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Swinging in the breeze



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Swayed: Andrea Negele, 6, reaches for the sky on a swing at the Central City Parkway park in Westland.

Bloody attack

Man survives repeated stabbing, assault

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A Dearborn Heights man kicked in the front door of a Westland house Saturday and attacked a resident, stabbing him repeatedly and smashing a glass table top over his head, a police report said.

The 33-year-old victim survived the attack - blamed on a suspect who argued with his live-in girlfriend and then became angry when she sought solace from the Westland man.

The incident occurred about 6:15 p.m. Saturday inside a blood-spattered house in the 28800 block of Hanover, police said.

A Westland judge on Monday arraigned John David Matussek, 31, on charges of felonious assault, first-degree home invasion and malicious destruction of property over \$1,000.

Judge Gail McKnight ordered Matussek jailed in lieu of a \$20,000/10 percent bond. She also scheduled him for an Aug. 12 hearing to determine whether he should stand trial.

The highest charge against Matussek - home invasion - carries a 20-year prison term. But he could face a harsher sentence, if convicted, because he was charged as a habitual offender.

Matussek served about two years in prison for a 1991 conviction on charges of unarmed robbery and assault with intent to do great bodily harm, less than murder, according to police. He is described as a John Glenn High School dropout.

The latest incident occurred Saturday evening when a man kicked open the front door of a Hanover residence, entered the living room and attacked

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Rats multiplying, residents alarmed

Experts will be hired to eliminate a growing rat problem in a neighborhood near Merriman and Cherry Hill after the health department confirmed their presence. Total eradication could take months.

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A thriving rat colony whose population could double in one week was confirmed Monday by a Wayne County Health Department official who inspected a residential neighborhood near Merriman and Cherry Hill.

Environmental assistant Larry Williams found eight burrows where 12 to 50 rats are estimated to be living - and multiplying - near Steinhauer and Birchwood streets.

His findings confirmed fears of a growing Norwegian rat problem and prodded city officials to announce battle plans.

"But it's going to be a couple of months before we're able to reduce the problem tremendously," Mayor Robert Thomas cautioned.

Williams, Thomas and other administration officials fielded questions Monday evening from 35 to 40 alarmed residents who attended a Westland City Council study session dealing with rats.

- City animal control officers plan to set some live traps.
- Williams warned residents to avoid health risks by using long gloves and shovels when removing dead rats from their property.
- Williams urged residents not to leave food in outdoor pet dishes because rats "will eat out of them."
- The mayor said pets should be fed indoors when possible.
- Thomas promised that city workers will help residents get rid of ailing apple trees that may attract rats.
- Williams encouraged homeowners



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Robert J. Thomas
Mayor

Thomas

"They are everywhere. They are just rampant," resident Carol Black said, adding that homeowners are using pellet guns and other measures to try to kill the rodents.

"People are starting to handle it their own way," she said.

Williams said the Norwegian rats grow to 18 inches long and can squeeze through an opening the size of a quarter. He said they spread serious diseases and carry fleas that transfer to pets and their owners.

Williams brought one rat carcass - preserved by a taxidermist - to show residents the rodent troubling their neighborhood.

Thomas worried aloud Monday that Westland could suffer a tarnished image and declining property values if it earns a rat reputation.

A series of developments unfolded Monday after Williams confirmed a rat colony that has fueled resident complaints for weeks.

• Thomas said his administration will seek out a professional rat-fighting company to try to kill the rodents. Council President Sandra Cicirelli indicated that money will be provided for the plan.

• The mayor pledged to continue sending city ordinance officers to warn property owners to remove wood piles, dilapidated sheds and other rat-housing structures - or face possible arrests and court appearances.

• "Everyone's going to have to cooperate," he said.

• Thomas pledged to provide extra city pickup days for junk items.

to keep garbage cans covered and to clear yards of pet droppings, which rats will eat.

• Williams warned that people who toss out bread and other food for birds are adding to the problem. "The rats are eating when the birds are gone," he said.

• Williams urged residents to place wood piles on elevated racks and to keep property cleared of rubbish and tall weeds.

• The mayor asked residents to help neighbors, such as ailing senior citizens, who need assistance in fixing property problems.

• Williams advised property owners to place large-size "snap traps" three in a row to catch rats, although some residents voiced frustrations that rodents are eating food and avoiding being caught.

• Williams warned that rats are "vicious when cornered" and that they "will attack." And, he said, "a rat will give a cat a good fight."

• Police Chief Emery Price urged residents to form neighborhood watch programs and to report ordinance problems to authorities.

City Attorney Angelo Plakas agreed and neighborhood watchdogs can be "our eyes and ears."

• Some homeowners, predicting hostilities when neighbors start reporting each other, said the city should be

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Cell tower remains an issue for residents, Sprint

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Sprint is seeking a "governor's reprieve" for a city-axed cell tower the company wants to build near Venoy and Cherry Hill roads.

Sprint attorney Wallace Haley on Monday said the company would likely settle for a 125-foot tower, chopping 15 feet from an earlier plan, the city denied.

Sprint wants to erect the wireless communications tower on property it would lease from Detroit Edison.

The tower would be built southeast of Venoy and Cherry Hill - 348 feet from Blue Garden Apartments' prop-

erty line and 420 feet from the closest single-family home, Haley said.

Sprint, AT&T and possibly Nextel would use the tower to boost cellular phone reception that's lacking within a 1.5-mile area.

"There are some dead spots (in reception)," Westland Planning Director Tod Kilroy said.

Haley unveiled Sprint's latest plan Monday evening during a Westland City Council study session.

He made Sprint's latest pitch after the city earlier denied a 140-foot tower on the same site. He said the company hopes for "a governor's reprieve" of sort.

The latest proposal also comes after angry residents last spring won a battle against a cell tower proposed on Westland municipal golf course property.

Residents raised questions about health risks and a 1974 quit claim deed that appeared to protect golf course property from other uses.

"The residents made that site at least problematic, shall we say," Haley said Monday.

Residents haven't mounted opposition to the latest plan, Haley said, adding that a 125-foot tower would add "minimal visual clutter" to a neighborhood where 90-foot utility poles already stand.

However, Sprint and AT&T representatives on Monday indicated they still may ask to exceed 125 feet amid hopes of accommodating Nextel on the same tower.

City officials plan to wait to review plans that Sprint will ultimately submit for the cell tower project, but some seemed receptive.

"I would certainly be more receptive to this (location) than the golf course," Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin said.

Mayor Robert Thomas' administration, which earlier supported the golf course site, also favors the new plan.

"We're supporting them on this site," Thomas told council members Monday.

Benefit car wash

Sam's Club in Westland will be the host site of a car wash to benefit the Leukemia Society of America. The fundraiser will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 24 at the Sam's Club across from Hudson's at Westland Mall.

Smooth sounds

The Westland Cultural Society musical series continues Sunday evenings through Aug. 22 at the outdoor pavilion behind the Westland Public Library. Sunday, Aug. 1 the Phil Gram Combo will be the featured performer. The event begins at 6 p.m. The Bailey Center (Ford and Carlson) is the rain site.

PLACES & FACES

Town hall meeting

U.S. Representative Lynn N. Rivers will be holding a Town Hall meeting in the Wayne Senior Center, located at 35000 Sims in Wayne on Thursday, Aug. 19 from 7-8:30 p.m. The meeting will be an open forum at which attendees are free to discuss a wide range of subjects. Congresswoman Rivers will begin by discussing recent actions in the 106th Congress and will open the floor to questions. For further information contact Deborah Johnson, (734) 485-3741 for more information.

Anniversary celebration

The Souper Sandwich Carver will observe their one-year anniversary with a celebration from 4-7 p.m. at their Westland location (888 W. Wayne Road) from 5-7 p.m. July 29. RSVP by Monday, July 26 by calling (734) 326-7222.

Government update

On Wednesday, Aug. 4 at 10:30 a.m. Mayor Robert J. Thomas will be a guest speaker at Marquette House Assisted Living, 36000 Campus Drive in Westland. Mayor Thomas will do an update on Westland's City government and will also have a question and answer session. The public is invited.

Sleeping tot almost shot when gun discharges in brawl

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A drinking party turned violent early Sunday when a Westland man and a longtime friend struggled over a .44-caliber Magnum revolver, causing it to discharge near a bed where a 2-year-old girl slept, police said.

The bullet hit a bedroom dresser, missing the child, but one of the men suffered injuries when he was beaten and gun-smacked on his face, police reports said.

The incident erupted at 12:30 a.m. in the 33200 block of Palmer, and police Sgt. Marc Stobbe said a 32-year-old resident will likely face felony charges for assaulting a visiting friend, 21, of Romulus.

Problems arose after the two men and a teenage girl had been drinking and the Westland man refused to hand over truck keys that he earlier borrowed from the Romulus man.

The Westland resident reportedly didn't want his visiting friend to drive drunk - and became upset when he was

badgered about the keys.

The two men gave police conflicting accounts of what happened next.

The visitor's account went like this: The resident went to his bedroom and loaded a .44-caliber Magnum pistol, holding it to the visitor's head and threatening to kill him.

The visitor knocked the gun away and it accidentally discharged, firing a bullet into a dresser near a bed where the Westland resident's 2-year-old daughter slept.

The resident then attacked the visi-

tor, beating him with his fists and the revolver before the visitor was able to flee.

The Westland resident's version differed. He told police that he got his gun only after the visitor threatened to call friends and have them "trash" the house where the men had been drinking.

The resident "became scared, so he went into his bedroom and began loading his gun," a police report said.

The resident also claimed he was attacked with a sledgehammer and that the tool hit the gun, causing it to fire.

He conceded that he then beat up his visitor.

After the fight, the resident left his home but was stopped by Wayne police about two hours later at Michigan Avenue and Lotz.

Westland police came to the scene and took the suspect, arresting him for the earlier assault. Officers also arrested him on a drug charge after allegedly seeing him throw crack cocaine on the ground.

The victim was a former employee of the suspect, and the two had been friends for 10 years.

Canton shooters face August trial

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Trial dates for two Canton men charged in connection with a June 25 township shooting will be set next month.

Zachary Scott Woodby and Timothy Regan Boster will appear before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge George W. Crockett III on Aug. 13.

Woodby faces five felony counts including assault with intent to murder, three charges of firearms discharge at a building and one count of felony firearm. Crockett continued a \$250,000 cash bond for the 20-year-old, who remains in the county jail.

Boster, 21, faces three counts of firearms discharge at a building and one count of felony firearm. Crockett reduced his bond from \$100,000 cash to \$50,000/10 percent.

"He was released July 16," said Boster's attorney Gerald

Conley. "His mother put up \$5,000."

The shooting occurred at about 2:30 a.m. on June 25.

Canton resident Dawn Davis was heading westbound on Palmer Road and stopped at the intersection of Sheldon. Township police said as many as 11 shots from an AK-47 military assault rifle hit Davis' Chrysler LeBaron.

Police believe Woodby is responsible for firing each of the shots. Three adjacent homes and a day care were also struck with gunfire.

Conley maintains that Boster fired one shotgun round into the air and not at Davis.

"My basic theory is that he didn't shoot at the car or houses," he said.

His argument was buttressed by testimony given by Canton Police Detective Steve Miller at Boster's 35th District Court pre-

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Residents raise stink over trash

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Angry condominium residents Monday received an apology from a Westland city official who mistakenly let a garbage hauler dump household trash near their homes.

"It was a misunderstanding," Department of Public Services Director Richard Dittmar said.

GARBAGE PROBLEM

Dittmar promised that household garbage won't be dumped again in a fenced DPS yard that borders residences in Ravencrest Condominiums near Newburgh and Marquette.

Arnold Wallace, Teresa Barron and other residents became angry that as many as 25 truckloads of garbage got dumped near their condominiums on July 10-11.

Dittmar apologized Monday during a Westland City Council meeting after resi-

dents continued to air their concerns about garbage haulers stinking up their neighborhood.

"We're not going to let them dump anything there again, period," Dittmar promised.

Residents complained that garbage was even dumped during late-night hours on the weekend in question.

Dittmar said he mistakenly approved the dumping after a DPS employee phoned him to say that garbage haulers couldn't get access to a landfill.

But Dittmar said he believed the haulers only wanted to dump compost - not household garbage.

"It was only supposed to be compost," he said.

The DPS yard also was intended only as a temporary dumping point until garbage haulers could get access to a landfill, Dittmar said.

Police Chief Emery Price defended Dittmar and said the problem "was simply a

'It was only supposed to be compost.'

Richard Dittmar
DPS director

breakdown in communication."

Some residents also said they saw what appeared to be Westland police vans dumping trash at the DPS yard.

In response, city officials said branches and other yard clippings are sometimes unloaded on DPS grounds after being cleared from local properties by Westland District Court offenders assigned to perform community service.

Meanwhile, some Ravencrest condominium owners said they never would've bought their homes if they had known they would face problems from the DPS yard.

Some residents blamed developers for failing to warn them of such problems.

Angela Hospice sponsors bereavement camp

A family-oriented camp opportunity offered by the "My Nest is Best" pediatric program at Angela Hospice of Livonia will take place Aug. 13-15 in Brighton.

