Now & Again."

Klugh's warm style has reached a wide and diverse audience, though, he said, rarely the 20-somethings.

"When I was 23, 24, 25 it used to bug me because in my audience there weren't many 20 year olds, they were all 30 and up. Now I'm 45 and they're still 30 and up," he said.

But he said he's encouraged by the swing revival that has drawn young people into listening to other kinds of music.

On June 5, Klugh's band will include David Lee on keyboards, Lorenzo Brown on percussion, Ron Otis on drums, Al Turner on bass, Al Duncan on keyboards and Lenny Price on saxophone.

Kimmie Horne

On the SistaFruit Web site, Kimmie Horne is described as the spiritual quintessence of Jackie Wilson and Josephine Baker — a rich combination of high energy and sophistication.

"When I read that I was honored to be compared to two such great people," Horne said. "I strive to do a blend of different styles of music, their styles and even Tina Turner. Jazz, r&b and blues."

The Redford High School graduate has been well received for her high energy singing and dancing and for her eclectic range.

"The style of music I do goes from Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan, music of the '30s and '40s to the r&b styles of Stevie Wonder, Elvis Presley, Tina Turner, Jackie Wilson," she said.

When she was growing up in the '80s, Horne loved to listen to Nat King Cole and Billie Holiday. She performed with Norma Jean Bell for three years and also sang backup for Anita Baker.

She's been performing as a solo act since 1994. This year she'll sing at several area festivals.

"During the summer, I always get into the summer festivals, Huntington Woods, Birmingham. But I'm really looking forward to the V98 Smooth Jazz Festival and I was honored to be asked to be a part of that," she said. "Smooth Jazz is the very of music I do and they've been very supportive."

Horne is completing a new CD on her Sepia label set for release in June. In addition to singing on the record, she has also written the songs and co-produced with Jerry Carr. She said she draws from her own life for her songs.

"The first one, 'My Dream Come True,' well one dream is this CD, it's been a goal of mine, co-producing, performing and picking the right musicians for the music. Another song has the title 'Singing Away' and that's what I'm doing, all the songs relate to my life," she said.

Her backup group features Leroy Hyter, William Whooten, Tango, Perry Hughes and Gene Dunlap.

THEATER

Cast sings Gershwin with style

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, 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.

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.

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

The idea seemed foolproof: take twenty old Gershwin tunes, tie them together with a new book by Ken Ludwig ("Lend Me A Tenor") and collect your Tony awards. And that's just about how it happened, as "Crazy For You" won 1992's Best Musical honor.

Well I like a Gershwin tune — how about you? And it must have been nirvana to open up

George and Ira's trunk and be able to pick and choose from such immortals as "Someone to Watch Over Me," "Embraceable You," "I Got Rhythm," "Nice Work If You Can Get It"...oh go ahead and sing, we'll wait.

But right there, that's the dilemma. It would have been easy, and maybe better, to let the songs stand by themselves in a review format. Jazz great Louis Jordan was saluted that way with "Five Guys Named Moe." Rock 'n roll songsters Lieber and Stoller had their catalog paraded in "Smokey Joe's Café." No book, no lines, just wonderful songs. But then again, do you feel shortchanged?

Instead, we get a Fred Astaire/Ginger Rogers plot involving inept New York banker's son Bobby (Jeff Drenno), who has other career plans ("I wanna dance. I don't care about money.") He's sent way out west to Deadrock, Nevada, to foreclose on the town's theater/post office. There he meets and falls instantly in love with

the theatre-owner's daughter Polly (Tracy Murray) and concocts a plan to save the theatre: "All we have to do is put on a show — Mickey Rooney does it all the time!"

Standing in his way is evil landowner Lank (Rob Stalder), who vows "I'll stop this show if it's the last thing I ever do!" He says that. Really. Then there's Bobby's fiancée Irene (Diana Gernalt) and Ziegfeldian producer Bela Zangler (Marc Meyers) who arrive at just the wrong moments. You get the idea. To quote Oscar Hammerstein, "the corn is as high...."

It's the songs, then, that stand the test of time, and this cast does them with verve, sparkle and warmth. Jeff Drenno is every inch the song-and-dance man his Bobby aspires to be. "They Can't Take That Away From Me" is one for the highlight film. Tracy Murray is best when the cast clears the stage for her to render eloquently winsome versions of "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "But Not For Me."

The 10 tapping chorus girls certainly qualify as a group co-star. Choreographer Valerie Mould has done it again, infusing the gypsies with her trademark high-octane energy that peaks in "I've Got Rhythm" but is never lacking in that '30s enthusiasm. The cowboys, too, are a cut above your typical community theatre male chorus; they harmonize well and don't look like they had nothing better to do.

Priscilla Benson's orchestra lends flawless support, with special kudos to the pit saloon pianist. The "follies" costumes earn their own audience appreciation. In all, director Shar Douglas offers a well-assembled production that is generally tight, often outstanding, and pulled down only in moments of goofiness like an overly long drunk scene.

So "who could ask for anything more?" Maybe a Mel Brooks book. That's it: "Blazing Gershwin."



Trip to Neverland: Joey Bybee as Peter and Carrie LaFerle as Wendy lead the cast of "Peter Pan."

Area universities offer youth classics

Oakland University's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance presents "Peter Pan" by J.M. Barrie, in Meadow Brook Theatre, on the Oakland University campus, June 2-5.

Performances 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 2-Friday, June 4, 7 p.m. Friday, June 4 and 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 5.

Tickets are \$10 general, \$8 seniors and \$5 students. Call (248) 370-3300 for reservations, or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. For groups of 20 or more, call (248) 370-2030.

"Peter Pan" the fairy-tale by Sir James Matthew Barrie has captivated children and adults alike since 1903.

The title character has become symbolic for perpetual childhood and colorful supporting characters like Wendy, Tinkerbell and Captain Hook have also become a part of the cultural lexicon.

The original play, upon which this production is based, has inspired musical and movie adaptations that are still popular today.

Director Kerro Knox 3, Oakland University Assistant Professor, took a modern perspective in casting by mixing up traditional male/female roles.

The Oakland University student cast includes Joey Bybee (Peter Pan), Carrie LaFerle (Wendy), Steven Price (John), Emily Pepper (Michael), Jen Smith (Tinkerbell), Caitlin Burke of Farmington Hills (Mrs. Darling/ Tiger Lily/ Pirate), Christian Maurice of Bloomfield Hills (Mr. Darling/ Captain

Hook), and Laura Moss (Liza/Pirate/Mermaid/Indian).

The Lost Boys are portrayed by Adam Granke, Pat Butcher of Rochester, Courtney Presley of Oxford, Heather Whitfield, Concetta LaMacchio of Birmingham, and Theresa Catalfo.

Completing the cast are Cassandra Svacha (Smee), Scott Daniel Vance (Starkey) of Rochester Hills, Matt Omans (Panther, Pirate/Bird), Jessica Elwart (Indian/Pirate/Mermaid) and Heidi Marie Brown (Nana the dog/Indian/Pirate) of Clarkston.

