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Summertime



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Water's great: Enrique Pardo and son Evian, 5, of Westland spend time in the Bailey Center pool. Below, Marissa Johnson, 7, tries out the slide at the municipal pool.

Folks find the living is easy



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Monday was officially the first day of summer, and the crowds at the Bailey Center pool were a good indicator of the time of year.

Marlo Bobosky of Westland came to the pool with her sister, Marissa Johnson, 7. "Just taking care of her today, actually. She came with me last year to the pool."

Marissa, who attends grade school

in Dearborn, is tall enough this year to use the slide. "She's pretty excited," said Bobosky, who's been coming to the pool for the three years she's lived in Westland. She and her husband own a commercial cleaning business in Plymouth.

"She loves coming here," she said of Marissa. "She couldn't wait to come here today. It is nice."

In the pool, Gail Streit of Mears, Mich., was with granddaughters Christa and Alyssa Genovese. "I'm

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Westland's water-sewer rates on the rise

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A splintered Westland City Council on Monday socked residents with a 6.5 percent water-sewer rate hike to cover

higher costs partly attributed to federal clean-water measures.

The increase will boost water-sewer rates by 27 cents to \$4.46 per 1,000 gallons. It will tack \$9 onto quarterly bills of typical homeowners using 33,000 gallons, finance director Tim McCurley said.

The latest move follows a 38-cent increase last year, but city leaders pledged to try to avoid a rate hike next year.

Council members ratified the new rates Monday amid concerns that U.S. District Judge John Feikens would otherwise impose even higher increases.

"I, for one, do not want to be stuck giving the residents of this community a \$1 increase," Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin said.

Westland — like other Rouge River communities — is threatened with a court order unless city officials tighten clean-water measures such as stricter cleaning of streets and sewers.

City leaders said 17 cents of the new 27-cent rate hike will be used for stricter federal clean-water measures. Six new water-sewer workers will be hired to boost the effort.

The other 10 cents will offset rising costs that the city of Detroit is passing

on to Westland for the water it supplies.

"The rates that we're asking for are not rates that we want to tack on," Mayor Robert Thomas said.

Still, the council split 4-2 in approving the new rates, with Glenn Anderson and Richard LeBlanc opposing the plan. They said the entire cost of hiring six workers to comply with clean-water measures shouldn't be tacked onto local water bills.

The pair said the city could find some way to pay the tab rather than passing on the entire cost to local water users.

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'99 festival fun awaits

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From June 30 through July 4, the cry, "There's nothing to do," won't apply in Westland. The annual Westland Summer Festival will bring fun for old and young.

Rides aren't the only source of fun. Highlights include a parade 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, beginning at Ford and Wildwood and proceeding west on Ford to City Hall. Fireworks at

dusk Sunday, July 4, will wrap things up.

"We're looking forward to a really good festival. I think it's a really good asset," said Sue Haslacker of Westland, festival secretary. "It brings people out."

She and other organizers are hoping and praying for good weather. "We really enjoy it and everybody has fun," Haslacker said of the festival, which she pegged as approximately 29 years

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Riding along: Austin Storm of Westland enjoys a summer day at the Garden City Jaycees' carnival. Summer fun continues June 30 through July 4 with the Westland Summer Festival.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Future of south-end city fire station in jeopardy

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A minor glitch in population figures could scuttle plans for a long-awaited fire station on Westland's southeast side, city officials said Wednesday.

The problem could have even larger ramifications by hindering efforts to revitalize south-end neighborhoods, officials said.

"We're going to keep fighting this until we right the wrong," Fire Chief Mark Neal vowed Wednesday.

The problem has arisen because federal rules indicate that the southeast end has five people too many above the low- to moderate-income threshold, said James Gilbert, Westland community development/housing director.

That's five people from a total population of 3,353, he said.

What's more, city officials say the figures are wrong.

"It's a minor glitch," Gilbert said, "but it's keeping the fire station from being built."

The new station would be built using \$1 million in federal dollars. The city had hoped to start construction this summer on the southeast corner of Annapolis and Irene, in a Carver subdivision area where new housing has started to emerge for the first time in 25 years.

The station would serve an area bound by Merri-man, Inkster, Annapolis and Van Born roads — a section of town geographically separate from the rest of Westland.

But officials say the fire station plan, which also would include an adjacent park and an in-house office for a part-time community police officer — is now in jeopardy.

'Shocked and shaken'

John Franklin, vice president of the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association, voiced dismay over the latest developments.

"I'm really shocked and shaken with the fineness of the line with which the (federal) decision was made," said Franklin, who is also president of the Westland Housing Commission.

City officials learned of the problem in a new letter

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School board votes to shut Johnson Elementary

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Building four more classrooms onto Garfield Elementary is not a "done deal" yet, but closing Johnson Elementary is. Neighborhood opposition to the Johnson closing surfaced recently, but no one spoke out against the plan at Monday's school board meeting.

Only one trustee on the Livonia Board of Education, Ken Timmons, voted against closing the school on Ann Arbor Trail. The district decided to close Johnson and move students and staff to Lowell in September 2000 due to overcrowding. The vote was 6-1.

To ease the space crunch in southwest Livonia, Timmons said he still prefers a major overhaul of district schools, putting grades K-5 in the elementary schools and grades 6-8 in the middle schools.

School administrators generally back this change for educational reasons, but have not embraced it for two basic reasons: Lack of community support, and

the high cost of implementing it.

However, if times - and thinking - change and a groundswell develops in support of a grade reconfiguration, then Johnson always can open once again as an elementary, said Superintendent Ken Watson.

"I don't disagree with Timmons," Watson said. "Johnson can be reopened at another time if this (grade change) becomes a priority."

Three possibilities

Watson cited three ways the closed elementary school still can be used by Livonia Public Schools:

- It can be leased to a county special education program.
- It can be leased to a private day care provider.
- It can open as a "Jackson Center-West," a center for preschool/day care.

Randy Liepa, assistant superintendent for business, estimates the move may cost up to \$200,000.

Just to the east, and related to the same student crunch, controversial

plans to build four classrooms onto Garfield at a cost of \$800,000 will proceed into the next, bid process stage, but with an added caveat from Watson.

"If the board chooses not to add on, we can do nothing," Watson said. "If they don't want the addition, we can put the money in the bank. There is some logic to not doing a building addition. They (students) can tough it out (in cramped quarters)."

Residents close to the school have urged the district to reconsider its entire solution to easing overcrowded conditions in southwest Livonia schools. Instead of creating a bigger Garfield, they have asked the district to either change school boundaries, or tack the extra classrooms onto Johnson, which with Monday's vote has now become a moot point.

The district has made no recommendation to change school boundaries, Watson said.

"There's been no wide grassroots movement to change boundaries at the 22 elementaries, Watson said.

The plan to build the addition will surface once again at the board level sometime in late August or thereafter, when building plans are discussed.

"It will automatically come up for discussion in the normal course of doing business," Watson said. "This is an emotional issue."

Building plan

At Monday's meeting, trustee Patrick Nalley said he is willing to reopen talks on the construction plan.

"I wasn't aware of the opposition until May or June," Nalley said.

Jackie McFarlane was the only Garfield resident to speak out against the plan at Monday's meeting. She urged the trustees table the issue for further input from the Garfield community.

"There's a lot of unhappy people in the south end," she said.

Kirsten Galka, newly elected trustee who succeeds trustee James Watters on the board July 1, asked the trustees to re-examine both the closing of Johnson

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and ways to alleviate the space crunch in southwest Livonia.

She claimed the district's defense of the decision rested on its "interpretation of a couple of phrases" in a citizens' petition, and not on any explanation of why the decision was made.

Watson previously had said some words used in the petition were "discriminatory" and a "euphemism against minorities and low-income families" with school-age children who are bused to Garfield from Westland.

McFarlane, a Garfield resident, criticized this tactic, calling it an "inappropriate and unprofessional" attack on district residents who "have the right to speak up without being unduly attacked."

"It's unfair to be called racist and discriminatory," she said. "It's so far from the truth."

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from the Detroit-based office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

However, the city is responding with documents pointing out several key issues.

For one, federal officials originally said more than 40.34 percent of south-end residents had to fall within low- to moderate-income guidelines - a threshold the neighborhood met.

HUD officials later imposed a 40.5 percent figure - a threshold the area failed by just five residents based on 1990 U.S. Census figures, Gilbert said.

"It's a farce to deny something

based on that kind of margin of error," Gilbert said.

Secondly, city officials could request a new population count to prove what they say they already know - that the percentage of low- and moderate-income residents has grown since 1990 and would meet federal guidelines, anyway.

To support their arguments, city officials have sent documents to HUD and to U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, who represents Westland.

The city is bolstered by letters from the politically active South-east Westland Homeowners

Association and a nonprofit church group, People's Community Hope For Homes.

The latter group has already sold new and renovated south-end homes after being led to believe that a neighborhood fire station would be built.

"One of our selling features to attract new families into this area has been the new development of the fire station as well as the community park that will be situated adjacent to the fire station," the Rev. John Hearn wrote in a letter to Gilbert on behalf of People's Community Hope For Homes.

Lives at stake

Fire Chief Neal said the new station could mean the difference in saving lives. Consider:

It takes firefighters an average of eight minutes to reach the south end from the closest fire station at Palmer and Northgate. Neal said a new station would cut the response time to less than four minutes.

Already, the rest of Westland can be reached on average in little more than four minutes, and Gilbert said he hopes federal officials will realize the need to provide the same level of services to south-end residents.

"Otherwise," he said, "it's almost discrimination."

Local officials remain hopeful that HUD will release money for the project after reviewing new city documentation.

Said Gilbert: "HUD could correct the problem with the data we've provided."

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Anderson said the new rates will strap some residents.

But a council majority, voicing frustration, said they saw no alternative to approving the rates.

"There's really no recourse," Griffin said.

He was joined by colleagues Sandra Cicirelli, Sharon Scott and Justine Barns after Mayor Thomas warned that using general city revenues to pay for water-sewer costs could lead to layoffs of police officers and firefighters.

Without directly naming Anderson and LeBlanc, Cicirelli charged that rate-hike opponents acted in an "irresponsible" manner, and she accused them of putting political careers ahead of good decision-making.

LeBlanc later fired back that Cicirelli's remark was unfounded. "I didn't care for it," he said.

Thomas' administration has indicated that Westland water-sewer rates will remain comparable to those of neighboring communities.

The mayor also said the city's pledge to address federal clean-water measures should keep Feikens from imposing a court-ordered plan.

"I don't think he'll hurt us," Thomas said during a study session that preceded Monday's regular business meeting. "He has got the power to do it, and he has got the kind of attitude that he would."

Thomas had expressed fears that ignoring federal clean-water measures would result not only in higher water-sewer rates - but potential court-ordered fines of \$250,000 or more.

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On Tuesday, June 29, 1999, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37601 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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Pool's cool: Gail Streit relaxes with granddaughters Alyssa, 7, (left) and Christa Genovese, 10, of Westland. Streit was visiting from Mears, Mich. At right, Garden City's Dorinda Joseph enjoys time with daughters Gabrielle, 4, (front) and Abigail, 18 months, at Central City Park's Imagination Playstation.



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down here visiting," Streit said, after making her way to the pool's edge. The girls were eager to visit the pool.

"I love it. It's great," she said. "It's very refreshing." Streit plans to take her granddaughters back up North with her for a visit.

The pool crowd was no surprise to Jimmy McPartlin of Westland, head lifeguard. "We've been open full time the last week," he said Monday. "The weekends are always busy."

The second session, 4:30-7:30 p.m., has been busy, he said, although the 12:30-3:30 p.m. session is usually busier, due to the heat. The pool has been attracting kids ages 7-13, "guys and girls both with their parents." The 1999 John Glenn High School graduate wasn't sure people knew Monday was the start of summer.

"I think they just know it's hot."

The pool gets field trips of 60, McPartlin said, and can accommodate up to 200. Birthday parties are popular, as are middle school Teen Nights 8-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. "There's a DJ playing music."

The swimming and splashing wasn't the only fun in the area. The Imagination Playstation at Central City Park attracted visitors looking for fun on shore.

"It's a nice day to get out of the house, enjoy the weather," said Dorinda Joseph of Garden City, pushing daughters, Gabrielle, 4, and Abigail, 18 months, on the swings.

Dorinda Joseph has heard on the TV about it being the start of summer. She was eager to get outdoors.

"Before we know it, it'll be winter," she said.

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old. Board chairman Ken Mehl agreed that weather matters. "Any time you've got bad weather, it obviously ruins it," he said.

"It's just a way to give something back to the community," Mehl said of his involvement with the festival. "I just think it's good to have the people come out and know they're having a good time."

The event is low-cost, he added.

The stage and other attractions will be placed in Central City Park, behind the Bailey Center on Carlson, with the Vegas area on the tennis courts under a tent.

"A lot of work," Haslacker said. "We are all volunteers. Nobody gets paid for anything we do."

Her husband, festival chairman Charlie, has a name for it. "He calls it the gruntwork, and that's what he does," she said.

The committee includes the Haslackers, Mehl and Dennis LeMaitre, Don Begarowicz, Gary Bulson, Sam Corrado, Joan Dressler, Pam Martin, Gerry Huber, Tim Warren, Michaeline Ward, Cheryl Burda, Barb Polich and Bob Kosowski, Westland parks and recreation director and adviser for the festival.

"He's kind of like our city liaison," Haslacker said of Kosowski. The first festival chairwoman was Gail McKnight, now an 18th District Court judge.

The weekend days are particularly busy, with events such as the kids' picnic for age 9 and under, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 3, sponsored by the Civitans. The Free Methodist Church has a 9 a.m. Sunday, July 4, worship service at the festival.

Haslacker anticipates drawing some 250,000 people over the course of the festival. "We

always have lots and lots of people."

A related event, a Quality Movers Benefit Car Fest and Swap Meet, will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 3, with net proceeds to benefit local charities. The sponsor is the United Street Machine Association/Customs and Rods. Setup time is 8-10 a.m.

At the festival, the Fun & Games Show for kids will be Saturday and Sunday, July 3-4. Shows will be noon, 1:15 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, and 1:15 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

TV actor/performer George Young and assistant Carol Kaye will present a show with cash and prizes, based on TV game shows.

Magic Illusions of Dyna-Mike the Magician will also be featured.

Those events bring people out, Haslacker said, as does the entertainment. This year's festival lineup includes:

- Benny and the Jets, 7-11 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, (oldies, classic rock);

- RPM, 7-11 p.m. Thursday, July 1, (pop and classic rock);

- The Jacob Ramig Band, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Friday, July 2, (polka music);

- Bobby Lewis & the Cracker Jack Band, 7-11 p.m. Friday, July 2, (various);

- Josh Gracin, 3-5 p.m. Saturday, July 3, (country);

- Phil Graham Trio, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 3, Bailey Center, (easy listening);

- Art-of-Fact, 7-11 p.m. Saturday, July 3, (various);

- JC Band, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, July 4, (oldies, classic rock);

- Lonestar Dancers, 6-9 p.m. Sunday, July 4, (country dancing);

- Young Country, 7-11 p.m. Sunday, July 4.

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10 seek council seats

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CITY HALL

Ten candidates beat Tuesday's deadline for entering the 1999 Westland City Council race - setting the stage for the first council primary election in eight years.

Four-council members will be elected. Westland City Clerk Patricia Gibbons confirmed that 10 people beat the filing deadline: incumbents Glenn Anderson and Charles "Trav" Griffin, new appointee David Cox, and council hopefuls James Chuck, Debra Fowlkes, James Godbout, David James, Michael Kehrer, Michael Rintz and Dorothy Smith.

However, Gibbons said it's still possible that some candidates could fall by the wayside for two reasons:

- They can choose to withdraw from the race until 4 p.m. Friday.
- They will be eliminated if their nominating petitions contain less than 201 signatures of registered voters.

Gibbons' office was checking petitions Tuesday

afternoon.

Under terms of the city charter, a Sept. 14 primary election will be held if nine or more candidates remain in the race.

A primary would narrow the field to eight candidates, who would square off in the Nov. 2 general election.

The top three vote-getters will win four-year terms. The fourth-place finisher will get a two-year term.

Council positions pay \$11,450 a year.

Some turnover is certain this year after an earlier announcement by veteran legislator Justine Barns that she wouldn't be seeking re-election.

Councilman Charles Pickering made a similar decision but stepped down April 30, creating a vacancy filled Monday by Cox.

Council members elected this year will join holdovers Sandra Cicirelli, Richard LeBlanc and Sharon Scott.

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school board member.

Cox confirmed Monday that he will avoid a conflict of interest by resigning his school board post - the presidency - when the board next meets on July 12.

His departure will create a vacancy and force the school board to find its own appointee.

Cox will keep his job as Romulus deputy mayor.

On Monday, Cicirelli conceded after the meeting that she was widely viewed as the fourth vote that Cox needed to grab the council appointment. Cox drew expected support from council members Sharon Scott, Justine Barns and Charles "Trav" Griffin.

"It has been nerve-racking I think for the last couple of weeks," Scott said of the process leading up to Cox's appointment.

As expected, council members

Glenn Anderson and Richard LeBlanc voted against Cox because they preferred other candidates, but they didn't criticize his selection.

Rather, LeBlanc said, "I think that we'll be able to work together just fine."

And, Anderson personally extended an invitation to Cox to join the council for Monday's closed session.

Cox asked former City Clerk Diane Fritz to issue the oath of office while he stood with his wife, Jeanie, and their son, Ryan. Family members including Cox's mother watched from the audience and joined in the applause for him.

Cox won his appointment in the first round of voting by council members, ascending to the post more swiftly than some had predicted. LeBlanc, for one, had speculated that it could take the council some time to reach a consensus.

Cox's win precluded a council vote on four other nominees: James Godbout and Michael Kehrer, suggested by Anderson, and Michael Rintz and James Chuck, nominated by LeBlanc.



David Cox

Notably, all five male candidates received nominations while none of the five women applicants did. Cicirelli said after the meeting that it was an incidence she didn't even notice until asked about it.

Council members last Wednesday concluded interviews with all 10 candidates.

Cox, meanwhile, said he has several issues he'd like to help resolve. As a top priority, he cited issues such as whether the city should build a new city hall and renovate fire stations.

Proud moment



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Family affair: Alisa Barney of Westland gets some special recognition from her daughter, Kailee, 10 months, and husband Josh following commencement, as her family looks on. Graduation was recently held for the Starkweather Center of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Woman loved kids, community

Carol Ann Germain of Garden City had a "tremendous gift of giving of herself to her family, job and her friends," said Ronalee Bowman, who was supervisor in the Garden City and Westland Youth Assistance Programs.

Germain, 48, died Monday after battling cancer for several years. Services were this afternoon (Thursday) from the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. The Rev. Edward Prus officiated.

Germain was active for many years in the Garden City Figure Skating Club, serving on its board and its publicity chair-

woman. For many years, she worked behind the scenes to organize the annual Christmas exhibition for Garden City elementary schools.

She obtained her bachelor's degree in social work from Madonna University and then worked as a volunteer and later a clerical assistance under Bowman with the Garden City Youth Assistance Program, which provides counseling and mentoring services for youths 7-16.

When Bowman was hired as the Westland YAP director several years ago, she brought Germain with her as her program assistant.

Bowman said of Germain: "The two things that stand out most about Carol are her pleasant, that she was always smiling, easy to get along with, looking for the best in everyone, being the peacemaker, and sec-

ondly, her love for all children, particularly her own four whom she nurtured."

During her six years with the Westland YAP, Germain handled clerical, bookkeeping and client assessments as well as designing program fliers and "keeping everything running smoothly," Bowman said.

Born July 29, 1950, in Detroit, she was a 19-year Garden City resident. She also served as a head coach for the Garden City Chargers cheerleading squad, and was a member of St. Raphael Catholic Church.

Survivors include: sons, Mark and Robert; daughters Miranda and Trisha; and parents, Patricia and Robert Robinson.

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County parks director can cut park fees after storms

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Wayne County commissioners approved a new fee schedule that will allow Parks Director Hurley Coleman to reduce green fees at the county's two golf courses or other park fees by up to 50 percent at times when the public's usage may decline due to soggy conditions after rainstorms.

Commissioners acted on a recommendation on June 17 from County Executive Edward McNamara that calls for \$25 in park permits and \$100 for picnic

shelter rentals. Those fees remain unchanged and are effective for Bell Creek, Cass Benton, Helms Haven, Inkster, Lola Valley, Merriman Hollow, Nankin, Northville, Parkland, Parr, Plymouth Riverside, Warrendale, Waterford and Wilcox.

Canoe rentals for use from Newburgh to Merriman are \$18, while Newburgh-to-Nankin Mills and Nankin-to-Merriman rentals are \$10.

Coleman told commissioners fees could be reduced as an incentive to draw golfers after heavy rainstorms. That may attract more golfers — and additional revenue — when the

courses are still soggy.

"At Warren Valley, sometimes it takes a week or two to clean, because it is in a flood plain," Coleman said.

These fee reductions will be "prominently displayed and uniformly applied," the ordinance states. A record will be maintained to examine the effectiveness of a fee reduction.

Coleman said later that other golf courses also have special reduced rates in the fall.

McNamara and Coleman had wanted to reduce a nonresident fee for the county's two golf courses from \$2 to \$1, but a motion by Commissioner

Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, to keep it at \$2 was approved on a 8-5 vote. Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, and Commissioner John Sullivan, D-Wayne, who represents Canton, voted for Parker's amendment, while Commissioners Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, and Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, supported McNamara's recommendation by voting against Parker's amendment.

Coleman told commissioners the fees were posted at the Inkster Valley Golf Course in the cities of Inkster and Westland and Warren Valley Golf Course in Dearborn Heights, but they

only ask for residency proof "when the opportunity presents" itself.

"There are times we have to rely on a code of honor," Coleman said.

Parker also asked for a \$1 off for each individual in a group of eight or more for admission to the Chandler Park Family Aquatic Park in Detroit. Parker said he was concerned about the \$4 weekday price for children and was looking for a way to accommodate larger groups of people.

"Four dollars is a lot for a kid," Parker said.

Coleman disagreed. "The bigger issue is the existing fees are nearly 50 percent lower than any other water park in our area," Coleman said. Any fee reduction would result in less revenue, Coleman said.

Parker's amendment on the Chandler fees was sent to the commission's Committee on Ways and Means for study, while the proposed fees for boat slips at Elizabeth Park in Trenton were sent to the Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services. The remaining fees were approved, 13-0, and will be effective July 1.

Senate jockeys to move date for GOP presidential primary

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Trying to be the first state to hold a presidential primary election is like bidding for the Super Bowl; you can try, but the competition is tough.

"It's more like bidding for the Olympics," quipped one legislative aide, who then chose to remain anonymous.

State senators voted unanimously Wednesday, June 16, to move the date of next year's Republican presidential primary election up from the third Tuesday in March to the fourth Tuesday in February.

"I'm sure Gov. Engler would like Michigan to be the first state to nominate George W. Bush," Rep. Ruth Ann Jamnick, D-Ypsilanti, said. But it likely will not work out that way.

While the bill would set Michigan's primary on the date of New Hampshire's scheduled election, Feb. 22, New Hampshire law calls for the primary there to be held one full week ahead of every other state.

So that primary will just be moved up. Still Michigan would be first among the larger states to host the Republican primary.

Sen. Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, sponsored Senate Bill 51 to move the primary date ahead of those held in New York, California and the "Super Tuesday" primary elections.

Michigan Democrats, too, will challenge the traditional dominance of New Hampshire and Iowa in the presidential race next year. Where the Michigan GOP holds an open primary, the Democrats hold caucuses limited only to those who have declared party membership. The state party has set its caucuses for Feb. 12, five days after the scheduled Feb. 7 Iowa caucuses.

All this is intended to gain a more prominent place for Michigan in the selection of the nominees. At present, with the Republican primary election held in late March, Michigan is the 26th state to vote. That's late in the process, and often the nominee has already been decided by that time. Since the election carries a cost of \$6 million, lawmakers want to make the state's preferences known earlier.

But even supporters are skeptical about whether the changed date will bring Michigan the attention of the national campaigns. They question whether it

will have the intended effect of bringing more candidates to the state or that they will spend more of their campaign dollars here.

"You never know when you are going to be important. You never know which state will be important," Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said. "North Dakota and California held their primaries on the same day. Now, are you going to tell me those candidates spent any real time campaigning in North Dakota?"

Regardless, McCotter and all other area senators voted for the bill.

In the house, all representatives voted to concur, except Rep. Ruth Ann Jamnick, D-Ypsilanti, who expressed her dissent by not voting.

Jamnick, a former Ypsilanti Township clerk, said she objected because of the additional workload it will place on municipal clerks. Clerks opposed the bill because the date change would add duties at a time when they are already busy with other tasks.

Reps. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, and Ruth Johnson, R-Holly, were absent at the time of the vote.

Veterans can apply for casino jobs

Veterans can apply for casino jobs at special job fairs scheduled from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. for June 28 and July 12 at MotorCity Casino, 1922 Cass in Detroit.

About 3,000 jobs need to be filled by the casino for dealers, slot attendants, food and beverage workers, cashiers and casino hosts.

The casino is working with Wayne County Veterans Affairs, the Veterans Division

of the Michigan Jobs Employment Service Agency, and the Paralyzed Veterans of America and Soldiers and Sailors Relief.

"We want veterans to be aware that this is a time set aside just for them to apply," said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive.

Because gaming is a customer-service oriented industry, recruiters will be looking for friendly and enthusiastic workers, says Marsha Clark, a

recruiter for MotorCity Casino. Applicants must be 21.

The minimum pay offered is \$24,000 and benefits include health coverage with vision and dental, a 401(k) plan, tuition reimbursement and a \$35 a week reimbursement for child care after three months.

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Overlooked question delays MEAPs

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They only missed one question on the entire test. No, not the tablers, the graders.

The Department of Education was set to unveil results from the most recent round of Michigan Education Assessment Program tests on Friday, June 11, when personnel there began to notice discrepancies in some of the numbers, according to Public Information Officer Brad Wurfel.

Upon checking, they found the firm hired on contract to tabulate the statewide scores, National Computer Systems of Iowa City, Iowa, had missed one question on the fifth grade sci-

ence test.

The answers to that question simply weren't included in the final tallies.

State Superintendent Arthur Ellis decided to pull back the results until NCS could correct the error and verify the remainder of its results, Wurfel explained.

With scores still being checked this Monday, Wurfel was unable to give a date certain for release of the test scores. But he said he anticipated they would be ready for release late this week or early next week.

Some individual and school test results have already been issued, sent to students' homes by districts, but those numbers

will change slightly for the fifth grade science test as a result of retabulation. Wurfel said he anticipates any changes will be minor, since the error occurred only on one question on the test.

Early indications are that adding back that question will improve statewide test results, Wurfel said, but again only slightly.

NCS has been preparing, distributing and tabulating the results of Michigan's MEAP test under contract with the state Department of Education for 12 years. This is the first year of a three-year contract renewal.

Wurfel said the glitch will result in "negotiating some of the finer points of the contract."

He said the department will be talking with NCS to "iron out communications" between the department and the contractor. Wurfel attributed the glitch to problems in communications.

Only three companies in the United States are large enough to handle administration of Michigan's MEAP tests, Wurfel said. For the last contract renewal, only NCS submitted a bid, he explained.

Wurfel emphasized that the errors indicated no problems with the test itself, only with the tabulation of the results.

When issued, the results will include scores of science and writing tests given to students in January 1999.

Sierra Club plans a mushroom hunt

The Southeast Michigan Group of the Sierra Club has announced several July outings.

On July 11, the Sierra Club will join with the Michigan Mushroom Hunters Club on a two-hour hunt for "shrooms," then a potluck following, where participants will savor the found treasures.

Bring paper bags or basket for gathering the mushrooms, water, hat, whistle and a potluck dish to pass for the feast afterwards. There will be optional swimming afterwards. Meet at 10 a.m. at the Highland Recreation Area Goose Meadows picnic shelter, follow signs from the state park entrance on M-59, 3-1/2 miles east of Milford Road.

On July 17, the public is welcome to join a six mile walk around the edges of Newburgh Lake. The lake was drained, excavated, contoured for fish and plant habitat and is recov-

ering. This will be a "naturalists walk," pausing to identify plants blooming, animals scurrying and birds singing. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Newburgh Point Nature Area in Livonia on Hines Drive between Newburgh and I-275.

On July 18, the club is sponsoring a hike at Sleepy Hollow State Park. This is one of the newest Sierra hikes and the park, northeast of Lansing, offers varied terrain, woods, open fields and a lake for a pleasant 5-6 mile walk. Meet at 10 a.m. in the shopping center parking lot behind McDonalds on the east side of Telegraph, a quarter mile north of Square Lake in West Bloomfield. There is a \$1 trip fee.

On July 25, the group sponsors a canoe ride on the Upper Huron. Canoe cost of \$16 must be received by July 11. Send to Lee Becker, 32856 Harmon Drive, Roseville, MI 48066.

Association seeks Clean Team participants

The Eight Mile Boulevard Association is seeking businesses on Eight Mile to participate in the association's third annual Clean Team event, Saturday-Friday, July 24-30. The deadline for registration is July 9.

Businesses use Clean Team week as the focal point for improvements and general cleaning. Many make it an employee-participation event. Following Clean Team, a panel of judges will choose eight businesses to receive annual beautification awards. The event is sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and the DaimlerChrysler Fund.

Participants can buy bright-colored Clean Team T-shirts to wear while at work. A week-long prize patrol will spot workers, present them with tokens donat-

ed by area businesses and enter them in a raffle for more prizes.

"Many companies keep their building looking good all year long," said Eight Mile Boulevard Association board chairman Chuck Goedert. "They don't have to do any special cleaning to participate in Clean Team, but we encourage them to sign up and have their employees wear our special T-shirts. It tells their customers and visitors they care about Eight Mile."

"Businesses that sign up for the Clean Team are automatically entered in the beautification awards competition," said Alexander Kanakis, an association board member who chairs the panel of judges, which is drawn from the businesses and governments that are members of the association. "We also

encourage people to nominate attractive businesses they see on Eight Mile," she said.