Camp Monarch is a weekend bereavement camp designed to

support families who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

The professional staff at Angela Hospice will provide both group and individual support, and camp activities will combine education, counseling and free time for fun, play and relax-

ation.

"The extraordinary aspect of Camp Monarch is that it offers families the opportunity to learn about and express their grief," said Leslie Feret, pediatric social worker and a camp participant for four years.

"At the same time, everyone can also enjoy a variety of activities, including arts and crafts, hiking, swimming and much more."

Camp Monarch will be held at

Pine Hills Camp and Retreat Center in Brighton, at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 13, through noon on Sunday, Aug. 15. The cost of \$75 per family includes housing, meals and activities for the weekend; however, Camp Monarch is open to all families regardless of their ability to pay.

For more information, or to register for Camp Monarch, contact Leslie Feret at Angela Hospice, (734) 464-7810.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A request for approval has been presented to the Westland Planning Commission for the following items:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 3, 1999.
#2015, Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Convenience Store Use at Existing Marathon Service Station, 37401 Joy Road, SW Corner of Newburgh and Joy Roads, Parcel #021-9-0002-000, NE-8, Sam Simon

Written comments may be sent to the Westland Planning Department at 37095 Marquette Avenue, Westland, Michigan 48185.
ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission
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CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDINANCE # A-99-018 NOTICE OF ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its Regular Meeting of Monday, July 12, 1999, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following Ordinance:
ORDINANCE # A-99-018
The City Council of the CITY OF GARDEN CITY, in accordance with the City Charter, hereby adopts and establishes the following salaries for the part-time and temporary recreation program employees beginning July 1, 1999:
SALARY ORDINANCE: Part-time/Temporary Employees - Effective 7/01/99:

POSITION	RATE:
Acting City Manager	\$25.00 per day
Election Chairman	\$95.00 per day
Election Inspector	\$80.00 per day
Co-op/Student/Intern	\$ 5.15 to \$ 8.00 per hour
Part-Time Personnel Director	\$13.00 to \$19.00 per hour
Building Inspector	\$13.00 to \$19.00 per hour
Electrical Inspector	\$10.00 to \$16.00 per hour*
Heating/Cooler/Plumbing Inspector	\$13.00 to \$17.00 per hour*
	*or up to \$7200.00 per year
	\$ 6.50 to \$11.00 per hour

Seasonal Laborer:
RECREATION PROGRAM PERSONNEL:

POSITION	RATE:
Sports Officials	\$11.00 to \$25.00 per game or \$ 5.50 to \$ 6.50 per hour
Attendants	\$ 5.15 to \$ 7.00 per hour
Supervisors	\$ 7.00 to \$10.00 per hour
Instructors	\$ 6.75 to \$10.00 per hour
Program Coordinators	\$ 7.50 to \$20.00 per hour
Home Chore Worker	\$ 8.50 to \$11.00 per hour
Youth Assistance Intake Worker	\$ 7.50 to \$10.50 per hour

This amendatory ordinance is declared to be effective upon publication as required by law.
JAMES L. BARKER Mayor
ALLYSON M. BETTIS Treasurer/City Clerk
Adopted: July 12, 1999
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OBITUARIES

MABEL E. SULLIVAN

Services for Mabel Sullivan, 93, of Plymouth, were July 13 at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Officiating was the Rev. Leonard Partensky.

Mabel Sullivan was born December 5, 1905, in Parkersburg, W.Va. and died July 11 in Superior Township, Mich.

Survivors include: sons Kenneth (Jeanett) Sullivan of Plymouth and Lawrence Sullivan of Westland; daughter Rosemary (John) Victory of Williamston, Mich.; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home of Plymouth.

JOSEPH MOSKWA

Services for Joseph Moskwa, 84, of Westland, were July 20 in St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Gary Michalik.

Mr. Moskwa was born Feb. 24, 1915, in Detroit and died July 17. He was a Westland resident for 17 years. He was a member of St. Theodore Catholic Church, Livonia Wood Carvers Club and Dyer Senior Center. He worked as a laborer for an automotive supply firm.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Mary; son, John (Kathlyn) Moskwa; daughters, Aggie (Bob) Dorchy and Stephanie (Bill) Richards; brother, Frank Moskwa; sisters, Victoria Wozniak, Bernice Thebo, Mary Duda, Theresa Ball and Dorothy Lemon; and five grandchildren. There are family members living in Livonia, Westland and Garden City.

Arrangements were made by Ziomek Funeral Home in Livonia.

WAYNE O. REETER

Services for Wayne Reeter, 72, of Westland were July 20 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at Fairlawn Cemetery in Vandalia, Ill. Officiating was the Rev. Drexel Morton from St. Michael Lutheran Church.

Mr. Reeter was born May 25, 1927, in Vandalia, Ill. and died July 17 in Garden City.

Surviving are his wife, Beverly; sons, David and Ronnie (Kim); daughters, Bonnie (Raymond) Phillips and Gail (Gary) Richards; sister, Vivian Ascherman; 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

NOAH G. KRAUSE

Services for Noah Krause, 88, of Westland were July 21 in John N. Santieu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Mallett Cemetery in Huron Township. Officiating was the Rev. Steven K. Bieghler from Good Hope Lutheran Church.

Mr. Krause was born June 27, 1911, in New Boston, Mich. and died July 19 in Garden City. He was a machine operator.

Surviving are his sisters, Selma Jeffers and Edna Stuckler; and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Krause was preceded in death by his brother, Norman.

Memorials may be made to Good Hope Lutheran Church.

SANDRA K. MILES

Services for Sandra Miles, 47, of Wayne were July 19 in Uht Funeral Home.

Mrs. Miles was born Aug. 8, 1951, in Walnut Ridge, Ark. and died July 15 in Superior Township. She was an accountant for a financial firm.

Surviving are her husband, William; son, Donald (Sherrie) of Garden City; daughters, Julie and Samantha; mother, Vivian of Belleville; sister, Melissa (Keith) Odom of Westland; two grandchildren and 16 nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Miles was preceded in death by her brothers, Merel Ingram Jr. and Shelby Ingram; and sister, Linda Cavender.

MARGARET A. MANDEVILLE

Services for Margaret Mandeville, 87, of Garden City were July 20 in R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Thomas Kirwan from St. Raphael Catholic Church.

Mrs. Mandeville was born July 11, 1912, in Canada and died July 17 in Livonia. She was a 50-year resident of Garden City. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her son, Renald (Alice) of Westland; brother, John Dnoust; five grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Mandeville was preceded in death by her husband, Owen.

COURT BRIEFS

A Westland man has pleaded no contest in a case in which he was accused of trying to drive a car into two Livonia police officers as they pursued him for shoplifting of a macaroni-and-cheese dinner.

Nathan Douglas Monthei, 30, was sentenced in April to time served - 63 days - by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge William Leo Cahalan. Originally charged with two counts of felonious assault and one of third-degree retail fraud, Monthei pleaded no contest to retail fraud

and to one charge of attempted felonious assault.

The plainclothes officers involved, Officer Jeffrey Weiss and Sgt. Dariusz Nisenbaum, were able to get out of the way and escaped injury in the Feb. 13 incident, which started at the Farmer Jack at Five Mile and Middlebelt.

Driving a 1988 Oldsmobile Cutlass, Monthei was arrested after the chase continued through residential areas. A woman with him was ticketed for possession of narcotics para-

phernalia.

Guilty in holdup

Three men are serving prison terms in the November holdup of a pair of Livonia jewelry dealers. A fourth suspect awaits a September jury trial.

Steven Babb, 19, Rondell Hinson, 21, and Duane Thomas, 24, each pleaded guilty in Wayne County Circuit Court to one count of armed robbery. They were sentenced in April by Judge Brian Sullivan.

Babb got a term of two and a

half to seven and a half years; Hinson got a four- to 15-year term; and Thomas was sentenced to between three and a half and 15 years.

A jury trial is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 8, for the fourth suspect, Kyle Talley, 20, who is free on a \$10,000 surety bond.

The jewelry dealers, a married couple, were robbed the night of Nov. 15, 1998 in the driveway of their house on Roycroft.

They were confronted by two men, both of whom were carry-

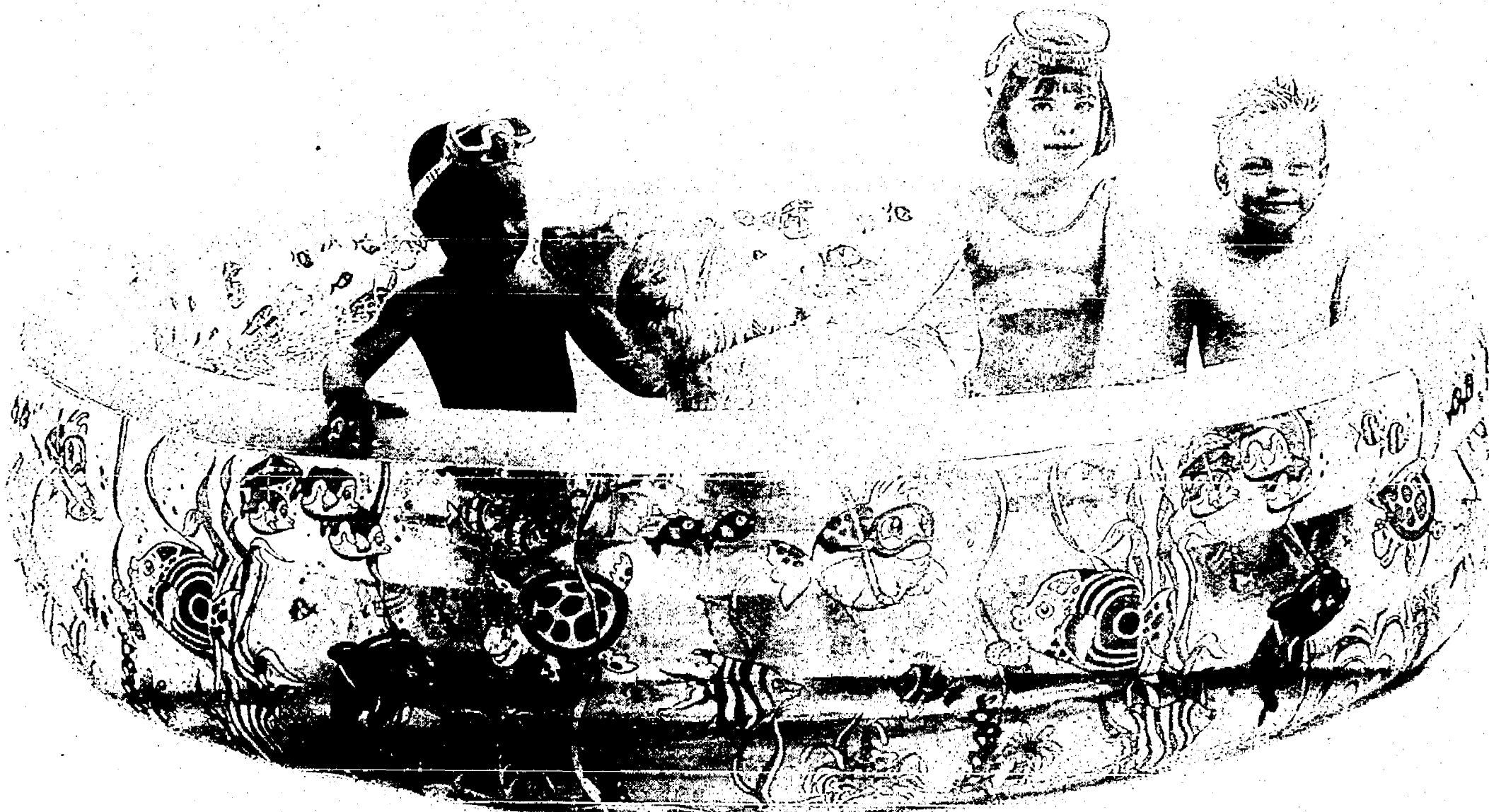
ing what were described as automatic pistols. One of the gunmen picked up two bags of jewelry from the Explorer, and both ran to a waiting car driven by a third man.

The victims reported the value of the stolen jewelry at between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

A fingerprint on the Explorer was identified as Hinson's, and he was arrested. An investigation led police to Babb, Talley and Thomas. Some jewelry was recovered, as were two handguns.

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KATHLEEN J. SIKORSKI
Services for Kathleen Sikorski, 56, of Westland were July 21 in St. Damian Catholic Church with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Officiating was the Rev. Lawrence Zurawski.

Mrs. Sikorski was born Feb. 11, 1943, in Detroit and died July 17 in Westland. She was a phone customer relations employee.

Surviving are her husband, Lawrence; sons, Gary of Pitts-

burg, Pa. and Richard of Dearborn; daughters, [redacted] (James) Gilbert of Chicago, Ill., Regina (Richard) Lavagnino of Wyandotte, Kristin Lavagnino of Ann Arbor, Julie Lavagnino of Ann Arbor and Carol (James) Staab of Kearney, Neb.; mother, Kathleen Schimmel of Farmington; brothers, Richard (Nancy) Schimmel of Canton, John (Rosemary) Schimmel of Canton and Michael (Susan) Schimmel of West Africa; sisters, Paula Schimmel of Alpena and Joan

Schimmel of Alpena; and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Sikorski was preceded in death by her father, Austin Schimmel.