The technical staff includes students Chuck Charbeneau (stage manager, assistant director), Andrea Smith (lighting designer) and Corrie Shotwell (prop coordinator).

OU staff members Brian Damabacher and Suzanne Hanna are scenic designer and costume designer.

Pocahontas

Wayne State University's Department of Theatre is presenting "Pocahontas" by Aurand Harris, Thursday, June 24 through Saturday, July 10 at the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit.

Performances 10:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, and Saturday, July 10; Thursday-Friday, June 24-25; and Tuesday, July 6 through Saturday, July 10. No performances Monday-Tuesday, July 4-5.

Tickets \$4 individuals; \$3 groups of 10 or more (1 complimentary ticket per 10 for chaperone). Call (313) 577-2072 for tickets.

Church presents original play

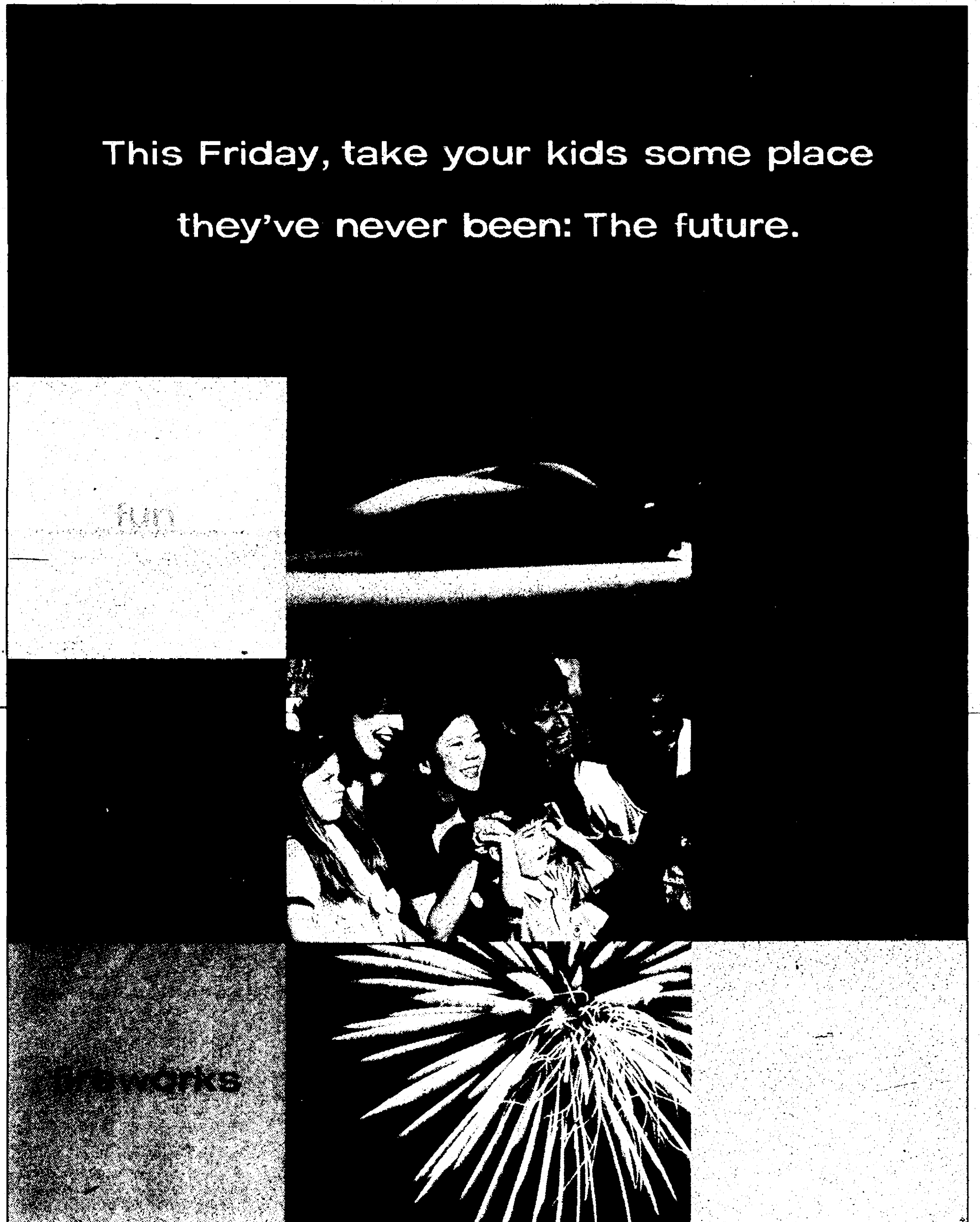
Mt. Zion Church of Clarkston presents "The Alabaster Vial," a musical play by Rick Bruderick of Lake Orion, a minister at the church, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 4-5 and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the church 4900 Maybee Road. Tickets \$3, \$10 first and second rows, call (248) 391-6166.

The three act musical play explores the human relationships, lifestyles and individual personali-

ties of several biblical characters including a brother, Lazarus, and his two sisters, Mary and Martha.

The script revolves around Mary and the tragedy of innocence lost, but forgiveness and mercy found.

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DETROIT REPERTORY THEATER
"Angelique," the story of the slave Marie-Joseph-Angelique, runs Thursdays-Sundays June 3-27, at the Millan Theatre Company, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 868-1347 or <http://www.culturefinder.com> or DetRepTh@aol.com

GEM THEATRE
"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," runs through June 27 at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 or (248) 645-6666

JET
"The Caregiver" follows a famous, yet fading conductor, watching as his son tries to follow in his footsteps, through Sunday, May 30, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900 or <http://comnet.org/jet>

COMMUNITY THEATER

BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS
Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$12. (248) 644-2075

STAGECRAFTERS
"Crazy for You," featuring music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin, book by Ken Ludwig, 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. 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.

PONTIAC THEATRE IV
"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, at Pontiac Northern High School, 1051 Arlene. \$8. \$7 seniors/children. (248) 681-6215

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ZEITGEIST THEATRE
Eugene Ionesco's "Victims of Duty: A Pseudo-Drama," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through June 12, at Zeitgeist, 2661 Michigan Ave., west of Tiger Stadium, between 19th and 20th streets, Detroit. (313) 965-9192

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YOUTH PRODUCTIONS
MARQUIS THEATRE
The musical "Rapunzel," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, May 29 and June 5, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6. (248) 349-8110

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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POLISH COUNTRY FAIR
Polish food, entertainment, fine arts show, midway, Vegas tent, 6 p.m. Friday, May 28, and noon Saturday-Monday, May 29-31, St. Mary's Preparatory, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake and Commerce roads. (248) 682-1885

REDFORD THEATRE
Film "Road to Rio," with guest organist Steven Ball, 7:30 p.m. organ overture followed by 8 p.m. film Friday, May 28, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. overtures with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. films, Saturday, May 29, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 537-2560 or <http://theatreorgans.com/mi/redford>

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"FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH"
Gourmet brunch with the Larry Nozero Quartet and guest artist Johnny Trudell, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 20, in the Waterman Building at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. \$25, to raise funds for the Michigan Jazz Festival July 18 at Schoolcraft College. (248) 474-2720/(734) 459-2454