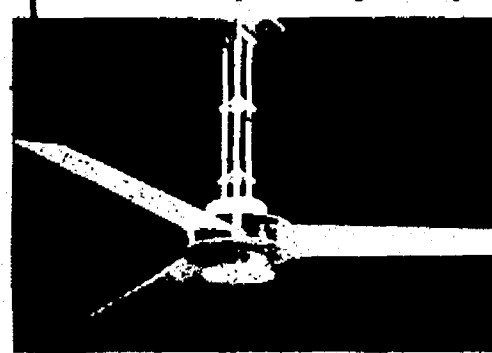
Last year, Golden Spice Catering in Detroit repainted its marquee and repaved its parking lot at its building near Gratiot. The staff of Helping Hands in Detroit washed their building and nearby abandoned buildings. Rose Printing Services of Southfield supplemented its 33 employees with contractors to help them seal and pave their lots, paint their building and plant flowers. The staff of Lupo Chiropractic Center in Detroit picked up litter in a two-block stretch around their building.

Members of the Eight Mile Boulevard Association include businesses, neighborhood groups, the 13 communities and three counties along Eight Mile

plus the Michigan Department of Transportation. The association's mission is to revitalize and promote the Eight Mile transportation, business and residential corridor.

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Campaign launched to help prevent truck accidents

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When Ed Gaffney heard the news of the I-94 accident Friday, he felt for the victims and the families.

Three people were killed when a tractor-trailer traveling westbound apparently crossed into oncoming lanes and slammed into two cars and another truck.

The director of the Michigan Truck Safety Commission called it a "terrible, tragic accident."

"That's exactly the kind of horrific accident we try to avoid," Gaffney said. "It's a terrible, terrible tragedy."

While State Police continued the investigation of the accident, Gaffney and the MTSC began a \$500,000 public information and safety awareness campaign on Monday. That campaign is directed at drivers, which, along with MTSC's classes for truck drivers, is aimed at making highways safer.

Motorists on I-75, I-696 and I-



94 can expect to see billboards along those freeways to remind drivers to share the road with heavy-duty trucks and hear radio advertisements.

Gaffney said "greater cooperation" will make roads safer.

"We target our program

toward the normal, everyday driver because statistics show that more than 70 percent of large truck accidents involving cars are caused by the car. By understanding the special rules of the road involving trucks, we hope to minimize accidents and

have a safe summer driving season."

Education is the key

While this campaign focuses on car drivers, Gaffney said the MTSC also works on educating Michigan motor carriers with classes on defensive driving, vehicle safety and maintenance, air brakes and seat belt use.

The MTSC uses two skid pads in Escanaba and Marshall to give a one-day, hands-on course for commercial drivers in decision making and vehicle control. "It teaches them how to get them out of the skid and how to avoid them," Gaffney said.

Driver fatigue also causes most truck accidents. "We have a course on fatigue," Gaffney said. "We're putting it on a CD-ROM to send to companies."

Truck driving remains the most dangerous occupation in the country, Gaffney said. Created in 1988 by Public Act 348 after "horrendous" car-truck crashes occurred in the Detroit area, the MTSC is a joint effort

to promote driver safety between the state government and trucking industry, the only one of its kind in the country.

Michigan is the only state to have a commission dedicated to truck safety issues and to be funded at the state level, through the \$15 on each registration fee and a special assessment on the registration plate of commercial trucks weighing more than 8,000 pounds or weighing 8,000 pounds or less towing a trailer.

The MTSC has a body of 11 commissioners representing the trucking industry, labor, governmental agencies, law enforcement, educators and Michigan residents. Gaffney said that 400 residents are polled to check the effectiveness of the ad campaign.

Safety tips

Drivers should be aware of several simple tips from the MTSC on sharing the road with big rigs:

■ **Merge and go with the flow.** When merging onto a highway, a driver should pick an opening, adjust speed to make that spot and then go with the flow, blending safely into traffic.

■ **Big rigs have large blind spots.** Drivers are asked to avoid staying in a trucker's blind spots for long periods of time because the truck driver will not be able to see the car. Blind spots generally are directly in front and back of the truck, along the trailer and cab of the passenger side and on the driver's side outside the rearview mirror.

"If you can't see the truck driver's mirrors, the driver probably can't see you," Gaffney said.

■ **Trucks make wide turns.** Trucks swing out while turning because they need more space to avoid a curb or avoid oncoming traffic. Cars are encouraged to wait for the truck to complete its turn, or risk getting caught in a squeeze.

Judge allows class action by passengers against Northwest

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A Wayne County Circuit judge ruled Friday to allow passengers left stranded on Detroit Metro Airport's runways in the January snowstorm to join together in a class action lawsuit against Northwest Airlines.

Judge Daphne Means Curtis' ruling means 8,000 passengers who were trapped on airplanes for up to nine hours can now join forces on the lawsuit. About a dozen plaintiffs have filed three separate lawsuits against Northwest Airlines and Wayne County.

Curtis also dropped Wayne County from the suit, ruling that the passengers were not a party to the county's contract with Northwest.

D. Michael Kratchman, a Southfield attorney who represented five plaintiffs in one of three lawsuits against Northwest, was pleased with the class action ruling.

"We expect to first take depositions from Northwest executives on who made the decision to keep the planes on the runway and why they made that decision," Kratchman said.

Kratchman expects to inform potential plaintiffs about the class action. The plaintiffs who have retained Kratchman alleged in their lawsuit they suffered mental and emotional distress resulting from Northwest's "negligent" actions.

Jon Austin, Northwest Airlines spokesman, said the ruling was "nothing unexpected."

"In this process, these motions almost always get granted," Austin said. "It doesn't change our outlook in the case."

Austin said about 8,500 letters of apology went out from Northwest, offering a free airline ticket for passengers who were stranded. Northwest believes the lawsuit does not have merit, Austin said.

Wayne County attorneys were not available to comment on the judge's decision to remove the county.

A report by U.S. Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater found aircraft conditions during the Jan. 2-3 snowstorm were severe enough to "jeopardize passengers' well-being" and were "bad enough to justify a shut-

down of Northwest Airlines operations even though the deteriorating conditions were above the legal limits." Toilets were overflowing and planes ran out of food and water during the storm.

The report found Northwest lacked a snow emergency plan for Metro Airport.

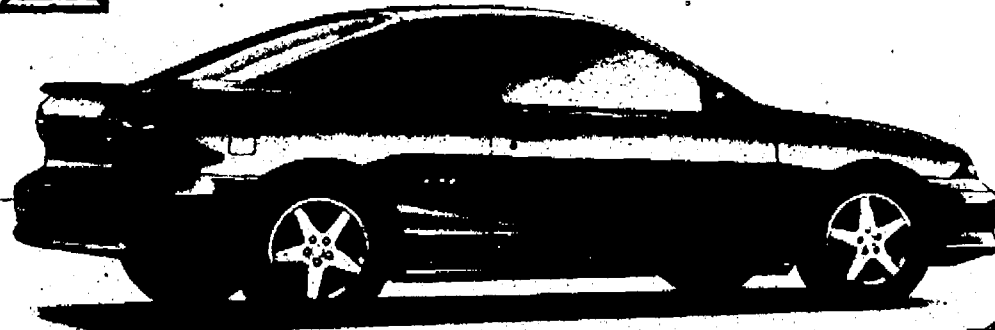
While Wayne County may have been removed from the law-

suit and the federal report was largely critical of Northwest and not Wayne County, state legislators will still be examining the county's day-to-day operations of the airport.

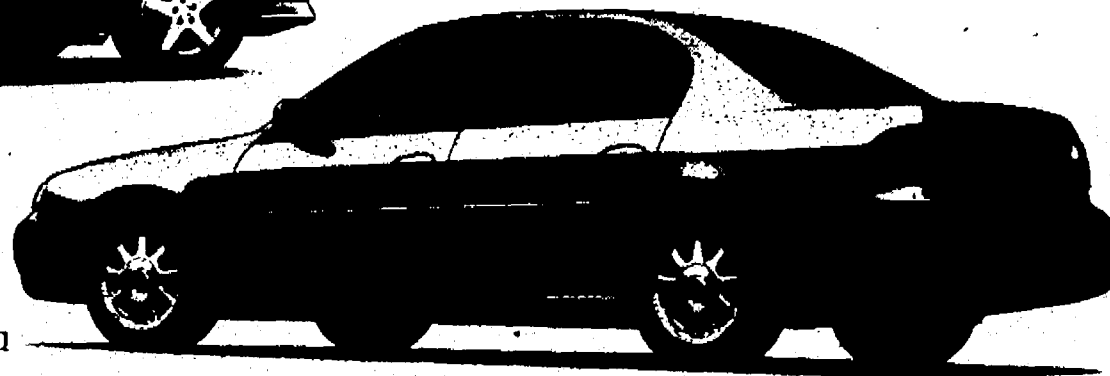
State Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow has chosen Phil Hoffman, R-Horton, Burton Leland, D-Detroit, and Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids, as the

Senate representatives on an airport subcommittee, joining State Rep. Jim Koetje, R-Grand Rapids, who will chair the committee. Other House members are Mickey Mortimer, R-Horton, and Ray Basham, D-Taylor, whose district includes the airport.

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STORIES BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
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A trip down one of the Ford Heritage Trails is a history lesson in Michigan's automobile heritage.

The four trails include routes along the Rouge River, Huron-River Raisin, Woodward Avenue, and Windsor and the southwest corner of Ontario, Canada. They were set up as "self-guided" tourism trails based on the preservation and interpretation of the evolution of the automobile industry in this area," said Nancy Darga, chief of design for the Wayne County Park system.

As the result of a bi-partisan effort by U.S. Rep. John Dingell, D-Trenton, and U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Troy, President Clinton signed the Automobile National Heritage Area Act of 1998 in November of that year.

The act designates southeastern Michigan as the true home of the automobile industry. It also will generate seed money for the historical, recreational and educational development of six primary corridors related to automobile history: Lansing, Woodward Avenue, Sauk Trail/Chicago Road, Rouge River, Flint and the Detroit River.

These corridors recently incorporated into the Automobile National Heritage Partnership, which will be eligible for federal funding up to \$1 million a year for 10 years.

Darga, along with Don Werling, director of the Henry Ford Fairlane Estate in Dearborn, has been involved in developing the Ford Heritage Trails since 1989. Their efforts predate the ANHP.

"We created it as a model of what we could do with the Automobile National Heritage area," said Darga.

Darga said she and Werling limited their scope. "Don and I knew we couldn't tell the whole story, so we decided to tell the Ford story."

Darga and Werling began efforts to historically register all the mills along the Rouge River route, which runs from Greenfield Village or the Henry Ford Fairlane Estate to downtown Northville. The mills include

Nankin, Cherry Hill, Newburgh, Plymouth-Wilcox, Waterford-Adistra, Phoenix and Northville.

Between 1918 and 1944, Henry Ford converted these mills into village industries, small manufacturing plants that offered farmers jobs within their rural communities.

Darga said the communities in which these mills exist did not always realize their historical value. Back in 1985, Plymouth wanted to demolish Wilcox Mill.

"No one understood the significance of the auto industry in their own backyard."

However, Plymouth became the first community to provide Darga with \$2,000 to develop travel brochures and signage for the trail. Consequently, every community along the trail was asked for a \$2,000 contribution.

Nankin, Cherry Hill and Northville mills are in the process of restoration. "The other mills are still awaiting the love and attention they so deserve," said Darga.

Also, development of all the Ford Heritage Trails remains ongoing. The Rouge River route has a 17.5-mile bike trail along

Hines Park from Dearborn to downtown Northville. The trail connects Nankin, Newburgh, Plymouth-Wilcox, Waterford-Adistra, Phoenix and Northville mills.

Future plans for the Rouge River route include bike trails connecting Hines Park bikeway to the Henry Ford Fairlane Estate and Cherry Hill to the Northville plant. Routes through Canton may translate into a bikeway or bike route.

Preserving the mills has become a mission for Darga, a historian and naturalist.

"The whole reason I spent so much of my personal time campaigning for the mills is that my kids needed to know their grandparents' efforts working for the automobile industry changed the world - how we do business, how we manufacture, how we trade."

For additional information and brochures, contact Darga at (734) 261-2034.

Water-powered factories

Henry Ford gave life to his slogan, "One foot in the soil and one foot in industry" when he created a series of small, hydroelectrically-powered factories in the countryside that tapped into nearby streams.

Between 1918 and 1944, Ford purchased several mills and mill sites in the Middle-Rouge Valley and converted them into small-parts manufacturing factories. These became part of a larger "village industry" project that included mill-factories along the Huron, Raisin and River Raisin rivers. Farmers worked at the factories part time.

Ford hoped his village industries would restore balance between the industrial cities and the rural countryside, which had been so disrupted by modern times.

Today, the Ford mills remain a historically vital part of the Middle Rouge Parkway.

NANKIN MILLS (#3)

Nankin Mills, on Ann Arbor Trail in Westland, was built in 1863. It was the center of the former village of Pike's Peak, a prosperous community with stores, blacksmith shop, printers shop and post office founded about 1850.

Henry Ford, who often visited Nankin Mills in his childhood, purchased it in 1918. Shortly after it opened in 1920, the restored mill began producing screws followed by stencils for marking Ford parts.

According to old accounts, on hot summer days the farmers from Pike's Peak who worked at the mill would jump into the mill race from the second story window.

Nankin Mills, with its beautiful 12-inch-thick sycamore beams, is now the headquarters of the Wayne County Parks Department.

NEWBURGH MILL (#4)

Built on the site of an old cider mill in 1934, Newburgh Mill, on Hines Drive in Livonia, was started by employees from the Rouge Plant and completed by farmers. When it opened a year later, it produced 95 percent of all the drills used by Ford plants worldwide.

From 1935 to 1941, the Newburgh plant employed 30 men at \$6 a day. During World War II, the plant made several parts for the Pratt and Whitney airplane engine.

Production ceased in 1947. The building is now the headquarters of the



Still turning: Northville Mill, formerly the Dubuar Mill, was purchased by Henry Ford in 1919. The location has been a mill site since 1827.

Wayne County Sheriff's Mounted Division.

WILCOX (PLYMOUTH) MILL (#5)

This plant stands on the site of the old Hardenbergh grist mill, built around 1850. The Old Village section of Plymouth (once called "Lower Town") evolved next to the mill and contains some of the city's oldest houses.

Henry Ford purchased the mill in 1920 and replaced the dilapidated building in 1923. The Plymouth Plant produced 95 percent of all taps (for making screws) used by Ford. During World War II, 60 men worked in two



Combined labor: Construction of Newburgh Mill was started by Rouge Plant employees in 1934 and completed by area farmers. Between 1935 and 1941, workers made \$6 an hour.

shifts to manufacture aircraft engine parts in addition to the taps. All production ceased after the war.

PHOENIX MILL (#6)

The Phoenix Mill, on Northville Road in Northville Township, stands on the site of the extinct village of Phoenix, which existed only from 1837 to 1880. Henry Ford bought the site in 1919 and opened his new mill in 1922.

The Phoenix Plant produced electrical parts, voltage regulators and switches. It employed mostly women, who were considered to be especially suited to delicate assembly and welding work. Henry Ford objected to married women working outside the home, so most of the women were single or widowed.

To Ford's credit, he paid the women the same \$5 a day rate as the male employees. Seventy women worked at the plant. During World War II, they helped produce identification badges and electrical wiring for the M-7 gun director.



War effort: The Wilcox Mill, formerly the site of an 1850 grist mill, was purchased by Henry Ford in 1920. During World War II, 60 men manufactured air craft engine parts.

The mill is now a maintenance yard for the Wayne County Bridges Division.

WATERFORD/ADISTRA MILL (#7)

Mead's Mill stood at the location of the Ford village industry, now Adistra Corp. Its dam was located just north of the intersection of Hines Drive and Reservoir Road. The mill was in the now-extinct village of Waterford, founded in 1837.

Mead's Mill, which employed many escaped slaves, was destroyed by fire before the Civil War and never rebuilt.

Henry Ford bought the Waterford dam and race in the 1920s. He enclosed the race and rebuilt the mill dam. The Waterford plant, opened in 1925, produced high precision gauges up to the 1950s.

The plant employed almost all Swedes, who had worked for a New Jersey company bought out by Ford.

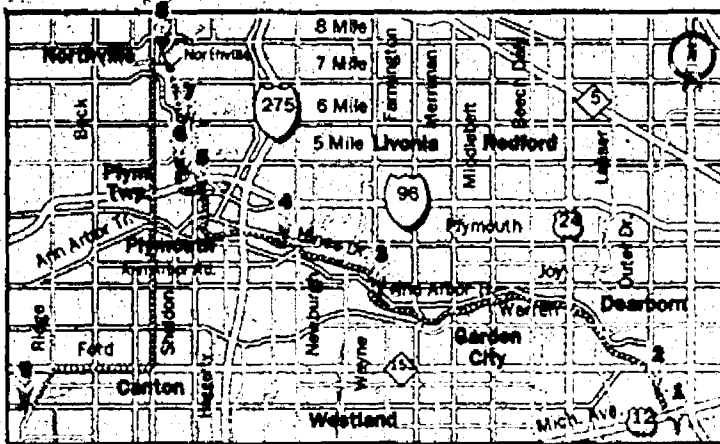
Adistra Corp. bought the building after Ford closed the Waterford plant.

NORTHVILLE MILL (#8)

The Northville Mill, located on the Walled Lake branch of the Rouge River, has been a mill site since 1827. Part of the present mill, made of red brick, was constructed in the 1890s. Henry Ford bought the former Dubuar mill, which produced pulleys, wheelbarrows, wood moldings and air guns, in 1919.

Northville Mill produced engine valves when Ford opened it in 1920. Mill Race Village, located on the mill pond, is a collection of restored historic buildings belonging to the Northville Historical Society.

Source: Wayne County Parks System



The Rouge Route One of four of the Ford Heritage Trails
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HEAT advises car owners to guard against auto theft

Summer. It's a time for vacations, long leisurely afternoons at festivals and fairs and for just trying to keep cool.

But not for auto thieves. They never vacation. In fact, summer may be one of their favorite and busiest seasons. HEAT (Help Eliminate Auto Thefts), a statewide auto theft prevention program, which operates a confidential, toll-free tip reward line (1-800-242-HEAT), want to remind drivers that caution is in order even as they enjoy summer fun.

for Michigan families to unwind and relax," said Attorney General Jennifer Granholm. "But it's a horrible time to let their guard down against crime. Michigan-ers should follow the same basic rules to protect themselves and their homes whether it's 70 degrees above or 70 below. Unfortunately, there's never a good season for throwing caution to the wind about safety or security."

Car theft and other property crimes also are likely to happen when people gather in large crowds - at places like festivals

and art fairs - according to Detroit Police Chief Benny Napoleon. "Though property crime in general and auto theft crime in particular are down significantly now in Detroit, people should always be on their guard," Napoleon said. Like many police agencies across the state, Detroit Police work regularly with HEAT to help solve auto theft crimes.

"We encourage citizens to heed HEAT's safety tips. If they become aware of auto theft activities, call police and then call HEAT. We'd rather have people

be careful and stay safe while they're having fun this summer," said Napoleon.

HEAT says don't make yourself a target for car thieves this summer - follow these simple safety tips:

Use anti-theft safety devices such as door locks, alarms, steering column collars and window etchings. Layer these protection devices whenever possible.

Never leave your running vehicle unattended.

Don't leave valuables, such as cellular phones and planners, on the car seat. Store these

items out of view.

If parking for a long period of time, don't leave windows rolled down.

Tipsters can call the HEAT tip line to confidentially report auto theft-related information, including insurance fraud. Tipsters are rewarded up to \$1,000 if their tip leads to the arrest and prosecution of a suspected car thief or a person suspected of auto theft-related insurance fraud. Rewards up to \$10,000 are issued, if a tip results in the arrest and binding over for trial of suspected theft ring and/or

chop shop operators. HEAT also rewards \$2,000 for information leading to the issuance of a warrant for a carjacking suspect.

HEAT's hotline is monitored by the Michigan State Police and funded by Michigan auto insurance companies. Since 1968, HEAT has awarded more than \$2 million to tip callers. During that period, the HEAT tip line has received 5,848 calls leading to the arrest of 2,207 suspects and has recovered 2,699 vehicles valued at more than \$30 million.

AAA Michigan offers free anti-theft car etching

AAA Michigan and the Michigan Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) will again offer free vehicle window etching, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting this month at the following locations through Aug. 27:

June 24, Detroit West Office, 7800 West Outer Drive; 25, Grosse Pointe Office, 19299 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods; 29, Canton Office, 2017 Canton-Center Rd., and June 30 at the Livonia Office, 37383 Six Mile Rd.

July-1, Livingston County Office, 8350 West Grand River

Ave., Brighton; 6, Macomb Township Office, 21851 Hall Rd.; 7, Flint Office, G5009 West Bristol Rd.; 8, Utica Office, 45700 Mound Rd.; 9, Washtenaw Office, 2650 Carpenter Rd., Ann Arbor; 13, Alpena Office, 2539 U.S. 23 South; 14, Petoskey Satellite Office, 1301 South U.S.131; 15, Gaylord Membership & Insurance Sales Agency, 1662 S. Otsego Ave.; 16, Traverse City Office, 940 U.S. 31 North; 20, Dearborn Office, 18800 Hubbard Dr.; 21, Birmingham Office, 34802 Woodward Ave.; 22, Troy-Rochester Office, 25 East Long Lake Rd., Troy; 23,

Monroe Office, 534 South Monroe; 27, Ludington Satellite Office, 5773 West U.S. 10; 28, Muskegon Office, 3575 Henry St., and July 29 at the Holland Office, 587 East 8th St.

Aug. 3, Coldwater Office, 101 West Chicago St.; 4, Niles Office, 815 East Main St.; 5, Benton Harbor Office, 601 Riverview Dr.; 11, East Tawas Membership & Insurance Sales Agency, 708 West Bay; 17, Port Huron Office, 933 Lapeer; 18, Saginaw Office, 3785 Bay Rd.; 19, Bay City Office, 1111 S. Euclid Ave; 20, Midland Office, 1900 South Sagi-

naw Rd.; 24, Mount Pleasant Satellite Office, Pickard Square, 911 E. Pickard, and Aug. 27 at the Marquette Office, 925 W. Washington.

A miniature copy of the vehicle's identification number (VIN) is acid-stenciled into the windshield, side and rear windows. The process does not harm the glass or detract from the vehicle's appearance. Stickers placed on each front side window warn would-be thieves that the vehicle has been protected.

"Etching the VIN into the glass makes it hard for chop-

shop operators to sell the vehicle or its parts," stated Jerry Hinton, manager of AAA Michigan's Claims Investigations Unit.

Etching can be done only in dry weather and at temperatures above 50 degrees. Owners must bring their vehicle registration.

"In the years the program has been operating, nearly 10,000 vehicles have had their windows etched as a protection against auto theft. "We expect more than 5,000 car owners to join with us this season to help stop thieves," Hinton said.

Exchange students need a home

Cristina, Eduardo, and Alfredo are arriving from Spain next week and need a place to stay. These students and others are part of a program through the Council for International Educational Exchange. They will be here from June 30 to July 28.

Local organizers are asking families to open their homes and hearts to these teenagers so they can learn to speak English better and experience American culture for four weeks in July.

Cristina, 15, loves small children and infants. She has a horse and enjoys horseback riding. She describes herself as quiet.

Eduardo, 15, likes basketball, soccer, computers, and videogames. He comes from a large extended family living in a small flat in Madrid.

Alfredo, 19, studies engineering in college. He likes to fish, hike, and spend time with his parents.

If you have been thinking about being a host parent for a foreign exchange student, this is an easy way to find out what it is all about with only a one month commitment. Call now for information on becoming a volunteer host family for the month of July.

Call Debbie Stakenas at (734) 522-9060 or e-mail her at emmsar@oeonline.com.

Madonna gives honors

Three area students will receive the Ernest I. Nolan Award for excellence in a humanities discipline from Madonna University.

The recipients are Livonia resident Marie Aversa, a senior in journalism/public relations; Canton resident Ellen Wiland, a fine art major in the teacher education program; and Redford resident Raymond Schmidt, a senior music major.

All were nominated by faculty members. The award is a tribute to Nolan, who led the humanities division at Madonna and now is the university's vice president for academic affairs.

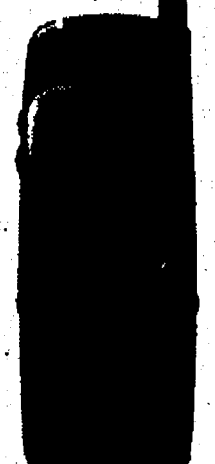


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New asphalt: Contractors from Nagle Paving Co. of Farmington Hills are expected to wrap up construction by mid-July of an expanded parking lot at Schoolcraft College adjacent to the McDowell Center and Grote Administration Building. Asphalt is expected to be poured next week. Approximately 60 parking spaces will be added for faculty, staff, students and visitors as a result of the \$388,214 project.

Grants available to fight pollution

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is accepting applications to fund projects under the Clean Michigan Initiative Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grant Program.

Applications are due by 4 p.m. on July 14. A second round of grant applications will be sought in the fall of 1999.

Nonpoint sources of pollution — which include eroding road-stream crossings, livestock accessing lakes and streams and fertilizer runoff from homeowner's backyards — are the single greatest water quality issue threatening Michigan's rivers and lakes.

The grants will provide funding to local units of government and nonprofit groups to imple-

ment a variety of structural and vegetative practices to reduce nonpoint sources.

Practices such as replacing eroding culverts with bridges and directing road runoff away from lakes and streams can prevent hundreds of tons of soil from entering lakes and streams.

Fencing livestock to prevent access to a stream, installing alternate watering sources and vegetating stream banks can prevent nutrients, fecal coliform and soil from entering lakes and streams.

Applicants must describe proposed improvements in the approved watershed management plan to be eligible for a grant. Watershed plans are developed locally and can be sub-

mitted to the DEQ for review and approval throughout the year. Projects related to Remedial Action Plan and Lakewide Management Plan recommendations are eligible for funding.

Clean Michigan nonpoint source funds are focused on the structural solutions needed to control nonpoint source pollution. Solutions may include installation of fencing and stairs to control access stabilization of eroding stream banks with vegetation or other means, replacing structurally unsound culverts with single span bridges or fencing livestock out of streams.

The program is funded through the Clean Michigan Initiative bond to improve and pro-

tect Michigan's natural resources. Approximately \$5 million will be available for nonpoint source control projects in this application cycle.

To receive a grant application information package, contact the Nonpoint Source Program, Surface Water Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30273, Lansing, Michigan 48909, at (517) 373-2867.

The grant application information can be accessed on the Nonpoint Source Program webpage www.deq.state.mi.us/swq/nps/nps_home.htm. Further information is available from nonpoint source program staff in DEQ district offices.

Mud Day invites kids to get dirty July 6

Splish, splash, the children will be taking a bath.

That's what will be needed July 6 once children aged 12 and under play in one of the messiest playgrounds in southeastern Michigan at Hines Park-Perrin Area on Hines Drive just west of Inkster Road.

Wayne County parks will host its annual Mud Day at 11 a.m.,

bringing in more than 200 tons of topsoil and over 20,000 gallons of water.

Youngsters will be separated into age categories for events, like "Mud Limbo" and wheelbarrow races, and at the end of the day, Mr. and Mrs. Mud will be crowned.

Parents should make sure children are wearing old clothes and

shoes, and bring a clean change of clothes. A cleanup area will be provided at the site.

Parents are advised to bring towels, as there are no showers on site. Kerry Cleaners, an event sponsor, will provide plastic bags for parents to bring dirty clothes home. Other sponsors include Target and 7-11 stores.

"These kids get so dirty that

we've promised to only do this once a year," said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive. "Everybody played in the mud as a kid, and it's an experience no one ever forgets."

This event has been co-sponsored with Dearborn Heights Parks and Recreation Department. For information on this event, call (734) 261-1990.