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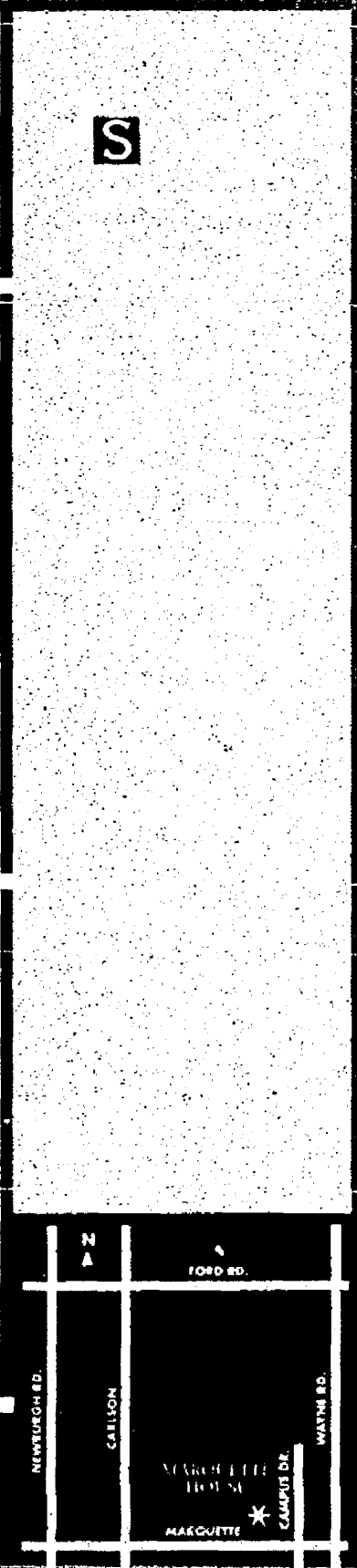
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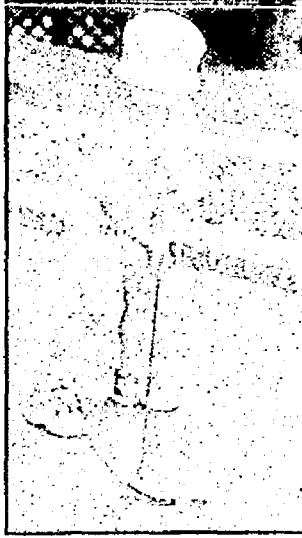
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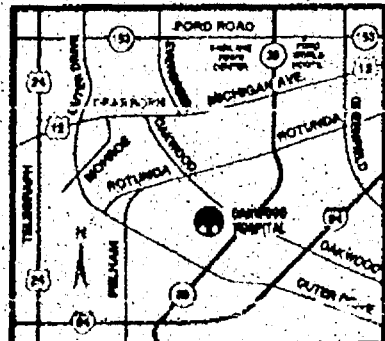
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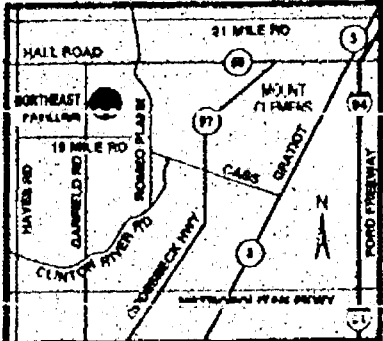
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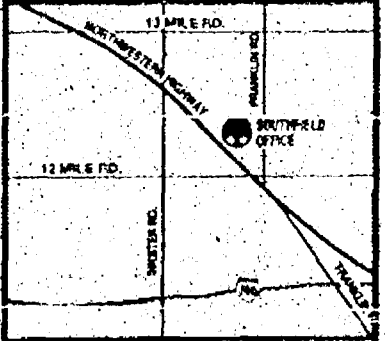
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Law enforcement gears up for casinos

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Let the games begin, but someone will be watching.

As casinos gear up to open soon in Detroit, officials from local law enforcement agencies have outlined who will investigate what crimes now that casinos will be operating shortly in Detroit.

Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, the Michigan Gaming Control Board, Michigan State Police, Detroit Police Chief Benny Napoleon, Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano and County Prosecutor John O'Hair agreed to follow a legal protocol of arrest and prosecution that was outlined in a memo of understanding.

A copy of that memo was sent to county commissioners on July 15.

Detroit's first casino, the MGM Grand, is expected to open after the five-member gaming control board votes July 28 on whether MGM is suitable to operate a casino and whether to issue a license. A federal judge also must make a ruling on Detroit's casino process. Entrepreneur Don Barden claims in a lawsuit that Detroit's process of choosing casino developers was unconstitutional.

Crimes of embezzlement, tax

Rivers hosts forum about immigration

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, is hosting a forum on "Immigration and Language Acquisition — A Nation Divided?" from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10 at the Annex Building of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Center. The building is located at 33500 Van Born Road in Wayne.

Rivers has invited several people to serve on a panel who will discuss immigration, then take questions from the audience.

Residents of the 13th Congressional District are invited to attend. Anyone who has questions about the event can contact Deborah Johnson in the district office at (734) 485-3741.

Gemini give free concert at Hines Tuesday

Gemini, a group that has won awards from the American Library Association and Parents Choice magazine for their original songs, will perform a free concert at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, at the Hines Park Waterford Bend Area in Northville.

The duo is performing as part of the Kids Kaleidoscope series of free concerts sponsored through Wayne County Parks and Recreation.

This performance has been co-sponsored through the Northville Parks and Recreation Department. The Waterford Bend Picnic Area is located on Northville Road, north of Six Mile Road in Northville.

For information, call (734) 261-1990.

evasion, public corruption, fraud committed against or by licensees, money laundering and racketeering will be investigated by Michigan State Police, and prosecuted by the Michigan Department of Attorney General. The agreement allows the attorney general to defer prosecution of criminal violations to county prosecutors or the city of Detroit.

Other crimes, such as homicides, armed robbery or larcenies, will be investigated by the Detroit Police Department and prosecuted by the Wayne County

prosecutor's office. City ordinance violations may be prosecuted by the city of Detroit Law Department.

A copy of the agreement was sent to Wayne County commissioners by Sheriff Robert Ficano. "It should be noted that the Wayne County Sheriff's responsibilities would not create any additional impact on the budget," Ficano said.

Chief Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor George Ward has met with Eric Eggan, assistant in charge of the casino control divi-

sion of the state attorney general's office, along with attorneys from the U.S. Attorney's office, to discuss casino gaming in Detroit.

Ward said Wayne County prosecutors will continue to investigate criminal cases, but they won't be prosecuting blackjack tables or the casinos themselves. "The attorney general will be handling any gambling-related type of crime," Ward said.

Chris DeWitt, spokesperson for the attorney general's office,

said that the attorney general's office will be the most prominent in prosecuting gambling-related cases.

"We have a casino control division that is working with the gaming control boards and criminal division of the attorney general's office," DeWitt said.

A state/local casino control task force consisting of representatives from these law enforcement agencies will meet regularly to discuss and act upon casino-related law enforcement issues.



Jennifer Granholm: Attorney General

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Attack from page A1

the resident with what is believed to have been a knife, police reports said.

The victim tried to fend off his attacker but suffered wounds to his nose, abdomen, left torso, left shoulder, left arm and right hand. Both of his feet also were cut as he tried to kick away his assailant, police reports said.

The victim managed to free himself and flee as a lamp was thrown at him, but he was then cornered in the kitchen where a glass table top, taken from a living room coffee table, was smashed over his head, police reports said.

The Westland man began to bleed "profusely," and he told police that he believed he would die unless he made it to a hospital. He

told officers that he managed to flee his house as his assailant ransacked it.

The bleeding victim tried to drive himself to Heritage Hospital in Taylor, but he told police that he abandoned his driving attempt at Van Born and Buck and tried to flag down some help.

A passing ambulance saw him and rushed him to the hospital, where doctors treated his wounds and held him overnight, a police report said.

Police officers investigating the assault scene found a splintered front door and blood spattered through the house. A police report also noted that damage had been done to a

lamp, an end table and an entertainment center.

The victim estimated damages to his property at \$2,800.

The suspect's girlfriend saw some of the attack, according to police reports. She was described as a five-year girlfriend who has been living with the suspect for three years.

The suspect was arrested after he left the Hanover residence with a friend who waited outside in a car during the assault, police said.

Matusek has denied to police that he stabbed the victim with a knife.

Trial from page A2

liminary examination.

Miller testified that Boster likely only fired his weapon, a small caliber shotgun, once straight into the air.

Conley added that his client Woodby allegedly began firing at the township woman.

Amazingly, Davis was only

slightly injured. A piece of metal shrapnel grazed her right lower leg causing a scratch-like wound.

Canton officers apprehended Woodby and Boster minutes after the shooting. Driving a dark blue Pontiac Grand Am, the duo crashed into a 1989 Ford minivan heading west-

bound on Michigan Avenue, police reports said.

Three weapons from the vehicle Woodby was driving, including two shotguns and the assault rifle, were recovered. Numerous amounts of ammunition were also recovered by police.

Rats from page A1

more aggressive in cleaning up neighborhoods.

"Isn't that what we pay taxes for?" resident Gretchen Love asked.

Williams underscored the urgency of attacking the rodent problem by warning that Norwegian rats become sexually mature at 10 weeks, reproducing rapidly and giving birth to as many as 12 newborns each litter.

Williams said rats defecate and urinate often, leaving a scent that can attract other rodents for six months. Rain enhances the scent rather than reducing it.

Williams cautioned that rats are immune to many poisons and that they shy away once they see other rodents die or become sick. "We're on our fifth generation of poisons," Williams said.

Price said the city won't likely use poison to kill rats due to possible harm to children and pets.

Williams prompted frowns among residents when he confirmed that rats are "excellent swimmers" - known on occasion to climb up through toilets.

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Public Library of Westland

OUR GOOD FRIENDS
Certainly by now you know that the Friends of the Library raise money to fund Library programs through their used book sales and sale of printer paper for the Internet computers. Last year the Friends raised \$12,470 through their booksales and the sale of printer paper, computer diskettes, pads, pencils and canvas book bags. They used these funds to sponsor:

- The 1998 Summer Reading Program prizes (2 mountain bikes and helmets)
- Summer staff in-service training seminar
- True Color parenting workshop
- Antique appraisal program
- Law and garden care program
- Holiday wreath workshop
- National Library week programs
- National Library week staff appreciation lunch
- Junior Master Gardener's program

The Friends support the Library and Westland Community through their support of quality programs and staff training. Please support the Friends through your membership in their organization, your assistance at their two booksales per year, or through your purchase through the Friends Shop. For more information on the Friends of the Public Library of Westland, please call (734) 326-6123.

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If you've got it, flaunt it. The display cases at the Library are available to local organizations which hold a non-profit status and be engaged in educational, cultural, intellectual or charitable activities. These organizations or individuals can use the displays for a non-commercial basis. For more information on how you can reserve a display case, call the Public Relations office at (734) 326-6123.

YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES
Hey teens, are you between the ages of 12 and 18. Are you looking for something to do? If so, how about joining the Teen Library Club. You are needed to assist and participate in program planning and other activities. You can make the Library a great place. Interested? Call the Children's Services Desk at (734) 326-6123 to sign up.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
Science Alive
Monday, July 26 in the Community Meeting Room B from 1-2 p.m.; 2-3 p.m. and 3-4 p.m. Wild about wild animals? Well, this is your chance to see some of them up-close and personal. You might even learn some interesting facts. Pet them? Only if you dare! No fee. Registration required, call Children's Department at (734) 326-6123.

Multicultural Storytime
Monday, July 26 from 7-7:45 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room B. Our popular storytime continues with each focusing on a different continent and end with a related craft activity. For kids of all ages. No fee and no registration is required.

World of Stories: Preschool storytime beginning Tuesday, July 27 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Join the Children's staff for this preschool-kindergarten storytime. No fee. Registration required, call Children's Department at (734) 326-6123.

YO-YO MAKING II
Make, decorate and personalize your own yo-yo (pick them yo-yos later) Wednesday, July 28 from 2-3 p.m. in the Children's Activity Room. Especially designed for children in grades 2-5. No fee. Registration required, call Children's Department at (734) 326-6123.

WEB SITE OF THE WEEK
<http://www.BookSalesIn-American.com/>
This Web site, run by BAYSYS Publishing in Hudson, Mass. provides information on used book sales across the country. Click on the region you would like on their U.S. map and check out the listing for your area. Listings include sales by date, ongoing used book sales, and has links to those organizations with web pages. An initial search has indicated that this site lists the booksales and shops of library Friends groups around the country almost exclusively. Yes, the Friends of the Public Library of Westland are listed there, too. Check it out, support a Library by buying a book, and READ!