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FAMILY EVENTS

PROUD LAKE/HIGHLAND REC AREA
"Wetland Wander," a walk through a wetland habitat, 11 a.m. Saturday, May 29, at Proud Lake's annex parking lot, 3500 Wixom Road, Milford; "Spring Wildflower Walk," 2 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Highland Recreation Area's Goose Meadow parking lot, 5200 E. M-59, White Lake. State motor vehicle permit required for entry at each location. (248) 685-2187

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Summer Clock Concerts begin 7:30-9 p.m. Friday, May 28, at the bandshell. Free. (248) 449-8361

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With pianist Olli Mustonen, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, May 26, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 27 (\$13-\$48, and \$40-\$60 box seats). Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit; Featuring works by and coming African-American composers Michael Abels, Patrice Rushen, James "Jabbo" Ware and Lettie Beckon Alston, 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Orchestra Hall. Free; With the Detroit High School for the Fine and Performing Arts, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, Orchestra Hall. Free; With Cuban-born pianist Horacio Gutierrez, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, June 4, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 5, Orchestra Hall. (\$13-\$48, and \$40-\$60 box seats). (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

POPS/SWING

THE MUSIC MENU JAZZ ORCHESTRA
9 p.m. Tuesdays in May and June, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368

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

KIWANIS KAVALIERS
Canada's premier competing drum and bugle corps is looking for young performers (ages 14-21) for the upcoming summer tour July-August. (416) 241-2968 or <http://www.kavaliers.com>

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 10-13, 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

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS
Placement auditions for the Performing Arts Summer Day Camp, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 19-30, open to high school graduates, all levels of experience, grades 1-12, placement auditions 1-4 p.m. Sundays, June 6 and 27, at Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962

JAZZ

DWIGHT ADAMS QUARTET
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, June 4, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (trumpet/piano/bass/drums)

GERALD ALBRIGHT
7 p.m. Friday, May 28, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 and \$15, reserved cabaret seating. 21 and older. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheater.com>

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, May 29, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

RAY BROWN TRIO
9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 3-5, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$25. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

MARK BYERLY DUO
7-10 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays in May, Northern Lakes Seafood Company, 1475 N. Woodward Ave., inside the Kingsley Suites and Hotel, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 646-7900 (jazz/pop)

COLEMAN-RHODES DUO
8 p.m. to midnight Fridays-Saturdays in May, No. VI Chop House and Lobster Bar, 27790 Novi Road, inside the Hotel Baronette, Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-5210 (jazz/pop)

DELTA RHYTHM KINGS
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, May 27, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 223-1700

TEDDY HARRIS TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, June 3, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD CURTIS
8-11 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, at the No. VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar in the Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 305-5210; 8-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Northern Lakes Seafood Company in the Kingsley Inn, 1475 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 646-7900; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-7333

JAZZHEAD
9 p.m. Saturday, May 29, and Monday, May 31, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-9922; 9 p.m.

Sunday, May 30, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011

SHEILA LANDIS TRIO
7-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 4-5, Tres Vite, 2203 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 471-3500

CHRISTIAN MCBRIDE'S FAMILY AFFAIR
7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 3, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800 (jazz/funk)

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With special guest Larry Nozero, sax and flute, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27, with Paul Vornhagen (saxophone, flute & vocals), Thursday, June 3, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner, and \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

JEANNINE MILLER
With Vincent Shandor Trio, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

MARK MOULTRUP TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, May 27, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

MUTUAL ADMINISTRATION SOCIETY
7-11 p.m. Wednesdays in May, 8 p.m. to midnight Thursdays in May, and 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays-Saturdays in May, Duet, at Orchestra Place, 3663 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

WILBERT PAEGLER
6-10 p.m. Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays, Morels, A Michigan Bistro, 30100 Telegraph Road, between 12 and 13 Mile roads, Bingham Farms. Free. All ages. (248) 642-1094 (jazz/piano)

JIM PARVANTIS
With Meridian, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays-Saturdays in May, Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road, at Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

GWEN AND CHARLES SCALES
7-11 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays in May, Duet, at Orchestra Place, 3663 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838 (contemporary jazz)

MICHAEL SCHENKER
With Vinnie Moore, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 29, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. \$21 in advance, \$23 day of show. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com>

SIMONSON, TAYLOR, TYE
9 p.m. Mondays in May and June, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368

JOHN SINCLAIR AND HIS BLUES SCHOLARS
With Arwulf Arwulf and featuring Ted Harley, Cary Koehler and Matt Bauder, as part of Mood Indigo night, 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

JANET TENAJ TRIO
Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 351-2925

"V98.7 SMOOTH JAZZFEST"
Featuring Lee Ritenour, Kimmie Horne, Randy Scott and Alexander Zonjic, Friday, June 4 (free); Keiko Matsui, Earl Klugh, Peabo Bryson, Rick Braun, Diana Krall and Tim Bowman, Saturday, June 5; "An Evening of Guitars and Saxes" (Kirk Whalum, Peter White, Marc Antoine, and Everette Harp), Larry Carlton, Brian Bromberg, Spyro Gyra, and Straight Ahead, Sunday, June 6, Southfield Civic Center's The Village Green, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. \$18 (one day), \$28 (both days). (248) 855-2400/(248) 645-6666

PAUL VORNHAGEN QUARTET
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, May 28, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax/piano/bass/drums)

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
Fridays, June 4, 13, 25 and July 2, and Saturdays, June 12 and July 3, at the Main Event Restaurant inside the Pontiac Silverdome, no cover. (248) 858-7888; with Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

THE WARREN COMMISSION
6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Big Rock Chop and Brew House's stone terrace, 245 E. Eton, Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 647-7774

WORLD MUSIC

ANN ARBOR IRISH ENSEMBLE
9 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or <http://www.arborbrewing.com> (acoustic Irish)

CAMILL DUNN
Irish piano and storyteller (Ireland's Happy Man), 9 p.m. Saturday, May

29, John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern, 33338 Grand River, Farmington. \$5 cover, call for reservations (248) 474-5941

JO NAB
9 p.m. Friday, June 4, The Deck above The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-9500 (reggae)

SONS OF SEPHERAD
7 p.m. Thursday, May 27, joined by choir of third and fourth graders from Adat Shalom's Beth Achim Religious School and Hillel Day School, at Adat Shalom, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. \$5. (248) 851-5000 (Sephardic)

THIRD COAST REGGAE
9 p.m. Saturday, May 29, The Deck above The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-9500 (reggae)

UNIVERSAL XPRESSION
9 p.m. Friday, May 28, The Deck above The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-9500; 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (reggae)

YAT-KHA
Featuring Albert Kuvazin, former lead singer with Hun Huur Tu, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 30, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

LARRY ARBOUR
5-9 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, Fusion, 34555 W. 12 Mile Road, in the Arboretum Office Park, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 489-8852

JOHN FINAN
With Sage, 8 p.m. Friday, May 28, at Angel Caravan Coffeehouse in the Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Suggested donation \$7. \$5 students age 13 and older. \$3 ages 6-12. (734) 327-2041

JAN KRIST
9 p.m. Friday, May 28, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101

BRIAN LILLIE
8-10 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Espresso Royale, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

ONE FLIGHT UP
8 p.m. Saturday, May 29, at the Hartland Music Hall, Hartland Road, north of M-59, east of US 23. \$10. (810) 632-6022 (folk/standards/pop)

RFD BOYS
8 p.m. Friday, May 28, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10. \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (bluegrass)

LIVINGSTON-TAYLOR
8 p.m. Friday, June 4, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

CHORAL

BEL CANTO CHORAL GROUP
8 p.m. Thursday, June 3, at Temple Emanu-El, 14450 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park. Free.