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 Personable, petite SW mom, 33, who enjoys music, is hoping to share friendship and fun with a caring, considerate SWM, 33-45. Ad# 1716

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE
 Fun-loving DWCF, 47, 5'5", who enjoys sports, the outdoors and gardening, is seeking a sincere, dependable SWCM, 43-51, for companionship. Ad# 4488

LET'S CUDDLE
 Catholic DWF, 59, 5'2", 125lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys family barbecues, picnics and more, seeks a Catholic, Italian SWM, 51-61. Ad# 1992

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

A RARE FIND
 Compassionate DWPC mom of one, 47, 5'3", with reddish-brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, concerts, walking, biking, travel, dancing and dining out, wants to meet a family-oriented SWCM, 42-52. Ad# 8317

COMPANIONSHIP
 Outgoing, honest and fun-loving, describes this Catholic DWF, 50, 5'9", looking for friendship with a Catholic SWM, 45-55. Ad# 4536

IS IT FATE?
 Say hello to this personable SWCF, 38, 5'7", who enjoys cooking, jazz music and traveling. Her heart is set on sharing a long-term relationship with a responsible, handsome SWM, 36-47. Ad# 9455

INTRODUCE YOURSELF
 Versatile, active and outgoing, she's an attractive SWP mom, 34, 5'8", a blue-eyed blond, interested in meeting a handsome SWPM, 28-42, with a strong sense of home and family. Ad# 1212

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IF YOU'RE A POLISHED...
 Gentleman, call this humorous, Catholic DWPF, 63, 5'6", N/S. She's seeking a Catholic SWM, 55-66, a good conversationalist, who enjoys travel, fine dining, shopping and more. Ad# 5454

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

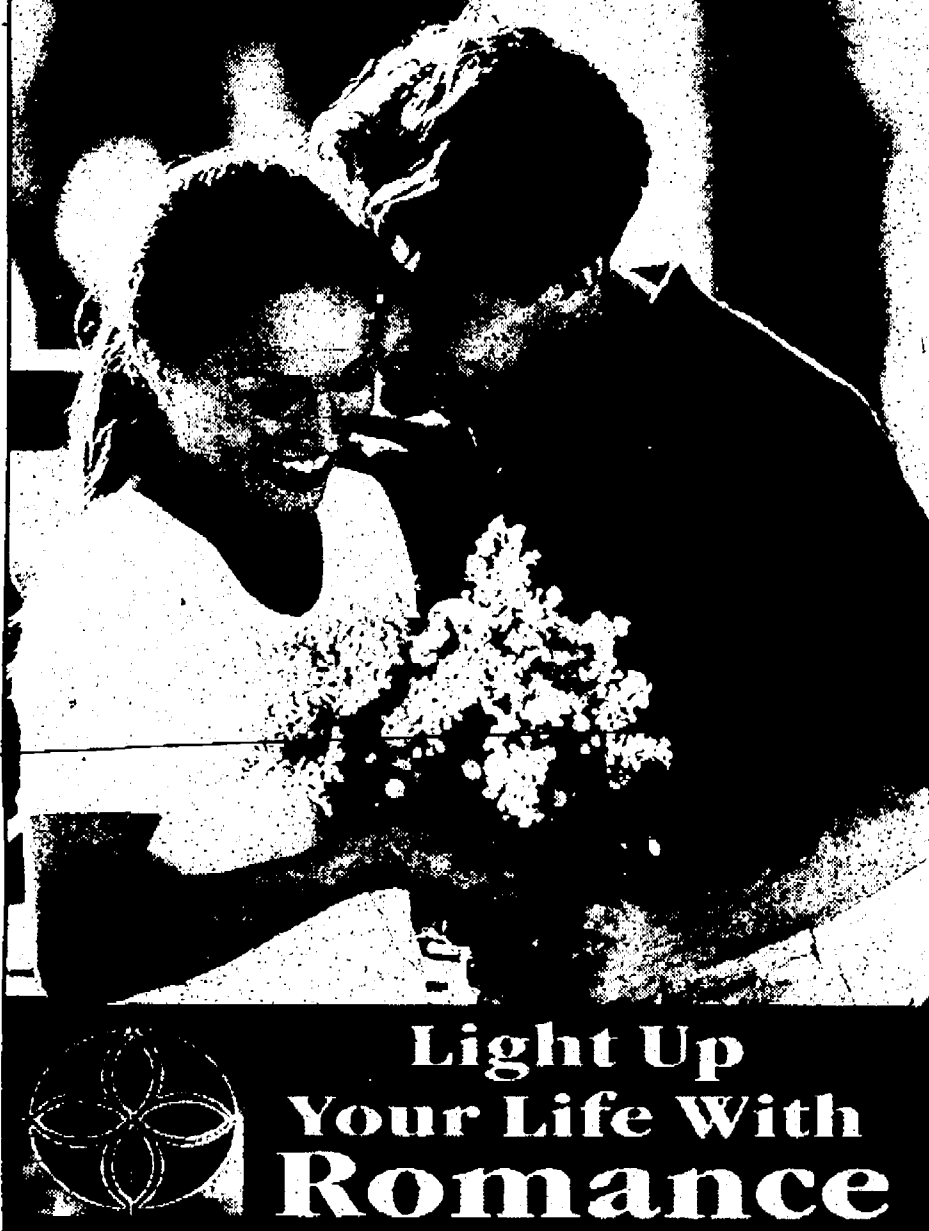
SIMPLY YOURS
 SWF, 50, 5'5", who enjoys music, the arts and more, is seeking a warm-hearted SWM, 40-60. Ad# 9114

CONSIDER ME
 Personable, brown-eyed blonde DWCF, 50, 5'4", slender, is seeking an educated SWPM, 45-60, without children. Ad# 2923

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

SEARCHING
 Never-married SWPM, 40, 6'1", 190lbs., is looking for a fit, petite SW mom, 28-44, for a romantic, monogamous long-term relationship. Ad# 4251

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 Shy SWM, 42, 6', who enjoys sports, the theater, spending time with family and friends, seeks a slender, romantic SF, 30-45, for a possible relationship. Ad# 4123

FAITH & DEVOTION
 Pleasant, never-married SWPCM, 42, 5'10", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fine dining, concerts, movies, sports and walking, is interested in meeting a compatible SWCF, under 37, N/S. Ad# 1111

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

LOOKING FOR MS. RIGHT
 Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", who enjoys sports and family activities, is seeking a sincere, Catholic SAF, under 45, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 2942

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

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 Take moonlit walks with this nice, self-employed DWM, 42, 5'9", N/S, non-drinker. He is looking for a nice SWF, under 50, who also enjoys the outdoors, roller blading, camping and working out. Ad# 4212

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

AVID DOWNHILL SKIER
 Handsome SWCPM, 36, 5'7", 140lbs., likes outdoor activities, golfing, travel and fun things with friends. He's looking for a SWF, 23-38, who realizes how important honesty is to a relationship. Ad# 1550

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

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

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

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

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

FIND OUT TODAY
 SWM, 41, 5'10", seeks an intelligent, honest SWF, 30-45, who enjoys music, writing, reading, drawing and painting. Ad# 1951

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

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July 4th big weekend for in-state travel

Nearly 2 million Michigani-ans are expected to take a holi-day trip as the nation celebrates the three-day Fourth of July weekend, July 3-5, says AAA Michigan.

According to an Auto Club survey of 500 state residents early in June, 41 percent of those traveling are heading to a destination within Michigan. Most of the Michigan travel destinations will be in the lower peninsula (68 percent), while 32 percent will visit the upper peninsula.

The snap, crackle and pop weekend should lure summer travelers to beaches, camp-grounds and hundreds of fire-works displays statewide.

Nationwide, 37.4 million Americans will travel 100 miles or more from home this holiday weekend.

Of those planning to leave the state over the Independence Day holiday, 74 percent will stay within the United States; 17 percent will visit Ohio, North Car-

olina (10 percent) and Florida (7 percent) are also popular out-of-state destinations. Theme parks are among the popular July family treks.

The majority, 85 percent, will travel by auto, truck or recrea-tional vehicle.

More than half of those sur-veyed said they will extend their vacation beyond the Fourth of July weekend. The average trip length will be six days - a two-day increase over last year. The extended stays should bolster summer tourism spending by an estimated 4 percent over last year.

On average (as of June 21), motorists will pay \$1.17, about 6 cents more than last year for a gallon of self-serve, regular unleaded gas.

Based on requests received for AAA TourBook® guides, TripTik® routings and maps, the top five summer destinations for AAA Michigan travelers are:

- 1) Frankenmuth,

- 2) Traverse City,
- 3) Mackinaw City and Mackinac Island,
- 4) Mount Pleasant; and
- 5) Sault Ste. Marie.

Tourism in Michigan is a \$9.5-billion-a-year industry, and the state remains one of the least costly to visit. This year, says AAA, the average family of four will spend \$195 daily for food and lodging in Michigan - \$1 less than last year.

The official 78-hour holiday period begins at 6 p.m. Friday (July 2) and runs to midnight Monday (July 5). During last year's 78-hour July Fourth holi-day period, 15 people died in 14 fatal crashes on roads across the state.

That's down from the 78-hour holiday in 1997, when 16 people died in 14 crashes. Seven (50 percent) of last year's fatal crashes were alcohol-related. Six of the 11 victim occupants did not wear their safety belts.

During the recent Memorial

Day holiday weekend, 17 per-sons died in holiday traffic. AAA Michigan reminds travelers that crashes can be prevented - keep your mind on the drive, buckle up, maintain a safe following distance, be mindful of road con-struction zones, don't drink and drive, don't drive drowsy, and share the road safely with large trucks.

Although the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) suspends much road-work during the major summer holidays, travelers may face unavoidable delays due to high traffic volumes. Allow extra time to reach your destination safely.

For the 35th year, AAA Michigan's "Bring 'Em Back Alive!" Holiday News Service will help steer holiday travelers to their destinations throughout the Fourth of July holiday period with hourly traffic, safety and tourism bulletins airing on 100 radio stations statewide. For detour information, updated hourly during the holiday period, call 1-800-AAA-MICH or visit: <http://www.aaamich.com> on the Web.

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SUMMER DRIVING DESTINATIONS

Home

1. Frankenmuth
2. Traverse City
3. Mackinaw City/
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4. Mount Pleasant
5. Sault Ste. Marie

Away

1. Niagara Falls, ON
2. Sea World, OH
3. Cedar Point, OH
4. Chicago/Toronto
5. Washington, D.C.

Source: 1998 AAA TripTik® requests



New water park open for fun

Chandler Park Family Aquatic Center is open for business. Located on the east side of Detroit, Chandler Park features four major water attractions designed to appeal to young and old. Kids can splash in the 4,800-square-foot water play area called "Tadpole Pole" place, while teens and adults can take the plunge down the 203-foot "Splash Down" water slide. The "Way Cool Wave Pool" and the "Body Slide" round out Chandler Park's list of attractions.

"This summer marks our first full operating season," said Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara. "It's a great facility, and we hope that families from all over the county and throughout the metropolitan Detroit area will come for a visit. In fact, we are expecting to host more than 150,000 visitors this year."


Chandler Park Family Aquatic Center boasts many features that make it safe, affordable and fun for families. Among them, a staff of more than 50 YMCA and Ellis-certified lifeguards; swim lessons, plenty of shaded areas for lounging and picnicking, a concession center and group

rates for birthday parties and other special occasions.

Prices for Wayne County residents are: adults weekdays: \$6; adults weekends: \$7; youngsters (ages 2-15) weekdays: \$4; youngsters weekends: \$5. Children younger than 2 are free. Non-

resident fees: adults weekdays: \$12; adults weekends: \$14; youngsters (2-15) weekdays: \$8; youngsters weekends: \$10. Children younger than 2 are free.

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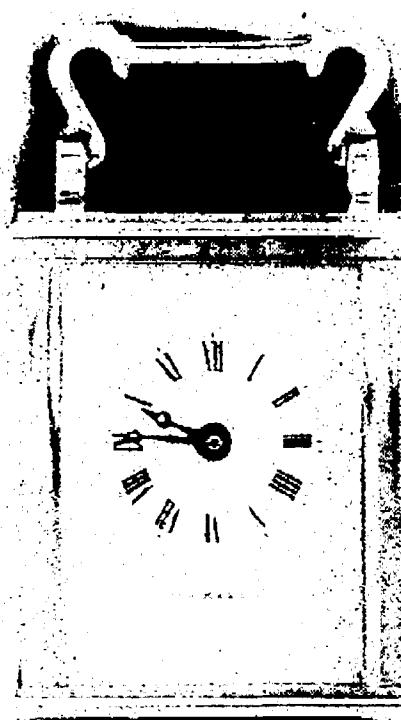

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Garfield issues

Let residents speak minds

Livonia School Superintendent Ken Watson was correct in identifying a petition/letter signed by residents around Garfield School as including words that could be interpreted as discriminatory. However, he overstepped his role in ambushing those residents in a school board meeting week before last.

We can understand that Watson must have been exasperated. He's been dealing with this problem of expanding student numbers in southwest Livonia Public Schools for many, many months. The school board voted this week to close Johnson Elementary in a year.

He's taken the district through all the right steps in gathering input from residents.

The consensus reached in April seems to be based on doing what's best for the students while creating the least dissension at the lowest cost. In other words, no redrawing of school boundary lines and no moving of sixth-graders to middle school. This was, in many viewpoints, a good compromise.

So we can understand Watson's frustration that neighbors in the Country Home Subdivision sent around a letter urging an alternative solution recently. The letter identified the

"transient nature of high density population" that could affect the school's accreditation status. The letter said the transient population surpassed attendees from "our own neighborhood."

Certainly this type of parochialism isn't unusual; people feel protective of their neighborhood schools. But the letter-writer's choice of terms was unusual. And we agree with Watson's assessment that the terms could be seen as euphemisms for minorities or low-income nonhomeowners.

However, Watson's decision to post their letter on the overhead projector and question the woman addressing the board resulted in a humiliating experience for the petitioner that was neither necessary nor appropriate from a professional administrator.

Watson also used sarcasm in asking the woman about the "opportunity for input" part of her letter.

Listening is certainly part of his job. Sure, it's frustrating sometimes.

But district residents should feel comfortable approaching the school board meetings with issues, questions and complaints.

Gambling brings seniors woes

Many are looking forward to the arrival in the Promised Land with the openings of Detroit's casinos with all its glitz, glitter, and new money.

But as this newspaper cautioned readers when urging a "no" vote on the statewide casino ballot issue, all is not gold and glitter.

The state and city of Detroit needs to prepare now to answer some of the problems that surely will occur.

The first week of June, Attorney General Jennifer Granholm announced a task force to try to head off crime related to casino gambling.

While that group will deal with criminal activity, they won't address one of the more insidious problems of casinos — gambling addiction and its effect on elderly patrons.

One of the tragic effects of casino gambling is that the operations prey on senior citizens who, in search of a social outing, fritter away their Social Security check or month's pension earnings playing the slot machines. The image of grandma playing the slots may seem cute at first glance, but it is an occurrence rising in frequency with increasingly tragic results.

Studies show the busiest days for casinos nationwide are the third and fourth days of each month when senior citizens grab their pension and Social Security checks out of the mailbox and board a casino bus.

A study of 235 gambling seniors in Rhode Island showed more than half who gambled had an annual income of less than \$20,000, 31 percent gambled with pension money, and 20 percent with Social Security funds.

In Atlantic City, N.J., alone some 9 million people arrive by casino bus each year. The trips are sponsored by church groups, senior centers, retirements centers, banks — almost everybody. The bus are really mobile senior citizen centers — offering lonely, older people companionship and visions of winning lots of money, which for many seniors is in short supply.

Dennis McNeilly, a Jesuit priest who is a psychologist at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, conducted a study of 81

Omaha-area senior centers and retirement homes and found that bingo is their top recreational activity followed by trips to casinos.

Casinos have removed the stigma many seniors once held for gambling. In fact, many seniors now would rather spend their Sundays on a casino day trip than in church — a major shift in priorities for the 65 and older crowd.

McNeilly says his geriatric outpatient clinic had no gambling addiction patients during its first decade. But since two casinos and a dog track with a casino have opened during the past two years across the river in Council Bluffs, the clinic has treated 50 cases of senior citizen gambling addiction.

His studies show that about 60 percent of the seniors are casual, social gamblers who go to casinos without negative results. Nationally, however, individuals 65 and older account for 1 to 3 percent of all compulsive gamblers and in areas where casinos exist that rises to 2 to 6 percent.

A February 1999 University of Chicago National Opinion Research Center national study of 2,400 adults, comparing data between now and 1974, showed the highest increase among gamblers is among those 65 and older.

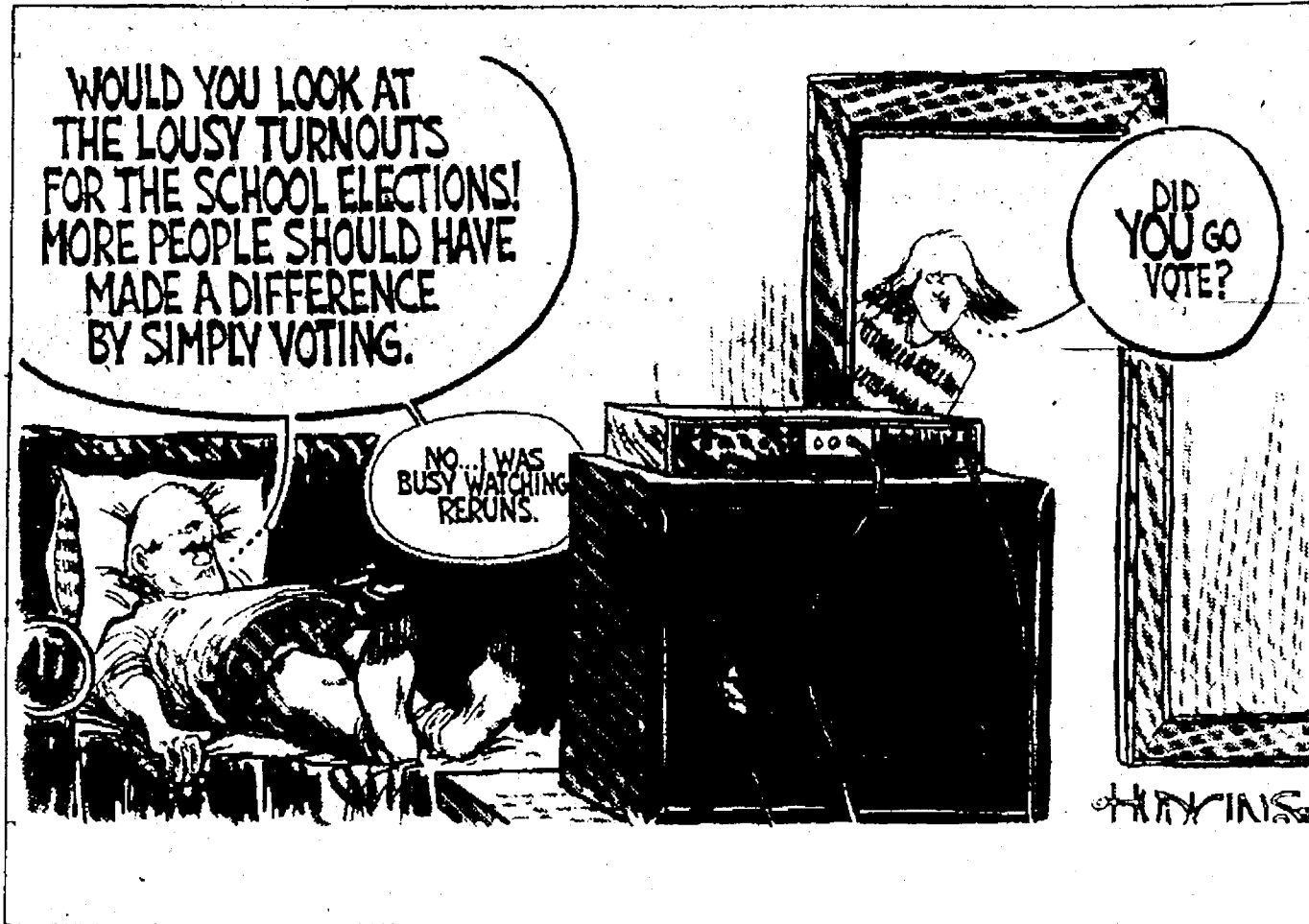
When the casinos do open, and the problems among our elderly begin to surface, the burden likely will fall on the state.

Nationwide, our churches have been woefully neglectful in fighting casino gambling, which most see as a moral problem. Only the United Methodist Church has stepped up to the plate with any significant amount of funds to fight the problem.

The Catholic Church, which is most effective in dealing with social issues, has compromised itself by sponsoring bingo and Vegas Nights. Other churches adopt position papers against gambling but do not spend any money to fight casinos or help gambling addicts.

But the state itself seems addicted to gambling revenues and so we may find grandpa and grandma not only hooked on gambling but pretty much left to fend for themselves.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

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Young wisdom

The following was written by a 12-year-old from Boston. This shows that we should never underestimate the power of a child.

Now I lay me down in school
Where praying is against the rule.
For this great nation under God
Finds mention of Him very odd.
If Scripture now the class recites
It violates the Bill of Rights.
Anytime my head I bow
Becomes a federal matter now.
The law is specific; the law is precise.
Praying out loud is no longer nice.

Steve Jeffers
Westland

Protect our rights

I have just finished reading the letter printed in the Observer on June 10 titled "Ban the NRA."

I was thinking, after banning the NRA, an organization that is fighting for our rights to defend ourselves and our families, and then rewriting the Second Amendment (to the U.S. Constitution) to fit a socialistic mindset, we had better change the First Amendment. After all, we don't want citizens with opposing opinions to voice them in a "free press."

We had better rewrite the Fourth Amendment, so that our homes can be searched whenever, and our personal belongings, guns, knives, baseball bats, golf clubs and any other instruments of destruction can be seized.

We had then better rewrite the Sixth Amendment so that once all of these evil implements have been confiscated we won't have to bother with a speedy and public trial for the owner. Why not just throw them in our already overcrowded prisons? People that think like this don't understand the Constitution was formed to protect "We the People" from politicians and people with this mindset.

Joseph Perrin
Garden City

Enforce more old laws

I thought Phil Power's article of June 10 was right on and to the point — i.e., how did the entertainment industry people "get to have such colossal influence over the culture which defines the world in which I and my family live?"

Now we come to the Detroit Free Press editorial regarding the "Cussing Canoeist," June 12. This article feels sorry for the cussing canoeist, because he was convicted under a 19th century Michigan law, and anyway "adults are more likely to be offended by what comes out of the mouths of children than vice versa."

Now folks, where does that leave us, when the Detroit Free Press and the American Civil Liberties Union think that the law regarding using vile language in front of children should be thrown out? Some say it's up to the families, religious organizations and schools to straighten things out.

I say, these groups have been trying, and it's proved to be a losing battle. I personally think we need more enforcement of these types of 19th century laws, perhaps even 18th century laws, and maybe somebody ought to investigate who finances the American Civil Liberties Union. Do you know, I don't!

Ralph C. Bolz
Livonia

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What is the best part of summer vacation?



"Swimming."
Lawrence Patton, 11
Westland



"Mostly, you get to go in pools. You get cooled off."
Josh Nagy, 11
Plymouth Township



"No school."
John Laprotz, 11
Plymouth Township



"You get to go swimming."
Emily Suminski, 8
Westland

We asked this question at the Bailey Center pool in Westland.

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Funeral home profession has its good guys as well

I'm beginning to see funeral homes in a little different light.

My father, Donald A. Brown, died June 9 and the people at the funeral home in Oakland County who helped us have done a good job. They tacked my husband's last name onto mine for the obituary, not legally correct or my preference, but all in all they've been diligent and helpful.

I remember interviewing James Vermeulen of Vermeulen Funeral Homes in Westland and Plymouth Township when he was named Business Person of the Year by the Westland Chamber of Commerce. Questions about the bad apples in Vermeulen's profession were among those asked when he received the May

honor.

He was articulate in describing the role of funeral homes, beyond burying the dead to include comforting the surviving. Of course, there are disreputable people in the profession, but that's true of journalism, law, medicine and other fields. He pinpointed negative media coverage of the funeral home industry.

Vermeulen and his family have certainly served their profession and customers well, setting a good example for others. It's not surprising that the chamber chose him as Business Person of the Year.

It isn't the way I'd choose to make my living, but I appreciate those who do it and do it well. High prices have been a concern for funeral services,



JULIE BROWN

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but most aren't guilty of padding the bill.

We are going with a memorial service at my parents' church, Northbrook Presbyterian, so it'll be less expensive than a traditional funeral. Cremation reduces burial costs as well.

I think some of the criticism of funeral homes is deserved, but some comes from people's reluctance to face the inevitability of death. Even more so than taxes, death is one thing we all must face.

When I was in high school, we had a unit on death and dying in a psychology class. A funeral home director came to visit; some classmates visited a funeral home as well, seeing where all the work was done. It may sound

routine, but back in the 1970s this was a brave new world.

Demystifying their work, I think, would go a long way in enhancing the image of the funeral home industry. Perhaps it's an area funeral home directors could take up or expand, not only for high school students but for adults as well.

Not necessarily the most pleasant thought on an early summer day, but one worth pondering.

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Disabled people need to be advocates for themselves

Later this month, the U.S. Supreme Court will release its decision for *Olmstead vs. L.C. & E.W.* The High Court will determine if Congress intended for programs defined under Title II - Public Services of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to be administered in the "most integrated setting" possible. This decision will have wide implications for persons with disabilities.

Most people have little knowledge about the ADA. That's understandable because most people don't have disabilities. But a recent survey reports about 80 percent of people with disabilities are unfamiliar with the ADA. This is disturbing since the ADA is the most important civil rights law for the disabled in the land.

And it points out a primary problem facing the disabled community. We are not involved enough with our own business. We are allowing people without disabilities to decide issues that are disability issues. Where we should be leading in policy making we are either spectators or worse, altogether oblivious. We are not fighting

our own battles.

I just got back from Washington, D.C., where I took part in an ADAPT national action. ADAPT is a disability rights activist/advocacy group. It is organized and directed by persons with disabilities. We operate from the perspective that we as persons with disabilities are best qualified to determine what we need to live our lives. We see ourselves as the ones who should direct policies intended to assist us.

ADAPT is an acronym for American Disabled for Attendant Programs Today. We are effective. We are powerful. We are controversial. And we need more people with disabilities to become involved.

But this article isn't about ADAPT. It is about the necessity of people with disabilities to take the lead on disability issues. ADAPT just so happens to be one group that does this. Our action in Washington involved more than 500 people with various disabilities from all over the nation coming together to facilitate change for our benefit. But there are well over 40

GUEST COLUMNIST



SCOTT HEINZMAN

million people in this nation living with disabilities. And most of us are doing little or nothing to help ourselves.

We the individuals who make up the disability community have to take action to change society's view of us. We're the only ones who can do this. We seek opportunity not pity. We seek independence not dependence. We seek assistance not handouts.

We are the ones who know what we need. Yet we're allowing people who work for us like doctors, social workers, legislators, psychiatrists, etc., to

be our spokespeople.

Why? I can imagine how many read the first paragraph and wondered what most integrated setting means. In the *Olmstead* case it means two women with cognitive disabilities (L.C. & E.W.) are only able to receive services at a mental institution. They want to receive their services in a "community setting" like a house or apartment. A real home is considered the "most integrated setting" possible. Lower courts have agreed with L.C. & E.W. The State of Georgia (*Olmstead*) does not.

Other disability issues include affordable, accessible transportation and housing, adequate income, sufficient personal assistance services, access to assistive technology, institutional bias, even assisted suicide. These issues are debated and addressed at many levels. But the voice of the disabled community is but a squeak when it should be a roar.

We can't afford to let others speak for us. We can't afford to let others direct our lives. Otherwise we will

continue to struggle unnecessarily. We will continue to be excluded. We will continue to be stereotyped as helpless, incapable, pitiful and dependent. We will continue to be viewed as commodities for nursing homes, mental hospitals or other institutional settings. The agencies allegedly out there to help us will continue to perpetuate our dependence thus insuring they preserve their jobs.

We are people. We enrich society at large. And our lives are worth living as long as we have the supports necessary to overcome our limitations. But first we have to value ourselves.

There will be a rally at the Capitol in Lansing at 1 p.m. Monday, June 28, to support "most integrated setting" and real choice in response to the *Olmstead* decision, whatever it is. You are invited to attend and get involved. Keep an eye out for me and say hello. I'll be a guy using a wheelchair.

Scott Heinzman is a member of ADAPT and can be reached at (734) 462-2423 from noon to 9 p.m.

School election date key state issue

There's a disconnect going on in the news business. Increasingly, through a process called "devolution," tax dollars and the authority to spend that money are being transferred from Washington to state capitals around the country, including Lansing. The idea is state governments are closer to the people than far-off federal bureaucrats and, therefore, state governors and legislatures will make better decisions about spending priorities.

That's perfectly sensible. And you'd think that the news media, in response, would double and redouble the resources they devote to news coverage from Lansing.

Far from it. Over the past 10 years, the number of reporters assigned to cover goings-on in Lansing has dropped by nearly half. Both the great wire services (Associated Press, for example, the biggest) and the regional daily newspapers (the *Detroit* dailies and the *Booth* Newspapers, for example) have over the years reduced staff assigned to Lansing. Excepting public broadcasting, where Tim Skubic's "Off The Record" remains essential fare for insiders, TV and radio stations no longer count for day-in, day-out coverage.

The news media cite two factors. Budgets for news coverage are always under pressure. And readers, listeners and viewers supposedly aren't interested.

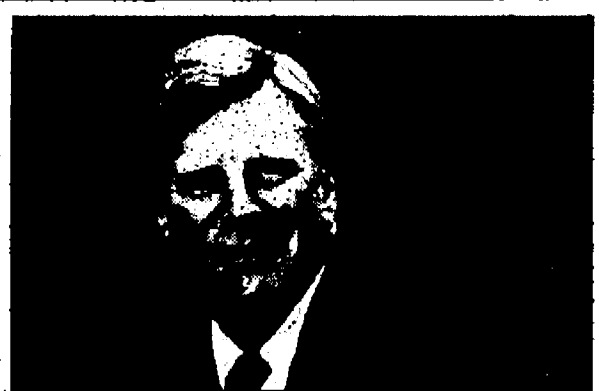
Be that as it may, HomeTown Communications Network, the company that owns this newspaper, has maintained for years a News Service that specializes in covering stories that may originate in Lansing but which have singular consequence for local communities.

It takes skill and experience to distinguish between the general Lansing story and the one that has concrete meaning in the daily lives of local residents. For years, Tim Richard performed brilliantly in the role. Earlier this year, he retired up North, where the fishing is better.

His successor is Mike Malott, who comes to the job with more than 25 years of journalism experience. You'll see his reporting in this newspaper. Watch for his byline; he's good.

An example comes from a piece Mike filed last week. In it, he describes a move in the Legislature to move annual local school board elections from June to November. Chief sponsor is House Majority Floor Leader Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills.

Raczkowski argues consolidating elections would save money for schools, which have to reimburse municipal clerks for running separate school elections in June. And he adds that turnout in local school elections, often less than 2 percent, would go up if school boards were elected in November, when voter turnout is



PHILIP POWER

higher.

School boards are vehemently opposed to consolidation. Adding local school board candidates to the November ballot (already called a "bed-sheet" ballot because of the number of candidates) would only insure that the outcome of school board elections would be largely random because nobody would know what the candidates stand for, let alone their names.

They've got a point. For newspapers like this one, detailed local coverage of school board elections is an important point of our responsibility. The big city dailies don't do it. I'm concerned that if school board elections were consolidated onto the November ballot, local coverage would get lost in the shuffle of elections for president, governor, U.S. Senate and House, state Senate and House, not to mention various judges, initiatives and referenda.

Another idea is to consolidate elections for statewide education posts (State Board of Education and the boards of U-M, MSU and Wayne State) into the June elections for school board. That would create a statewide "education election," allowing the public an opportunity to focus on educational policy and spending. That's entirely lacking at present, which is a terrible state of affairs for an activity that consumes the largest share of state taxpayer expenditures.

State Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, has requested an opinion from Attorney General Jennifer Granholm whether such a change could be accomplished by legislation alone or whether it requires a constitutional amendment. I'd suggest those who are concerned about the bad consequences of consolidating school board elections onto the November ballot urge the attorney general's office to render an opinion before the Legislature returns for business this fall.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@online.com

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SCHOOLCRAFT NEWS

What's Happening at Schoolcraft This Week: June 28 to July 4

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Junior Tennis Camps - This four-day camp is for tournament-level competitors and provides conditioning and drilling on serves, volleys, overheads, ground strokes and match play. The camp begins Monday, June 28 at 3:30 p.m. for a \$85 fee.

June 30: Assertive Techniques for the Workplace - Learn techniques to improve your ability to deal with difficult situations decisively, yet diplomatically. You will project a confident image, have the ability to sell your ideas, say no when you mean no and give and receive constructive criticism. Part of the American Management Association Certification Program, this five-week class begins Wednesday, June 30, for \$146 fee.

For information on these or other CES classes, call 734-462-4448. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

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The American Legion Post 390 in Rosedale Park is offering the

scholarships to qualified students. The award can be renewed if the recipient maintains a 2.5 grade-point average while taking a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester and is in a three-year program.

Application deadline is Friday, July 30. Applications are available in the office of financial aid in the McDowell Building and must be returned to that office.

For information, call (313) 462-4433. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, just west of I-275.

Long Labor Day weekend defeated

BY MIKE MALOTT
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A longer summer vacation was the last thing on the minds of state representatives Thursday, June 17, before they recessed until fall.

The Michigan House turned down a measure mandating a four-day weekend for school districts across the state for the Labor Day holiday. House Bill 4099, sponsored by Rep. Scott Shackleton, R-Sault Ste. Marie, failed to pass muster in a 47-60 vote. It is the second time this session representatives have considered and rejected the bill.

With the school year getting

longer, as a result of a state mandate, many districts now begin classes in August. That means a shorter vacation season for families with school-aged children and for the northern Michigan tourism industry.

Shackleton argued it was a "family friendly bill," designed to give parents one last weekend with their kids before sending them back to school. He noted the bill would require that schools take off the Friday before Labor Day only for the next three years. Originally coupled with a requirement that the state create a school calendar study committee, that idea was dropped.

Opponents argued that the bill would reduce local control of districts by boards of education.

"We have local school boards that are elected. This bill is chopping away at local control," Rep. Doug Spade, D-Adrian, contended. "Next are we going to prevent the band from performing at the Memorial Day Parade so its members can stay home with their families on that holiday?"

Rep. Nancy Quarles, D-Southfield, motioned unsuccessfully to have the bill amended to exempt year-round programs.

Opponents further argued that school boards can choose to start the school year after Labor Day,

but it should be their choice. They contended that if the state is going to mandate a four-day weekend for school districts, it should also mandate a long weekend on that holiday for government offices and businesses, so that parents are available to spend time with their children.

Here is how local legislators voted:

Reps. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, and Laura Toy, R-Livonia voted yes.

Reps. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, and Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, voted no.

I-275 construction closes more ramps

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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The exit ramp from southbound I-275 to Eight Mile is now closed to traffic for about 12 days so it can be rebuilt.

And Wednesday, an entrance ramp from eastbound Eight Mile to southbound I-275 was closed through July 1 so construction crews can replace that ramp as part of the \$49 million rebuilding of I-275.

Robin Pannecouk, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Transportation, said once the Eight Mile interchange is completed, crews will move to the Six Mile interchange and work on the ramps there, then follow with construction on the Seven Mile interchange.

Motorists are advised to use the Seven Mile exits while crews work on Eight Mile ramps. "And when the crews work on Six Mile, motorists will be able to use the Seven and Eight Mile

exits," Pannecouk said.

The closures do not affect the entrance and exit ramps on the northbound side of I-275 at Eight Mile. The loop ramps at all the interchanges will remain closed through November.

Work crews are paving the new southbound lanes for I-275 and working in a southerly direction. That side should be completed within the next four weeks, Pannecouk said.

"Starting next week, they will start on Five Mile and come back

north to pave two shoulders and a fourth lane," Pannecouk said.

Once paving is completed on the southbound lanes - scheduled for completion by mid-July - traffic in both directions will be crossed back over to the newly paved southbound side between Grand River and Five Mile Road.

At that time, construction on the Grand River interchange and the ramp from westbound I-696 to southbound I-275 will be completed.



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JACK GLADDEN

Nature's song worth hearing

A colleague of mine took a solo canoe trip a while back. He paddled along the shoreline of Lake Superior and, for a couple of days, saw absolutely no one. No people. He had no radio, no TV. The only sounds were the sounds of nature.

"It was great," he said. We were talking about it in the picnic area outside the building here at work. We had to talk a little bit louder than we should have to hear each other over the traffic noises from the freeway and the sounds of drills and saws from the workers installing a new air conditioning system on the roof of the building.

Back inside, attempting to concentrate on writing this column, I tried to tune out the conversations of my co-workers, the sound of the press running in another part of the building, the ringing telephones.

And I wondered: Whatever happened to silence? What happened to those sounds of nature? They've been overpowered by man-made noises that seem to have become not only acceptable but necessary parts of daily life.

At home, in the morning, I can hear the birds singing in the backyard. But their songs are often drowned out by traffic noises from the street or airplanes making their landing approach to Willow Run.

■ ... in the car, or in her room, she has to have the radio on. The 'silence' gets to her.

At night, in the spring and summer, I can sometimes hear the croaking of frogs in the wooded area across that street and I can also hear the low rumble of traffic roaring along I-275 more than a mile away.

In the car, driving to work, if the window is down, I have to turn the radio up to full volume to be able to hear the traffic and weather report over the noise coming from all around me. Nothing specific, like a huge semi rumbling past or some kid with his stereo up so loud that the bass shakes his car and mine. Just generic noise.

The Teenager sometimes takes walks or jogs through the neighborhood late at night when it's dark and cool. She seems to like the quiet sounds of the night.

But in the car, or in her room, she has to have the radio on. The "silence" gets to her.

I love to watch those joggers who, while running for their health and breathing in the outside air, have their Walkmans plugged into their ears so they don't have to run in silence.

Nature isn't silent. Anyone who has ever sat outside in a Florida marsh listening to hundreds of frogs croaking at the top of their lungs or gills or whatever they have knows that. Their decibel level can equal that of a teenager's car stereo. But it's the sound of nature.

I guess I'm just too much of a dinosaur. When I was a kid growing up there was no television, radio was the medium for daytime soap operas and nighttime dramas, the transistor radio hadn't been invented and car radios were rarities.

I liked to sit outside on the front porch when it was raining. Just sit and listen to the rain. Or lie in the back yard at night, listening to the crickets and looking for shooting stars.

If we ever went to the beach or to a lake, the sounds were the sounds of waves splashing on the shore or maybe gulls squawking as they flew overhead. No one brought radios or CD players along to shatter the sounds of nature.

The Feminist has a theory that if people aren't "distracted" by the noise of radios or stereos or whatever, they might have to think - or even be introspective - and they don't want to do that. She may be right.

It's just so noisy in here right now, I can't think about it anymore.

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Go to jail?

Monopoly game helps fund mission work

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Youngsters in a Westland church's youth group have been making paper houses and buildings this spring in hopes of being able to repair real ones later this summer.

The paper edifices will be used Sunday, June 27, in a game of Life-Size Monopoly, a sort of Alice-in-Wonderland fundraiser at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. Organizers hope it will enable the Westland teens to join others from across the country in a Workcamp Mission to fix up the homes of the needy and elderly in Nashua, N.H.

"We still need about \$1,300 (for the mission)," said Jann Martin, lay associate at the church. The kids got the first \$1,300 by hosting - under her direction - a dinner-dance fundraiser for adults in May.

Life-Size Monopoly will be played noon to 10 p.m. on a giant 30-square-foot Monopoly board at the church, 37775 Palmer Road, west of Newburgh.

For \$5 each per half hour, four people become human playing pieces on the board, competing against each other by rolling or throwing 18-cubic-inch dice.

They'll try to buy Boardwalk, Park Place, railroad, utility, hotel, building or house. They'll be aided by Chance while always facing the classic "Do Not Pass Go - Go Straight to Jail," which likely will put them in a cell.

Prizes will be awarded every half hour, but there also will be a drawing for Meijer gift certificates and a grand prize: of dinner and movie for two from the Westland Jonathon B. Pub.

For more information, call the church at (734) 722-1735.

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STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Go to where?: Trying their hand at the life-sized game of Monopoly before it makes its "debut" at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Westland on Sunday are Dave Droste (front row, from left), Kerry Bissell, Jann Martin (back row, from left), the church's youth director, Anna Bonde and Kim Sparrow.



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

All ears: Not quite your typical first grade student, Asa, a Leader Dog puppy in training, is all ears, so to speak, in first grade teacher Margaret Fee's first grade class at St. Genevieve School. Asa's "classmates" are Taylor Keefer (left) and Scott Ansteth.

Students share classroom with 'teacher's pet'

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Margaret Fee's first grade class at St. Genevieve School in Livonia this past school year was like any other, until you looked under her desk.

Laying placidly and sleepy-eyed was Asa, a German Shepherd. Fee is raising him for the Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, which places around 300 dogs annually with blind people around the world.

"He's pretty much our guardian - he watches over us," said Fee, who volunteers as a puppy raiser.

When Asa wasn't under her desk, he was greeting the children at the door, first thing in the morning; accompanying them to other classes; joining them on the carpet during story time and even attending Mass.

In fact, he became a canine instructional tool, teaching the kids how to be responsible for a pet and helping them understand the needs of handicapped people.

Turn the table and the kids were helping Fee teach Asa basic obedience, socialization skills and providing all kinds of sounds and experiences to prepare him as a guide.

"We like to get him out and expose him to as much as possible, which is why this is such a great place because he's been exposed to just about anything you can imagine in a work place," Fee said. "He would be wonderful for a college student or anyone who worked in an office. And it enables a lot of children to have a pet who wouldn't have that opportunity at home."

A few days before school let out for the summer, Asa seemed content as the children milled around the room.

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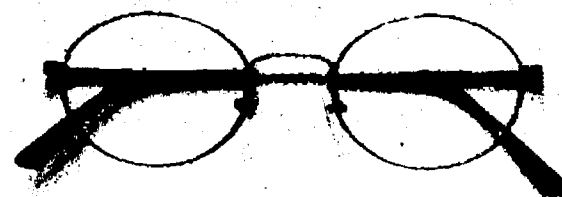
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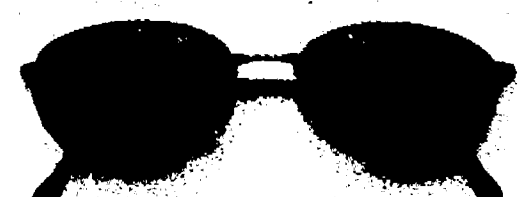
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And the kids, well, they're ecstatic to have a furry friend in their classroom.

Take Robbie Brzezinski and Mandy Lombardo, who especially looked forward to Asa's morning greeting.

"When we walk into school, most of the time, he's right there waiting for us and we give him a big hug and pet him a lot," Brzezinski said.

"He's nice all the time and has good manners," explained Enzo Spante.

Patrick St. Onge said he was happy to know that he was helping a blind person.

Asa is the second dog Fee has raised for the Leader Dogs for the Blind. He lives with her and goes just about everywhere she goes. When the dogs are a year old they are returned to the Leader Dogs for the Blind, which trains them further before placing them with a blind person.

Fee said she cried for a week when she returned the Golden Retriever she raised before Asa.

"When you turn them back in it's very much like sending your child off to college," she said. "I wanted to do this until my youngest child went to college."

Firm foundation

It might be tough when it's time to say goodbye, but Fee's volunteer work provides a great service, according to Rich Kocher, Leader Dogs for the Blind dog care crew chief.

"It gives us a firm foundation to begin training," said Kocher, adding that it takes an additional four to six months to train each dog.

Asa will be a 1-year-old in November and Fee is guessing



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Hall monitor?: He's not really the hall monitor at St. Genevieve School, but Asa acts like one as he watches the students walk by.

he'll return to the Leader Dogs for the Blind near the end of December.

Meanwhile, students like Abby Moening were happy to have him around.

"I like him because you can pet him and he gives a lot of kisses," she said.

"It's special that we have a dog in our class, because not many people have dogs in their classes," explained Marlana Stante.

Sr. Mary Juanita Szymanski, a Felician sister and St. Genevieve School principal,

explained that Asa fits well in the school of 190 kindergarten through sixth-grade students.

"We promote self-discipline in children and responsibility in their daily lives and the importance of being loving, caring people in the eyes of God," Sr. Juanita said.

When it comes to love and caring, Asa's lessons were unbeatable for the students and staff. In fact, Asa improved school morale among the teachers, as well, Fee added.

Even though there's no money

involved, Fee said being a puppy raiser has been more worthwhile than she could have imagined.

"Occasionally, the blind students are at the training with us," she said. "When you see how appreciative they are, it's very rewarding to know. And it's a privilege to get to know these animals."

For more information about being a puppy raiser for the Leader Dogs for the Blind, call (888) 777-5332.

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The gameboard and pieces were designed by 20-year-old Dave Droste, a Wayne Memorial High School graduate and life-time tinkerer who's a popular church youth group sponsor.

Early this year, Martin gave Droste the task of duplicating the game her daughter Nickie, 16, had seen at a Workcamp in North Carolina.

Droste, who plans to study engineering this fall at Henry Ford Community College, quickly realized the original plans were too costly - for example, the gameboard was to be covered with Plexiglas. Besides, he already was working as much as 85 hours a week at two jobs in Westland.

But he didn't back down. "I said, 'Sure!' I didn't know how, but I'd do it," he said.

Having learned Monopoly from playing - and always losing to - older brother Steve, Droste vowed that his project would "still turn out nice, still turn out good."

As far back as he could remember, Droste tried to learn how things worked - so much so that his parents' motto early on was "Hide the screwdrivers from Dave!"

They'd let him take apart appliances that were beyond repair, but it wasn't enough, Droste chuckled. "In Grampa's car, I was always pushing the buttons. I didn't know what they did, but I would always be pushing them. Just a curious kid, always getting into things."

For the Monopoly project, he chose muslin cloth for the board and used his drafting skills to pencil in the board design. Then he began coloring the blocks

with Magic Markers, because they dyed the fabric and kept it washable. They also were cheaper than fabric paint, which would flake off from use.

That phase took him a month of working four to eight hours at a time. It was "the biggest, most time-consuming project I've done," he said.

"It's fun, though, it's fun, it's an experience," he said.

Roll of the dice

The dice originally were to be glued-together foam pieces colored with markers. But Droste, with auto chair foam and upholstery pieces from his full-time job at Phoenix Office Furnishings, got his grandmother, Gladys Seeger, to sew it together and iron-on big fabric dots.

The Kroger Co. donated 30 large and small grocery bags for hotels, houses and other game pieces. Droste's youth group drew in windows and doors and colored them with markers.

If the Life Size Monopoly benefit puts the kids into the July 17-25 New Hampshire mission, said Martin, they'll stay at a middle school, work on houses with youngsters from other states each day and re-assemble each evening for dinner, prayers and fun.

Adult sponsors - except Droste - will accompany the Westland teens.

"I'd love to go, but I can't take time off work," said Droste, who also toils 15-25 hours weekly at Mickey's Dairy Twist in trying to resolve the transportation problem that forced him from mechanical engineering at Eastern Michigan University a couple years ago.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

GREENWOOD VILLA
Greenwood Villa will have a Gramma's Attic Sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 9-10 at the complex, 7600 Nankin Court, Westland. A light lunch will be available each day.

ST. DAMIAN
Crafters are needed for St. Damian Parish's fall arts and crafts show. The show will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 at the church, 30055 Joy Road Westland. For more information, call (734) 421-6130.

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE
Tables currently are available for St. Robert Bellarmine Church's 17th annual Christmas bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 23,

at the church, West Chicago at Inkster roads, Redford. Table rental is \$25. For more information, call Joanne at (313) 937-0226 or Josie at (734) 522-2963.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
Crafters are needed for the 13th annual Delta Kappa Gamma juried show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at West Middle School, 44401 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. A single space is \$70 with table rental available and electricity free of

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LIVONIA STEVENSON
The Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club is accepting applications for its annual Holiday Happening Craft Show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at the high school, 33500 Six Mile Road, Livonia. A single space (booth) costs \$60. A limited number of spaces with electricity are available at no extra charge. For

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ST. EDITH
Crafters are needed for St. Edith School's fall craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the school, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Booth rental is \$40 for a 10-by-8-foot space. For more information, call Diana at (734) 462-6037 or Jo Ann at (734) 464-9370.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Huston-Bell

Robert and Margaret Huston of Plymouth Township announce the engagement of their daughter, LeAnne Marie, to Sean Michael Bell, the son of John and Terry Bell of Chicago, and Diane Gersman of Colfax, Calif.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree. She is employed by Lord & Taylor.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Columbia College in Chicago with a bachelor of arts degree. He is currently working as a sculptor, focusing on special effects.

A September wedding is



planned at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville.

Ellstrom-David

Karen and Richard Ellstrom of Dearborn Heights announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Mary, to Jonathan Scott David, the son of Cynthia and Roland David of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Divine Child High School and a 1999 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by the Fairlane Club and is the Dearborn High School girls' soccer coach.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Divine Child High School and a 1997 graduate of Wayne State University. He is employed by Life Systems Inc. and is a coach for Loyola University of Chicago men's golf team.



An August wedding is planned at Church of the Divine Child in Dearborn.

Kimmet-Zaske

Jim and Kate Kimmet of Ypsilanti announce the engagement of their daughter, Michele Christine, to Matthew Robert Zaske, the son of Bob and Carolyn Zaske of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is graduate of Fr. Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor and Western Michigan University. She is employed by B.F. Goodrich Aerospace.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Clarenceville High School and Western Michigan University. He also is employed by B.F. Goodrich Aerospace.

A November wedding is planned at Christ Our Savior



Lutheran Church in Livonia.

Lightfoot-Waller

Jean Roxenna Gee of Michigan and Edward Charles Batten Jr. of Florida announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Linda Jean Lightfoot of Livonia, to Carl Monroe Waller II of Farmington Hills, the son of

Carl Monroe Waller of Virginia and Lois Ann Waller of Michigan.

The bride-to-be is employed by A.D.A.M. Her fiancé is employed by Pat Milliken Ford.

A June wedding in Farmington Hills is planned.

Chwalek-Mueller

Pattie and John Chwalek of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Renee, to James Mueller, the son of Neil and Charlene Mueller of Ann Arbor.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She will graduate from Grand Valley State University in April with a degree in special education.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Ann Arbor Huron High School. He will graduate in April with a degree in secondary English education.

A July 2000 wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.



Kennedy-Berger

Bob and Ann Kennedy of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Ann, to Andrew Morris Berger, the son of Henry and Elfriede Berger of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Ladywood High School, a 1993 graduate of Albion College with a bachelor of arts degree and a 1999 graduate of University of Detroit Mercy with a master of business administration degree. She currently is a personal trainer at the Livonia Family YMCA and plans to work in marketing.

Her fiancé is a 1983 graduate of Edsel Ford High School, a 1987 graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration and a 1991 CMU graduate with a master's degree. He is attending Lawrence Tech-



nological University and is employed by Visteon Automotive.

A September wedding is planned at St. Valentine Catholic Church in Redford.

Gates-Sholler

Chuck and Sylvia Gates of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen AnnMarie, to Jeremy Scott Sholler, the son of Kevin and Beth Sholler, also of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of John Glenn High School. She is employed at STMicroelectronics in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a 1996 graduate of John Glenn High School. He is serving in the Marines Corps and is stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

No wedding date has been set.



Norman-Lynch

Anthony Norman of South Rockwood announces the engagement of his daughter, Christina Marie of Garden City, to Collin Michael Lynch, the son of Aubrey Lynch of Shaker Heights, Ohio.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of St. Mary Academy and Eastern Michigan University. She is pursuing a master's degree at Marygrove College. She is employed as a teacher by the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Woodhaven High School. He is self-employed in plastering.

A November wedding is



planned at St. Valentine Catholic Church in Redford.

Daily-Turkisher

Linda Daily of Plymouth and Michael Daily of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kellie Lyn; to Richard Ian Turkisher, the son of Robert and Nancy Turkisher of Vancouver, Wash.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in packaging. She is employed as a manufacturing engineer at Freightliner Corporation in Portland, Ore.

Her fiancé is a 1984 graduate of Manitou Springs High School in Colorado and a 1989 graduate of Colorado State University with a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering. He is



employed as an applications engineer at Freightliner Corporation in Portland.

A September wedding is planned in Portland.

Groves-Cooper

Douglas and Judith Groves of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Jody, to Geoffrey Mark Cooper, the son of Olive Cooper and Frances Cooper of Birmingham.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Redford Union High School and Oakland Community College. She is employed as a registered nurse in surgical intensive care at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Birmingham Seaholm High School and Northwestern Michigan University. He is serving in the U.S. Navy and is stationed in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, aboard the submarine USS San Francis-



co. An April wedding is planned at Grace Lutheran Church.

NEW VOICES

Dee and Trish O'Doherty-Chapman of Westland announce the birth of Gavin Shaun March 1 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins siblings, Andre'ya, Rachel, Tabitha and Kyle Chapman. Grandparents are Nancy O'Doherty-Ross of Livonia and Patrick Joseph O'Doherty of Lansing.

Stephen Holycross and Kara Gill of Livonia announce the birth of Rhyanne Lyn Holycross Feb. 3 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Lorinda Wallace of Garden City and Scott and Sue Holycross of Livonia.

Frank and Cindy Lena of Westland announce the birth of Ryleigh Madiayn March 8 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. Grandparents are Sandy and Jim Gillespie of Dearborn and Maria Lena of Dearborn Heights.

Gary and Jill Stupya of Garden City announce the birth of Carter Michael Feb. 5 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has a brother, Bryan Boca, 13. Grandparents are Charlene Drouillard of Westland and Adam and Dolly Stupya of Garden City.

Rich and Colleen Atkinson of Danville, Calif., announce the birth of Cameron Michael Feb. 25 at San Ramon Regional Hospital in San Ramon, Calif. He joins a 19-month-old brother, Kyle Richard. Grandparents are Tony and Sharon Conrad of Livonia and Dick and Katy Atkinson of Santa Ynez, Calif. Great-grandmother is Lena Pasquini of Lompoc, Calif.

Gary and Shannon Schmalz of Garden City announce the birth of Connor Lee Feb. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has a brother, Cody, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Tom and Rhonda Parks, Larry Schmalz and Shelley Pearson.

David Feldman, formerly of Westland, and Sarepta Small, both of Houghton Lake announce the birth of Madison Eileen Feldman March 19 at Mercy

Hospital in Grayling. Grandparents are Alex and Judy Nagy and Keith Feldman, all of Westland.

Steven and Sally Conciatore of Westland announce the birth of Lukas Bradley Feb. 14 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins five siblings - Ruthanne, 8, Becky, 4, Ricky, 2, Lyndsey, 17 and Dustin, 14. Grandparents are Don and Carol Sanderson of Westland, James Conciatore of Flat Rock and Marlynn Haney of Garden City.

Kinneth-Ray Washington Jr. and Robin Stone of Redford announce the birth of Kinneth Ray Washington III Feb. 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has a sister, Kiara N'Delika Stone, 3.

Jeff and Kellie Russell of Canton announce the birth of Samantha Lynn Feb. 20 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Dave and Ann Russell of Redford and Alan and Pat Dunbar of Canton.

Tony and Debbie Vieceili of Westland announce the birth of Kaylin Carol Feb. 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Mike and Karen Vieceili of Westland and Mel and Carol Ott of Sterling Heights.

Giming and Mei-Jung Wang of Westland announce the birth of Joanna Wang Feb. 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Ko-Chin and Hue-Chin Wang of Taipei.

Stewart and Crystal Napier of Garden City announce the birth of Austin Mathew Feb. 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Pearl and Jacquelin Adkins of Inkster and Ron and Fran Kemp of Maryville, Tenn.

Heather Kall of Westland announces the birth of Christopher Ryan March 9 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are David and Shelia Kall of Westland.

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CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONCERT SERIES

The Westland Cultural Society summer concert series will continue. Remaining dates are Sunday, June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25, Aug. 1, Aug. 8, Aug. 15 and Aug. 22. All concerts will be 6 p.m. at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland Performance Pavilion, 6123 Central City Parkway, between Warren and Ford, except 6:30 p.m. July 18 at Stottlemeyer Park. Concerts are free, and the Bailey Center is the rain location. Concerts are sponsored by the Westland City Council and feature a variety of musical styles. For information, call (734) 722-7620.

AT THE LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library group 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.

RECREATION

RECREATION AND FUN

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

FIGURE SKATING

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

BAILEY CENTER POOL

The pool at Westland's Bailey Center is on Ford at Carlson. Regular hours are noon to 3:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m. daily. The outdoor pool is heated. There is a water slide 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 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, with a disc jockey, pizza and pop. Admission is \$1. Swim lessons will be 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. These are two-week sessions; for information, call (734) 722-7620. Pool prices are \$2 for a resident child, \$3 for a resident adult, \$4 for a nonresident child, \$4 for a nonresident adult. Season passes are \$50.

SUMMER DAY CAMP

The Salvation Army in Westland is accepting registrations for summer day camp for children ages 7-12. Camp will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 28 to Aug. 6, at the Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, Westland. For information, call Sharon, (734) 722-3660.

VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTED LIVING

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

SCHOOLS

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S

Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in its 2-year toddler-parent class on Friday mornings; 3-year class Monday and Wednesday mornings; and the 4-year class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Classes run from September to May. Parents are required to help out at the school. All classes are in the Newburg United Methodist Church on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. For more information, call April at (734) 522-8469.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottlemeyer 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.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE

The Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool for ages 3-4, is at 9601 Hubbard. Parents learn with their children. Enrollment is limited. For information, call Karen at (734) 522-3714.

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

Found in space



Exploring: The mural at Marshall is a student creation.

Students aim high with mural

Marshall Middle School eighth-graders Matthew Waun and Roger Miller are co-designers of a school mural. The mural depicts an outer space scene with the dashboard of a spaceship called the JMMSTYK (John Marshall Middle School Year 2000) with the Earth, a comet, the moon, Mars, sun and the Viking II space explorer. Vikings is the name of Marshall's mascot.

The mural was painted by April Dobbs' eighth-grade Service Learning class, which was funded by a Quest grant. Service Learning involves students doing projects which contribute to the improvement of their school and/or community.

The steps in Service Learning are planning, action, reflection and celebration. Students worked in teams on the painting and all of the art students wrote their reflections on the finished mural.

All class members received certificates, and the co-designers were honored as outstanding artists.

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 Newburg United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail

between Wayne and Newburgh, Livonia. Children are grouped together by ages in rooms with two caregivers per room. This program is an optional co-op, with parents working once each month. Call (734) 422-0149.

HISTORIC

PERRINSVILLE

The historic Perrinsville one-room school 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 Merriman in Westland.

WESTLAND MUSEUM

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

TIGER GAMES

The Senior Resources Department-Friendship Center is offering trips to Tiger games this year: 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.

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

MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE

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

WORK REFERRAL

Information Center Inc. refers workers to 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 ADLINES

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.

T.O.P.S.

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

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. MI53 meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Opti-mEyes, Westland Super Vision Center, 35184 Central City Parkway, Westland. (734) 427-5200. Leader, Michele, (734) 422-1726; secretary, Karen, (734) 729-6368.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) urges people who want to learn the art of public speaking to attend the club's weekly meetings 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road next to Westland Shopping Center. Call John Elbe at (734) 326-5419.

BINGO

DEMS' BINGO

The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party sponsors bingo games 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in the M.J. Hall, 35412 Michigan, next to the Farmer Jack Supermarket in Wayne. Call (734) 421-1517.

MORE DEMS' BINGO

The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party holds bingo games 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Cherry Hill Hall, on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy. Call (734) 421-1517.

ST. MEL CHURCH

Bingo games are held 6:45 p.m. Fridays in St. Mel Church's activities building, on Inkster Road north of Warren Road. Doors open 4 p.m. Food is available.

WFCL BINGO

The Finesse Girls Travel Softball Boosters hold bingo games 6:30-9:45 p.m. every Monday to raise money for the girls' softball program. The bingo games are at the Wayne Ford Civic League hall, on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford, Westland.

MORE BINGO

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army and School for the Blind. Call (734) 422-5025 or (734) 729-8681.

SHAMROCK BINGO

Bingo is played at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road, Wayne. Doors open 9 a.m. Food available. Proceeds go to charity. Call (734) 728-3020.

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.

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STEVE KOWALSKI

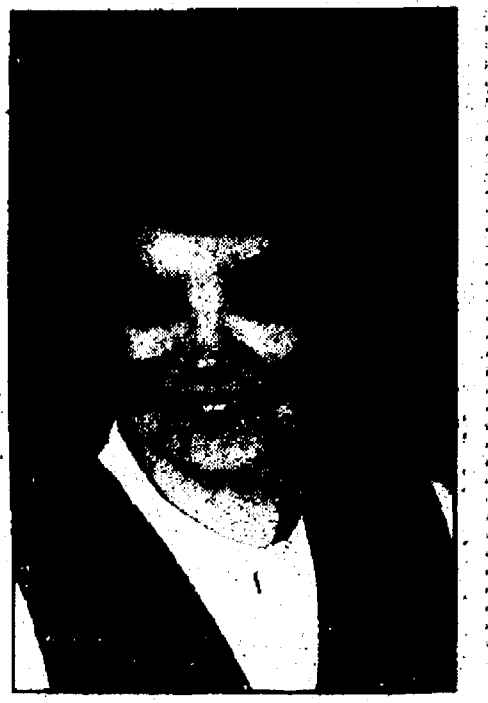
Denis Southers received a modest wage as a lunchroom/playground monitor over the last decade at St. Michael School in Livonia. As much as he handed out quarters, some days must have felt like volunteer work. The tradition began when he was assigned to his daughter's first grade class. Call it Southers' hospitality. "I told them I'd give a quarter to anyone who comes in with a 'hole in their smile,'" said Southers, a retired police officer and a single parent with custody of his children, Christina and Julia. "Before I knew it I was giving quarters to the other first grade class and second graders."