<http://www.apci.net/~michalak/>
This is certainly an important site for the home boat builder or even someone who is considering the construction of a small boat. It is the Web site of Jim Michalak's Boat Designs. Although Michalak does feature one of his designs twice a month (it is a commercial site after all) the reason this site appears as a Web site of the Week for the quality information he consistently provides on building boats. On occasion, he also provides special information such as how to reboard a boat after you fall out. Each essay provides basic background on the topic discussed. There is an opportunity for the visitor to e-mail Mr. Michalak with specific questions and links to related sites. Surf...um, 'sail' on over.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS - BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Adult Internet classes (Internet 101: Introduction to the Internet) include what the Internet is, how to navigate using Netscape Navigator, how to search for information and how to use search engines. First hour is lecture format, second hour offers hands on practice on the Library's public Internet terminals. Class capacity is 10. No fee. No registration required so seating is on a first come, first serve basis. Classes are Thursday, Aug. 5 from 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday, Aug. 17 from 6-8 p.m.

Internet 102: How to search the Internet for information
This is the second in our series of Internet classes included are such topics as how to search the Internet using various search engines and how to select the best search engine for your search. It is recommended that you take the Internet 101-class before attending this class. Tuesday, July 27 from 1:30-3 p.m. and Wednesday, Aug. 25 from 6-8 p.m. Class capacity is 25. No fee.

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There will be plenty of competition at this year's 150th Annual Highland Games, hosted Aug. 7 at Livonia's Greenmead Historic Village by the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit.

This year's Highland Dance Championships are expected to be very competitive, with nearly 200 dancers to vying for titles in their categories, including Brit-

tney Patterson and Jaime Shit-taro of Livonia.

Besides the various competitions, there will be Scottish music, arts, entertainment, food, drink, crafts and other vendors. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance for adults; \$10 at the gate. Children under 12 are free. Call (313) 886-4703.

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In addition to our regular hours, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, JULY 31, 1999 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of absentee voting.

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Senator blames Engler for beach closings

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The blame for the number of beach closings experienced this summer in the southeast Michigan region rests with the state government, particularly the Engler Administration, according to state Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township.

Beach closings - 27 in Oakland County in just the first week of July, compared to 24 for the entire month last year, and eight for the month in 1997 - result when the county Health Department identifies high bacteria levels in the lake water.

Peters says the number is on the rise and it's because the state has yet to begin using \$90 million from the statewide environmental bond approved by voters in 1998. The administration has proposed using \$3 million of

'Families can't go to the beach and they can't trust that it's safe when they do.'

Gary Peters
State Senator

it per year for monitoring. Peters argues the bond money should be used for capital improvements to improve sewage treatment plants, pipes and septic systems to eliminate pollution sources. Salaries, for activities like monitoring, should be paid out of operational funds, he contends.

And state needs to start those projects, rather than conducting further studies.

"Families can't go to the beach and they can't trust that it's safe when they do," Peters said. "I'll be working ... this fall to put environmental bond money for cleanup where it belongs. We

don't need more excuses or studies. We need to help communities address the problems of runoff, raw sewage overflows and sprawl that contribute to beach closings."

The administration argues the increase in closings is due to closer monitoring. Currently, Oakland County Health Department officials test water at 125 beaches over the summer. State environmentalists are calling for statewide water quality monitoring.

Much of the bacteria is fecal matter, deposited by birds and other animals and wildlife, then

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washed into lakes and streams. But Peters argues that accounts for only about 20 percent of the contamination. The other 80 percent comes from human sources, such as sewage overflows and failed septic systems.

While the wording of the bond question prohibits the use of the money for addressing sewage overflows at treatment plants - under the reasoning that should be the responsibility of the local communities - the money can be used to address other treatment plant upgrades and non-point pollution sources, such as failed septic fields.

That at least would be progress toward cleaner water, Peters said.

Uncle Sam wants you ... for the draft board

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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The Selective Service System wants you to serve on its draft board.

While Congress and the president haven't reinstated the draft for individuals to serve in the U.S. military, the Selective Service System is looking for people who want to serve as members of local draft boards.

Even though the United States hasn't drafted young men to serve in the military since the early 1970s and the Vietnam War, the draft boards continue to act as a part of the country's national defense.

"We've always had local draft boards," said Arthur Tesner,

state director of the Selective Service System. "If a draft ever became necessary, they would decide on deferments, postponements or exemptions from military service based on federal guidelines."

Approximately 2,000 draft boards nationwide would conduct those reviews. Approximately 20 local board member positions are available in Michigan. Members are uncompensated volunteers.

Prospective local board members must be U.S. citizens, at least 18 years old, and not an employee of any law enforcement agency registered with Selective Service; not be on active duty or a retired member of the armed forces; and not have been con-

victed of any criminal offense. They also must live in the area in which the board has jurisdiction.

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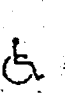
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Lovely loosestrife is choking wetlands

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Dan Ballnik reached down and pulled a plant out of the ground, then displayed its roots to a small group of people gathered at the wetlands site.

"Look. Two roots and it's still growing," Ballnik said, showing a single plant of the purple loosestrife. Surrounding Ballnik and the group of about a dozen people were thousands of the plants, now overtaking many of the 200 acres of a wetlands mitigation site in Westland.

On Wednesday, Ballnik and other members of a habitat subcommittee of the Rouge River Advisory Council were giving state environmental officials a tour of the wetlands west of Henry Ruff Road and south of Michigan Avenue to show the loosestrife's invasion, problems with erosion and the lack of trees in creating a forested wetlands.

Wetland mitigation sites are manmade wetlands created with the intention to replace or offset the removal of other natural wetlands at other locations. Ford Motor Co. developed the Henry Ruff site about five years ago to replace 33 acres of wetlands removed near the Michigan Truck Plant in Wayne so the plant could expand. At that time Ford designated nearly 66 acres of wetlands at the mitigation site.

Ford will need approval from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to modify its current permit.

Purple loosestrife (Lythrum salicaria) is a European plant species which is an aggressive invader of North American wetland, lakes and rivers. Once established, purple loosestrife can become the dominant vegetation, forming monospecific stands which significantly reduce biodiversity and degrade habitat quality.

Michigan State University

Last year Ballnik, an environmental control engineer at Ford, Eric Pearson, Ford Land environmental manager, and Bill Craig, a member of the RRAC's habitat subcommittee and Livonia resident, reviewed why the original tree plantings failed. Ballnik eventually was assigned to the project by Ford in the fall of 1998.

Craig believes a consultant hired several years ago to do the work did not plant the trees at the site properly, leaving roots exposed in wetland areas. "A tree can drown as much as it can dry out," Craig said.

"They were planted in mud, they were planted in water. Planting trees takes time and that many man-hours aren't available."

Before volunteers replant trees, the loosestrife must be controlled.

Loosestrife is heavily loaded with seeds and blooms into small purple flowers. "It can be transported by water or birds," Craig

said. "It does well here."

Ballnik told Department of Environmental Quality officials he had sprayed the loosestrife with a herbicide earlier this month. He wants to defoliate the plant with beetles.

Next spring he wants to plant native woody vegetation, including pin oak saplings. He hopes to use student volunteers from the Wayne-Westland school district to assist Ford with the tree-planting projects, while educating them about the site.

This spring he planted silver maples, swamp white oak, black willow, pin oak, green ash, yellow poplar, bitternut hickory and red maple.

"Those trees wouldn't handle a heavy wash event," Ballnik said. "We need to slow the water down for the trees to get established. We may look at something like an annual rye." The rye will help keep the soil in place and help trees take root.

Once he discusses the wetlands with Ford officials, Ballnik

said he will ask the DEQ to revise the current wetland permit for the mitigation site. Ballnik wants the wooded wetland requirement for the approximately 200 acres lowered from its current 66 acres to a minimum of 33 acres and the balance of the site to contain small shrubs, such as willows, elders and bushes, and species native to emergent marshes and floating leaf wetlands, such as reeds and lilies.

Officials hope they can create a wooded wetland with a 300-400 trees-to-one acre survival rate after five years.

The entire mitigation site contains about 200 acres bordered by Boise Drain and railroad to the north, Merriman to the west, Henry Ruff to the east and trailer park to the south.

"It's struggling," Craig said. "But the ownership responsibility is being met by Ford. They're working and meeting with state officials to make it better."

Ballnik expects to meet with Ford officials about his proposed loosestrife control program and erosion control plans, then discuss the wetlands with state officials.

Barry Horney, a land and water resource specialist with the DEQ, said the wetland visit will help the state in making a decision at a later date, but added that he and other officials would ask many questions on any revisions to the wetlands.

"It seems they have a plan," Horney said. "We'll have to take a look at it and go from there."



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

A pretty pest: Bill Craig of Livonia wanders through purple loosestrife, an attractive but invasive plant that has overtaken a wetlands mitigation site west of Henry Ruff Road in Westland. Ford Motor Co. designated a 66-acre wetland site there to replace wetlands removed for an expansion of a truck plant.

Granholtz will speak at luncheon

Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholtz will be the keynote speaker at the eighth annual Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon presented by the YWCA of Western Wayne County.

This year's event will be held at noon Friday, Nov. 5, at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn. Tickets are \$25 and are available through the YWCA of Western Wayne County.

Nominations are being sought for women who have demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in their professional and social lives. Women who live, work or volunteer in western Wayne County and whose endeavors have led to the betterment of their community are eligible for nominations in one of six categories:

Arts/communication category honors women who have excelled in the arts, media or public relations. Such fields include visual, literary and performing arts, journalism, television and radio.

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The deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24. A one-page narrative outlining the areas of the nominee's past and present achievements along with a biographical sketch (two page maximum) should be sent to: Debbie Miller - WOAL, YWCA of Western Wayne County, 26279 Michigan Ave., Inkster, MI 48141.

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For safety's sake

Truckers say, 'Share the road'

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
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Stupid car-wheeler." That's what the driver in the big rig is apt to yell to the driver in the small car who just did something crazy and nearly caused an accident.

How often do these near-accidents occur? "I see some form of safety violation at least five times a day," said Gerry Gourlay, trucker for Canton-based A.D. Transport Express Inc.

Each week, Gourlay logs about 1,500 miles on his daily run from Roseville to an auto plant in Saginaw. Still fresh in his mind is the pick-up driver who just the day before on I-94 near Roseville had cut right in front of him, forcing him to hit his brakes.

"I blew the horn at him. He just turned and looked at me and smiled."

Road safety for both truckers and small vehicle drivers alike is the top priority of the Lansing-based Michigan Truck Safety Commission.

If AAA is known for "Bring 'em Back Alive," then the MTSC is known for "Share the Road, Michigan," a slogan now seen on billboards on Michigan freeways and heard over the airwaves via radio commercials.

Through the advertising, the MTSC hopes to promote better understanding and greater cooperation this summer between truckers and everyday drivers, especially with both now having to cope with endless construction zones.

One statistic shows how critical it is to get the "share-the-road" message out.

"Statistics show that more than 70 percent of large truck accidents involving cars are caused by the car," said Ed Gaffney, MTSC director.

"By understanding the special rules of the road involving trucks, we hope to minimize accidents and have a safe summer driving season."

The statistic gets even more critical when coupled with this: While the car driver is most apt to cause an accident, it's the truck driver who is most apt to survive.

"I've seen many collisions, and it's the truck that comes out ahead," said Dave Boljesic, motor carrier officer for the Canton Police Department.

Echoes Gourlay: "If I was in an accident, I'd want to be in a truck."

Veteran trucker

Gourlay, a proud ex-Marine who lives in Taylor and is close to retirement, has been driving trucks for 36 years. Four years ago he hooked up with A.D. Transport Express when the Westland company he worked for moved to Ohio.

He now spends his days driving a diesel-powered 18-wheeler, carting mostly auto parts around southeast Michigan. The top speed he can go in his tractor-trailer is 68 MPH.

On his daily trip from Roseville to Saginaw, his rig, stuffed with auto parts, can weigh up to 80,000 pounds.

Trucks that heavy take a long time to stop, something motorists don't realize as they dart in and out of lanes, forcing truckers to brake, said Richard Kaminski, also a trucker for A.D. Transport Express.



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Coming through: The driver of this car hauler signals as he merges onto I-275 from M-14 in the construction zone. It's helpful to truck drivers when other motorists are patient and let them merge. The Michigan Truck Safety Commission hopes to promote better understanding and greater cooperation this summer between truckers and everyday drivers, especially with both now having to cope with endless construction zones.

"I see potential accidents everyday," said Kaminski, who lives in Wayne. "People do stupid things around trucks."

Besides cutting in front of fast-moving but slow-stopping trucks, what are some of these "stupid" — and maybe even deadly — things motorists do?

They tailgate trucks, following too closely. Even after 36 years as a trucker, Gourlay is still mystified as to why motorists do this.

In doing so, they hide in one of a truck's blind spots, directly behind the truck. Other blind spots are the truck's right side near the tractor cab door, and the left side directly outside the truck driver's rearview mirror.

"They hang around the side of you; they get alongside you and stay there," Kaminski said. "We can't see in those blind spots."

From one such blind spot, on the right passenger side, drivers even make quick left turns in front of trucks, a doubly deadly deed.