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD
"FLOR Y CANTON"
Poetry reading with Trinidad Sanchez Jr. and guests Ron Allen and members of the Latino Poets Association, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 3, at the Bowen Branch of the Detroit Public Library, 3648 W. Vernor, Detroit. (313) 297-9381

JELLO BIAFRA
Former lead singer of the Dead Kennedys, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 30, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (spoken word)

POETRY IN MOTION
Ama Carey-Barr with Kim Webb, Renee Tambeau, John Demko and other members of the band Spoke, 6 p.m. Sunday, May 30, at the Grand Cafe, Farmington and Grand River. (248) 615-9181

DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE
8 p.m. Friday, May 28, minimal walk-throughs, Peter Baker calls to music by the Contrapunters, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8863

"HAWAIIAN LU'AU DINNER DANCE"
With music by The Mike Wolverton Band and entertainment by Hawaiian Aloha Tropics and a special appearance by "Elvis," 5 p.m. Sunday, June 27, Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. \$25 Includes dinner of roast pork, roasted potatoes, two pastas, marinated zucchini and eggplant, salad, rolls, coffee, tea and pineapple cake. Tickets sold in advance only. (313) 534-

8 days a week

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COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

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

Ruben-Ruben, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package); Walt Willey, who plays Jackson Montgomery on "All My Children," 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, June 5 (\$15, \$27.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Leo DuFour and Alyce Faye, Thursday-Sunday, May 26-30; Kevin McPeck and Jr. Remick, Wednesday-Sunday, June 2-6, 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>

CHRIS ROCK

7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$75, \$37.50 and \$45. All ages. (248) 433-1515

SECOND CITY

"Impeachment and Cream," through May, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays; "Alternative Mondays" with "Funny Like Cancer," 8 p.m. Mondays through June. \$8; Improv Jammers, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. \$5. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND ART MUSEUM

Extends their Friday evening hours 5-10 p.m. from June 4 to Aug. 13 with a discounted joint admission, at the art museum visit "Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island," (248) 645-3361, at the institute take a wild ride through science in "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters," also permanent exhibit "Our Dynamic Earth," and also planetarium and lasera programs, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (877) 462-7262

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

"More than Meets the Eye," an interactive exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution takes visitors through some of the daily experiences of blind and visually impaired people, continues through Aug. 29, (313) 577-8400, ext. 417; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride" at 11 a.m. and 12:10 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

HENRY FORD ESTATE- FAIR LANE

Estate tours include the restored riverside powerhouse, Henry Ford's personal garage and cars, giant generators placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that still operate, and the tunnel to the 56-room mansion with elaborate carved woodwork and personal artifacts, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Civil War Remembrance featuring traditions, fashions and music from the era, Sunday-Monday May 30-31; The village is celebrating its 70th season with a host of activities including Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair and a life mask made 60 days before his assassination, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM

"Something Old, Something New: Wedding Gowns of the 19th and 20th Centuries," on display 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Sept. 25, at the museum on Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Tlenken Road, Rochester Hills. \$3, \$2 seniors and students. (248) 656-4663

SPIRIT OF FORD

A grand opening for the interactive automotive science and technology center takes place 8 p.m. Friday, May 28, entertainment by swing band

Cherry Popplin' Daddies and acrobats

Valentin and Katja of Cirque du Soleil, at the center across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, 1151 Village Road, Dearborn. Free, but tickets required for admittance. (313) 317-7474

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Free concerts celebrate Black Music Month 6-8 p.m. Fridays, June 4, 11, 18, and 25 on the museum's lawn; "Discover Greatness: An Illustrated History of Negro Leagues Baseball," a touring Negro League exhibit comprised of 90 black and white photos, 10 oversized prints, and memorabilia such as pennants, uniforms, and game-day posters, through Sunday, June 13, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. \$5, \$3 for children ages 17 and younger. (313) 494-5800

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Memorial Day Observance offers museum tours, displays, used-book sales, photographs and airplane tours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, May 31, at the museum, Beck Road, south of Ecorse Road, Gate 1 on the east side of Willow Run Airport. Free. \$4, \$2 children for pancake breakfast 8 a.m. to noon. (734) 483-4030

POPULAR MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS

9 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)

THE ALLIGATORS

9 p.m. Friday, May 28, The Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

AVAIL

With By All Means and Boy Sets Fire, 6 p.m. Friday, May 28, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (punk)

JOCELYN B.

10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 4-5, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. \$5, 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues)

BARE JR.

With Old Pike, 9 p.m. Thursday, May 27, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$6 in advance. \$7 day of show. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

BLACK BEAUTY

10:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060; With Thornetta Davis, 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (rockabilly)

"BLACKAPALOOZA REVIEW"

With My Brother's Dream, Goat, Jessica Kamara, Kas Serenity, Mijon Traymayne and City Slickers, 8 p.m. Friday, May 28; and Rachid, Sheila Horne, ONXYZ, The Young and the Restless, F.F.O.C., and Magdalen Hsu-Li, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$7, 21 and older. (313) 832-2355 (variety)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With Lost Dog, Huddle, Blue Tuesday and Warmth, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

BLUE ROSE

9 p.m. Thursday, May 27, 4-M Lounge, 15500 E. Eight Mile Road, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 521-9059; 9 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 or <http://www.bluerose.luma.com> (blues)

BLUE SHAKERS

9 p.m. Friday, May 28, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

BONNE TEMPS ROLLE

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 4-5, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (R&B)

COLOBO

With Big Sam, 8 p.m. Friday, May 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

CHISEL BROS. WITH CHEF CHRIS

9 p.m. Friday, June 4, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

CHROME LOCUST

With 4 Percent and Strul, 9 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (noise rock)

DANNY COX

6:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 324-0400 (acoustic

pop)

RONNIE DAWSON

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rockabilly)

THE DETERANTS

With Jill Jack and Big Sam, 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 4, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

DIAMOND RIO

With The Clark Experience, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Clio Area Amphitheater, 301 Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio. \$26 reserved, \$21 bleachers. (810) 687-7611 or <http://www.clioamp.org> (country)

DOGSTAR

Featuring bassist Keanu Reeves, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 27, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

With Hello Dave, 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

EKOOSTIK HOOKAK

8 p.m. Friday, June 4, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (jam rock)

EL TOPO

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guests Taproot and Crack Abraham, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

EVEN KEEL

8 p.m. Friday, May 28, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558 (pop/folk)