In their wildest dreams students probably never saw a tooth fairy who is 6-foot-4 and of the male gender with long hair in a pony tail. Southers, who is moving to Gaylord, doesn't look like your typical lunchroom mother, or father, either. There is a hair code for males at St. Michael but principal Sister Carolyn Ratkowski gladly made an exception. First hired as a monitor in charge of one class, Southers became the lunch program supervisor in 1995 and was as well liked as predecessors Tina Szczepanik and Pat Repasky. It's people like Southers and Sara Copi, a volunteer extraordinaire, who have made life for St. Michael students and faculty simpler. At a creative end of the year school assembly, a teary-eyed Southers received an extra-large

thank you card and a jar full of quarters, one from each student. Kids would flock to Southers on the playground, even those with all their teeth. He was the first to settle disputes among students (and lunchroom mothers) and the first to pick up a child after a fall. Southers is young enough to be a son of some lunchroom mothers, but he's more like their big brother. It's this close relationship that allowed him once to jokingly give a lunchroom mother a quarter on a day she forget to wear a denture. He was the lunch staff's unofficial cab driver, insisted on paying half the dinner tabs though he was usually only one of 10 in attendance, and had a listening ear for all. He lived blocks from school but drove out of his way to buy doughnuts. That stopped after realizing nothing could top the

lunchroom mothers' homemade desserts. The only way the lunch staff could have improved is if Southers recruited Copi, who's been busy doing everything else. If there was an all-America team for volunteers, Copi would be captain. The last of her 10 children graduated last year from St. Michael and though she has slowed down, she's far from retired. With a crew that big at home, chaperoning field trips must have been a breeze. "She volunteers for anything and everything," said St. Michael receptionist Cecilia Hartsock. Copi, married 33 years to Madonna University professor James Copi, is a commissioner for the school's Boy Scouts. Six of her seven sons earned Eagle Scout status, the highest ranking, and the seventh is working on it. Is that a record? She's a talented photographer, which helped her produce the school's yearbook. She's still producing a memory book, the church's annual publication. "She takes pictures for every-

body," said her daughter Janene, engaged to Livonian Andy Kummer. "When she came to our shower - I can't believe this, but I do believe this - she forgot her purse but had her camera bag. She's always got a camera and is always at St. Mike's for something." Memories mean everything to Copi, who has separate scrapbooks for all her children from birth on, and all the Boy Scouts. Parents often tell their children to get off the phone, and Copi is no different, only she's telling them so that she can get on. "She's just incredible, and she spends more time on the phone than anyone I know, organizing things," said daughter Sherri Smith, 31. "She just likes to see people happy. We tease her about all the stuff she does and her comment is that it's not that big of a deal, nothing's ever a 'big deal.' She doesn't want credit for anything." Copi babysits her only grandchild, Rachel Smith, 2, whose mother teaches at Stevenson High School. "I have piece of mind knowing she's the one watching her," said



Volunteer extraordinaire Sara Copi

Sherri Smith. "She loves going over to grandma's house and is carted off to St. Mike's, whenever my mom is helping."

Editor's note: Redford-Garden City sports editor Steve Kowalski, a lunchroom monitor by day, turned down Southers' position because he can't afford it. Plus, he prefers his hair short.

Thank you: Denis Southers thanks the St. Michael School students for his going-away gifts - a jar of quarters collected from the 857 students along with a new shirt. For eight years he has given away \$10 a week in quarters to every student who lost a tooth during the school year.



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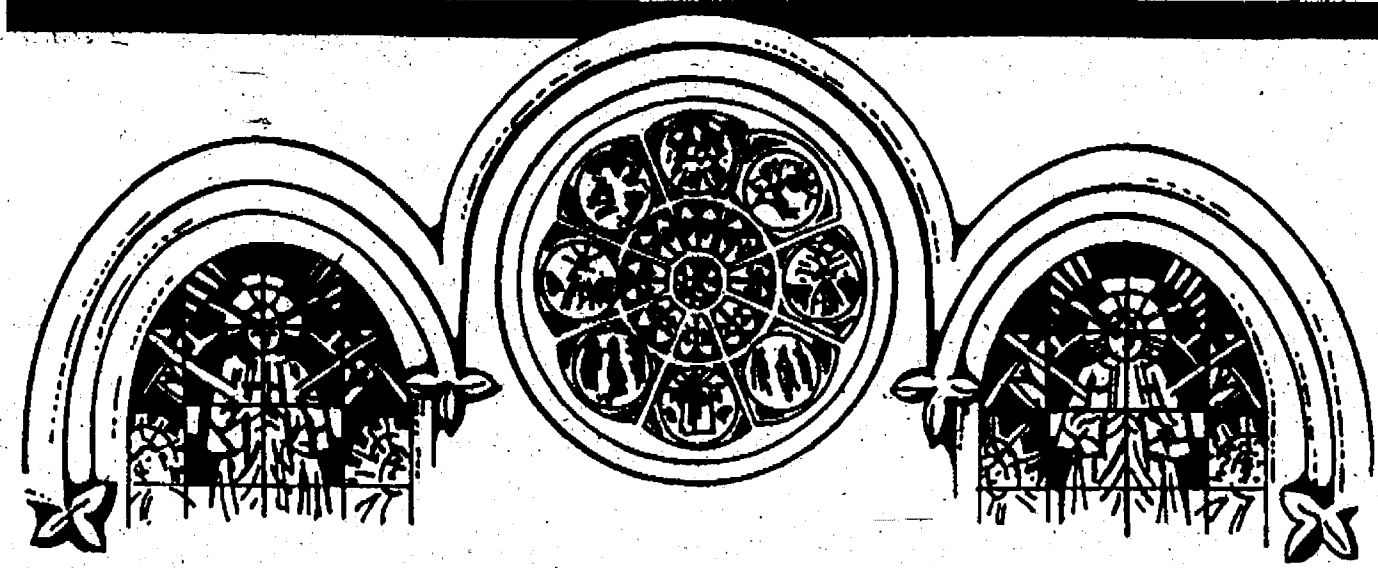
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SINGLE PLACE
Barbara Waltry and Mary Ann Mercieca will talk about stalking and personal protection orders at Single Place Presents at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main Street, Northville. The Open Forum will feature "The Book of Questions" with facilitator Tony Valenti. There is a \$4 per person charge. For more information, call Single Place Ministries at (248) 349-0911.

Summer Dance
Detroit Area Catholic Singles will have a summer dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, June 26, at St. Edith's Church, Newburgh Road south of Five Mile Road, Livonia. Cost will be \$8 and includes refreshments, DJ, pizza and pop served the first 1 1/2 hours.

The dance is for singles over age 21, and proper attire is required. For more information, call Pat at (313) 277-6083, Bill at (734) 641-2398, Joanne at (734) 591-0258, Jane at (734) 284-8958 or Becky at (734) 459-4341.

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The Felician Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary province in Livonia are conducting their 15th Provincial Chapter. Sisters who serve throughout eight dioceses in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana have come together as a community at the provincialate in Livonia to discern their future as Felician-Franciscans.

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At the conclusion of the chapter on July 2, representatives will be selected to serve as delegates to the General Chapter in Rome in 2000.

FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL
Westland Church of the Nazarene will have its first Family Fun Festival 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at the church, 38600 Palmer Road, Westland.

There will be games (dunk tank, basketball shoot, treasure hunt), and bake sale. Hot dogs, popcorn and beverages will be served. All food and activities are free of charge. For more information, call the church at (734) 721-5545.

MONOPOLY
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will host Life-Sized Monopoly noon-10 p.m. Sunday, June 27, at the church, 37775 Palmer Road, Westland. The cost will be \$5 per person for a half-hour of playing time. Proceeds will benefit the Workcamp Mission trip. For more information, call (734) 722-1735.

"LIVING ON EDGE"
Newburg United Methodist Church Youth Choir will perform "Living on the Edge" at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Sunday, June 27, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, following a week-long tour in Ohio.



At Full Gospel Temple: The legendary Blackwood Brothers Quartet will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 1, at the Full Gospel Temple Church, 34033 Palmer Road, Westland. The quartet's concerts are filled with songs spanning a 60-year history, including "How Great Thou Art," "Just a Little Walk with Jesus" and "I'll Fly Away." The concert is free of charge, and a love offering will be taken. For more information, call the church at (734) 326-3333.

"Living on the Edge" is a youth musical written by Michael W. Smith. In the musical, Oliver Grigsby and four of his friends at Dewey High School have made a commitment to try "living on the edge" as Christians. For one week, they measure everything they do against the example set for them by Jesus.

Following the 10 a.m. worship service, El Buen Pastor, Newburg's partner Church in southwest Detroit, will provide an Hispanic coffee hour. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-0149.

DAY CAMP
Ward Evangelical Presbyter-

ian Church will sponsor five weeks of day camp 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (extended care will be available) June 28-July 30 for children entering the first grade through sixth-graders at the church, 40000 Six Mile Road, 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 and children can register for one or more weeks. To register or for

more information, call the Christian Education Office at (248) 374-5977.

NEW BEGINNINGS
New Beginnings, a grief support group, will have a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 1, 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

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RUMMAGE SALE
St. James Presbyterian Church will have a rummage sale 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 9, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 10, at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 534-7730.

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.

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 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.

SINGLE POINT
Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will host a summer divorce recovery workshop 7-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 12-16, and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 17, at the church. The cost is \$25 in advance or \$30 for those who register the first night and \$15 for those who are repeating the workshop and have the books. Free child care will be provided. For more information, call the Single Point office at (248) 374-5920.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

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GARDEN CITY PRESBYTERIAN
Garden City Presbyterian Church is accepting registration for its vacation Bible school 9 a.m. to noon June 28-July 1 at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. Children age 4 through fifth-graders are invited to come and explore the "Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure." For more information, call the church at (734) 421-7620.

CALVARY BAPTIST
Calvary Baptist Church will have its vacation Bible school,

SonCastle Faire, 9:30 a.m. to noon June 28-July 1 at the church, 43065 Joy Road, between Lilley Road and Main Street, Canton. Children entering kindergarten through sixth-graders will enjoy music, skits, Bible exploration, crafts and games. For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022.

NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST
Newburg United Methodist Church invites children to join its construction crew for "Under Construction" vacation Bible school July 12-16 at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. There will be stories and music, games and crafts for children age 3 through those entering the sixth-grade. Children also learn the trade of Christian service. For registration information, call the church at (734) 422-0149.

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school, Veggie Town, 9:30 a.m. to noon July 12-16 at the church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Children between the ages of 4-10 will have fun with their favorite "Veggie Tales" characters. During the school, a free will offering will be taken for the benefit of the Penrickton Center for Blind Children. A donation of \$7.50 per child (with a \$15 flat rate for families with more than one child) is requested. Registration ends July 9. For more information, or to register, call the church at (734) 422-1470.

PLYMOUTH BAPTIST
Plymouth Baptist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "In Search of Victory (Putting on the Armor of God)," 9:15 a.m. to noon July 19-23 at the church,

42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Children age 4 through sixth-grade will learn about the invisible armor that God offers His children to help them resist Satan. Activities will include Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, snacks and puppet shows. The closing program and a carnival will be at 6 p.m. July 25. There is no charge, however, a freewill offering will be taken to support the Collins family, short-term missionaries to Bangladesh. For more information, call the church office at (734) 453-5534.

GARDEN CITY FIRST UM
Garden City First United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "Jungle Journey," 9 a.m. to noon July 26-30 at the church, 6443 Merriman Road at Maplewood, Garden

City. The school is for children ages 4 through sixth-graders. On July 30, there will be a picnic noon-1 p.m. for the children and staff and a closing program, followed by an ice cream social, for families and friends at 7 p.m. For more information or a registration form, call the church at (734) 421-8628.

ROSEDALE GARDENS
Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school, Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure, 9:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 2-6 at the church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. Each day, children will sing songs, play team building games, nibble treats from Treasure Treats, visit a rain forest, dig into Bible adventures and create Craft Cave creatures to take home and play with. One day, children will join the Disciple Peter walking

on water and another day be thrown onto a prison ship with the Apostle Paul. Each day will conclude with a Treasure Time finale to celebrate what they have learned. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-0494.

TIMOTHY LUTHERAN
Timothy Lutheran Church will have its vacation Bible school, "The Great Bibleland Dig," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 14 and 21 and Aug. 4, 11 and 18, at the church 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. A light supper will be served at 6 p.m., followed by the program for those age 2 through adults. There is no charge, but registration is required by June 30. For more information, call the church office at (734) 427-2290.

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Singer-songwriter Chris Isaak 'hams' it up on stage

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Chris Isaak knows it takes more than good songs to impress an audience. The singer, best known for the hit song "Wicked Game," admitted he pulls out all the stops for his show.

"The most important thing is to have good songs and good music. But there's no reason you can't have an elephant and fire," said Isaak, calling from a Chicago-area venue.

During a 15-minute interview, Isaak is fixated on elephants, but does he bring the animal?

"We bring the wild suits; we do everything we can think of - anything and everything. It makes it fun. I tell people if they enjoy our shows, they should not only tell their friends about it, but exaggerate," he said, taking a minute to adopt a journalist's voice, "Probably, the highlight of the show is when Chris rides down on an elephant."

Isaak, who celebrates birthday No. 43 on Saturday, June 26, at Chene Park in Detroit, is cracking himself up.

He is thrilled about returning to Detroit, where shows have always gone well. Visits to Detroit have also proven fruitful to the multi-talented singer-songwriter-actor.

"The last time we were there,

my drummer and I wandered through the streets there and hit the shops," he said. "The kind of shops that we always hit are always goofy. We go to like a hardware store on our day off."

His recent Detroit purchase was an open-ended adjustable wrench.

"That's about it. I do a lot of lookin' but I don't buy much. I have a tremendous sales resistance or something. I love to look in stores. I like to look at stuff, but I don't feel an urge for stuff because I can't find the stuff I already have."

That is, until he saw a mirrored suit in a clothing store.

"We went into a store that was just wild fashions, kind of like, I don't know, it looked like pimps would shop there. I mean that literally," said Isaak, taking the time to enunciate every syllable of literally.

"There was like purple shoes made out of alligator with green belts and sequins on the things and sparkling."

When asked if he purchased the suits, the volume of Isaak's voice raises three levels.

"We all bought suits. We're wearing them on stage. They're fantastic. It's way cheaper than buying suits at home. Everybody looks like they walked out of 'Starsky and Hutch.'"

Isaak is touring in support of



Birthday boy: Chris Isaak celebrates his 43rd birthday at Chene Park in Detroit on Saturday, June 26, as part of CIDR-FM's "Riverfest."

his latest album, 1998's "Speak of the Devil" (Reprise), and has yet to set a date to record the fol-

low-up. Whenever someone asks him when he's returning the studio, he gives the stock answer

"Oct. 19."

It sounds like I know what I'm doing because I don't have a clue."

Although, he explained, he recently wrote a song, "Winter Waves" for the Surfrider Foundation, "a clean ocean kind of thing."

"I was feeling bad because every time I change my oil, I just take it out there and I dump it off the end of the wharf to watch the patterns it would make."

"No, I don't," he added rather loudly.

He does know that after this tour in support of his latest album, he is returning to films. He will star as "Sailor Ripley" in the sequel to the 1990 David Lynch film "Wild at Heart." Nicolas Cage originated the role. The sequel was written by and will be directed by Barry Gifford, who wrote the novel "Wild at Heart."

He's not sure who his co-stars will be, other than the "guy who took a kick at Letterman's head. I can't think of his name (Crispin Glover). That's a horrible way to describe him."

Isaak, who appeared in "That Thing You Do!" "Twin Peaks: Fire Walk With Me," and "Silence of the Lambs," said he's looking forward to returning to films.

"I always have fun doing films.

What's not to like?" he said. "It is cool. It's cool and, I don't know, I think I have a certain ability to show off, I have the 'ham factor.' Some people are naturally shy. Whatever the psychological reasons, I don't mind standing up on the stage. Get me one on one and I clam up."

Jokes aside, Isaak takes his fans seriously. He is one of the few performers who will sign every photo, T-shirt, whatever, that is thrust upon him.

"Tell them we always hang out after the show and say hi. It's not like you can't find me. We head to the front of the auditorium and we usually sign some stuff there - T-shirts or whatever," he said. "We hang out there until everybody splits. We'll take a picture, say hi, if they want to serve some peanuts, that's fine, too."

"I'll be the guy in the mirrored pants."

Chris Isaak, The Robert Cray Band featuring The Memphis Horns, Susan Calloway, and Stewart Franke perform as part of CIDR-FM's (93.9) "Riverfest" at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at Chene Park, 2600 Atwater St., Detroit. Tickets are \$29.39 in advance for the all-ages show. Call (313) 983-6611 for more information.

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Grandma's finishers

Two Livonians finished in the top 100 at the Grandma's Marathon Saturday in Duluth, Minn.

Patricia Bagley took 51st among women in the 26.2-mile race in 2 hours, 53 minutes and 39 seconds (6:38 pace).

Chuck Block finished 100th in the men's division with a time of 2:47:45.

Spring hockey champs

The Livonia Stars captured the Pee Wee Select Spring Shootout playoff June 12 at City Sports Center in Detroit with a 4-1 victory over the Grosse Pointe Eagles.

Captain John Clancy, who scored two goals in the finals, was named playoff MVP. Martin Dale-Hench also collected two goals in the victory. Asaron Zuziak contributed two assists, while Bruce Henderson, Erik Anderson, Anthony Zeni, Allen Tyler and Matt Luzaich added one each.

The Stars, coached by Rob Zeni, reached the finals by beating the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Komets, 5-1, and the Livonia Thrashers, 4-3 (on Clancy's last-minute goal to complete the hat trick).

Other members of the Stars, who competed the regular season undefeated and finished 13-0-1 overall, include: Jordan Boyajian, goaltender; Mike Barnett, Kirk Becker, Adam Kehres and Sean Nisun, defensemen; Dan DeRoo, Clay Mattson and Mike Bushey.

Assistant coaches include Paul Anderson, Bruce Henderson and Glenn Stevens. The team manager is Andrea Anderson. The team sponsor is Universal Glass, Inc.

The Livonia RoadOne Lightning recently captured the Bantam House Select, West-1 Division title in the Spring Shootout Metro Hockey League.

Members of the Lightning, who finished 10-4-2 overall and 2-1 in the playoffs: Jared Gaudet and Mike Skoczylas, captains; Gabe Villarruel, Conrad Styka, Dru Girard, alternate captains; Kevin Bendert, Mike Bialaski, Marc Bokas, Eric Boufford, Bryan Coleman, Chris Coluccelli, Richard Ganas, Reed Klaf, Jeff Martell, Brent Medlen, Jeff Mullin and Mike Tokarsky.

The head coach is Harry Ganas. He is assisted by Mike Boufford and Kevin Klaf. The team is sponsored by RoadOne Towing Service of Detroit.

Junior golf divots

Livonia Churchill freshman Heidi Aittama, a first-team All-Observer selection, shot an 84 to earn first-place honors in the Girls 13-15 age division Monday at the Independent Insurance Agents Junior Classic held at West Shore Country Club in Grosse Ile.

Churchill's Evan Chall shot a 79 to finish second in the Boys 15-16 age division among Wayne County golfers at the same tournament. Chall was fifth overall.

In the Boys 13-15 age division, Livonia Stevenson incoming sophomore Scott Wolfe shot a 74 to earn first place honors at the Independent Insurance Agents Junior Classic at Forest Akers (East Course) June 18 in East Lansing. He finished eight overall in a total field of 149 players 18-and-under. A score of 73 was the cut-off to qualify for the state sectional.

Youth soccer champions

The Livonia Family YMCA Meteors, an under-11 girls team, recently finished 6-1-1 to win the Western Suburban Soccer League's Select Division I spring league.

Members of the Meteors include: Christin Biskeloni, Ashley Calvin, Kati Germane, Wendy Hoots, Kate Kelly, Mary Peszek, Jamie Radley, Michele Roffey, Anna Ross, Paige Taylor, Jessica Theisen, Lauren Trostell and Casey VanSwearingen.

Doug Calvin is the head coach. He is assisted by Bob Theisen. The team manager is Mike Trostell, while the team trainer is Jeff Bobo.

The Meteors finished the combined fall and spring seasons 23-5-4 overall while outscoring their opponents 85-21. In league play they finished 13-2-2 overall while outscoring their opponents, 40-5.

CC completes dream season

Shamrocks edge Troy, 6-5, to win Division I crown

PREP BASEBALL

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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How's this for creating your own identity?

Charlie Haeger, Redford Catholic Central's sophomore pitcher, threw 5½ innings of scoreless relief as CC beat Troy, 6-5, in Saturday's Division I state championship game at Battle Creek's C.O. Brown Stadium.

Madonna University coach Greg Haeger smiles at the sight of his kid brother pitching at his alma mater, which he led to its last state title in 1987.

He also understands he might not have a chance to coach Charlie, who has already caught the eye of NCAA Division I college coaches and professional scouts.

Haeger scattered three hits, struck out three and walked one in relief of ace Anthony Tomey. A 23rd-round selection of the Cleveland Indians in the recent Major League draft, Tomey gave up five runs on six hits and a walk in 1½ innings.

Haeger came in with runners on second and third and promptly struck out the first hitter he faced, the Colts' cleanup batter, to end the inning.

Troy pitcher Matt Lestan pitched courageously, allowing eight hits and three walks with two strikeouts. Troy, playing in its first state title game, finished 29-7 overall.

"We were feeling pretty good when we got on Tomey," Troy coach Paul Diegel said. "He's a great pitcher but he was up in the strike zone and our kids were kind of teeing it up. I could not be prouder of this group of young men. They certainly rose to the occasion. I thought it was a classic champi-

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

State champions celebrate: The Redford Catholic Central players hoist the Division I state championship trophy after scoring a 6-5 victory Saturday over Troy at C.O. Brown Stadium in Battle Creek to complete a 38-1 campaign.

Scheffer goes about his business with Mariners

BY BRAD EMONS
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Longtime Detroit Tiger radio voice Ernie Harwell stopped by the Seattle Mariners lockerroom last Thursday looking for the newest Mariner — Aaron Scheffer.

The Westland John Glenn product, however, was in the shower.

Harwell apologized for not being able to deliver a tape of Scheffer's ninth inning outing (when he closed the door on a 7-1 Seattle win June 16).

But he said the tape of the scoreless ninth will be coming shortly in the mail.

During an eight-day span, Scheffer

found himself on a whirlwind tour of five ballparks — Tacoma, San Francisco (he walked Barry Bonds), Detroit, Cleveland and back this week to the Kingdom in Seattle.

Making four appearances (through Tuesday), the 23-year-old right-hander has delivered the mail, sporting an earned run average of 1.93. In 4½ innings, Scheffer has given up six hits, three walks and one earned run while striking out.

His performance during his last six appearances at AAA Tacoma gave the Mariners no choice but to call him up after pitching 12 scoreless innings with 18 strikeouts and just two walks.

And the timing couldn't have been better when he took the mound in the ninth last Wednesday against the Tigers before family and friends. He gave up two hits, but got Gabe Kapler and Karim Garcia on strikeouts and

catcher Brad Ausmus on a flyout to end the game.

Scheffer, however, knows he's only as good as his last outing. Last Sunday night (on ESPN) he struggled against the Indians and made a throwing error on a double-play ball.

He's learning the ropes.

"You just keep quiet and see how guys go about their business," Scheffer said. "My job is to get ahead (in the count) by throwing my slider, fastball and change-up. It's the same game; just throw strikes."

"I'm just happy to have the chance to come here. I was pumped up, but I also realize I'm here to win. But sure, I'm happy I got a chance to pitch at Tiger Stadium."

The man most responsible — outside his immediate family, school and sandlot coaches — for Scheffer's climb to the big leagues was sitting behind home plate charting pitches.

Scout Ken Madeja, who signed Scheffer as an undrafted free agent following his senior year in August of 1993, knew Scheffer's time had come.

"I saw he was an athlete, a competitor," Madeja said. "And of course he's gotten bigger. He's gone from 165 (pounds) to 220. He's gained 55 pounds, but he carries it well (at 6 feet, 3 inches).

"And once he got away from his brothers at the dinner table, I knew he had a chance."

Scheffer also played shortstop at Glenn, but during his summer sandlot season for Steele's, a Connie Mack team based in Trenton, coach Dick Henry emphasized pitching.

"It's tough for anybody to reach the big leagues, let alone for drafted players," said Madeja, the same scout who signed John Smoltz for the Tigers. "It

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Hayes' upper deck shot thrills at Tiger Stadium

Area pitchers sharp in 12-7 East win

BY BRAD EMONS
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Who needs Comerica Park? As far as six area Observerland players are concerned, they'll stick with Tiger Stadium.

In Tuesday's Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game, the corner of Michigan and Trumbull looked mighty good.

The East squad, which scored a 12-7 win over the West, got some significant efforts from these Observerland players:

Redford Union pitcher Joel Halliday, headed for Madonna University, started and pitched three strong innings to pick up the victory.

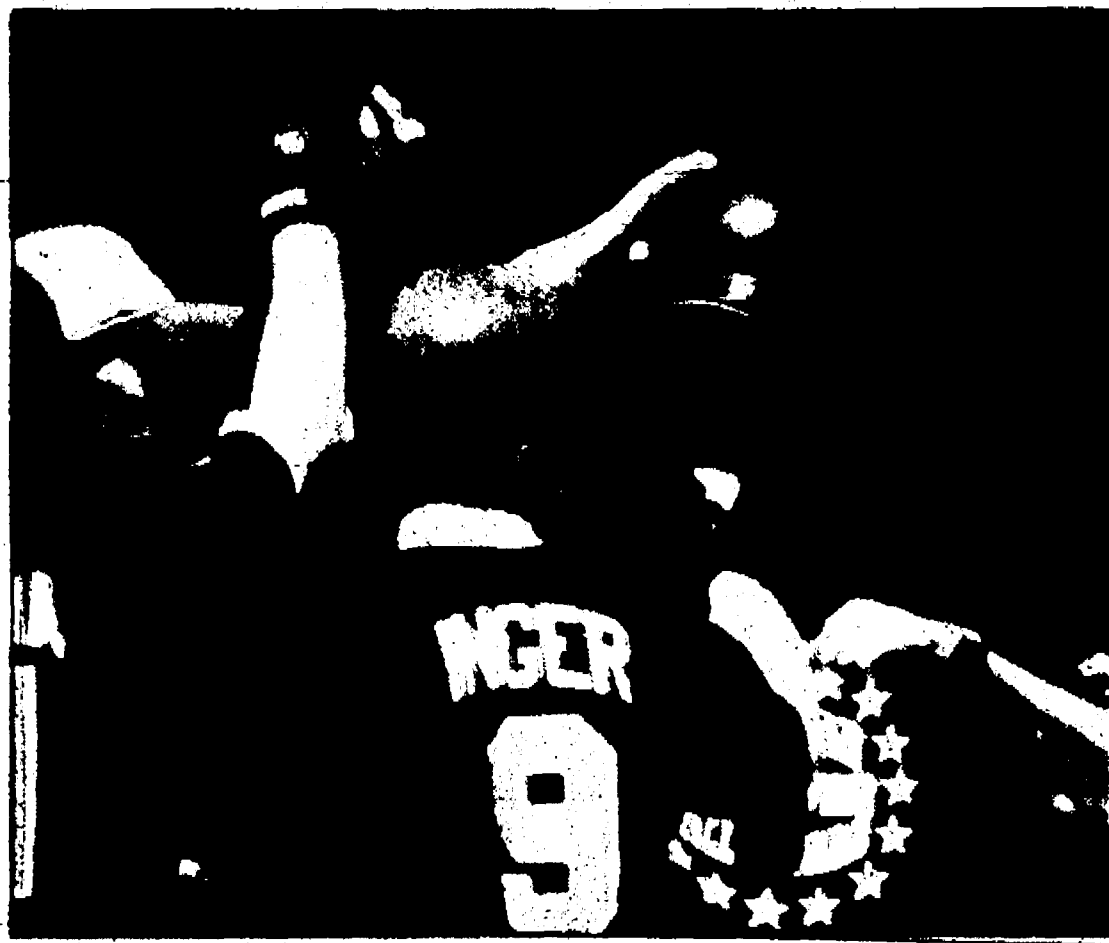
Westland John Glenn's Dale Hayes, who signed after the game with Madonna, got the thrill of a lifetime when he deposited a pitch into the right field upper deck. He also pitched two scoreless innings.

Livonia Stevenson's Roy Rabe, going to Saginaw Valley State, doubled and pitched a scoreless sixth.

Farmington High right-hander Charlie Avery, who will play at Henry Ford Community College, picked up a save by blanking the West over the final two innings to go along with a strikeout.

Redford Thurston's Pete Zigouras, going to the University of Detroit-Mercy, walked in the eighth inning and scored a run.

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Big bopper: John Glenn's Dale Hayes (right) gets a round of congratulations at home plate after hitting one in the upper deck.

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Emilie Villemonte
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FIRST TEAM

Andrea Sied, Jr. DF., Liv. Stevenson
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Abbey Shepherd, Soph. MF, F.H. Mercy
Jeannine Edwards, Jr. MF, Ply. Salem
Emilie Villemonte, Sr. MF, Farmington
Anne Morrell, Soph. F, Ply. Canton
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Suzi Towne, Jr. F, Ply. Salem
Kersten Conklin, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill
Stacey Supanich, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill

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Area soccer talent abounds

Stevenson's Sied 3-peat choice

By C.J. RISAK
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The more things change, the more they ultimately stay the same.

Whoever first put that thought into words wasn't thinking of girls soccer in Observerland, but they could easily have used it for proof. Once again, four teams dominated the area: Livonia's Stevenson and Churchill, Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton.

Once again, Stevenson emerged as the area's top team, advancing to its third-straight Division I state final. Once again, Canton appeared to be the Spartans toughest roadblock en route to that title fight — only the Chiefs never got that far, losing for the second-straight year

to Salem in the districts.

And once again, Stevenson eliminated Churchill in the district tournament.

There were some differences, of course. The Spartans weren't nearly as dominating as they were when they won back-to-back titles in 1997-98, piling up two-straight undefeated seasons. They lost to Salem during the season, and were beaten by Rochester Adams in overtime in the state final.