Cutting in

Much to the frustration of truckers, drivers jump into the "safe" space truckers leave between

their truck and the vehicle ahead of them. This forces truckers into a temporary unsafe situation, first slowing down and then building up to a safe driving distance again. The slowdown also antagonizes drivers behind the truck.

"Your try to leave a distance, but cars jump in front of you," said Boljesic of the Canton police. "They look at it as an invitation to get in."

Gourlay calls it the "me-first" syndrome.

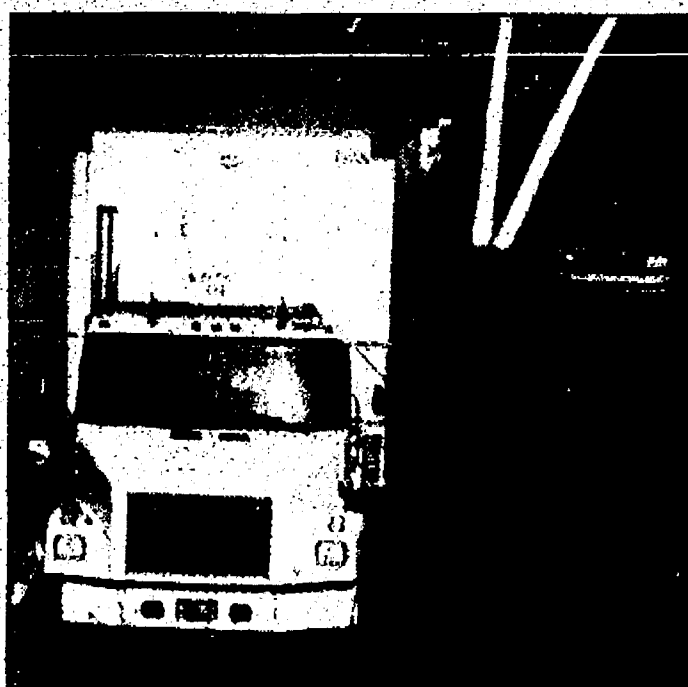
"Everybody is in a hurry. Nobody wants to follow. Everybody wants to be at the head of the line. But everybody can't be number one."

Motorists also fail to "hang back" while truckers swing out a bit to make wide turns.

They also fail to use their turning signals. "It's tough to read people's minds," Gourlay said.

But truckers also do their own share of deadly deeds. These include driving too fast (especially gravel truck drivers, which Gourlay agrees are the cowboys of the trucking industry), taking turns too fast, navigating circular freeway entrance and exit ramps too quickly, and some-

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Give 'em room: Above, trucks, like this rig entering I-96 from Newburgh Road, need to be given room to merge onto the freeway as they get up to speed.

On the road: Each week, Gerry Gourlay, at right, logs 1,500 miles on his daily run from Roseville to Saginaw. The ex-Marine, who lives in Taylor and is close to retirement, has been driving trucks for 36 years.

Through the glare: Far right, a trucker looks down on traffic from a big rig as the sun comes up going east on Michigan Avenue in Canton.



- More than 70 percent of all fatal car-truck crashes nationally are caused by the driver of the car. Most of these accidents can be prevented if car drivers learn the best ways to "share the road."
- There are more cars and trucks on the road today than ever before. With the increased vehicle traffic — as well as the increased traffic due to the summer travel season — drivers should be more aware than ever of how to share the road.
- There is a record amount of construction projects going on throughout metro Detroit this summer. Because of this construction, frustrations may run high but safety should not be compromised.
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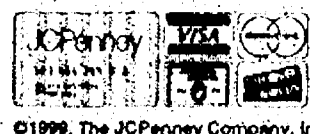
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Critics hit 'fast-track' business tax phase-out

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Once it counted as "reform," but today lawmakers are reforming the Single Business Tax.

Criticized back in the '70s for the hurried manner in which it was adopted — in one of the Legislature's famed late night sessions — the Single Business Tax is now slated to be phased out over the next 23 years.

And detractors are criticizing the "fast track" manner in which that decision was made.

Gov. John Engler signed three bills Wednesday, July 14, which would phase out the SBT and adjust sales and use taxes in a special ceremony at a small business in Southfield. Vettestorations, a family-owned business specializing in the restoration of vintage Corvettes, hosted the event.

Getting much of the credit from Gov. Engler were the sponsors of the bills, state Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, and Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton.

"As we all know, when the cost of doing business is higher than it should be, it's the consumers



Gov. John Engler

who end up paying the bill," Engler said. "This phase-out is another important step to the long-term strength of Michigan's economy. By phasing out the SBT, we are removing the last significant business barrier and positioning Michigan for an even brighter future."

"Talk about turbo-charging our

economy; eliminating the SBT puts Michigan on the fast track to more jobs and continued prosperity," Cassis said of the measure at the signing ceremony. "Everyone, from families to family-owned businesses, will enjoy the ride ... We're getting rid of one of the most onerous, anti-competitive taxes in Michigan."

And just when opponents of the phase-out were claiming that it would benefit only a minority of companies and provide minimal relief, Cassis said the owners of Vettestorations announced that the phase out will allow them to hire one additional employee. That's one additional family with a salary and benefits, Cassis said.

Phase-out gradual

House Bill 4745, the first of those signed, will drop the SBT by 0.1 percent each year, starting with Jan. 1 of this year, until it is phased out in the next 22 years. The bill contains wording that will suspend the phase out should Michigan's economy dip and the state's "rainy day fund" be depleted.

It also amends the SBT, until

it is phased out, to treat all companies doing business here the same. Previously, foreign firms weren't taxed.

House Bill 4744 and Senate Bill 544, Rogers' bill, mainly make technical adjustment to sales and use taxes needed as a result of the SBT phase out and making collections more fair. Among the changes was exempting all "rolling stock" from sales tax collection.

Critic's concerns

Ben Kohrman, deputy director of Media Relations for the House Democratic caucus, said his party has four main concerns with the SBT repeal plan.

For one, Democrats don't believe the measure will provide real tax relief. Only about a third of Michigan businesses pay Single Business Taxes, due to the exemptions that have been placed on the tax. Most of those are larger corporations.

Indeed, Public Sector Consultants confirms that about 75 percent of SBT revenue comes from roughly 5 percent of companies in the state, the largest 5 percent of corporations.

Under the phase out, some firms will pay even more single business taxes until it is eventually eliminated, Kohrman said.

Democrats also argue that if, as Engler contends, the state's economy is competitive and growing, then elimination of the tax isn't needed.

"I thought we already were competitive," Kohrman said.

Corporate profits are up in Michigan. In fact, Kohrman argues, they are reaching record levels. Personal and family incomes are stagnant however, he argued. So any tax relief provided by the state should have come from personal income taxes, he argues.

Cassis argues the state has already dropped the income tax once this year, from 4.4 percent to 3.9 percent.

Finally, Democrats say an error in the wording of the bills would have applied the SBT to Canadian firms for business done elsewhere as well as business done in Michigan. With some \$83 billion in trade with Canada, it would be a mistake for Michigan to "start a trade war with Canada," Kohrman said.

Republicans agree there was an error but argue the verbiage was fixed in the state Senate during passage so that Canadian firms will only pay taxes on business done here.

"I'm not convinced. How wording is intended and how it actually works when applied to an individual's or a company's taxes aren't always the same thing. We'll see when this is put in effect how it really works," Kohrman said.

"And that is the problem, really, with fast tracking the process. Had the Canadians not been on the ball, this might have been enacted. It still could have a number of unintended consequences."

No public input

Lyn Jondahl, former chair of the House Taxation Committee,

also came out in opposition to the phase out.

"Perhaps the only thing worse than the decision was the manner in which it was made," he said. Jondahl pointed out that the tax presently produces about \$2.7 billion annually, which is about 30 percent of the state's general fund budget.

Yet little public input was given. Mainly, lawmakers heard from the Senate Fiscal Agency.

What would you do, Jondahl stated, if you were in a position to decide what to do with the state's \$88 million surplus?

"What would you propose? ... I would hope that you would ask for a major public policy debate ... and the participants in the discussion should include more than the Canadian business and government interests."

Yes, the bill was fast tracked, Cassis agrees. But she argues that the content of the bill did not change significantly during the legislative debate. She believes other complaints about the process aren't valid.

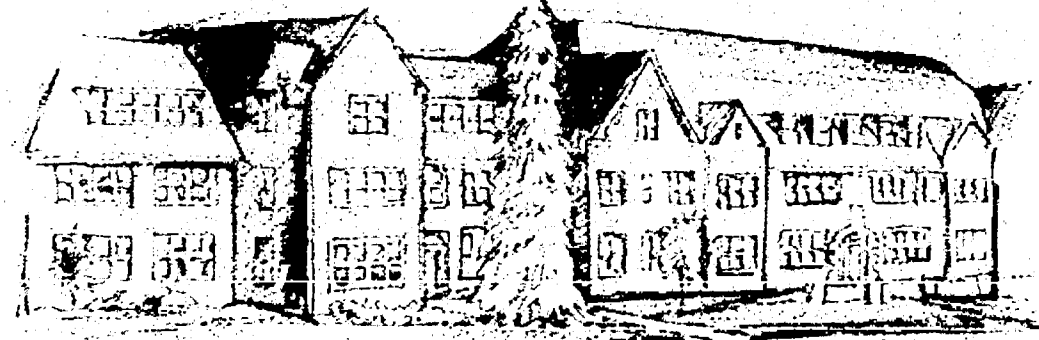
Had the state waited for more debate, she said, it either could not have enacted the cut for this year or would have had to go through a costly refund process.

The SBT, Michigan's main business tax, was a 2.3 percent levy on the value a business adds to its product during production. The main components used to compute that value are labor, interest paid, depreciation and profit.

The SBT took effect in 1976 as a replacement for seven business taxes. The SBT returned the state to a value-added tax form of business taxation, which was used from 1953 to 1967 in the form of a business activity tax. Corporate income taxes, used from 1967 to 1976, proved unsatisfactory to the state because of instability in producing revenues due to severe cyclical fluctuations in the economy.

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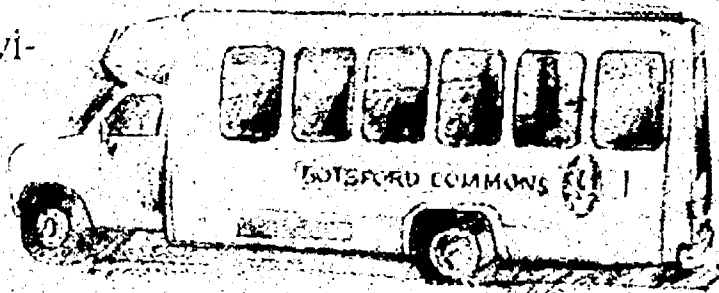
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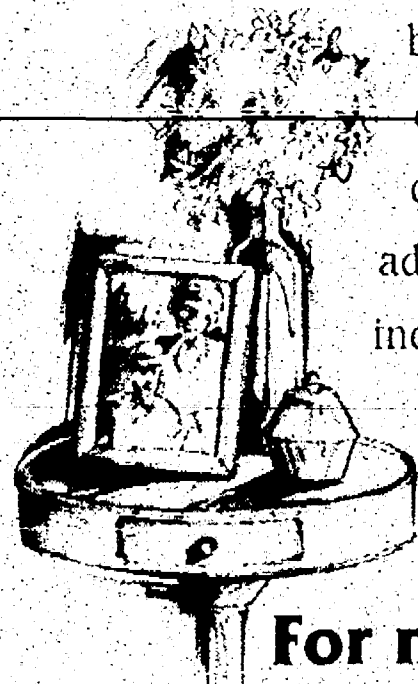
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"Drivers have to eyeball what's going into their truck," Gourlay said. "If there's too much weight, the axles can collapse."

One of the biggest messages truckers want to get across to motorists is that trucks, when packed, creep along while building up speed. Gourlay has a 10-speed transmission, and it takes quite a distance for him to get from one to 10.

In fact, on turns, it seems Gourlay's truck, with a 53-foot trailer packed with aluminum wheel drums and his cab pushed by a 425 H.P. engine, struggles and strains a lot, yet barely budges.

"People get mad if you're not going fast enough," Gourlay said. "But it takes a long time to get going, as well as it takes a long time to stop."

Fighting fatigue

One of the biggest battles Gourlay said long-distance truckers have to fight is fatigue.

By law, truckers can't drive more than 10 hours a day. But at the end of their 10 hours, they often can't find a safe place to stop.

"If they don't get into a spot early enough, they won't get in," Gourlay said. "So they keep driving. That's our biggest reason for having accidents."

With his daycab driving job, Gourlay doesn't have to deal with finding a place to stop at night. But he understands how "performance can drop" after eight or so hours on the road.

For truckers, despite all the dangers, freeway driving is a breeze compared to the hassles they deal with once they turn off the freeway onto main or residential roads.

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"Freeways are safer than surface streets," Gourlay said.