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY

6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 324-0400

THE GHETTO BILLIES

With Tayaacan, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (funny rock)

GRR

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (rock)

THE GRUESOMES

With Soot and Lord Mudd, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

HARRINGTON BROTHERS

8 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

HASTINGS STREET BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS

10 p.m. Thursday, May 27, The Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900; 9 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Arbor Brewing Company, 116 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or <http://www.arborbrewing.com>; 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 4, Soup Kitchen, 1585 Franklin St., (at Orleans Street), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 259-1374 (blues/honky-tonk)

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA

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Charming 'Love Letter' has romantic appeal

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

If you enjoy charming summertime romances, set in charming New England villages, you'll probably find "The Love Letter" to your liking. From the recent novel by Cathleen Schine, the slightly-cluttered story is a bit reminiscent of last year's "You've Got Mail," Joseph Mankiewicz's "A Letter to Three Wives," of a half-century ago, and the Bard's 16th century hit, "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The letter of the title is definitely snail-mail, but Hong Kong director Peter Ho-sun Chan, making his American debut, keeps things snappy and pace

from start to finish in this fun-to-watch movie flavored with touches of mystery and wit. Though the film is more light comedy than whodunit, much of the fun lies in trying to identify who wrote the rather oddly-worded missive that turns up one day in the village of Loblolly by the Sea, and to whom.

"Dearest," it begins. "Do you know how in love with you I am? ...I have fallen in love without taking step."

Kate Capshaw plays Helen MacFarquhar, a rather uptight and persnickety bookshop owner who discovers the letter first. Soon, she's made up her mind that the unaddressed note is intended just for her. She also

decides that a young employee of hers wrote it, although she'll have second thoughts about this later.

In the meantime, the employee (Tom Everett Scott) finds the letter himself and is, in turn, convinced that Helen has written it for him. Also in the meantime, another employee (played by Ellen DeGeneres) comes across the letter, and assumes it is meant for her — only she believes that its source is a guy named George (Tom Selleck), who she's had a crush on since high school, and for whom she still carries a hefty torch.

Also figuring into the hodgepodge is another bookstore employee (Julianne Nicholson), a

local cop (Bill Buell), Helen's glamorous mother (Blythe Danner), plus a cutely-aging eccentric and arm-wrestler extraordinaire named Miss Scattergoods (Geraldine McEwan).

All of the above may sound a bit like a cast of characters in a hokey high school play, but don't despair; most every performer brings style and zing to their role, making them into something we enjoy watching, and lifting everything out of the realm of cardboard.

Kate Capshaw's Helen is both flawed and likable at once. She's fussy and maybe even a little priggish at first, but still we can sense a certain passion and lust for life just beneath her no-frills surface. She's a character who looks lived-in, maybe even a little frowzy around the edges, but she's attractive, nonetheless, and it's no stretch to go along with the idea that a much younger man would find himself smitten with her image.

As her cohort, Ellen DeGeneres once again proves that she's more than a stand-up comic, more than the main player in a sometimes flat sitcom. She may, in fact, be the best thing about this movie. Her acting at times seems so artless that you can't quite figure if she's performing extremely well, or not performing at all. In some scenes, it almost appears as if she's dropped in and found herself wrapped up in conversation with the other players. Her character is as down home as a clam-bake, an optimist with a slight, sassy edge to her sunny side, a realist who's just a heartbeat away from all-out romantic



Romantic comedy: Janet (Ellen DeGeneres) flirts with George (Tom Selleck), wondering whether he might be the author of the mysterious love letter she thinks was intended for her in "The Love Letter."

notions. Tom Selleck, playing a smoldering fireman in the village (his most recent heroics involved a toaster oven fire), brings to the role a kind of sweet, almost-avuncular bemusement. (None of that frowny stuff recently witnessed on the Rosie O'Donnell show).

Tom Everett Scott makes an incandescent mark as the young man who yearns for Helen. The youthful actor appears to have come a long, long way from his days as Brett Butler's son on TV's "Grace Under Fire."

Helen's twittersy grandmother (played by Gloria Stuart) seems superfluous — so much that moviegoers may wonder why

anybody bothered to bring her into the action at all. Perhaps some significant parts of her character remain on a cutting room floor somewhere?

A musical track of everything from Satchmo's version of "I'm in the Mood for Love" to Roy Orbison's "Only the Lonely" to selections from "Tosca" and "La Boheme" punctuates "The Love Letter," and enhance its warm, romantic spirit.

This friendly movie may not be a cinematic landmark, as its heftiest competition right now. But if you're tired of waiting in long lines, you could definitely do worse than taking a look at "The Love Letter."

atrist who analyzes an anthropologist who's accused of a murderous attack.

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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.

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Anthony Hopkins and Cuba Gooding Jr. star in this action drama about a psychi-

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The vocal talents of Tony Goldwyn, Glenn Close and Rosie O'Donnell and songs and music by Phil Collins help bring to the screen Disney's animated version of the classic story about a man raised by apes.

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Nik Kershaw back recording with personal songs



CHRISTINA FUOCO

British singer/songwriter Nik Kershaw sold more than one million albums in the mid- to late-1980s thanks to his hits "Wouldn't It Be Good?" and "The Riddle." Since then, nary a word has been

heard from him.

My record deal came up in 1989 and I decided not to renew it, he said matter of factly. "It was very frustrating because artists never got to say what they wanted to say and most of the business seemed to revolve around A&R and developing new acts."

"I wanted to concentrate on writing and producing for other people."

For 10 years, Kershaw wrote songs for the likes of Elton John, Boyzone and Chesney Hawkes, whose "The One and Only" song was a worldwide hit.

A few years ago, some of the songs coming from Kershaw's pen were personal and not meant for anyone else.

"When I write something for other people, I make sure I'm

writing with the person. ... Then I started getting ideas that were obviously mine and nobody else's."

"I wrote a few tracks just to get them out of my system. After four or five tracks, I figured out I was making an album. I said, 'I'm doing this again.' I sat on it for about three months before playing it to anybody. It took quite a long time. I started very slowly. I just did it a few bits and pieces at the time."

The result is "15 Minutes" (Pyramid/Rhino Records), his first album in 10 years. Writing and recording "15 Minutes" was a solitary experience for Kershaw.

"The first two thirds of it were me on my own in my studio with guitars and computers, and the thought had never occurred to me that anybody would want to hear it or talk to me about it," he said.

"Part of the reason I didn't use another producer and loads of musicians was because I did it on a whim. I would wake up one morning, just go in the studio and record. Also, I couldn't really afford to have engineers and producers."

The album kicks off with "Somebody Loves You," an upbeat story of the idea and mis-

conception of stardom.

"When you're up on stage, it feels like there's so much love coming off the audience. While it's good to experience that, you have to remember it's not for you, but something being projected onto you. You can enjoy it while it's happening, but it's very dangerous if you start believing it," he said.

Returning to the music industry as a recording artist, Kershaw admitted, "feels weird."

"There's two parts of me - I feel very comfortable with this. It feels right. It feels like something I should be doing. The other half is telling me, 'I'm a 41-year-old father of three trying to recapture my youth.' Most of the time it feels comfortable and right," he said.