And yet, after losing 10 seniors to graduation in 1998, what Stevenson accomplished this year was nothing short of remarkable. Jim Kimble coached them to a 16-5-1 record (two of the losses coming against the Illinois state champion and runner-up) and to within a few minutes of a third-straight state title.

It wasn't a team lacking talent, to be sure. Stevenson had the state's best player for the second-straight year in Andi Seid, a junior and team captain



Jim Kimble
Coach of Year



Suzi Towne
Plymouth Salem



Kersten Conklin
Livonia Churchill



Stacey Supanich
Livonia Churchill

who anchored the Spartan defense from her sweeper position. Seid succeeded Allison Campbell (now at Tennessee) as Miss Soccer.

Still, it took an exceptional coaching job by Kimble for Stevenson to overcome early-season losses to Troy Athens and Salem. He deserves the acclaim.

As do all the Observer's first-team selections.

Andrea Sied, Jr. defender, Liv. Stevenson: The team captain was selected Michigan's Miss Soccer after leading the Spartans to their third consecutive state championship game appearance.

Sied, an All-Western Lakes Activities Association pick, scored 10 goals and added nine assists this season.

"Andi is the backbone of our team," Stevenson coach Jim Kimble said. "She is one of the finest players I've ever had to pleasure to coach."

"I like to refer to her as a coach's dream and a forward's nightmare. She has certainly received the recognition she deserves."

Sied is a three-time first-team All-Observer selection.

Christen Shull, Jr. defender, Ply. Salem: This was a season during which defenders sparked at all the key times, and in the Western Lakes Activities Association — with powerful forwards like Canton's Anne Morrell, Northville's Brigid Bowdell, Churchill's Stacey Supanich and Kersten Conklin, Stevenson's Lindsay Gusick, Farmington's Emilie Villemonte — that was a necessity if a team were to succeed.

Shull kept the Rocks' defense together. An all-WLAA selection, she played sweeper unless her exceptional marking skills were

needed. Against Bowdell in the district semifinals, against Morrell in the district finals, against Gusick in the regular-season, she stepped in and shut them down at key times.

"She's definitely one of the top backs in the state and she got better each game," said Salem coach Doug Landefeld.

Cheryl Fox, Jr. defender, Liv. Stevenson: During Stevenson's state playoff run, Fox became the team's defensive stopper marking some of the state's most dangerous offensive players.

"Cheryl always rises to the challenge," Kimble said. "She is our best marking back as she proved marking the likes of Brigid Bowdell (Northville), Abby Crumpton (Rochester Adams), Lindsey Tarpley (Portage Central) and Kersten Conklin (Livonia Churchill) who scored over-150 goals combined, but none against Cheryl and Stevenson."

"She's just a great athlete and competitor."

Fox, an All-Division pick, had two goals and four assists this season.

Jessica Palls, Jr. defender, Ply. Canton: Sometimes, you get what you deserve. Palls is a good example of it.

Lacking blazing speed, Palls needed to use her head as well as her skills to succeed. And she did, playing sweeper for the WLAA champion Chiefs.

"She's steady," said Canton coach Don Smith. "She was very reliable back there. She kept the defense organized. She wasn't flashy — just a good, solid, steady player."

"Very heady." Palls' skills were good enough to get her selected to the WLAA's all-conference team.

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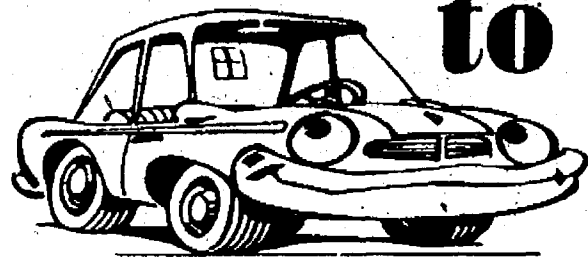
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onship game." Haeger hadn't pitched for more than two weeks after suffering bone chips in his elbow in a car accident. He threw one inning of hitless relief in a 12-1 semifinal win over Portage Central on Friday, which let the CC coaches know he was healed.

"I figured we had lost him for the season (after the accident)," CC coach John Salter said. "Friday was his test. He's a quick healer."

Greg Haeger, a former University of Michigan pitcher and Detroit Tigers' farmhand, has been Charlie's inspiration.

"Ever since I've been 11, he's been teaching me mechanics; he knows everything about pitching, the way to play the game," Charlie said. "I threw with all my heart. It was the biggest game of my life, and I gave it all I had."

The Shamrocks scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh in a bizarre turn of

events. Senior Mario D'Herin started things with a one-out single to right field. D'Herin appeared to score the winning run on Bob Malek's double to left-center field, but was called back to third base when the hit was ruled a ground-ruled double.

The next batter, Bryan Williams, was intentionally walked, which made sense because it loaded the bases and made a force at each base. It also didn't make sense because that brought CC slugger Casey Rogowski to the plate.

The strategy almost worked to perfection. Rogowski hit a hard grounder to first baseman Kris Krstich, whose throw to home forced out D'Herin. Rogowski just beat the throw back to first base with a head-first slide.

That brought up Tomey, who watched as a wild pitch went to the backstop to bring home Malek with the winning run.

The Shamrocks, whose first celebration was interrupted by the news that Malek's hit was a ground-ruled double, celebrated for good this time.

The state championship was the third for CC this year, joining the football and hockey teams' accomplishments. The Shamrocks finished 38-1 overall.

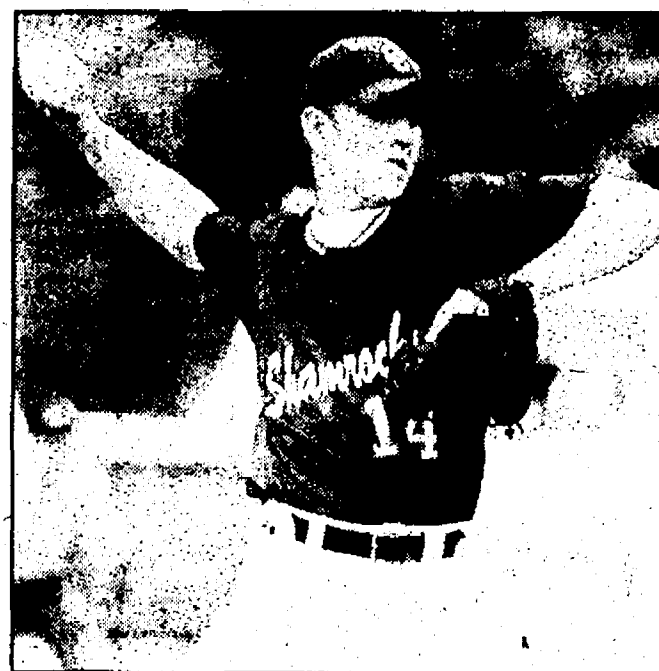
"It's great," Malek said. "We worked so hard and now we've got the triple crown for the school. It was a total team effort."

The Shamrocks scored three first-inning runs on a walk and three hits, including RBI singles by Dave Lusky and Chris Woodruff. The Colts gave Lestan a 5-3 lead after chasing Tomey with five runs in the second but Lusky's mammoth two-run home run with Rogowski aboard tied the score in the third.

"The one really big mistake was made when I threw that beach ball up there and that kid just hit it to South America," Lestan said. "That was the only thing I was really upset about."

The Colts collected six hits off Tomey in the second, with four of the five runs coming after two were out.

Todd Reibling and John Mulka had RBI singles, Lestan delivered a two-run single and Jim Geldhof drove in one run with a double.



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Cool customer: On a team laden with senior leadership, sophomore pitcher Charlie Haeger came through in Saturday's state championship win.

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was his time. He paid his dues at each level. Nothing fazed him and he has good makeup for a pitcher. He's also pretty durable and always took the ball on the mound."

Jersey number 57, Scheffer's original minor league designation, followed him into the Majors.

"In Tacoma 'Scheff' was throwing loose and easy," Madeja said. "And here (Detroit) he looked very composed."

Although Scheffer pitched only one inning in spring training, it's likely he'll get plenty of oppor-

tunities with Seattle.

The starting pitchers had yet to toss a complete game, as manager Lou Piniella continues to shuffle a cast of relievers.

"My job is to be ready whenever, which means every day," Scheffer said.

And does he get any words of wisdom from his older brothers Chris or Lawrence, or any other family members?

"My dad is too happy to give advice," Aaron said.

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Redford Catholic Central's Casey Rogowski, named Michigan's Mr. Baseball the night before, singled sharply to right field and walked before leaving the game in the second inning with laceration to his left hand while sliding head-first into third on a Rabe groundout.

Rogowski, who signed a professional contract later in the day, left Tuesday night to report to the Chicago White Sox's rookie league affiliate team in Tucson, Ariz.

"I caught a cleat when I slid by the bag," Rogowski said. "It was disappointing to leave the game early, but I still had a good time and it was a lot of fun."

"The three homers were great."

Besides Hayes' shot, two other homers were hit in the game.

Rochester's Brett Wattles, Michigan State bound, was named East MVP after he reached right field upper deck in the opening inning with a homer. He also tripled.

Eastern Michigan University recruit Joe Felton of Detroit St. Martin DePorres also homered off the facing of the left field Coca-Cola sign.

The 6-foot-3, 178-pound Hayes, a left-handed hitter, was 7-4 on the mound for the Rockets, but he also hit .422 with two homers and 33 RBI this year.

"It was a hitters' count — two-and-one — and I was swinging for it," Hayes said. "It felt great to hit one out."

"I also felt great on the mound. It felt so natural out there. And the atmosphere made it so fun. I feel privileged to play in a game like this."

Rabe, who has played summer ball with Hayes, was not surprised by the clout.

"Dale swings a good bat and he got it right on the barrel," Rabe said. "It was a good shot. I knew he could hit it, but I didn't know he could hit it that far."

Despite a first-inning error at third which led to the West's first run, Rabe was not in awe by the surroundings.

"I was not nervous at all," he said. "I've been in bigger games. This was just for fun. You just come out and hit the ball, throw strikes and get established with the fastball."

Avery called his Tiger Stadium outing "quite the experience."

"I was kind of nervous while we were taking infield and out-

field and kind of in awe of everything else," the right-hander said. "It was more fun than nerve-wracking."

During a Connie Mack tournament game for the Michigan Bulls Friday at Madonna University Park, Avery threw nine innings and 134 pitches.

"I probably needed another day of rest, but I felt OK," he said.

Meanwhile, Rogowski's hand appeared to be OK after going down in the second inning.

White Sox scouts Nathan Derst and Glenn Murdock immediately bee-lined over to the 13th-round pick.

Now it's time to go to work. He will spend his first five days in a rookie orientation mini-camp.

"It might be a little nerve-wracking leaving home for the first time, but I'll be back home again," said the All-State football player (and wrestler) who turned down a grid offer at Central Michigan. "I'll miss football a lot, but this is an opportunity I

couldn't turn down. It's going to be a lot of fun."

And the first baseman, who helped CC to the Division I state baseball title Saturday in Battle Creek, was thankful for his high school baseball honor.

"I'm very excited to get that award because there were a lot of great players here today," he said.

Who knows, maybe Rogowski and some of the other All-Stars may return some day, but it will have to be at Comerica Park.



Winging It: Livonia Stevenson right-hander Roy Rabe pitched a scoreless sixth inning as the East defeated the West 12-7, in the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star game Tuesday at Tiger Stadium.

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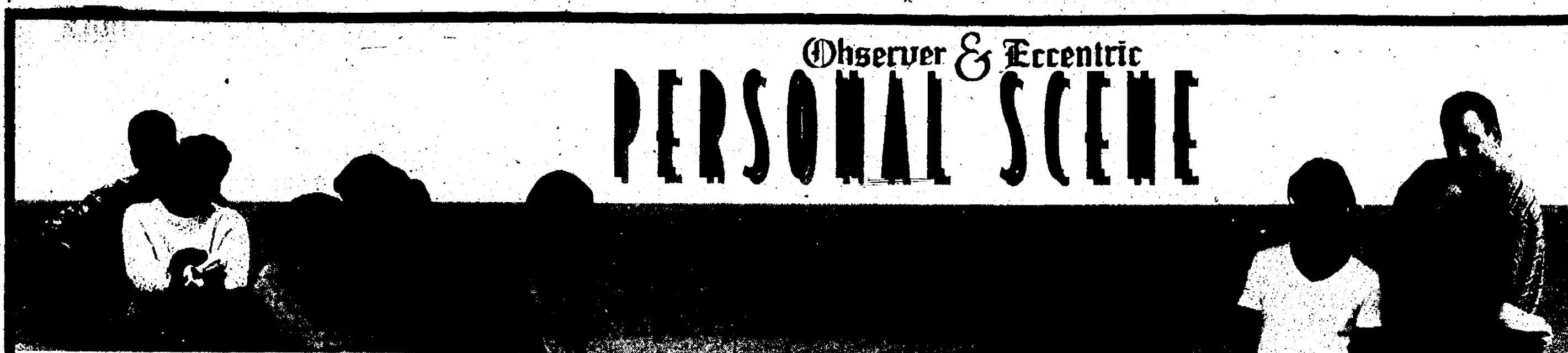
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The Wolves, now 29-2 overall, won their third straight tournament. They have a tournament record of 16-1.

WaCo, members of the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation, registered wins against Allen Park (6-1 and 3-2), Riverview (9-0), Southgate (16-6) and Trenton (11-1).

Solid pitching was provided by Grant Lawrence, Toby Matchulat, J.J. Pierce, William Lewis and Anthony Savone.

Leading the offense was Nathan King, Mike Broughton and Aaron Dolkowski.

The defense was solidified by Jame Telfer, Billy Hardin, Jordan Szachpler and Josh Brewer.

Concealed falls in final

Concealed Security's 12-year-old baseball team lost in the championship game of its invitational on Sunday at Stepping Stone Park in Farmington.

Concealed finished the tournament with a 5-1 record, the only loss coming in the title game to the Ann Arbor Braves, 3-2.

The Braves are the same team Concealed had beaten the day before in an earlier round, 7-2.

Losing pitcher Steve Karchefsky gave up six hits, walked five and struck out eight in 6 2/3 innings. Ryan Shay (Garden City) and Scott Szyprka each went 2-for-3 to lead the Concealed attack.

Concealed earned a berth in the final with a 10-7 win over Marysville (Ohio) in a game played earlier Sunday.

Eric Drieselman (Garden City) was the winning pitcher, scattering nine hits and fanning four in 6 1/3 innings. He has a 7-1 record. Shay got the final two outs, striking out both batters.

Jeff Richard was 2-for-3 with three RBI and Matt Rodeghier (Farmington Hills) 2-for-4. Andrew Stafford was 2-3.

In the win over Ann Arbor on Saturday, Joey Patlevic earned the win, allowing two runs on five hits with two strikeouts and one walk over five innings. Shay earned the save in two innings of work, striking out three.

Four players had two hits: Eric Vojtkofsky (Wayne), Szyprka, Alan Hagedon (Westland) and Shay.

On Friday, Concealed got the best of the Columbus Merchants, 5-3, as Hagedon threw a one-hit-

ter in six innings to move his record to 4-2.

Shay earned a save, striking out the side in the seventh.

Concealed won a pair of games on Thursday, 11-5 over the Detroit Braves and 10-2 over the Marysville Mitts.

Drieselman was the winning pitcher in the game against the Braves, pitching three innings in relief. He allowed no runs on two hits with two strikeouts. Szyprka and Shay each had two hits. Szyprka had four RBI and Shay

three.

In the win against the Marysville Mitts, Lance Lakowicz was 2-2 with three RBI. Szyprka led with three hits and an RBI and Richard and Shay had two hits each.

Concealed had a 5-1 record to move its overall mark to 45-10.

Concealed returned to Little Caesars League play on Monday and lost to NFWB, 6-5, in eight innings. Concealed recovered the next night and beat the Royal Oak Diamond Dogs, 8-4, to

improve to 18-1 in league play.

Richard was the winning pitcher against the Diamond Dogs, improving his record to 4-0 with a five-hitter and seven strikeouts.

Chris Russin earned the save, allowing one hit with no walks and no strikeouts.

Shay was 3-for-4, including two doubles and a triple, and two RBI. Andrew Stafford was 2-4 with an RBI and double. Mark Pirronello (Livonia) had two RBI.



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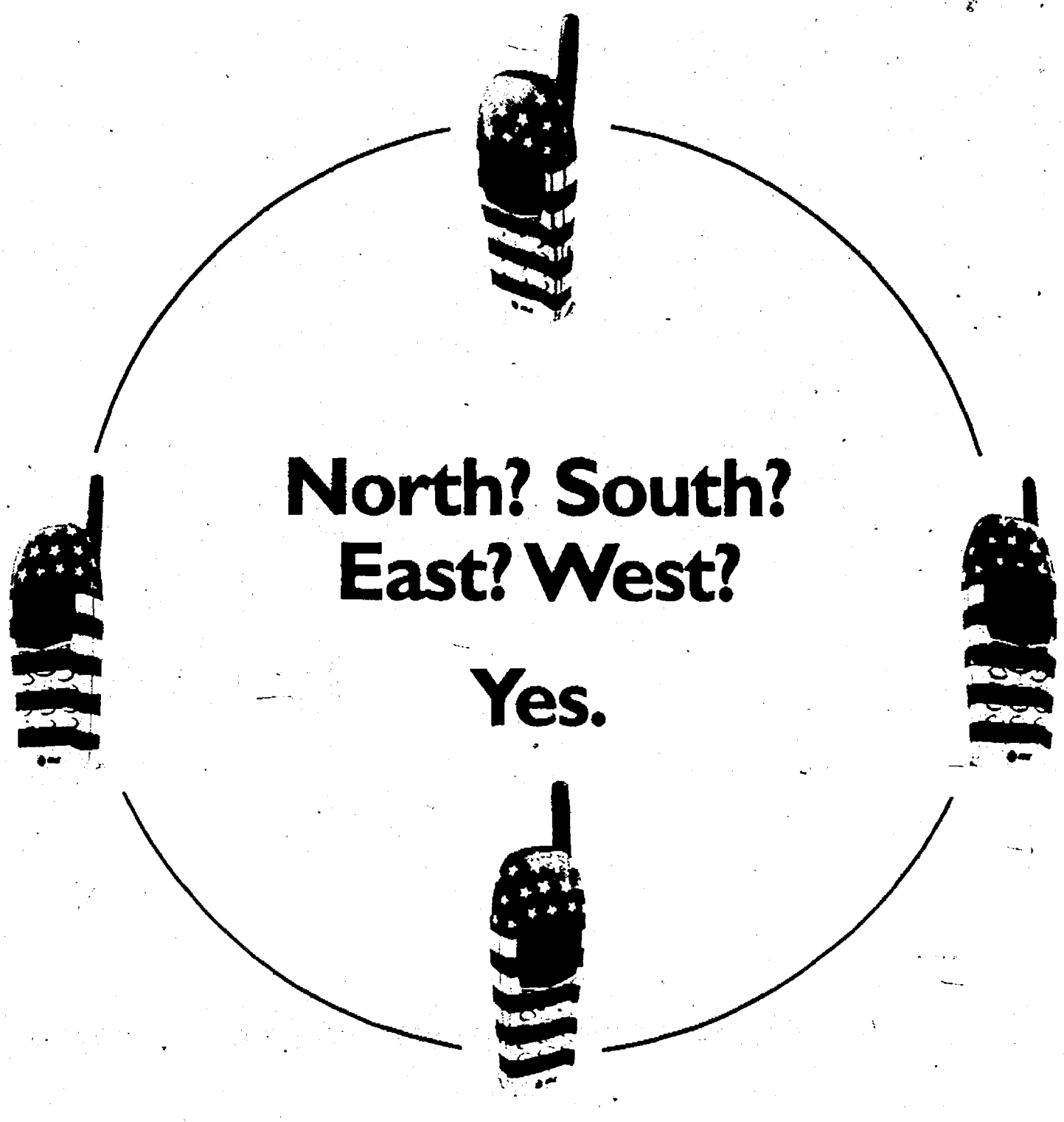
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The first annual Livonia Area Youth Football Camp (incoming grades 5-8) will be from 4-7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, July 13-15 at Livonia Clarenceville High School, located on 20155 Middlebelt (between Seven and Eight Mile roads).

The cost is \$40 (includes T-shirt, hat and certificate).

New Clarenceville football coach Greg Hudkins will be the camp director.

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The cost is \$175 per week (includes T-shirt and soccer ball).

For more information, call (734) 432-5607.

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Tryouts can be arranged by appointment only on Tuesday, June 29 for the Livonia Youth Soccer Club's under-11 select girls team.

For more information, call (734) 522-0359.

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For more information, write to: Kevin Wilkinson, 411 N. Military, Dearborn, 48124; or call (313) 274-5405.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE DRAFT

Whalers turn to replacements

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There are five Plymouth Whalers who will be playing next year, which is a good news/bad news kind of thing. Because while they'll still be playing hockey, they won't be playing for the Whalers.

Perhaps the top five players on last year's Ontario Hockey League regular-season champion, these five — forwards David Legwand, Harold Druken and Adam Colagiaco, and defensemen Nikos Tselios and Paul Mara — have had shots with the National Hockey League teams that drafted them. All five could be regulars in the NHL within the next few years.

But while that's great news for them, it's not so good for the Whalers. There will be a lot of holes to fill.

Indeed, Pete DeBoer, the team's coach/general manager, estimated that of the players drafted, they will need "seven or eight to step in and play."

"This is a good year to be drafted by the Whalers."

The Whalers were the OHL's highest-scoring team last season, but most of that offense has departed. Of the players who will return for certain, DeBoer said the highest scorer would be Damian Surma (17 goals).

"So there will be needs everywhere, but offense will be in great need."

"In the past, we had a few different holes at different spots," said DeBoer. "Still, when you go into a draft you just try and get the best player you can. But we do need to replace some scoring."

"Those (five) guys are all going on to pro careers. You don't replace them, you just try to bring in someone to fill the holes."

On Day One of the draft, held June 5, the Whalers took Stephen Weiss with their first-round draft pick (20th player taken overall), then picked Cole Jarrett (44th overall) and Steven Morris (61st overall) with their two third-round picks. Weiss was a center who last played for North York in Junior A; Jarrett and Morris were both Junior B players, Jarrett a defenseman for Waterloo and Morris a center/right wing for Stratford.

"They all bring offense to the table," said DeBoer. "Weiss isn't a big guy, not yet anyway. But he's just 15. He is a creative player, and he's smart with the puck."

Jarrett "is an offensive defenseman, one who can hopefully replace Tselios or Mara. He has a real good point shot." It will be a need for the Whalers; for the last two seasons, Tselios and Mara have been defensive stalwarts who have anchored a deadly power-play unit with their strong blue-line play. As far as defense is concerned, Jarrett comes from good hockey bloodlines: His uncle is Mike Liut, who played goal mainly for St. Louis.

Jarrett, who measures 6-foot and 200 pounds, was the second of the Whalers two allowed underage selections; Weiss, who is 6-0, 165, was the first.

How quickly they will develop is never easy to decide. The Whalers drafted 17 players on the first day, then added eight more on the Day Two Bantam Draft. "Our staff really likes all the kids we drafted," said DeBoer.

A European Draft will be held in July, which could further aid the Whalers.

There were some other interesting selections for the Whalers. In the 13th round (273rd overall), they chose defenseman Shawn Goll, from Canton and the Junior B Wayne Wheels. They also picked a couple of players from the North American Hockey League champion Compuware Ambassadors: Nate Kiser, a defenseman from Southgate, in the fifth round (106th overall), and Bryan Thompson, a defenseman from Dearborn, in the 12th round (253rd overall).

Other first-day picks: Rob McBride, a defenseman from Junior B-Guelph, in the fifth round (88th overall); Aaron Molnar, a goalie from Junior B-St. Thomas, in the sixth round (118th overall); Aaron McDonald, a center/left wing from Junior B-Kitchener, in the sixth round (126th overall); Ryan Stewart, a left wing from Junior A-Milton, in the seventh round (154th overall); Jan Pajerski, a

defenseman from Burlington, in the eighth round (174th overall); Craig Corneau, a right wing from St. Catharines, in the ninth round (194th overall); Michael Komisarek, a defenseman from Junior B New England Coyotes, in the 11th round (234th overall); Tim Nicol, a goalie from Junior C Wharton, in the 12th round (250th overall); Stephane Gervais, a right win from Junior C Essex, in the 14th round (293rd overall); Scott Mifsud, a center/left wing from Junior A Burlington, in the 15th round (312th overall); and Pete Barker, a right wing from Honeybaked, in the 16th round (332nd overall).

In the opening round of the Bantam Draft on Day Two, the Whalers selected Tony Williams (ninth overall), a left wing from Junior B Chatham. They took Paul Drew, a goalie from Junior C Wallaceburg, in the second round (35th overall); Craig Conn, a defenseman from Junior B St. Catharines, in the third round (43rd overall); Nathan Onabigion, a left wing from Thunder Bay Bantam, in the fourth round (77th overall); Eric Main, a defenseman from Thunder Bay Bantam, in the fifth round (91st overall); Greg Campbell, a center from Junior B Aylmer, in the sixth round (102nd overall); Jim Plut, a defenseman from Niagara Falls, in the seventh round (122nd overall); and Kyle Schutte, a left wing from Burlington, in the eighth round (142nd overall).

For a short time anyway, DeBoer was forced to put aside his plans for rebuilding the Whalers.

He traveled to Toronto for Wednesday's Canadian Hockey League Awards presentations. DeBoer was one of three nominees for the Coach of the Year award.

"The others nominated (Don Hay of the Tri-City Americans in the Western Hockey League, and Guy Chouinard of the Quebec Remparts of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League) are excellent candidates," said DeBoer, noting this is the first time he's been a finalist. "It's just an honor to be nominated."

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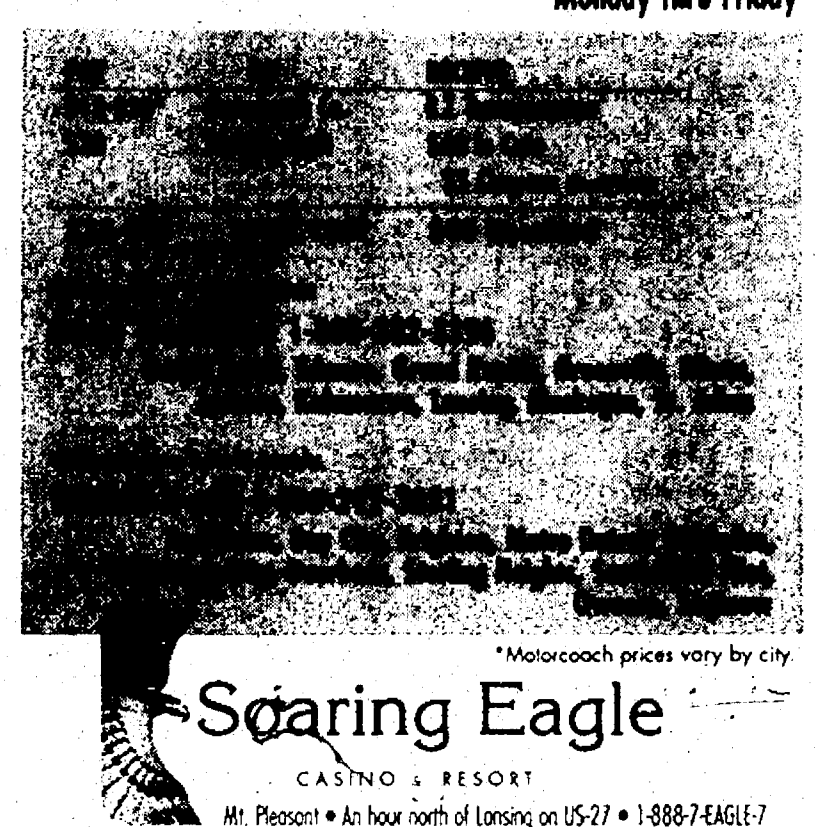
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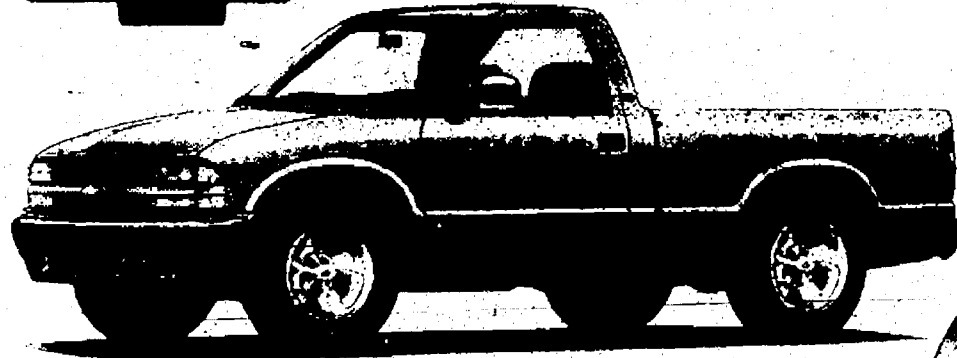
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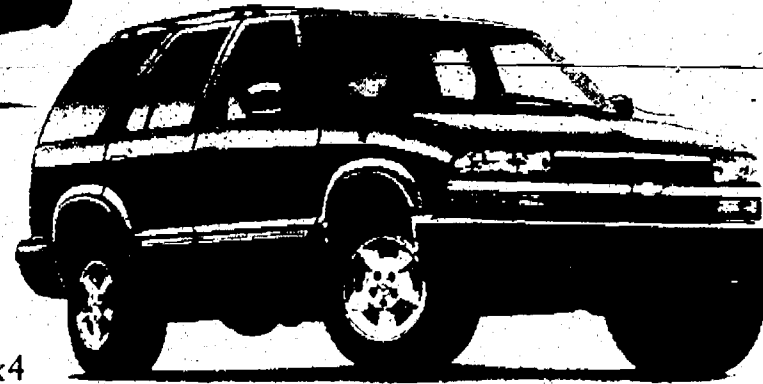
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SATURDAY



Fifes and drums, cannon fire demonstrations, a mid-1700s fashion show, and activities for children, are some of the highlights of the Colonial Life Festival at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$12.50 adults; seniors age 62 and over, \$11.50; kids 5 to 12, \$7.50; children under five and members admitted free. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.