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 Never-married, attractive SWF, 36, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys sports, music, traveling and playing cards, is ISO a kind-hearted SWM, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad# 6354

FAMILY & FRIENDS
 Catholic DWF, 34, 5'2", with brown hair and blue eyes, loves nature, water activities, biking, sports, concerts and more. She's ISO a Catholic SWM, 30-45, N/S, without children at home. Ad# 6440

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 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

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 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

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

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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

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

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

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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

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

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

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

GREAT TIMES AHEAD
 She's an outgoing and friendly DWCM, 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



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IF YOU'RE A POLISHED...
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START AS FRIENDS
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CONSIDER ME
 Personable, brown-eyed blonde DWCF, 50, 5'4", slender, is seeking an educated SWPM, 45-60, without children. Ad# 2323

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

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

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

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

Males Seeking Females

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OPEN ARMS
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IT'S FATE
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SETTLE DOWN
 Personable SWJPM, 52, 5'8", with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys music, dancing and more, is seeking a sweet, humorous SWJF, 45-50, for a happy life together. Ad# 4567

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 This wonderful DWCM, 42, 5'9", is seeking a SWCF, 28-44, who enjoys the outdoors and puts God first in her life. Ad# 6667

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

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

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NEVER-MARRIED
 Catholic SWM, 37, 6'1", with brown hair and hazel eyes, is looking for a SWF, 30-38, without children at home, who likes sports, plays and the theatre. Ad# 1970

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

HONESTY COUNTS
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This is the third general job fair by these two subsidiaries of HomeTown Communications Inc. of Livonia. As many as 125 companies will be recruiting employees.

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ing Nurse Association of S.E. Michigan.

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Community Foundation awards grants

The Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan recently awarded 155 grants totaling more than \$1.4 million to nonprofit organizations throughout the seven-county region of southeast Michigan. The grants support the work of diverse agencies providing programming in the areas of arts, culture, civic, health, human services and youth.

Among the total allocations were grants to the following:

- \$20,000 to the Accounting

Aid Society to support the revision and republication of the society's "Michigan Nonprofit Management Manual."

- \$45,000 in grants of \$5,000 to \$10,000 to five nonprofit housing and business corporations in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. These grants were made from the Foundation's Comerica Bank Community Economic Development Fund.

- \$24,000, in grants of \$2,000 each, to 12 teachers from the city of Detroit and Wayne, Oakland

and Macomb Counties, as part of the Foundation's Newsweek-WDIV Outstanding Teacher Awards Program.

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THURSDAY, JULY 22, 1999

It takes two

Progress calls for togetherness

Two Westland Observer stories from last Thursday struck us as particularly interesting.

One involved a local church, Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist, which had sound equipment stolen early this year. The two men responsible decided to make things right, coming to the church and offering to make amends.

Church leaders and members took them up on the offer, with a program of repayment in installments, community service and attendance at the church. The young men will avoid a police record and, more importantly, learn to make things right.

Another story on the front page involved David Cox, who recently resigned as president of the Wayne-Westland school board. Cox is leaving the school board for a spot on the Westland City Council, to which he was recently appointed.

In his last meeting, Cox singled out each of his colleagues for praise except for board member Teresa Robbins, whom he snubbed.

This is unfortunate, to say the least. Cox and Robbins have had their differences, to be sure, but he owes her respect and courtesy as a fellow school board member. Something as simple as "Thanks for your help" would have sufficed.

The young men who stole the church sound equipment did something wrong, a charge that can't be made against Robbins. Yet the church members found it in their hearts to forgive and allow the men to make amends.

Cox should have shown similar respect for Robbins, even if he didn't agree with her stance on issues.

Cox will work with Wayne-Westland school board members and other community leaders as he fills the balance of an appointment to a city council seat. He plans to seek election in November. We encourage him to consider his treatment of colleagues in the public eye and beyond.

Working together for the good of our community is what matters in the end.

Protection from slamming needed

Phone customers need protection from slamming.

Several residents from western Wayne County recently complained about the practice by some unscrupulous phone service carriers or fly-by-night firms of telephone slamming, or the switching of phone customers from one carrier to another without the customer's knowledge. Residents appeared at a public hearing before a House Republican Task Force on Consumer Issues, chaired by state Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

One resident complained that a phone company "welcomed" her back to its phone service, even though she never changed carriers.

Another noticed a switch in the carrier after he was billed a long distance phone charge of \$8.43 for a call of five minutes.

Another wondered why a phone representative passing himself off as a local rep would ask him how to spell "Livonia."

State lawmakers are expected to consider stricter consumer regulations on the telecommunications industry once they return to legislative sessions, but they don't want to regulate a deregulated industry. Strict fines for slamming are already on the books, but more legislative discussion is needed about the responsibilities of billing companies or even companies involved in the service switches. Why shouldn't they bear some responsibility, so that consumers aren't stuck with the annoying inconvenience of straightening out a "slam"? Why should consumers be required to make phone calls to straighten out something they didn't order?

You would think some of the larger phone companies would do all they can to battle slamming since the industry has been deregulated. The threat of competition should make the utilities work harder to satisfy their customers, particularly when they call to complain about a bill. Locally, Ameritech recently changed the appearance of its bills to make them easier to read, and a new section on the bill will tell customers when a provider is being changed.

That still doesn't prevent a slam.

Residents who appeared at the hearing were well-informed about the issue of slamming. They had read their bills and letters they received from the utility companies. The

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task force hearing left us wondering about residents who don't understand the slamming process and how much more they have paid on bills due to changes in phone service that they haven't noticed.

Phone customers should educate themselves on this issue to help protect themselves.

Consumers should realize they have the option of selecting three different telephone companies — one to serve local telephone calls, a second to serve long distance calls within their area code, and a third to handle all other long distance calls.

If you as a consumer don't understand the breakdown of what is and isn't provided by your telephone utility, you are a prime candidate to be slammed. And even if you have educated yourself on the issue, it doesn't eliminate the problem of slamming.

You cannot completely avoid slamming, but you can educate yourself to know your rights as a consumer.

Consumers should never sign anything without reading all documentation and checking the fine print. If they are not interested in switching phone services, they should tell telemarketers that, instead of just hanging up. People who just hang up run the risk of being slammed. Consumers who are interested should get the offer in writing.

Phone bills should be read carefully each month. If there are unfamiliar names or charges that can't be identified, call the company issuing the charges or call the local phone company right away. Consumers who have concerns or questions about telephone slamming may call the Michigan Public Service Commission, which is an agency within the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, at its toll-free number, (800) 292-9555.

Clean bill of health



SPECIAL PHOTO BY RON PONKEY

Check-up: Kay Vincent has her blood pressure checked by exercise physiologist Joyce Said during the annual Strawberry Festival hosted by Garden City Hospital.

LETTERS

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Fine Scouts

On Saturday, June 12, we had the pleasure of meeting Boy Scout Troop 1148 of Dearborn. This meeting took place under strenuous conditions at Ford Field during the Rendezvous on the Rouge. It was about 7:30 p.m. Saturday evening when we received a call at home (in Westland) to come back and remove our gear since the Rouge River was rising fast and beginning to flood.

My husband, who is a decorative blacksmith, had approximately 2,200 pounds of gear on the riverbank. The gear included a forge, anvil, vise, many heavy wooden boxes and a large tree stump, along with other items. When we arrived, Troop 1148 was already busily moving our gear to higher ground. After about 2 1/2 hours of wading through mud and high water, we were able to salvage most of the items.

This letter is being written to let them know how appreciative we are to this fine group of young men and their parents. The troop includes: Evan C., Greg C., Brandon H., Carl M., Dan M., TJ O., Phil P., Elway P., Jourdan P., Kyle W., Matt D., Jeff C., Steve A. and Mike H., who was working on his Eagle Scout project. The troop parents included: Andy A., Dan D., Art P., Geoff W., Carrie W., Jeff C. and Scoutmaster Mike Martin. The troop is sponsored by the Dad's Club of St. Martha's Church, Dearborn.

These people along with other participants truly had a chance to show the true Boy Scout spirit!!! Thank you again for all of your help. You can all be proud of yourselves.

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Words scrutinized

Is it possible that Ms. Robin Moore, the new president of the Wayne-Westland School Board actually said, "The Board President can do anything they want?" More so, does she truly believe that? Is it possible that the president of the Board of Education of one of metropolitan Detroit's biggest school districts said: "Winning is better than losing?" Does this mean winning at any cost?

Finally, is it truly possible that the elected leader of the Wayne-Westland Board of Education said: "If we don't like them, we'll just fire them?" What kind of message does this send to the students, employees and citizens of the school district? It sounds to me like a message of: "I'm in charge, I'll do anything to win and if you get in my way, I will eliminate you."

Is it possible that Ms. Moore speaks first and engages her brain later? Perhaps in the same way some of her predecessors have done?

Michael P. Chiumento
Westland

Three cheers

Now we have feminism we can all applaud, cherish, and hold in considerable esteem. The ladies kicked and headed that round ball to the World Cup!

The USA ladies soccer team has taken another important step in their continuing march to freedom. Our new heroines have no thought of alienating the male species, no thought of marching on Washington to accomplish the liberal plan for egalitarianism. The Pele clones make us all proud.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What has the Kennedy family meant to America? We asked this

question at Westland's post office on Monday, as John F. Kennedy, Jr.'s plane was missing.



"They've meant a lot. I just hope they get some good news for a change."

Helen Henry



"I like the family. I had a lot of respect for John F. Kennedy. It's sad they've had so much tragedy."

Leo Ilgenza



"They really set a good example for a lot of people. It's a very sad situation."

Carroll Griffen



"They've been through what a lot of Americans have been through — a lot of good, a lot of tragedy."

Jerry McGulinn

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Subdued surroundings beat out Shakespeare this summer

Are you going to Stratford?" That question before vacation was to be expected, due to Goderich's proximity to Stratford. Both Ontario communities have much to offer, but my husband and I chose Goderich, just as we did last summer. Serenity won out over Shakespeare, with apologies to the Bard.

Last year in Goderich was fairly ambitious, with visits to the local library, museum and newspaper (to talk shop with the staff). This year's plan is to spend most of our time on the Lake Huron beach.

Don't get me wrong, I'm all for visiting local historic sites, for learning all life long. It's just that sometimes it's best to sit on the beach, daydream

and relax.

I've packed a book, one of the late Harry Kemelman's Rabbi Small mysteries. I'll probably finish it, but once I'm done I don't plan to look for another on the Canadian side of the border. Maybe when I return, it'll be time for another trip to the Plymouth District Library.

The Detroit Zoo and Greenfield Village are already on our list for vacation destinations close to home after Goderich. Mostly, we'll relax around the house.

September will be another matter altogether. Our destination then is Williamsburg, Va., and we plan to soak up all the knowledge we can. There's something about September



JULIE BROWN

that puts me in a back-to-school mindset, eager to learn new things, explore new possibilities.

Williamsburg isn't entirely new to me as I visited there with friends in college during the summer of 1980. I need to do more reading before leav-

ing on this trip, but I understand there's an effort now to explore the role of slavery in our nation's history.

This hasn't been without controversy, a neighbor tells me. Slavery's certainly a difficult part of our history to explain, but it seems to be the right thing to do to try. I'm eager to see how Williamsburg has changed - but hope it hasn't changed too much. Those college-day memories are still special.

I think in some ways our two vacations reveal the differences between summer and fall. One's really just for fun, for rest and relaxation. The other's more ambitious, with acquiring knowledge among the goals.

Of course, learning could come in

Goderich, as it did last summer when we learned of our host's World War II involvement with the Belgian Resistance. And certainly merriment is to be found in the colonial-era representation of Williamsburg.

Learning and fun, a winning combination - no matter what time of year.

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Three Tenors bring pride, but hit sour note of elitism

Who could possibly argue with the purpose and success of the recent Three Tenors' concert at Tiger Stadium?

Not only did the highly publicized event raise about \$13 million for the Michigan Opera Theatre, but it made a statement to the world that Detroit is in the midst of a cultural renaissance.

If it was noted once, it was noted a hundred times:

Saturday's concert was the only North American appearance by Luciano Pavarotti, José Carreras and Plácido Domingo, thanks largely to the hefty donation from Ford Motor Co., and the persuasive charm of MOT board member Frank Stella, a close friend of Pavarotti.



Pavarotti

The funds from the concert are earmarked to retire MOT's debt, and to

establish an endowment. If any Detroit-based cultural institution deserves the money and recognition, it's MOT. Long before anyone was even talking about cultural renewal in the city, MOT had plans to renovate the theater gem at the corner of Broadway and Madison, a few blocks from the historic Fox Theatre.

Since the announcement last January of the Three Tenors concert, however, there have been striking signs that the appreciation of "culture" comes with a prerequisite price tag. How many metro Detroiters could afford to pay \$50 to \$750 for a ticket to the concert?

Granted, performers and concert promoters can set their prices, and choose their venue. Tickets to the Rolling Stones or Bruce Springsteen aren't inexpensive. The difference, however, is that no other concert in recent history has been billed as the type of "cultural event" as the Three Tenors performance. In a pluralistic society defined by the range as much as the quality of choices, the controlling measures taken by concert organizers are a strong reminder that the



FRANK PROVENZANO

Few, if any attempts, were made to work with media that have smaller circulations or relatively low ratings. For the media to simply accept the policy set forth by Tibor Rudas, promoter of the Three Tenors, is to accept that only those with financial resources should control so-called historic cultural events.

wall of elitism is firmly in place.