Kershaw is unsure if he will tour the United States in support of "15 Minutes." One thing he knows he will not do is an '80s revival tour, like last year's Culture Club, Human League and Howard Jones package.

"I've been asked to do a couple of those. I'm really not interested. I don't particularly want to revive the '80s. I don't want to be seen as part of that revival," he said.

Nik Kershaw's "15 Minutes" is

available through the Rhino Records Web site, <http://www.rhinorecords.com> for \$16.98.

Musical progeny

Touring in support of his debut "Boo-tay" (Epic) has become a somber experience for Bobby Bare Jr. and his rock band Bare Jr. The recent death of folk singer Shel Silverstein has hit him particularly hard. The two collaborated on "I Hate Myself" and Bare got his start performing with his father and Silverstein.

"It's extremely hard," Bare said of Silverstein's death. "Right now, I can't really say anything. It's hard for me to talk about. It was kind of weird. I was calling him to come to the show tomorrow night and he ain't coming," Bare said calling from St. Petersburg, Fla.

Bare is the son of Bobby Bare, best known for his songs "Dropkick Me Jesus Through the Goal Post of Life" and "Detroit City." Bare the younger did his "first singing" stuff with his dad doing a Silverstein song when he was 5. Bare said he knew right then that he wanted to be a rock star.

"Who doesn't? Who doesn't want to ride around with your buddies, go someplace where

everybody knows who you are, you know? It's an exciting and fun thing," said Bare, who, along with singing and playing guitar, also drives his band's tour bus.

To show his appreciation for his father, Bare invited dad to sing backup on "Love-less" on his debut "Boo-Tay."

"It was just great. Just to get to share something with your dad like music is insane. It's just so cool. Every kid wants to be like his dad. Dad started out in '59 doing rockabilly which was like being Marilyn Manson or something. In 1959 doing rockabilly was way out there, but it was hillbilly music at the same time," Bare said.

"Not a lot of people have a dad who gets on stage and plays a guitar and shakes his butt. My dad happened to be a really cool guy."

Bare Jr. and Old Pike perform Thursday, May 27, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Tickets are \$7 for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 335-8100 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>.

Misc.

Jimmy Buffet performs Tuesday, June 8, at Pine Knob but

Island Jimmy's Coffee and Provisions inside the Star Theatre, Great Lakes Crossing, 4399 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills, is giving away 100 pairs of tickets.

Parrotheads can register through Monday, May 31. One thousand entrants who don't win will receive a movie pass for two to any Star Theatre. Winners will be drawn June 1. ... Edwin McCain will chat on-line with fans and preview songs from his upcoming album "Messenger," due June 15, at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 3, at <http://www.digitalarena.com>. ... Detroit Kid Rock is hosting MTV's "House of Style: Swimsuit Edition" at noon Thursday, May 27, 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 29, 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 30, and 8:30 p.m. Monday, May 31. He will also appear on "Total Request Live" with Carson Daly on May 29.

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P.S. I Love You blends Majesty Crush darkness, humor

By CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Dave Stroughter's Birmingham apartment is bright and cheery. Ceiling-to-floor windows light up the living room. A Detroit Pistons playoff game blares from a television, sitting below an autographed poster of The Cardigans. Anton Chekhov's "The Kiss and Other Stories" lays on a coffee table.

The room is a stark contrast to Stroughter's image as the lead singer of Majesty Crush, the influential ethereal pop band over which darkness reigned. The Southfield native's new project, P.S. I Love You, blends Majesty Crush's influences with humor and experimental rock.

The opening track of P.S. I Love You's debut, "Liberty or Death" (Vulva Records), asks the question "Where on Earth is Kevin Shields." Besides questioning the whereabouts of Shields, the former lead singer of the British pop band My Bloody Valentine, Stroughter also acknowledges his love of the Stone Roses' song "I Wanna Be Adored."

Stroughter and Shields met at the California home of Michael Cooper, who used to book shows at Zoots Coffeehouse in Detroit.

"At a party at Mr. Cooper's house is the last time I saw Kevin Shields and company. Everything in the song is pretty much true. There's some comedy in there. I try to put some of that

in all the songs that I do."

The reference of "Serenity Now" is bittersweet. It relates to the "Seinfeld" episode where Jason Alexander's character George shouts "Serenity now" and Stroughter's stint in rehab.

"That's pretty much how I felt about a lot of things at the time," Stroughter said. "That's my attitude. That's how I am. I'm really impulsive. I get emotional about things and heated up. That episode kind of meant a lot to me at the time."

"I've been in rehab but you're not gonna get serenity now. They tell you that's what you should say to yourself when you need to calm down. But he would yell it. That's how I always was. It just doesn't work."

Longtime dream

Stroughter realized he wanted to be a musician when he was 12, after meeting his neighbor, Diana Ross's sister, and her son.

"When I was in sixth grade, we were one of the only black families - well, my mom's from Germany. At the time, 'Endless Love' had just come out and she was a big, big, big star. Our parents became friends. I had the chance to meet her when I was 12. She stopped on the corner and she made it a point to ask my name," he said.

"It always made an impression in my mind."

A few years later, as a student at Southfield High School with future Majesty Crush bandmates

Odell Nails and Michael Segal, Stroughter started his first band.

"Growing up in Southfield with Odell, we were really into ska. We were mods. We all had big jackets and we were totally into the Who and the Jam and Joy Division and that," Stroughter explained.

After graduating from Southfield High in 1984, Stroughter went to Germany to attend art school.

"I met this kid from Holland. His brother was in a band. I was 18 and he was 25. He brought me up to Holland to see his brother's band. They had an album out, on vinyl, had a practice space and a van of their own. That's when I thought, 'You can do this. This is something that you can do.' They were touring Europe. They weren't selling loads and loads of albums, but they were doing it," he said.

He returned to the United States, hooked up with Nails, Segal and Hobe Echin and started Majesty Crush. The band released a handful of albums, including the critically acclaimed "Love 15" before folding in 1995.

"I was happy with Majesty Crush," Stroughter said. "Obviously some things happened there, like our label (Dali/Chameleon), folding six weeks after our album came out. It was climbing the charts and everything."

Disenchanted with the music business, Stroughter moved to

Lansing to pursue a degree in German. That didn't last long before the music bug bit him again.

"I kind of realized the Lansing experience was ridiculous and it wasn't what I wanted to do," said Stroughter who speaks fluent German. "I think The Verve had gotten back together. I just realized that I still want to do music. I still think I'm talented. Whatever happened, I figured I could still start another band. It's not the end of the world."

He returned to Oakland County and formed P.S. I Love You. His band now includes guitarist Jack Nelson, drummer Tony Dushaj, formerly of Ethos, and temporary bassist Rob Schurgin, formerly of Wig. The Birmingham bassist now heads up Perplexa.

P.S. I Love You's debut "Liberty or Death" carries a heavy Majesty Crush influence. "Kevin Shields" is the only new song on the album, the rest of the songs are never-released Majesty Crush recordings.

"Love 15" included the song "Seles," about tennis player Monica Seles. Stroughter continues his musical love affair with Seles by picturing her on the cover of the album.