SUNDAY



Duke Robillard, founding member of Roomful of Blues and formerly of the Fabulous Thunderbirds, performs at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets are \$10 in advance for the 18 and older show. Doors open at 8 p.m. Call (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

HOT



Hot Tip: Bobby McFerrin performs with Astral Project at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, during the Ann Arbor Summer Festival. Tickets \$30, \$27, \$24, and \$21, call (734) 764-2538. Tickets are available at the Power Center box office on the corner of Fletcher and Huron streets in downtown Ann Arbor, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday and noon to 9 p.m. Saturday. Call the Festival office (734) 647-2278 for more information. The festival continues through Sunday, July 11. See schedule inside.



Beat: Mudpuppy drummer Darryl Pierce kept the beat moving all night long. Mudpuppy is the 1998 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' Band of the Year.

Mudpuppy MAKES A NATIONAL SPLASH!

WHO: Mudpuppy featuring Paul Randolph
WHEN: 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 25

WHERE: Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. \$5, 21 and older. Call (248) 305-5856 for more information.

Mudpuppy also performs as part of the Michigan Tastefest, 8 p.m. Friday, July 2, on the Nestle Ice Cream Stage. Call (313) 927-1000 or visit <http://www.tastefest.org> for more information; and at 6 p.m. Friday, July 9, at the Farmington Founders Festival in downtown Farmington.



Tapping: Lorenzo "Spoons" Brown, taps away at the conga.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Mudpuppy featuring Paul Randolph has a lot to celebrate these days. It just released a live album, "One Night Only," and now it's part of a national advertising campaign for Corona Extra.

Corona and its marketing company, Fogarty Klein and Partners in Houston, chose Mudpuppy and 14 other bands to perform in the radio spots. Randolph, a Southfield High School graduate, and his band play "A Song For My Friend" in the ad which runs from mid-June until December. More than 800 bands submitted material to the company.

"That really kind of took me aback. Of all the songs, I wonder why they picked that one. What does that have to do with beer?" he said with a chuckle.

"It's still great. I'm still kind of in shock. When I finally hear it on the radio, it'll be, like, real to me."

The Mudpuppy spot will run on five Detroit-area radio stations - WRIF (101.1), WPLT (96.3), CIDR (93.9), WJLB (97.9) and WKQI (95.5) - and will be in rotation elsewhere in the United States. The band, the 1998 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Band of the Year, plays for 45 seconds "undisturbed."

"It's a great thing for all the bands involved in that. Corona is behind this 100 percent. They're putting a lot of time



Warming up: Mark Thibideau, keyboards, Paul Randolph, bass and vocals, and Mark Pasman, guitars, do a soundcheck prior to their CD release party.

and effort into promoting the bands and helping them. It's promotion that you couldn't pay for."

"A Song For My Friend" was recorded at Harmonie Park studios, the former home to WXDG "The Edge" Edge Sessions, in Detroit on May 18. The Corona commercial isn't the first for Randolph, who frequently does session work.

"I recently did a Toyota spot for a dealership in Boston. I'm getting more of that kind of work. The thing about that stuff is you do it and then you kind of forget about it. They'll either use it or they won't use it. That's the nature of the business."

Please see MUDPUPPY, E2

OzzFest opens doors for new bands

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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For OzzFest veteran and Fear Factory guitarist Dino Cazares, the decision to rejoin the metal tour was a no-brainer.

Originally, the band wasn't slated to play OzzFest but when Judas Priest backed out, Fear Factory stepped up to the plate.

"We weren't planning on doing it but then they offered us the headlining slot on the second stage. We would have been happy to do the bathroom, if we could. It's definitely a good summer thing to be a part of," explained Cazares, whose band played OzzFest in 1997.

The 1999 OzzFest tour, which comes to Pine Knob on Friday, June 25, and Sunday, June 27, features performances by some of metal's top acts on two stages - Deftones, Primus, Godsmack, and, of course, Black Sabbath.

Please see OZZFEST, E3



Black Sabbath

"Ozzfest" begins at 11 a.m. Friday, June 25, and continues Sunday, June 27, at Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets are \$49.50 pavilion and lawn. Call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com> or <http://www.ozzfest.com> for more information.

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- Black Sabbath, 9:15 - 11 p.m.

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- Flashpoint, 11:25 - 11:50 a.m.
- (hed) pe, 12:05 - 12:30 p.m.
- Slipknot, 12:50 - 1:15 p.m.
- Puya, 1:45 - 2:10 p.m.
- Static-X, 2:40 - 3:05 p.m.
- Apartment 28, 3:45 - 4:15 p.m.
- Drain STH, 4:55 - 5:25 p.m.
- Fear Factory, 6:05 - 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, June 27:

ON THE MAINSTAGE:

- Drain STH, 1:15 - 1:45 p.m.
- System of a Down, 2:10 - 2:40 p.m.
- Godsmack, 3:05 - 3:45 p.m.
- Primus, 4:15 - 4:55 p.m.
- Slayer, 5:25 - 6:05 p.m.
- Deftones, 6:45 - 7:30 p.m.
- Rob Zombie, 7:55 - 8:55 p.m.
- Black Sabbath, 9:15 - 11 p.m.

ON THE SECOND STAGE:

- Pushmonkey, 11:25 - 11:50 a.m.
- Flashpoint, 12:05 - 12:30 p.m.
- (hed) pe, 12:50 - 1:15 p.m.
- Slipknot, 1:45 - 2:10 p.m.
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Frog Island Festival shakes up Depot Town

WHEN: Friday-Sunday, June 25-27.

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Friday, June 25

- Motor City Street Band, 5:30 p.m.
- Beau Jocque & The Zydeco Hi-Rollers, 7 p.m.
- The Charmaine Neville Band, 8:50 p.m.
- Nathan & The Zydeco Cha Chas, 10:40 p.m.

Saturday, June 26

- Imperial Swing Orchestra, Noon
- Hot Club of Cowtown, 1:30 p.m.
- Johnny Johnson with George Bedard & The Kingpins, 3 p.m.
- Sonia Dada, 4:30 p.m.
- The Campbell Brothers featuring Katie Jackson, 6 p.m.
- Alberta Adams & The Blues Insurgents, 7:30 p.m.
- Alison Funderburgh & The Rockets with Sam Myers, 9 p.m.
- Son Seals & The Chicago Rhythm & Blues Kings, 10:45 p.m.

Sunday, June 27

- The Campbell Brothers featuring Katie Jackson, 1 p.m.
- Pamela Wise Latin Jazz All Stars, 2:30 p.m.
- Straight Ahead, 4 p.m.
- Bobby Watson & Vincent Herring, 5:30 p.m.
- Larry Coryell Quartet with Donald Harrison & Alphonse Mouzon, 7:30 p.m.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Blues guitarist Anson Funderburgh dedicated his group's newly released CD to Muddy.

No, not blues great Muddy Waters, but the 9-year-old dog Funderburgh lost to a tumor in 1997. Funderburgh's just a down home boy who loves his dog. Like Muddy, Rue, his 2-year-old female pooch, frequently travels on the band bus with Funderburgh, The Rockets and vocalist Sam Myers to some 200-plus dates a year.

Fresh from stops in Denver, Aspen, Albuquerque, Farmington, N.M., and Ohio, the blues group arrives June 26 to play the Frog Island Festival in Ypsilanti. Presented by The Ark in Ann Arbor, the three-day festival features zydeco, blues, and jazz by headliners such as Funderburgh, Son Seals & The Chicago



PHOTO BY BILL CRUMP

Highway blues: Anson Funderburgh & The Rockets with Sam Myers roll into town with their new release "Change in My Pocket."

Rhythm and Blues Kings, Larry Coryell with Donald Harrison and Alphonse Mouzon, the Charmaine Neville Band, and Johnny Johnson (Chuck Berry's pianist)

with George Bedard & The Kingpins.

Funderburgh, Myers, drummer Danny Cochran, upright bassist J.P. Whitefield, and keyboardist John Street will be playing songs from their new CD, "Change in My Pocket." Funderburgh's 10th recording since 1981, the first with Bulls-eye Blues & Jazz.

"We're just starting to promote the new record," said Funderburgh in a phone interview from Denver. "We have a lot of work ahead of us. We try to play every night. We've made a lot of wonderful friends all over the country. We live in a pretty big town now."

Funderburgh's style is all his own but it's easy to tell he grew up listening to country and blues. It all started with his first guitar.

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"When I bought the guitar the lady gave me a bunch of records by Albert Collins, Freddie King and Jimmy Reed. I thought this is the stuff," said Funderburgh who's played with the Fabulous Thunderbirds, David Sanborn and Boz Scaggs through the years. "I just loved music. My parents danced all the time. But they weren't musicians they played the radio and records. I first met B.B. King when I was 15. B.B. King has been a big influence on me. Over the years, he's spent time with me. He makes people feel like they're the only person in the room."

Funderburgh met Myers, a drummer with Elmore James for 10 years, in 1982 in Jackson, Miss., when the visually impaired musician sat in on a set. By that time, Funderburgh had already been on the road

with The Rockets for four years. "Back in those days, we played a town three or four days not just one," Funderburgh said. "We'd return every six to eight weeks and Sam would sit in. We just became friends. We both like old things. We looked for old records and clothes together when we got into town."

In 1986 when the lead singer quit, Funderburgh asked Myers if he would like to move to Dallas. Myers said yes and The Rockets were on their way. Funderburgh's clean Texas licks play off of Myers Delta-style voice but never competes with it.

"We love playing blues," said Funderburgh. "Over the last 20 years, we've grown into something that sounds like us. People will hear a song on the radio that sounds like us and say I'll bet that's Funderburgh and The

Rockets with Sam Myers. We're pretty straight-ahead traditional blues."

The Texas-based group has been out of the country for the last month and a half touring. Funderburgh is looking forward to the group's second trip to Frog Island.

"It's a great festival, more like a block party," said David Siglin, director of The Ark. "There's only one stage so everybody focuses on the music. In the beginning it was only one day of blues and jazz. Then we added zydeco and Louisiana jazz. Now we've added a third day of World Music from South Africa to Soweto. It's a roots music fest emphasizing African American music."

Seventeen-band lineup Siglin searches for groups all year long at industry conferences and festivals, and by listening to

CDs.

"I get excited about the groups that are unknown— Hot Club of Cowtown, Sonia Dada, the Campbell Brothers with Kate Jackson," Siglin said. "I want to educate people while their listening to it. If you put on an unknown quantity as opposed to someone like Bruce Springsteen and they hold a match up in the air that's one thing, but if they hold up matches for Sonia Dada, you feel good about making the connection."

Sonia Dada Erik Scott doesn't take offense to Sonia Dada being called relative unknowns even though its first album was released in 1992. Together eight years, the group has only been to Detroit twice (once in February at The Ark), but Scott's visited many times while playing bass with Alice Cooper, including two sold out shows on Halloween in 1981 and

'82. Before Alice, he'd worked with Flo & Eddie, The Turtles and Kim Carnes. He returns to Detroit to promote Sonia Dada's latest release "My Secret Life."

"We've had problems with labels and marketing," said Scott in an interview from his home in Chicago. "We haven't got much radio exposure in Detroit, but after this tour we hope we'll be invited back to Detroit."

Scott met Dan Pritzker, Sonia Dada's guitarist/primary songwriter, when he was living in LA in 1986. Pritzker had a band called the Idle Tears and had come to L.A. to make a record. Scott was a session player. Through the late 80's they stayed in contact, getting together every so often to record Pritzker's songs. Then in 1990, Pritzker called Scott.

"What do you think of three singers? I said, Dan we can't find one. Where are we going to find

three," said Scott. "Well, it so happens Dan was on the way to a Cubs game when he found Sam (Hogan), Michael (Scott) and Paris (Delane) in the subway singing."

Hogan is no longer with the group. Chris Cameron, piano/organ; Shawn Christopher, vocals; Hank Guaglianone, drums; Phil Miller, lead guitar; Delane, and both Scotts now comprise the group with the melodic sound. They release their fourth album, "Lay Down & Love It Live," with a four-piece horn section on Sept. 14.

"I'd describe us as a collision between rhythm & blues and rock n' roll," said Erik Scott, who grew up listening to Paul McCartney and Motown bassists, but favors fretless player Pino Palladino. "We don't just duplicate our records. Live, it's a little more freer, a little more raucous."

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"Certainly, the Corona ad was really cool. I got to do the vocals and the voice-over work. The song was one that I wrote. That was perfect in every way."

That aside, Randolph is excited about the live album, which takes material from Mudpuppy's self-titled debut and its stellar sophomore effort "White Bread and Hot Sauce." They decided to do a live album because, frankly, "we really didn't have a lot of time to sit down and rehearse for a brand new CD of all new material."

"We knew that during live shows, as with many bands, a lot of magical things can happen. Certainly when you record a song, you're capturing a moment and trying to make it as perfect as you can for that studio environment," Randolph said in his one-too-many-cigarettes vocals.

"We just wanted to capture the energy of a live show. Music

evolves constantly. You play a song every night and after awhile it just kind of evolves into something. You put in new ideas, take things out. It turned out a really good thing."

"One Night Only" marks the new moniker of the band, once known as purely Mudpuppy. Randolph said it was a logical step to rename the band Mudpuppy featuring Paul Randolph.

"I've always been the front person, the frontman of the band, and the principal songwriter. It seemed like a very logical step to make, and, also keeping in mind that a lot of record companies are really not signing bands. They're signing artists like the Dave Matthews Band," he said.

"There has to be a focal point. It's turned out to be a really great thing for everybody."

Randolph's solo career has also taken off. The past couple of years, he has played solo acous-

tic shows in New York City. On June 26, he will join Detroit techno artist Carl Craig for a show in Central Park.

His side jobs, he explained, are not indications that Mudpuppy is coming to an end. Randolph said he gets the best of both worlds this way.

"No. 1, as an individual, I get what I want from my music, which is to play all kinds of different stuff. Certainly when I go out there, I take Mudpuppy stuff in hand, after all that's a big part of me, and it's taken up a lot of my time and sweat and blood and tears and all that stuff. I do that in the hopes that I'll get closer to some of the people that are the decision makers" at record companies.

Mudpuppy is moving in the right direction, he added.

"Things are progressing in a very positive way."

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Stratford presents youthful, dancing 'West Side Story'

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The Stratford Festival in Ontario is not all Shakespeare. In fact, some of the best productions have no connection with the Bard of Avon at all.

The musical "West Side Story" falls somewhere in between.

Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" was the inspiration for the story and many of the characters, but the setting was transposed from Renaissance Italy to the hard streets of 1950s New York City, from a feud between noble families to gang warfare and from the music of language to the glory of music and dance.

Major talents created this rare musical tragedy. Composer Leonard Bernstein was at his peak, moving easily between classical and popular music as no one ever had before, Arthur Laurents was a successful playwright with an ability to distill and alter the source into something new and a young Stephen Sondheim provided lyrics that snapped, crackled and popped with street jargon and rich irony. But at the center of this show was director-choreographer Jerome Robbins' expressive, explosive street ballet.

Dance is celebrated in this exuberant, youthful, close-to-perfect Stratford production. It is Robbins' vision that choreographer Sergio Trujillo brings to vibrant life, capturing the rhythms of the city, the sexual and violent tensions that energize and destroy the city's young people.

Often the emphasis is put on Bernstein's wonderful score and Sondheim's vernacular lyrics,

Stratford Festival

At the Festival Theatre:
William Shakespeare's "The Tempest," through Nov. 7.
William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," through Nov. 5.

Christina Calvit's adaptation of Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice," through Nov. 6.

Ben Jonson's "The Alchemist," through Oct. 30.
Richard Sheridan's "The School for Scandal," July 29-Nov. 6.

At the Avon Theatre:
Musical version of Bram Stoker's "Dracula," through Nov. 7.
Musical "West Side Story," through Nov. 6.

At the Tom Patterson Theatre:
William Shakespeare's "Macbeth," through Sept. 26.
David Young's "Glenn," through Sept. 25.

William Shakespeare's "Richard II," through Sept. 25.
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but dance is really the heart and soul of "West Side Story" from the first snap of Riff's fingers to Tony's final death throes, this is a fine example of modern dance and its power to tell a story.

Youth is the other triumph of this production. The young gang members are the right age, the right attitude.

Of course, this is the story of the Jets, the established "American" kids of Irish, Polish and Italian background, and the Sharks, the new Puerto Rican young trying to establish their place on the turf. The Jets' Tony falls in love with Maria, sister of

the Sharks' leader Bernardo.

The performances are uniformly excellent. Jake Simons makes Riff a swaggering but sympathetic young man, proud of his position. His dancing is strong, athletic. Equally proud, with the stance of a flamenco dancer is Raymond Rodriguez as the headstrong Bernardo, moving with the formal elegance of a tango. Karen Andrew is a sassy, high-kicking Anita.

In the lead roles are two actors who capture all the nervous uncertainty of young lovers, sing beautifully and dance gracefully. Tyley Ross has a sweet, choirboy voice, but his Tony shows the early stages of a dawning maturity. Ma-Anne Dionisio's Maria is giddy with new love.

Of course, the songs are all memorable from the rousing "Jet Song" to the anthemic "Somewhere" to the comic "America" and "Gee, Officer Krupke" to the beautiful "Tonight." This is American musical theater at its best.

Pride and Prejudice

Christina Calvit's "Pride and Prejudice" is also an adaptation.

Jane Austen has been enjoying a richly deserved revival in recent years. The ironic humorist has found an audience receptive to her arch take on the romance genre. Though she helped create some of the genre's forms, her humorous, observant books were far removed from the values of the typical romance novel.

Calvit neatly condenses the story and changing settings of Austen's most popular story. But, unfortunately, a clumsy system of rotating narration and confusing directorial flourishes weaken a generally good production.

Director Jeannette Lambermont gets good performances from her experienced cast and designer Dany Lyne captures the early 1800 period. But swirling bodies, a Greek chorus of townspeople and a continuing motif of a young girl are theatrical affectations that don't enhance the story telling.

This is the story of the Bennets, a family with five daughters who are prohibited by law from inheriting their father's estate. Their father is a low-key, easy-going man more happy in his books than worrying about his estate. His wife, on the other hand, is desperate to find matches for her daughter.

The second daughter, Elizabeth, is not eager to jump into marriage with someone because of his money. She rejects the suit of her twittish cousin, a minister who is legal heir to her father's estate.

But Elizabeth's heart is finally stirred by Mr. Darcy, a man she initially detests because of his



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Young lovers:
Tyley Ross is Tony and Ma-Anne Dionisio is Maria in the Stratford production of "West Side Story."

secretive (proud) manner and serious misunderstandings about things he's done.

Lucy Peacock is a properly sharp-tongued Elizabeth, though perhaps a bit too severe. Georgie Johnson is a handsome, brooding Darcy, the very model of a romantic hero.

Other fine performances are Steven Sucliffe as the simpering, obnoxious Mr. Collins; Brian Tree as the amusingly henpecked Mr. Bennet; Lally Cadeau as the loud and rough-mannered

Mrs. Bennet; and Patricia Collins as the imperious Lady Catherine de Bough to whom Mr. Collins happily grovels.

These are especially good productions for young people.

"West Side Story" continues through Nov. 6 at the Avon Theatre and "Pride and Prejudice" continues through Nov. 6 at the Festival.

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According to the OzzFest Web site, this is Black Sabbath's farewell tour.

It is a dream line-up for fans and even the bands on the bill. "I get to see Black Sabbath for free everyday," Claypool said in a "duh" tone-of-voice. "I'm just here to meet Geezer Butler."

Although Primus is in the middle of mixing its new album, due out on Interscope in August, the band is going to play the hits during its 45-minute set.

The Deftones, on the other hand, steadfastly stayed away from metal scene, bassist Chi Cheng explained. But now that the band's latest CD, "Around the Fur," is close to hitting gold status, it decided to jump onboard.

"We've always strayed away from this scene. We've taken like three Warped Tours and turned down all the Family Values-type tours," Cheng said.

The "Family Values" tour featured its creators Korn along with Rob Zombie.

"I think we're a diverse band to take punk rock tours and more alternative-type tours and still be able to do well. But we have a real strong metal aspect to our music and now we're going to develop that. We want to hit this fan base. I have a lot of respect for a lot of these bands, a lot."

The amazing part of playing OzzFest, Cheng explained, is that the fans sing along with every song despite the fact that these bands receive very little airplay.

"Most of the bands on here aren't radio or MTV-type bands. But these are really strong, legendary acts. You know a lot of the songs because you have their

albums. I think that is important."

Detroit fans are especially grateful, he added.

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rock music, you know? Whereas now metal, rock and the new metal is getting really big across the country. I don't think Detroit ever gave it up."

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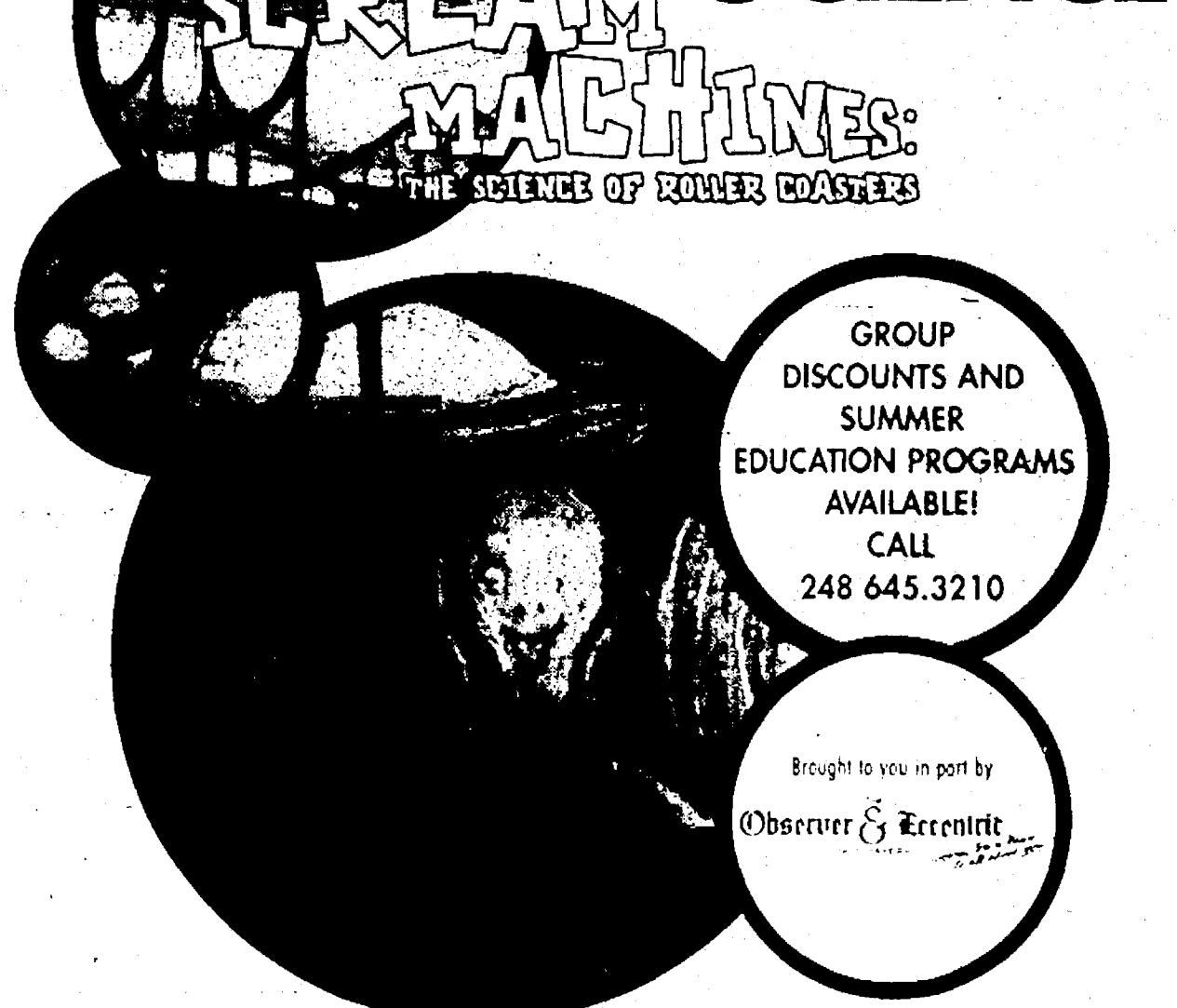
Players Guild presents musical

The Players Guild of Dearborn and the Guildings present, "Pocahontas, The Musical," at their air-conditioned theater, 21730 Madison, near the southeast corner of Monroe and Outer Drive in Dearborn.

Local playwright Lisa Andres of Livonia has chosen the story of Pocahontas as her ninth original musical for the Guildings, PGD's youth theater. The show will be performed 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, June 24-27.

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"Angelle," the story of the slave Marie-Joseph-Angelle, runs Thursdays-Sundays through June 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

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"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

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"Lib," an original play by Kim Carney, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturdays, and 7 p.m. Sundays, through June 27, at the theater, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 365-4948 or www.planetant.com

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"The Boys Next Door," a play about four mentally handicapped men living in a communal residence, 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, July 8-11 and Thursday-Saturday, July 15-17, at the Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron Street, Ypsilanti. \$12, \$9 seniors/students. (734) 483-7345

RIDGEALE PLAYERS

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 26-27, suitable for all ages, performers are ages 12-18, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake, between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. \$6. (248) 988-7049

STAGECRAFTERS

"After-Play," a comedy drama by comedian Anne Meara, through June 27, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 27, at the Baldwin Theatre 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$7, all seats reserved. (248) 541-6430

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"Pocahontas, The Musical," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, June 24-27, 21730 Madison, Dearborn. Presented by the Guildings, youth theater. Tickets \$5, call (313) 561-TKTS.

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD

"Au Naturel," a one-act play festival, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 27, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. (313) 531-0554

ZEITGEIST THEATRE

Eugene Ionesco's "Victims of Duty: A Pseudo-drama," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, at Zeitgeist, 2661 Michigan Ave., west of Tiger Stadium, between 19th and 20th streets, Detroit. \$10. (313) 965-9192

DINNER THEATER

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"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," continues through July 10, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 40 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

ANDIAMOS

An evening of dinner and entertainment featuring Mike Carluccio, accompanied by Darryl Oenderik and the Coachmen Band, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. show, Wednesday, June 30, Andiamos on 14 Mile Road between Van Dyke and Mound Road in Warren. Tickets \$35 in advance, call (810) 977-3292 or (248) 268-3200.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FILM PREMIERE

"The Quest for the Lost Tribes of Israel," doors open 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, film starts 7:15 p.m. at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit. Tickets \$36, available at Ticketmaster outlets, or call (248) 932-2889 or (248) 855-4482. A post film gala will be held with filmmaker Simcha Jacobovici immediately after the showing. Tickets are \$180, and include reserved seating and valet parking. Call numbers listed for information. Proceeds benefit Chad's Children of Chernobyl, a nonprofit relief agency.

E'S RECORD AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 27, Royal Oak Elks Hall, 1-75 and 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Free. (248) 546-4527

"GIRLEE"

An art exhibit opening and variety of performances by a collective of women artists and performers, 6-11 p.m. Saturday, June 26, continues to July 31, at 1145 Griswold, corner of State, on second floor above Colonial Toy Store, Detroit. (313) 921-9897/(313) 821-2867

HUDSON'S FIREWORKS



Featured performers: Gemini, twin brother musicians, Sendor and Laszlo Slomovits, will perform 1 p.m. Sunday, June 27 at the Top of the Park in downtown Ann Arbor during the Ann Arbor Summer Festival. Their light-hearted folk songs bring smiles to the faces of children and adults. Top of the Park will be filled with activities and entertainment on Sunday. Kids can participate in ArtVentures creative workshops under the tent. There is no charge for this event.

Ann Arbor Summer Festival Schedule

Concerts at the Power Center for the Arts
Kevin McCarthy, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 24
Art Garfunkel, 8 p.m. Friday, June 25, (almost sold-out)
Luma Theatre of Light, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 26
Bobby McFerrin and Astral Project, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 29
Bolcom and Morris, 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 30

Diana Krall, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 1

Peter Sparling Dance Company, 8 p.m. Friday, July 2
Gloria Loring, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 3
Capitol Steps, 5 and 8 p.m. Sunday, July 4
Trio Voronezh, 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 7
The Wilkinsons, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 8
Paula Poundstone, 8 p.m. Friday, July 9
Marcel Marceau, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 10
Ticket prices vary according to program.

For information, call (734)764-2538. Tickets are available in person at the Power Center Box Office, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday and noon to 9 p.m. Saturday.

A variety of free concerts and movies are presented during the festival at the Top of the Park in downtown Ann Arbor beginning at 7 p.m.

For more information, call the festival office (734) 647-2278, or visit the Web site www.mlive.com/aasf

10:06 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, rain date is July 1, on the Detroit riverfront.

MANGIA, MUSICA AND MICHELANGELO

Lecture by Michelangelo, and dinner, 6 p.m. Monday, June 28, at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$40. (313) 885-4521/(313) 831-1250

MICHIGAN TASTEFEST

Featuring various bands and "tastes" of area restaurants, Thursday-Monday, July 1-5, Detroit's New Center Area. (313) 872-0188 or <http://www.tastefest.org>

REDFORD THEATRE

Film "Kismet," with guest organists Sharron Patterson and Gus Borman, 7:30 p.m. organ overture followed by 8 p.m. film Friday, June 25, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. overtures with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. films, Saturday, June 26, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 537-2560 or <http://theatreorgans.com/mi/redford>

WAYNE COUNTY AIR SHOW

Featuring the U.S. Army Golden Knights, an aerial sports team, demonstrations by the F-14 Tomcat and F-16 Fighting Falcon, the "Heritage Formation Flight" including the F-16 and the P-51 Mustang and the F-117 Stealth Nighthawk fly by, the French Connection Husband and Wife Aerobatic Team, the Nicorette/Nicodem CQ SNJ-2 Skytapers, and Jimmy Franklin and the world's only jet-assisted WACO, plus son Kyle's wingwalking act, Saturday-Sunday, June 26-27, Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti. \$12, \$8 for children ages 6-11 in advance at Farmer Jack stores, \$15 adults and \$10 children at the gate. Children ages 5 and younger are free. (734) 482-8888

WCW

Featuring Goldberg, "Diamond Dallas" Page, Sting, "Nature Boy" Ric Flair, "Macho Man" Randy Savage, "Gorgeous George," Charles Robinson, "Bam Bam" Bigelow, Hak and more, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$15, \$25. Groups of 15 or more receive \$3 off \$25 and \$15 tickets. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

"ART FOR HUMANITY"

An evening of poetry readings, live music and visual art, also a silent auction, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at Pangborn Design Gallery, 275 Iron St., Detroit's Rivertown District. \$25. To raise funds for programs to aid the homeless and mentally ill at the Detroit Central City Community Mental Health. (810) 757-2177

BENEFITS

10:06 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, rain date is July 1, on the Detroit riverfront.