Rather than guarantee that those

who couldn't afford a ticket would still be able to follow the event through media reports, concert organizers - Tibor Rudas, Olympia Entertainment and MOT - placed a price on admission even for the media.

While many large media organizations pay for tickets to concerts and other events, most smaller media groups can't afford tickets to regularly attend events at the various venues in the area. It'd be the ultimate act of arrogance for smaller media organizations to choose only to review plays and concerts at those venues where tickets were purchased. The media must be autonomous, objective and critical. Fairness comes with the job, not the ticket.

Essentially, concert organizers determined that the major dailies and television stations would be the most appropriate sources of information to the public. Few, if any attempts, were made to work with media that have smaller circulations or relatively low ratings. For the media to simply accept the policy set forth by Tibor Rudas, promoter of the Three Tenors, is to accept that only those with finan-

cial resources should control so-called historic cultural events.

Again, the Three Tenors concert wasn't strictly about opera. The widely promoted "symbol of renaissance" behind the concert is not only news, it's something that everyone living in the area should care about.

If anyone needs reminding, Pavarotti, Carreras and Domingo are singers. They haven't stopped wars, negotiated peace or discovered a medical cure. Prima donnas? Let's just say they're prone to protect their public image.

Let's hope that the image of a few artists doesn't get in the way of a more clear-headed approach in proving that the symbol of renaissance requires foremost an open attitude to all people, not just those who can afford the price of admission.

Frank Provenzano covers the arts for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Sea of change buoys economy

A quick glance at the recent headlines suggests something big is happening in Michigan's economy.

- "High-tech firms find cash they need in Ann Arbor"
- "Property values skyrocket, led by Livingston County"
- "State's low unemployment rate sets new record"

Although I'm not one of those who trumpet that the business cycle has been repealed, I do sense that a basic paradigm shift in the functioning of our economy has taken place over the past 20 years or so. Three factors in particular deserve attention: venture capital, the stock market (stock options in particular) and high technology.

In the old days, the way you started a business was to go into debt. You mortgaged your house or you took the receivables from your little company to your local flint-eyed banker. And you hoped the resulting interest payments didn't kill your company.

Today, you take your business plan to a venture capital firm, where equally flint-eyed folks poke and prod at every detail before deciding whether to invest. And you hope they don't take too big a chunk of your equity.

The shift from bank debt to equity investment as the basis for financing companies is fundamental. Banks, prohibited since 1933 from making equity investments and therefore concerned primarily with getting their loans paid off, had no particular incentive to support your company through hard times. But venture capital firms take a percentage of your stock, hoping to make a big score when you go public, which means they have an incentive to work with you through thick and thin.

And today there are a lot more venture firms with a lot more capital to invest than even a few years ago. According to PricewaterhouseCoopers, the big accounting firm, \$11.4 million in venture capital was invested in Michigan in 1996, \$65.2 million in 1997 and \$114.5 million in 1998.

Linked to changes in the capital basis for firms is the amazing stock market. It isn't just that the market is at an all-time high. It's that you can cash in on the success of your little company by going public in a buoyant market, which also gives the venture capital firm a way to make its score and thereby justify the risk of its original investment.

Moreover, most newly-formed companies today attract and retain skilled managers, engineers and computer jockeys, not by paying big salaries, but by granting stock options. In granting key employees the right to make a big killing if the stock price goes up, companies not only retain key people but create an enormously effective incentive system to motivate long



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hours and high output.

Certainly, stock options existed 20 years ago, but they were very limited in extent and offered nowhere near the opportunity of becoming an instant multi-millionaire they do today.

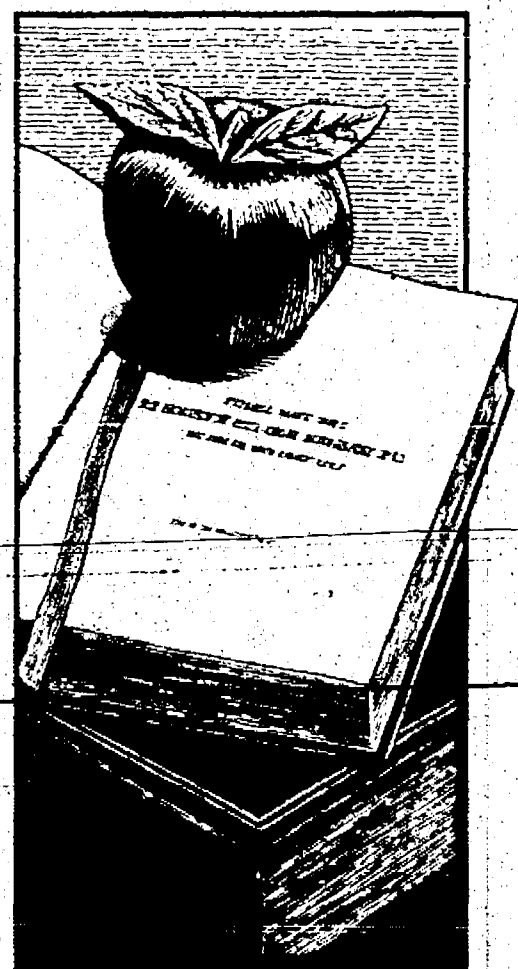
Unlike venture capital and stock options, new technology has always been the basis for successful firms. Water power and, later, gas and electricity formed the technological basis for the prosperity that accompanied the Industrial Revolution in the 18th and 19th centuries. The gasoline-fueled internal combustion engine and mass standardized manufacturing were the core technologies behind Michigan's automobile industry. Both were developed just after the turn of the century.

What's different today is that the technological leaps are far more numerous than in the past, in large part because they are the product of a self-conscious process of research, invention and development that is quite new. Scientists in university or government laboratories today understand that one important consequence of discoveries is the possibility that they can be turned into commercial successes.

This is quite new. Policy at the University of Michigan, for instance, used to be that the university owned the rights to any inventions dreamed up in its labs. But the U-M changed the policy five years ago so that scientists could claim a stake in their inventions, and it's likely the big venture capital boom in Ann Arbor is rooted in the change. Whether it's information technology or software or microscopic sensing or bioengineering, labs in Michigan are providing the technological underpinnings for all kinds of new companies.

I wouldn't argue all this prosperity will last forever. But I do think that we are witnessing today the outcome of fundamental changes in the way our economy works. And at least for the present, we are all the better for it.

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GOP moderate campaigns for speaker

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In a horse race, being first "out of the chute" can translate to being first at the finish line. That philosophy led state Rep. Patricia "Pan" Godchaux, R-Birmingham, to announce last week her interest in running for the position of Speaker of the House in 2001.

"Well, you might say I'm not one of the obvious people to run, and I figure I need the time to do it... Figured I would take the opportunity and be the first one out on all this," she said.

Godchaux explained that she filed with the Secretary of State's office in January to create a "leadership fund," an independent political action committee, to start her run for speaker. A campaign finance fund over and above her regular election account, the PAC will allow her to collect and distribute money to assist other GOP candidates in their quests for election a year from this November. In return for her support, those candidates will pledge their votes to Godchaux for speaker in January 2001.

Too early?

But it's too early to start campaigning, say other likely candidates.

"I recall that in the past this hasn't started until much closer to the election. We have a lot of work to do and we have a speaker, (state Rep.) Chuck Perricone (R-Kalamazoo), who is doing good work," said Rep. Patricia Birkholz, R-Saugatuck. "It's too soon to have members start thinking along these lines. Let's just say it could detract from the work of the caucus."

Already speaker pro tem, Birkholz is currently second in command in the Republican House leadership, and therefore seen as a front runner in the bid to succeed Perricone. She said she is sure she will be seeking a leadership role in the caucus next session. She won't make up her mind about exactly which post to try for until later this year, probably in the fall.

"Godchaux's getting out there first because she needs to be," said Rusty Merchant, aide to House Majority Floor Leader Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills. That's because he ranks Raczkowski as second in command in current House leadership and therefore the most likely to succeed Perricone.

Raczkowski also believes the race is starting too early and will actually hamper the efforts of the GOP caucus this year, Merchant said. While the floor leader is, indeed, interested, he won't

likely make a decision until this coming January.

Another likely candidate for Speaker next term is state Rep. Mark C. Jansen, R-Grand Rapids, although he has not announced a decision.

Godchaux explained she expects the caucus to pick the speaker from among its most senior leaders, and those four candidates will all be starting their third and final terms in 2001.

And if it sounds as if the race for speaker is starting awfully early, Godchaux says: "Part of the leadership race is providing leadership. You don't provide leadership at the last moment."

"What I'm offering is the choice of a different kind of leadership," she said. "Historically, if you were king of the mountain, you made the mountain look the way you want it to look. I would be more facilitating as a leader than controlling. I don't think that is what we have now. In fact, I know we don't have that now."

Conservative control

House leadership, she said, is currently controlled by what she described as a minority of very conservative Republicans.

"I felt, and a number of my colleagues felt, that there were a lot of times this spring when, if you

weren't with the caucus, you were against it," Godchaux said.

She said that much of what was done in the House in the first five months of the current legislative session was accomplished at the expense of the process. The leadership monopolized the agenda and allowed little time for discussion and input.

"Yes, we got a lot done, but what I'm saying is that we could have accomplished just as much, and perhaps we would have ended up in the same place, if we had allowed for more room for discussion in committee. We could have done the same amount and had a more open process," she said. "There were a lot of freshmen who were saying, 'This was not what we bargained for.'"

"Our leadership needs to facilitate everyone to participate so that (representatives) do not feel that someone else has not allowed an issue that is important to them to at least be part of the process," she said. "In the past, the leadership has really determined the whole agenda."

"Everyone comes to the House with an agenda and that's what I'm offering, an opportunity for each and every one of them to work on that agenda and not have to work around a leadership-dictated agenda."

County commission supports 4-year terms

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COUNTY NEWS

Wayne County commissioners support state legislation that calls for a change in terms of county commissioners from two to four years.

Wayne County commissioners approved a resolution July 15 that joins the Michigan Association of Counties in supporting legislation proposed by Rep. Rick Johnson, R-Leroy. Copies of the resolution will be sent to Gov. John Engler, state lawmakers and Michigan counties.

The office of county commissioner is required by state law to serve two-year terms.

The resolution said "considerable expense" is incurred through frequent campaigning and elections. A four-year term would provide "greater continuity in county government."

Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, person-

ally would like to remove the time and expense that campaigns bring to candidates every other year, but she adds that she believes residents want the biennial elections.

"I think the people want us to be accountable every two years," Bankes said.

Bankes believes the state lawmakers probably won't lengthen the terms.

"As long as Congress and the state House remain at two years, it (county commission) will remain at two years," Bankes said.

Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, believes a longer term is more practical.

"It gives us more time to focus on our jobs," Husk said.

State lawmakers may discuss the bill when they return from their summer legislative recess.

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JACK GLADDEN

Hot, hot, hot? Air, air, air!

The Feminist finally got so heated up that she decided to bite the bullet, face the music, beard the lion. She couldn't stand the heat, but didn't want to get out of the kitchen.

So she swallowed hard, tightened her belt a notch and announced:

"I think we should get some estimates on air conditioning!"

Whoa! I've been pushing air conditioning for years, but every time I brought it up, her eyes turned into dollar signs and started spinning like dials on an electric meter.

It was those 98-degree days in June that did it. Our west-facing kitchen was so hot that, even with no cooking being done and the ceiling fan cranking away, we'd sit at the counter with sweat dripping down our faces. The mornings were so hot that her makeup would melt off before she could get out the door to drive to work in her un-air-conditioned car.

So we called a reputable heating and cooling company, got the estimate and told them we'd think about it. We thought about it and discussed it, sitting at that kitchen counter under the churning ceiling fan.

Finally, we called the company and told them to go ahead. New furnace, humidifier, air conditioner. The works.

They said it would be a month before they could get around to us. I grumbled, but The Feminist assured me a month was not that long to wait and, besides, there would be plenty of hot weather around later in the summer.

"And now you won't be able to complain about mowing the lawn," she said.

■ 'We'll live through this heat and the day after the air conditioning is installed, the temps will drop into the 60s.'

"What does air conditioning have to do with mowing the lawn?" I asked. "You're always complaining about how hot you get when you mow. You may still get hot, but now you can come inside and cool off."

"Yeah, well, I can see what's gonna happen," I said. "We'll live through this heat and the day after the air conditioning is installed, the temps will drop into the 60s."

"Stop being so grumpy." The month went by, the temperature stayed up and the grass just kept growing. The Feminist's makeup continued to melt and our kitchen-counter conversations were as hot as ever. Finally, AC Day approached.

"Hey, I'm off that Friday," I said.

"Good," The Feminist said. "You can be here in case they need anything."

"So I get to sit around the house all day watching them work. I was thinking about going somewhere."

"Oh, well."

The day arrived, so did the air conditioning people and ... the rain. It started to fall just as they got everything unloaded from the truck. Not hard, just steady.