"I admire her tenacity. On the

tennis court I always thought she was a tough cookie, just somebody that tries harder than everybody else. Ultimately in this world, the people who work hard and the people that are persistent are the ones who succeed, no matter what you do. She's certainly someone I look to, and she's someone who gives 100 percent," said Stroughter who played tennis at Southfield High School. His sister was a top-rated tennis player at Marian High School.

P.S. I Love You recently returned from recording at Smart Studios in Wisconsin, run by producer/Garbage band member Butch Vig. P.S. I Love You's new songs include "Kournikova," after tennis star Anna Kournikova.

"At the time, I did have a crush on Monica Seles as well. I liked her more for her game and for her work ethic and that. Kournikova, I like her just because she's really hot. The song's really pretty funny."

P.S. I Love You and Ebeling Hughes perform 9 p.m. Sunday, May 30, at Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. The free show is open to those 21 and older. Call (248) 543-4300 or visit <http://www.vulvarecords.com> for more information.

Interesting characters on Backstage Pass

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

As we weave our way through life, we're bound to meet more characters than Luke Skywalker. You know the type of person I'm talking about. It's someone who, through a style that's uniquely theirs and often not widely

accepted, makes a quirky contribution to our lives.

I wonder how much of who we are is shaped by the characters we've met. Do we subconsciously remember a warm but disheveled relative when we need a little unconditional love? Does our mind summon a wild friend from high school when we feel we're in a rut? Maybe recalling a lovable moper is the perfect tonic when we're mired in self-pity. I suspect we all have a gallery of characters that can play a role in keeping us centered, or at least make life a lot more fun.

Then there's Jerome Ferretti, a nationally recognized artist who shares his gallery of characters with us through his watercolor paintings and carved brick sculptures. With a past that includes a lengthy stint at the Ford Rouge plant and many years as a journeyman bricklayer, Ferretti has such an affinity for the common man that some of the people he meets end up as characters in his work.

"Sometimes I'll be mad at somebody so I'll stick them in one of my paintings, and give them a third eye," he says, only half-jokingly.

Unofficially appointed the "Mayor of Michigan Avenue" by patrons of the fabled Nemo's bar, Ferretti recently served his constituents by including them in a recent work. The tavern stools were empty for a day in March as the regulars rented a bus and trekked to an opening in Pontiac for the unveiling of the piece. It's safe to say that it was the first

art show ever attended by most, if not all, of his friends. But, then again, they may never get another opportunity to be artistically immortalized like the Mona Lisa and the poker playing dogs.

"Because the work had only four main characters, there were a few on the bus ride home who were disappointed. When they started pointing out little things that they felt they had influenced during their hours at Nemo's, it took some of the sting out," says Ferretti.

As you may have guessed by now, Jerome Ferretti not only uses his craft to showcase characters, he is one himself. The next edition of Backstage Pass gives Detroit Public TV viewers a chance to meet him during a visit to his studio.

Pondering the characters in your life? You can add plenty more with the Walk and Squawk Performance Project "Who It Is," which runs June 3-13 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. It's one-stop shopping in this innovative and humorous musical journey written and performed by Andy Kirshner, whose depictions include a "borscht belt" comedian, an African American Baptist minister, a classroom of immigrants learning English, salsa dancers at the Copacabana and a white gangsta' rapper.

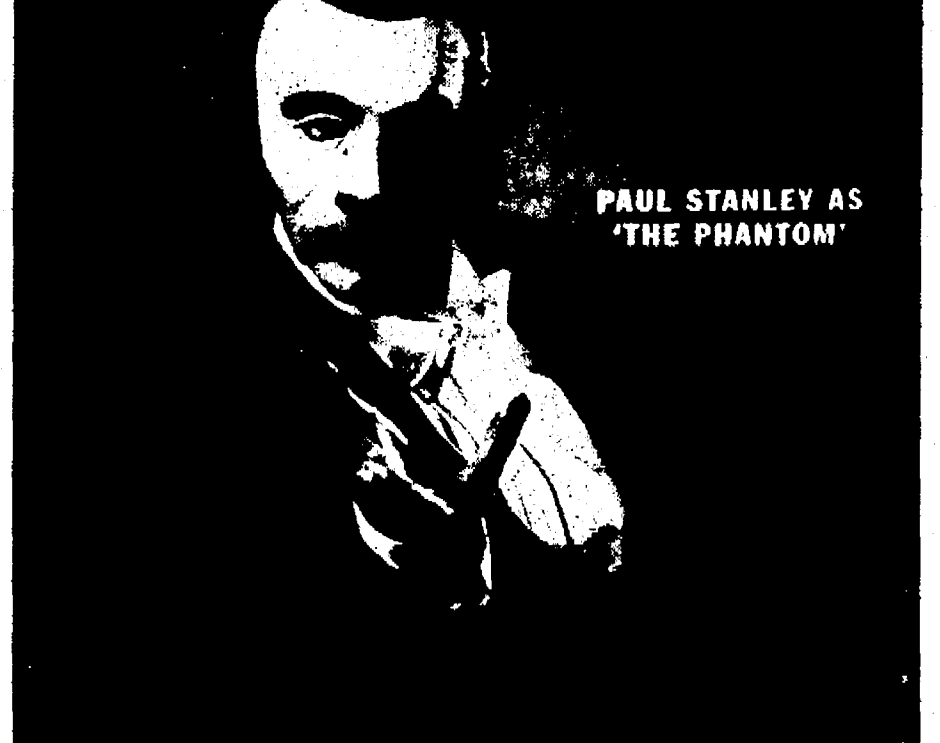
"The full expression of our identity and humanity is compromised by other people's negative, mistaken and uninformed imaginings of us," Kirshner explains in an excerpt.

What that suggests to me is that, given the chance, there's a unique character in all of us waiting to emerge and suitable for framing.

Those from the imaginations and experiences of Jerome Ferretti and Andy Kirshner will be featured on Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, in an edition airing at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 30.

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DINING

La Shish serves excellent Middle Eastern fare

BY MARY QUINLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

Sometimes when Janet Buck craves a veggie-friendly meal, she opts to dine at one of her favorite eateries, La Shish.

On a recent Sunday evening, Buck of Livonia, visited the Canton restaurant, the newest La Shish location to open.

She was impressed. "The food is excellent," said Buck. "The staff makes you feel very welcome. The night we ate there, the service went beyond excellent."

Her server, Rania, patiently explained menu items and offered helpful suggestions. After dinner, busboy Rabih, demonstrated a technique for baking pita bread in an igloo-shaped oven.

Buck describes the 140-seat eatery as "spacious, light, airy and comfortable." Once inside, you'll be greeted by a friendly staff, lively Arabic music, dazzling chandeliers and a potpourri of tantalizing aromas seeping from the kitchen.

The Canton La Shish opened in mid-April, the seventh restaurant owned by a Lebanese immigrant named Talal Chahine.

In January, 1989, he opened his first La Shish (the skewer), in East Dearborn.