MIKE CARLUCCIO

With the Coachmen Band and Magliomedian Mark Tripp, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, at Adiamos, Warren. Portion of proceeds to benefit Disabled Veterans of America, Macomb Chapter. (248) 901-5010

GARDEN ALK

The Friends for the Development of Greenmead showcase seven gardens and yards, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 26, in Livonia. \$7 advance, \$8, proceeds go to Greenmead Historical Village. (734) 425-4855/(734) 464-2741

FAMILY EVENTS

CHILDREN'S DAY

The Tree House for Earth's Children fun-filled day on the theme "what comes from the heart, reaches the heart, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 26, arts and crafts with talented people to guide the youngsters, puppet shows, petting animal area, clowns, and hugging booth, at 22906 Mooney St., Farmington, west of Orchard Lake, off Grand River. (248) 473-0624

HIGHLAND RECREATION AREA

"Bird Beaks," a program for children to learn the different types of beaks and how they help birds survive, 10 a.m. Thursday, June 24; "Turtles and Snakes," 1 1/2-hour walk observing the animals, 1 p.m. Saturday, June 26; "Animal Homes," 10 a.m. Thursday, July 1, at the park, 5200 E. M-59, White Lake Township. Free, motor vehicle permit required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (248) 685-2187

PROUD LAKE RECREATION AREA

"Frogs and Turtles," 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 29, at the park, 3500 Wixom Road, Milford. Free, motor vehicle permit required. (248) 685-2187

SUMMER CONCERTS

COSMOPOLITAN BAND

With Armand Angeloni, 6 p.m. Sunday, June 27, at Westland Library Performance Pavilion behind Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road, between Wayne Road and Newburgh. In case of rain, concert will be inside the Bailey Recreation Center whenever feasible. Free. (734) 722-7620/(734) 522-3918

RED GARTER BAND

7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at the gazebo in Burgh Park, Berg Road and Civic Center Drive, Southfield. Free. (248) 424-9022

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Salute to America" concerts with the U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, July 1-4, Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. \$18, \$9 for children ages 5-12, free for children ages 4 and younger. (313) 576-5100 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

ing to program. For information, call (734)764-2538. Tickets are available in person at the Power Center Box Office, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday and noon to 9 p.m. Saturday.

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POPS/SWING

JUMPCATS

10:30 p.m. Friday, July 2, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (swing)

THE MUSIC MENU JAZZ ORCHESTRA

9 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 964-6268

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

NANCY GURWIN

She holds auditions for children ages 7-15 for "Harmony Garden Tour," an original music production promoting love growth and harmony, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, June 27, Jewish Community Center, room 150, 6600 W. Maple Road (near Drake Road), West Bloomfield. Children are asked to bring proper dance attire, sheet music with proper cuts for one ballad and one uptempo song, and a photo and resume. (248) 354-0545

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

Auditions for chorus members for 1999-2000 season for "Tosca," "Peter Grimes," "Werther," and "The Barber of Seville," prepare to sing two memorized arias, one in English, bring sheet music. (313) 961-3500, ext. 3237 to schedule audition.

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

STAGECRAFTERS

Auditions for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," 7-9 p.m. Friday and Monday, July 9 and 12, also casting non-pit musicians/actors who can play violin/fiddle, electric/string bass, electric/acoustic guitar, flute/recorder and hand percussion, at the Baldwin

theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances Sept. 17-19, 23-26 and 30, and Oct. 1-3 and 8-10. (248) 541-4832

SUMMER DRAMA CAMPS

Ages 5 and up join the Whistle Stop Players for sessions 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 12-16 and Aug. 9-13, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction. \$100, \$75 PCAC members. (734) 416-4ART

SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR PERFORMERS

Workshop with Walk & Squawk's artistic directors Erika Block and Hilary Ramsden and Lavinia Moyer and Angela De Castro, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, July 12-17 (\$180); also theater camp for teenagers July 19-23 (\$100), at the Walk & Squawk Performance Project, 122 East Mosley, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-0407

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

Auditions for high school and college age actors for "Godspell," also needed electric guitar and drums, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, June 27 and 6-9 p.m. Monday, June 28, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, Detroit. For performances Sept. 11-18; also placement auditions for Performing Arts Summer Camp for children ages 1-12, camps to run 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 19-30, latch-key available. (313) 535-8962

VILLAGE PLAYERS

Auditions for three women and two men for "Crossing Delancey," a contemporary romantic comedy, 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday, June 27 and 29, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. (248) 644-9667/(248) 644-2075

JAZZ

TASILIMAH BEY

8:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925 (rag-time piano)

GARY BLUMER TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 1, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

JUDIE COCHILL TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, June 26, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

"FROG ISLAND FESTIVAL"

With Motor City Street Band (5:30 p.m.); Beau Jocque and The Zydeco Hi-Rollers (7 p.m.); The Charmaine Neville Band (8:50 p.m.); and Nathanael and the Zydeco Cha Chas (10:40 p.m.), Friday, June 25; Imperial Swing Orchestra (noon), Hot Club of Cowtown (1:30 p.m.); Johnny Johnson with George Bedard and the Kingpins (3 p.m.); Sonia Dada (4:30 p.m.); The Campbell Brothers featuring Katie Jackson (6 p.m.); Alberta Adams and The Blues Insurgents (7:30 p.m.); Anson and the Rockets with Sam Myers (9 p.m.); and Son Seals and the Chicago Rhythm and Blues Kings (10:45 p.m.), Saturday, June 26; The Campbell Brothers featuring Katie Jackson (1 p.m.); Pamela Wise Latin Jazz All-Stars (2:30 p.m.); Straight Ahead (4 p.m.); Bobby Watson and Vincent Herring (5:30 p.m.); and Larry Coryell Quartet with Donald Harrison and Alphonse Mouzon (7:30 p.m.), Sunday, June 27, Frog Island park, Ypsilanti's Depot Town. \$17.50 per day in advance, \$20 per day at the gate. \$40 special, non-transferable three-day pass, available only in advance. A special group rate of "buy 10, get two free" available by mail order only. (248) 645-6666/(734) 764-TKTS

MIKE GABRIEL TRIO

8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at Tom's Oyster Bar, 29106 Franklin Road, Southfield. Free. (248) 356-8881 (guitar/stand-up bass/keyboards/vocals)

HEIDI HEPLER AND MICHELE RAMO

With Todd Curtis, 7-11 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, Too Cheez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 348-5555; 8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays, Northern Lakes Seafood Company's Tavern Bar, 475 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 646-7900 (Brazilian jazz/American standards)

KHIMIE HORNE

6 p.m. Friday, June 25, at Chandler Park, east of Conner Road, Detroit. (313) 822-7665

VANESSA JOHNSON/SCOTT RIETER AND FRIENDS

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, at Tom's Oyster Bar, 29106 Franklin Road, Southfield. Free. (248) 356-8881

KATHY KOSINS JAZZ QUARTET

7 p.m. Thursday, June 24, The Plaza at Kercheval Road and St. Clair Street, Grosse Pointe's Village Shopping District. Free. (313) 886-7474 or <http://www.thevillageegp.com>

JOHN LAWRENCE

8 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Center Stage, 39940 Ford Road, 1/4 mile east of I-75, Canton. Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 464-8447 or <http://www.abshow.com/MI/SuperTrax>

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With Dee Dee McNeil, vocalist, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner, and \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

LARRY NOZERO QUARTET

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, June 25, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248)

645-2150 (sax/piano/bass/drums)

GARY SCHUNK TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, June 24, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

SIMONSON, TAYLOR, TYE

9 p.m. Monday, June 28, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 964-6268

LOUIS SMITH QUARTET

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 2, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (trumpet/piano/bass/drums)

JANET TENAJ TRIO

Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Kranke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays during brunch, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 351-2925; 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, at Absolute Tiffany's, (313) 964-8900

PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, July 3, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax/piano/bass)

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

With Dan Koltun, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

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

13 WAYS

Fred Hersch, piano, Michael Moore, alto sax/clarinet and Gerry Hemingway, drums, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, July 2, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10 general. (734) 769-2999 or kch@pic.net

WIRELESS GREEN

8 ways a week

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SAGE
With Geoffrey Esly, 8-19 p.m. and 10 p.m. to midnight Friday, June 15, Zou Zou's, 101 N. Main St., Chelsea. Free. All ages. (734) 327-2041

MICHAEL SHELATA
With Richard Lawrence, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., Chelsea. Free. All ages. (734) 327-2041

SPYDER JOE
With Richard Lawrence, 8-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Free; suggested donation \$7 adults, \$5 students ages 13 and older, \$3 for kids 6-12. (734) 327-2041

POETRY / SPOKEN WORD

RICHARD TILLINGHAST AND POIGNANT PLEOSTOMUS

With Melba Joyce Boyd, Bill Harris and Bob Hicok, 6 p.m. Sunday, June 28, Detroit Opera House's Madison Lounge, Detroit. Free. Donations go to The Writer's Voice of the Metropolitan Detroit YMCA. (313) 327-2041

CLARK IVERSON AND RISHIKAVI RAGHIDAS

7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, July 1, as part of the Plymouth Poets' seventh annual Summer Celebration of Poetry at Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman, at Harvey Street, Plymouth. (734) 459-7319

"POET IN RESIDENCE"

ROD RHEINHART, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and Sunday, July 1 (Kellogg Park), at the Plymouth Public Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth. (734) 453-0750 for specific events and programs.
LINDA SIENKIEWICZ AND MATTHEW SCOTT OLZMANN
As part of "Poetry in Motion," 6-10 p.m. Sunday, June 27, The Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Free. All ages. (248) 615-9181

DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE
For experienced dancers, minimal walk-throughs, many dances will not be taught or walked through at all. Peter Baker calls to music by the Contrapreurs, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8863

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING
With calling by Eric Arnold and Don Theyken and live music by David West and Donna Baird, all dances taught, previous experience and partner not required. 7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, at Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

"HAWAIIAN LUAU 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) 534-5924 / (734) 422-3415

"THE SHOW...99"

Starring Freedom Jazz Xpressionz, Detroit's hip-hop flavored dance studio. The company and the X Generation, 7:15 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at the Wayne State University Community Arts Auditorium, on Cass at Kirby, McGregor Bldg., Detroit. \$15 advance, \$20 at door. (313) 964-8497

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Leo DuFour, Manny Shields and Jeff Margrett, Thursday-Saturday, June 24-26 (\$10); No events July 1-3; Billy Ray Bauer, Robert Mac and Tim Lilly, Thursday-Saturday, July 8-10 (\$10), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Joe Dunkel, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Kevin Naughton and Tim Rowlands, Thursday-Sunday, June 24-27; Bryan McCree and Jason Douglas, Wednesday-Sunday, June 30-July 3, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 9:30 p.m. Fridays (\$12), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

SECOND CITY

"Alternative Mondays" with "Funny Like Cancer," 8 p.m. Mondays. \$8; Improv Jammers, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. \$5, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Mainstage comedy acts: Sundays. Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on

Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MARV WELCH
7-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Marvin's Bistro and Piano Bar, 15800 Middlebelt Road, between Five and Six Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 522-5600

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

BELLE ISLE ZOO

Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Oct. 31, at the zoo on Central Avenue on Belle Isle, two miles east of downtown Detroit, entrance is on East Jefferson at East Grand Boulevard. \$3, \$2 seniors age 62 and older and students, \$1 ages 6-12. (248) 398-0900 / (248) 399-7001

CRANBROOK HOUSE AND GARDENS

Tours 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 26 (\$10); Thursdays to Sept. 30 a noon lunch is offered only with a house tour and only by reservation for an additional \$10; gardens open through Aug. 31 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday (\$5), at Cranbrook, 380 Long Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND ART MUSEUM

"Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island," at the art museum. (248) 645-3361; "Stream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters," "Our Dynamic Earth," and planetarium and Lasera programs at the science center, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Extended Friday hours, 5-10 p.m., through Aug. 13. 1-877-462-7262

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

"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 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week. "Whales" opens June 19, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 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 6 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

HENRY FORD ESTATE - FAIR LAKE

Estate tours include the restored river-side powerhouse, Henry Ford's personal garage and cars, giant generators 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

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 of Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. \$3. \$2 seniors and students. (248) 656-4663

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Free concerts celebrate Black Music Month on Fridays in June. "A Taste of the Caribbean" featuring LoBa Aka (West Indian Jazz) and YatiFari (bohemian), 6 p.m. Friday, June 25, on the museum's lawn; "The Third Root: Africans in Mexico" continues, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. \$5, \$3 for children ages 17 and younger. (313) 494-5800

ANGELS OF LIGHT

With Windsor for the Derby, 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. \$15 in advance, \$18 day of show. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (country/rock)

THE B-52'S

7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 1, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$28.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

ALBERTA ADAMS

With The Bill Heid Trio, 9 p.m. Thursdays, June 24 and July 1, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)

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(pop)

DEBORAH BARTLEY
8-10 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (singer/songwriter)

BIG DOG AND THE WOOFERS

9 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

BLACK BEAUTY

With Thornetta Davis, 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (rockability)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With Sky Pilots, Tucker, The Color Sound Experiment and Ajna, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.blindpigmusic.com> (variety)

BLISS

8 p.m. Friday, June 25, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (pop)

BLUE CAT

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

THE BLUE MOON BOYS

9 p.m. Friday, July 2, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)

BLUE SUIT

9 p.m. Friday, June 25, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

BOON DOGGLE

With Bowl Scraper, Dose and Helloosination, 9 p.m. Thursday, June 24; Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

ROBERTA BRADLEY AND GYPSY

9 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues/rock)

BRANDY

With Silk, 702, and C-Note, 8 p.m. Friday, July 2, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$28, \$38 and \$48. All ages. Tyrese is off the bill. (313) 983-6600 or <http://www.ticketmaster.com> (R&B)

BRIDGE

With Robb Roy, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (blues)

COLONEL SUN

With Sublimation, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.blindpigmusic.com> (rock)

DARK STAR ORCHESTRA

A band that recreates Grateful Dead concerts in their entirety, 9 p.m. Friday, June 25, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (rock)

DE LA SOUL

7 p.m. Friday, June 25, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$22.50. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheater.com> (hip-hop)

JOE DIFFIE

With Sara Evans, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Clio Area Amphitheater, 301 Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio. \$26 reserved, \$21 bleachers. (810) 687-7611 or <http://www.clioamp.org> (country)

ANI DIFRANCO

With Maceo Parker, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$25 pavilion and lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock/folk)

Road, Independence Township. \$37.50 pavilion, \$20 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

GRAVITY WELL

With Propeller and Prime Numbers, 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.blindpigmusic.com> (rock)

"GREAT HOWLING JAM"

Hosted by Johnny Evans of The Howling Diablos and Gary Rasmussen of GRR, 9 p.m. Thursdays in July, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (variety)

GRR

9 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (rock)

HARPER

9 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge, 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 or <http://www.fifthavenuebilliards.com> (blues)

HARRINGTON BROTHERS

9 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

THE HIGH ROLLERS

With The Burning Sensations, 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 2, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.blindpigmusic.com> (rock)

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS

9 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393; 9 p.m. Saturday, June 26; Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (boogie blues)

WHITNEY HOUSTON

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$100, \$77.50, \$67.50 and \$50. All ages. (248) 433-1515 (pop/R&B)

HOWLING DIABLOS

9 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Fifth Avenue, 215 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 or <http://www.fifthavenuebilliards.com> (funk)

CHRIS ISAAC

With The Robert Cray Band featuring The Memphis Horns, Susan Calloway and Stewart Francke, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Chene Park, Detroit. \$29.39. All ages. (313) 983-6611 (pop/blues)

ISLEY BROTHERS

With Kool and the Gang, 8 p.m. Friday, July 2, Chene Park, 2600 E. Atwater St., Detroit. \$25, \$35 and \$45. All ages. (313) 393-0292 (R&B, soul)

JILL JACK

With Waka Jawaka and Daniels Crossing, 9 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Alvin's, 5657 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock/world beat)

JOHN MELLENCAMP

With Son Volt, 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$39.50 pavilion, \$20 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (roots rock)

MONK

With Habinger's Mile and Tucker, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 1, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.blindpigmusic.com> or <http://www.habingersmile.com> (roots rock)

MUDPUPPY

10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. \$5, 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues)

MURDER CITY WRECKS

With Gore Gore Girls, 9 p.m. Friday, June 25, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (rock)

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY

7 p.m. Thursday, July 1, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (R&B)

STEVE NARDELLA

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 2-3, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (rockability)

NIGHT RANGER

With Survivor, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, Clio Area Amphitheater, 301 Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio. \$21 reserved, \$17 bleachers. (810) 687-7611 or <http://www.clioamp.org> (rock)

MOJO NIXON

8 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Canceled. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

ORIGINAL BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF LOVE

9 p.m. Sunday, June 27, Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or <http://www.arborbrewing.com> ("Appalachian style soul")

"OZZFEST '99"

With Black Sabbath, Rob Zombie, Deftones, Slayer, Primus, Godsmack and System of a Down on the main stage beginning at 1 p.m. and Fear Factory, Pupa, Slipknot, H102, Apartment 26 and Static X, 11:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, and Sunday, June 27, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and

Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$49.50 pavilion and lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (metal/rock)

JIM PARAVANTES WITH MERIDIAN

Perform a Frank Sinatra tribute, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays in June, Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road, at Maple Road,

STREET SCENE

Son Volt on the road, opening for John Mellencamp



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Jay Farrar's sleeping patterns are non-existent these days. Tour buses aren't the most comfortable places to sleep, and at home he doesn't get a lot of rest either. But it's well worth it, he said. Farrar, the singer/songwriter of Son Volt, is the father of a 9-week-old son.

This year is one of adjustment for Son Volt and Farrar, a man of few words. The band is on the

road opening for John Mellencamp, including the Wednesday, June 30, date at Pine Knob. The roots rock/Americana group is used to playing clubs, so standing on stage in front of a 15,000-plus crowd is a bit of a change.

"It'll be different for us. It's something we haven't done much of in the past."

When asked if he's a big Mellencamp fan, Farrar sighed and said, "I've always been aware of what he's done. His longevity and success kind of speak for itself."

Son Volt is touring in support of "Wide Swing Tremolo," its

third album for Warner Bros. It was recorded in the band's rehearsal space, a former lingerie warehouse, which allowed Son Volt to take its time.

"In the past when you're recording due to budgetary restraints, we only had four weeks. We had the freedom and the time to try things the way we wanted. I'm not sure we'd do it again."

"Some of the songs were allowed to just sort of germinate a bit I guess, especially song like 'Driving the View.' We tried it with an acoustic approach the first time around, subsequently

we went electric."

To diversify the sound, Son Volt called upon three people to mix the album - Jack Joseph Puig (Verve Pipe), David Barbe and John Agnello.

"He definitely knows what he's doing. He has a very expansive collection of equipment," he said, with a laugh about Puig.

"I just wanted to try different songs with different people. Hopefully they all go together."

Son Volt opens for John Mellencamp at 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, at Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw

Road, Independence Township. Tickets are \$39.50 pavilion, \$20 lawn. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit http://www.palacenet.com.

The Ultimate Showcase

Embassy Music in Nashville is holding its annual The Ultimate Showcase, which gives unsigned Christian singers and songwriters the chance to perform on Music Row in Nashville in front of industry professionals. This year's panel includes representatives of Sparrow Records, EMI/CMG Publishing, Muse Management, Gotee Records,

Atlantic Records and Benson. To receive an entry form, call (616) 345-2500 or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Embassy Music, 1161 Murfreesboro Road, Suite 323, Nashville, Tenn., 37217. The deadline is Monday, July 19.

Christina Fuoco is the pop music reporter for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. If you have a question or comment for her, you can leave her a message at (734) 953-2047, mailbox No. 2130, or write to her at The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich., 48150, or cfuoco@e.homecomm.net.

Usual Suspects inspired by higher power

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

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Katie Geddes and Mark Brokaw were fellow parishioners at First United Methodist Church, Ann Arbor when pastor Tom Wachterhauser decided to start a band for a Saturday afternoon worship service at its new location, Green Wood, in 1999. Mike Fedel was "shopping" for a church when he heard about the band and joined.

Not the usual way most bands get together, but for Katie Geddes and The Usual Suspects their liaison promises a long, fruitful future. Geddes credits the "seemingly-unbreakable union" to the church.

Before long, the group was being asked to play at weddings. By 1997, they were on their way to playing weddings and benefit concerts in and around Ann Arbor, and open stage nights at The Ark in Ann Arbor. On Saturday, June 26, they take to the stage of Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

"Our close friendship and love of music has held the band together three years," said Geddes. "There's never once been a harsh word or raised voice. We're all really good friends."

Not easy, for a group as large

What: Katie Geddes and The Usual Suspects perform their mix of country, folk and folk-gospel, including tracks from their "Live at Green Wood" CD. When: 8 p.m. Saturday, June 26. Where: Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, west of I-275, Livonia. Tickets: \$10, \$8 members, and available by calling (734) 464-6302.



Country folk: Katie Geddes joins The Usual Suspects for a concert at the Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

as Katie Geddes and The Usual Suspects. When Rev. Wachterhauser, also the group's drummer, harmonica and piano player, was assigned to a new church in Davison, Andy Callis, a parishioner there, came on board the group on mandolin/piano. Occasionally, Davison parishioners Jim Callis, harmonica and Mo Jones, bass also join in. Fedel plays lead guitar, and Brokaw, guitar/bass/harmony/vocals for every engagement.

"We play everything from Woody Guthrie to Buffy St. Marie, Aretha Franklin, Emmy Lou Harris, Willie Nelson, Eric Clapton and Bare Naked Ladies," said Geddes. "We're pretty versatile. Our first set is

traditional old folk and country songs. The second set we get out the electric guitars and get a little bit rowdier, we also try to fill requests."

Geddes and The Usual Suspects will also be playing songs from their new CD, "Live at Green Wood" at Trinity House Theatre. Green Wood is the coffee house founded by Rev. Wachterhauser in 1996. While the opening of a coffee house is certainly not an earth-shaking

revelation because many churches initiate settings to bring people together while hosting fledgling entertainers, the problem was no one wanted to volunteer to perform until Geddes came forward. She'd been singing in the church choir, but lacked confidence to be out there fronting a group. Then a twist of fate gave her the boost she needed. Geddes was waiting in line outside The Ark to hear Livingston Taylor perform when who should she meet but the singer himself. Livingston usually asks a volunteer to sing "City Lights," a song originally recorded with brother James, with him. Geddes boldly asks him if she could sing "Loving Arms" with him. She does, and her confidence level soars.

"People have been passing our CD along and playing them," said Geddes, who sells life insurance and investments for a Northville company. "We've been so fortunate. I don't think we've done a gig we asked for. It's all been word of mouth."

The group still plays the 5 p.m. Saturday service at First United Methodist, Green Wood, not the rock Rev. Wachterhauser originally envisioned but their own brand of music, a combination folk and country inspired by a higher power.

GALLERY EXHIBIT OPENINGS

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER. Opens June 25 - "Content Contained," through July 25. Lecture on "Little Boxes," 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 7 at the Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY. Opens June 24 - Exhibition and sale of works by Jay Lefkowitz through August 12. Opening reception 6-8 p.m., Thursday, June 24 at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

GIRLEE. Opens June 26 - A collection of women artists and performers present an art exhibit and performances through July 31. Opening reception, 11 p.m., Saturday, June 26. Gallery hours noon to 4 p.m., 1145 Griswold (above the Colonial Toy Store), Detroit. For information call (313) 921-9891.

WENTWORTH GALLERY. Opens June 26 - Diane Anderson exhibition and meet the artist 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Laurel Park Place, 37648 West Six Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 462-5840. Opens June 27, 1-5 p.m. at the Somerset Collection, 2801 West Big Beaver Road, Troy. (248) 816-8372.

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DINING

Customers are treated like family at Buca di Beppo

BY MARY QUINLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

Looking for a dining experience packed with laughter, family fun and a funky, southern Italian atmosphere? Perhaps Buca di Beppo, one of Livonia's newest eateries, is the answer to your search.

As customers enter the restaurant's front door, they are led on an informal stroll through the

land. "I thought the pictures on the walls of our booth were very clever."

While you're waiting for your heaping platters of food to arrive, wander throughout the restaurant and check out The Cardinal's Room, The Pope's Table and The Grotto Table.

Diroff shared a feast with her niece, Tammy O'Connell of Eagan, Minnesota, and Suzanne



Special table: The Pope's Table seats 14 to 20 guests at Buca di Beppo.

bustling kitchen. If you choose, and the kitchen's crescent-shaped table is vacant, you and a handful of your friends can stay and dine here.

Most patrons, however, prefer the dining areas.

"We were in the Wine Room, sitting in the Gangster Booth," said Bernadette Diroff of West-

Duke, a friend from Garden City. After several trips to peruse the menu on the wall and lots of discussion, the threesome reached agreement.

Their dinner consisted of a small Caesar salad (more than enough for four people), a heaping platter of rigatoni positano (sprinkled with chicken,

Buca di Beppo
Where: 38888 Six Mile Road, (between Haggerty and I-275), (734) 4-MANGIA, 462-6442
Hours: Open seven days a week, dinner only; 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 5-11 p.m. Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday; 4-10 p.m. Sunday.

Reservations: Accepted before, restaurant opens for that day. Advance reservations accepted during restaurant hours. No call ahead seating.

Menu: Classic southern Italian dishes are featured which include salads, pizza (marinara, pepperoni, vegetable rustic), pastas, entrees of eggplant parmigiana, spaghetti and meatballs (three baseball-sized meatballs), chicken cacciatore (an entire roast chicken) and veal marsala, and dolci (spumoni, chocolate cannoli and a quart-sized bowl of tiramisu).

Non-smoking area: Entire restaurant is non-smoking except for the bar area.

Cost: All courses are served family style. Salads (a small Caesar serves four) cost \$6.95 to \$13.95; pizzas range in price from \$9.95 to \$17.95; pasta prices are \$7.95 to \$19.95; and entrees range in price from \$14.95 to \$19.95.

Credit cards: American Express, Diners' Club, MasterCard and Visa

Carry-out: Yes



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Dining experience: Matt Chuchman, Kitchen Manager, and Debbie Norman, Paisano Partner, at the newly opened Buca di Beppo in Livonia where the atmosphere sets the stage for a delightful dining experience.

Keep in mind that the Buca staff and all patrons are "family." So, if you happen to spot a delectable-looking antipasti or insalata at a neighboring table, it's okay to meander by and say "Hi!" and then ask for a taste.

"I thought the food was wonderful," said Diroff. "I loved the lemon chicken because it was very moist. I usually don't like to order pasta at a restaurant because I'm particular about sauces. However, I liked the marinara. It wasn't too strong."

A chunk of warm bread pudding from a nearby table of friendly diners, and a sizable portion of espresso-soaked tiramisu satisfied everyone's

sweet cravings. "The bread pudding was the closest to my mother's that I've ever tasted," said Diroff.

"My mom loved cinnamon and raisins and she used a lot of them in her recipe. Buca's had large chunks of raisins. It was absolutely wonderful!"

Buca's menu reflects the soul of southern Italian food.

Recipes were developed by head chef Vittorio Renda, a native of Calabria, Italy.

Buca di Beppo translates as Joe's basement. Buca means basement, which is where the grandfather of Buca's president, Joe Micatrotto, opened his restaurant in Cleveland's Little

Italy. Beppo is slang for "buddy Joe." It is considered an honor to dine in Joe's basement.

Sauces made from scratch, a daily Mama's Special and a family-friendly staff add authenticity to the ethnic ambience.

"We look for people who have that Buca spirit," said Lane Schmiesing, vice president of marketing. "Everybody on staff gets a 'green card.' It reminds them what we are about. At 3:30 everyday, the staff has a family meal."

Everything on the menu is available "to go." Buca management anticipates that "ten percent" of sales will be carry-out.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, or e-mail keelywygonik@oe.homecomm.net

It's summer, and we're looking for suggestions for restaurants to feature on our Dining page. If you have a garden, or an interesting outdoor setting, let us know.

Also, be sure to let us know about anniversaries, menu changes, and specials.

SWEET AFTON TEA ROOM & RESTAURANT

New summer hours begin Monday, June 21, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, closed Sunday. Serving dinner Thursday-Saturday, beginning June 24, 450 Forest Ave., Plymouth,

(734) 454-0777.

TOO CHEZ

African lobster tail with steamed mussels, roast potatoes, corn and green beans, \$14.95 per person (excluding tax and gratuity). Friday nights until mid-August, 27155 Sheraton Drive, northwest corner of Novi Road and I-96. Call (248) 348-555 for information.

DEARBORN FOOD FESTIVAL

Tenth annual event Saturday-

Monday, June 26-28 on the campus of Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Saturday hours are 3-10 p.m.; noon to 10 p.m. Sunday, and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday. Continuous entertainment, food and beverages from some of the area's finest eateries available for purchase. Parking and admission are free. Call (313) 584-6100.

BUDDY'S RESTAURANT AND

PIZZA

Between now and July 4 visit any Buddy's location and enter their drawing to win a family vacation to Disney World plus other prizes. On Monday, June 21 a portion of sales from all Buddy's locations will go to the 1999 Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund. Between 3-6 Tuesday,

June 22, Buddy's will roll back prizes to 1946, the year it all began. Large pizzas with cheese and one topping will be \$3 at all Buddy's locations (table service only, limit 2 pizzas per table).

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