Buck's choice of a dinner drink was a mango smoothie, a tasty concoction of fresh strawberries, banana, mango and honey. Other juice smoothies include fresh apples, oranges, papayas or carrots.

Order some warm pita rounds. Break them apart and then cover them with heaping portions of hummus, a smooth appetizer of pureed chickpeas, tahini (sesame seed) sauce and a hint of fresh garlic. Or, try saaj, a traditional Lebanese flat

La Shish
Where: 1699 Canton Center Road at Ford Road, Canton, (734) 983-9000
Hours: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday.
Menu: Middle Eastern cuisine, raw juice and beverage bar, salads, appetizers, sandwiches and traditional Lebanese entrees served. Vegetarian-friendly, juice and liquor bar.
Non-smoking area: 80 percent
Cost: Entrees range in price from \$3.99 to \$14.99
Reservations: La Shish maintains a "call ahead" policy, especially on the weekends
Credit cards: VISA and MasterCard
Other locations: La Shish East, 12918 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (313) 584-4477; La Shish West, 22039 W. Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (313) 562-7200; Talal's, 22041 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (313) 565-5500; La Shish, 32401 Van Dyke, Warren, (810) 977-2177; La Shish, 37610 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, (248) 553-0700; La Shish, 6303 Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield, (248) 538-0800
Restaurant scheduled to open in July: La Shish, 37367 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

bread that is baked until it is crispy. Other starter choices include kibbee (anything with cracked wheat), stuffed grapeleaves (veggie or lamb filled), spinach pies and Mediterranean chicken wings.

Most popular entree? "The chicken kabob with rice and salad," says Hice Sleiman, Canton manager. You'll find seafood dishes (shrimp, red snapper and salmon), an assortment of lamb, beef and chicken entrees, salads (spinach, Greek and fattoush), soups and sandwiches. "Fattoush is our house salad," said Sleiman. "We add toasted pita bread and parsley to the romaine."

It's okay to bring the kids," he said. "We usually serve kids a lamb burger or chicken strips."

Share an entree with your meal partner - it's a great solution to taste testing unfamiliar foods. One of Buck's favorite dishes is baba ghannooj, char-

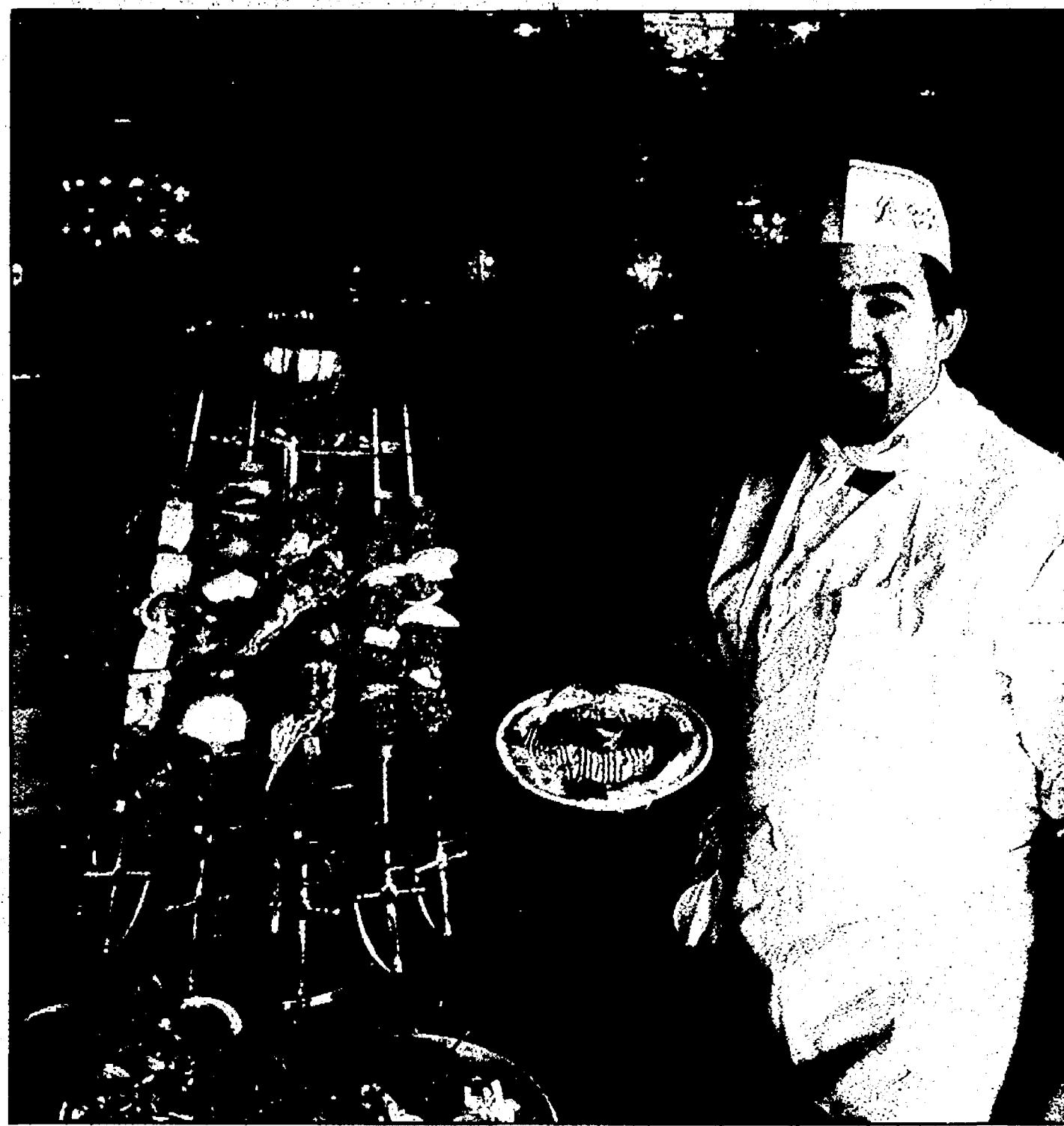
grilled eggplant blended with tahini sauce, olive oil, garlic and lemon juice. Hommus works well as an appetizer, however, combined with lamb, chicken, beef or vegetables, it satisfies heartier appetites.

Save some space for desserts. "The baklava was the best I have ever tasted," commented Buck. "I don't know what they did to it. I would order it again."

Other sweet options include creme caramel (custard), rice pudding and Lebanese ice cream (the chocolate is yummy!). If it's your birthday, dessert is on the house. And, an extra special bonus - the wait staff sings "Happy Birthday" in English and Arabic.

"The La Shish owner always wants everything to be the best," said Jamil Eid, corporate executive chef. "The quality is number one."

"In order to maintain this high quality," said Eid, "all the



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At your service: Chef Mahmoud Hachem invites diners to try a taste of the Middle East at the newly opened La Shish in Canton.

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between the food at the different locations. From Dearborn we deliver to all the locations."

"Hopefully, in July, we will open another La Shish in Livonia," says Eid.

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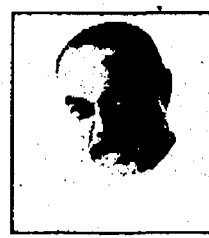
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