They're drilling through brick walls, running electrical lines inside and out and trying not to fall on their faces as they walk across the kitchen linoleum with rain-soaked shoes.

The Teenager, who was always complaining about the heat, decided to spend the night with her cousin. The Feminist drove her there, while I sat at the kitchen counter under the fan, just in case the installers needed my advice.

They didn't. Eight hours or so later, they're done. The rain had stopped, and it had managed to cool things off a bit. That night we slept with the windows open. A cool breeze was blowing through.

The next morning The Teenager called us from her cousin's.

"Do you have the air conditioner on?" she asked.

"Nope," I said.

"Why not?"

"It's 62 degrees outside."

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Hot sellers: Ryan King, games department head at Rider's Hobby Shops Inc.'s Canton store, says "Dungeons & Dragons" products sell very well, including the starter kit. King has played a variety of role-playing games, including D&D since 1984.

Happy Birthday D&D still finds favor with fans

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Enthusiasm for the game varies throughout metropolitan Detroit, but where "Dungeons & Dragons" is hot, it's really hot.

The game has a particularly strong following at Neutral Ground Detroit in Garden City. There, gaming groups meet several times a week.

"I've played just about every game out there," said Jeff Morrison, a Livonia resident and computer programmer who coordinates games at the store.

"Dungeons & Dragons" got its start in the 1970s. Players create elf, dwarf, halfling and human characters who fight with swords and bows and arrows, battle dragons and other beasts, search for treasure and cast magical spells - all in the players' imaginations.

Neutral Ground, 1858 Middlebelt south of Ford, offers gaming supplies and space for people to play. Players can either use

plain round tables or use three-dimensional set-ups containing miniaturized landscapes to give the game a more realistic feel.

The store also hosts tournaments tied in with the 22,000-person Gen-Con national gaming convention. The local tournaments draw players from all over the region.

Morrison has been an avid player since 1984 and is a judge for Gen-Con. In addition to D&D, he plays "Vampire: The Masquerade," a role-playing game involving vampires and "Battletech," where players "drive" gigantic, nuclear-powered piloted robotic machines that fight one another.

Dash of escapism

So what's the appeal of the D&D? "Escapism," Morrison said.

Another player, Jeff Ekonen of Southgate, agrees.

"(D&D) allows you to do things you can't do in real life," he said. Whether it's wielding a three-foot sword, casting magical spells or even

slaying monsters, most players thrive on escaping from reality for a while.

Whatever the appeal, D&D players tend to be a loyal lot. While some childhood hobbies end up shelved in a closet when people reach adulthood, D&D is one hobby that has some staying power.

Morrison said D&D players come from all walks of life.

"It really runs the gamut," he said. "Players can be everything from unemployed to computer professionals or police officers. Generally, most of them are college-educated and they tend to be well behaved."

"You don't have a lot of people who go around breaking a lot of rules."

A Romulus woman who asked not to be identified said being a female player has its challenges.

"Sometimes, you run into people who don't take you as seriously," said the woman, who has been playing for 10 years. It's a common assumption that females don't know as much about the game as males, she said.

"Sometimes, it can be helpful," she said, adding that female players can give better insight into female characters than male players.

Just one-fifth of players involved in Gen-Con are women. But Morrison and the other males playing at Neutral Ground agree that they'd like to see more women among the ranks.

Ryan King, games department head at Rider's Hobby Shops Inc.'s Canton store at 42011 Ford, said D&D products sell very well, including the starter kit.

"It makes it easier for young people to get started," he said. "There is

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All set: Curt Lithgow of Westland checks the tower to see if the games pieces were in place for a round of Warhammer Siege at Neutral Ground in Garden City.



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Camp lets kids know 'they're not alone'

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER
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When the buses leave for Camp Tamarack in Ortonville on Aug. 20, about 100 children will be heading for a weekend meant to change their lives.

The sixth annual Camp Phoenix Friday-Sunday, Aug. 20-22, is conducted jointly by Community Hospice and Home Care Services and Hospices of Henry Ford Health Systems. The weekend camp lets grieving children know there are others just like them.

"The universal saying is that the kids learn they're not alone," said Kathleen Dattolo, CHHCS's director of social work. "When they arrive at camp and see the number of kids who have lost someone to death, they see they have something in common."

The camp is for children ages 5-17 and features typical camp activities - swimming, hiking, hayrides, arts and crafts and campfires. But there's also time to explore and express their feelings through specialized group sessions and a chance to say good-bye and for closure at a memorial service.

said Dattolo. "We don't have a lot of weeping and crying, we have a lot of learning and celebrating the person who has died."

The camp was a positive experience for Kristina

■ 'The memorial is the hardest event, but afterward, the children say it is the most important.'

Kathleen Dattolo
Community Hospice

Walker's son, Kristopher. When her father, his grandfather, died in November 1997, she grieved and so did Kristopher.

But while she felt the loss should have pulled them closer together, just the opposite was true. Kristopher was furious with his mother. He threw things, screamed at the top of his lungs and was disobedient most of the time.

"My dad was really the only male role model in his life," Walker said. "But even though I knew how much he missed him, sometimes I felt like he was using my father's death as an excuse."

"I tried to talk to him, but I just couldn't seem to reach him."

Through CHHCS's Connections support group meetings and Camp Phoenix, Kristopher's anger slowly diminished. The camp, according to Walker,

made a huge difference in her son, who is now age 8.

"Because of the experience his life has completely changed," she said. "Once it was difficult for Kristopher to discuss his feelings. There was a lot of emotion involved. But now he can talk about Papa and smile."

The camp registration fee is \$25 per child. Activities are geared to the three different age groups - 5-8-year-olds, 9-12-year-olds and teens age 13-17.

By mid-June, organizers had already seen a 25 percent increase in enrollment. They credit that to the ability to reach more children because of the cooperation between the two agencies.

"We've sent out about 40 applications so far to those who've expressed an interest," said Jean Butrico Cooper, program coordinator for SandCastles, Hospices of Henry Ford Health System's grief support program for children and families. "This has been a great partnership and as a result, Camp Phoenix is getting recognized."

Parents interested in the camp can call CHHCS at (734) 522-4244 or Hospices of Henry Ford Health System at (313) 874-6881.

Sponsors like Mervyn's California, the Women's

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Anniversary version aims at new fans

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Twenty-five years ago, "Dungeons & Dragons" introduced the world to elves, dwarfs, wizards, swordplay and sorcery, and the world - mainly teenage and college-age males - fell in love.

Today TSR, the company that produces D&D products, is trying to capture a new generation of players, or "gamers" with a self-contained Adventure Game starter kit, retailing at \$10. The game's release is all part of a 25th anniversary celebration that includes a "Silver Anniversary" U.S. tour and a special anniversary edition of the game's basic box set.

The starter kit, geared toward those age 8 and older, was released in late April and has since sold out of its initial print run, said Keith Strohm, category manager for role playing games for Wizards of the Coast, the Renton, Wash.-based company that bought TSR in 1997.

The subsequent runs also are expected to sell well, and the company expects to sell 70,000-80,000 games by the holidays.

The game is most popular among the 12-16 and 19-21 age groups but is played by people of all ages. Strohm said he estimates there are 200,000 players worldwide.

Birthday celebration

A "Dungeons & Dragons" birthday celebration was launched July 10 in Spokane, Wash., and will continue through the summer at several United States locations.

The "TSR Silver Anniversary Tour" will hit the area 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday Aug. 21, at Borders Books & Music, in the Novi Town Center, 43075 Crescent Blvd.

Events include appearances by celebrity authors and game designers with question-and-answer sessions, game demonstrations, game tournaments and contests with prizes.

There also will be a "Gaming through the Ages" art exhibit, featuring a historical look at the artwork and game tools associated with the D&D game over the past quarter century.

Admission to the celebration is free, but attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for donation at a local food bank.

Wizards of the Coast also publishes both the "Magic: The Gathering" and "Pokémon" trading card games.

"Dungeons & Dragons" was born in Lake Geneva, Wis., in 1974. In D&D, players create characters among others who can in turn be wizards, priests, warriors, thieves and even musicians or bards.

A "dungeon master" leads the players through the game by

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CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

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(248) 360-7004, press #9
Class of 1979
Nov. 26 at the Holiday Inn-North Campus in Ann Arbor.
(734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

ANN ARBOR PIONEER
Class of 1989
Oct. 23 at the Crowne Plaza in Ann Arbor.
(800) 677-7800 or reunions@taylorpub.com

BISHOP BORGESS

Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for August.
(313) 271-3050, Ext. 189 (days), (248) 552-8020 (days), or (248) 723-1907

Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Sept. 18.
(734) 464-2746 or (734) 459-2281

CLARKSTON
Class of 1960
A reunion is tentatively planned for August 2000.
(248) 627-4549, (248) 933-1670 or dlmliller@flash.net

DEARBORN
Class of 1954
A reunion celebration is planned for Aug. 6-8.
(313) 565-4816, (734) 464-8262 or (734) 421-1845

DEARBORN FORDSON
Class of 1989
Aug. 14 at Hawthorne Valley

Country Club in Westland.
(248) 366-9493, press #8
Class of 1946
Aug. 5 at Park Place in Dearborn. Cost is \$28 per person.
(313) 274-3929 or (313) 562-4639
January-June classes of 1949
Aug. 6-7 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Club and homecoming Aug. 8 at Ford Field grove in Dearborn.
(313) 561-1783 or (313) 278-3989

Class of 1959
A reunion is being planned for October.
(888) 452-7222

DETROIT CASS TECH
Class of 1969
Sept. 25 at the Athenium Hotel in Detroit.
CT '69 Reunion, P.O. Box 11658, Detroit 48211
Classes of 1950-51
A reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2000.

(248) 740-3266
DETROIT CENTRAL
Class of 1949
Sept. 4 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn.
(248) 661-0269 or (248) 545-7496

DETROIT CHADSEY
Classes of 1930-1950s
Noon Aug. 10 at Parkland Park, Dearborn Heights. Bring your own food.
(313) 663-6753

DETROIT COOLEY
Class of 1950
A picnic is planned for Aug. 11 at Rotary Park in Livonia. A reunion is being planned for next year.
(248) 647-3743, (248) 334-7641, (313) 421-3150 or (734) 525-2503
Class of 1949
A reunion is planned for Oct. 1.
(248) 348-3616 after 5 p.m.

DETROIT DENBY

Class of 1969
Nov. 26 at the Mirage in Clinton Township.
(313) 937-5032, (810) 263-9180 or (810) 774-1784
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Sept. 18.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636
Class of 1959
Oct. 23 at the Hillcrest Banquet Center, Clinton Township.
(248) 642-7376 or (313) 526-7469
Class of 1949
Sept. 26 at Barrister Gardens in St. Clair Shores.
(810) 778-3641 or (810) 777-5812
Class of 1950
A reunion is planned for June 2000.
(810) 773-4253, (248) 585-2083 or (810) 773-3286
Class of 1954

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Camp from page B1

Committee for Hospice Care and Alpha Xi Delta National Sorority, help the agencies pay the estimated \$40-45,000, based on the number of children, to stage the camp. Expenses include transportation to camp, the life-guards and the backpacks, T-shirts, markers and crayons each camper receives.

More than 50 volunteers from a variety of backgrounds helped make it all happen last year, and a like number are needed this year. Volunteers can be as young as age 15 and there's a need for male volunteers, according to Dattolo.

The agencies provide 13 hours of training on such things as

grief and loss, child development, communication skills, camp specific rules and working with children in a group environment. There's also a need for more sponsors for such things as the food for the camp's Saturday luncheon to feed 150 and the celebration (400-500 people) on Sunday, when the families arrive to pick up the campers, bottled water, arts and crafts supplies and the like.

"The camp is one of the highlights of my job," said Dattolo. "It's the most work, but it's amazing to see the growth in these kids in three days. They're no longer the odd man out."

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telling them what is happening and asking them what they are going to do. Rolls of multi-sided dice dictate how successful their characters are. The dungeon master's decisions are final.

The dungeon master can either use one of the game's many pre-written adventures or make up his or her own.

The starter kit allows players to select from eight characters they would like to play, including human, elf, dwarf and halfling.

Slighter in build and height than humans, elves live in forest settings, love nature and thrive on creativity and artistry. To other races, they come across as frivolous and aloof.

Dwarves are shorter and stockier than elves. They live underground and are fond of treasure. They tend to be serious, hard-working and gruff.

Shorter and slighter than dwarves, halflings live in valley and meadow villages and are generally outgoing, open, curious and clever. They make excellent thieves. Halflings' most famous appearance was in J.R.R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings trilogy.

Competition from other game makers has only made TSR stronger, Strohm said.

"The diversity of choice for players has helped D&D," he said, adding that a lot of people

get involved with D&D through other role-playing games and vice-versa.

Other publications TSR also publishes the "Dragonlance" novel series, which reached the New York Times best-seller list on numerous occasions and the periodicals "Dragon" and "Dungeon." The publishing wing of TSR has always been successful, Strohm said.

The game has had its share of controversy. An early D&D sup-

plemental book entitled "Deities & Demigods" featured graphic descriptions of demons, prompting concerns from religious groups and many parents. In partial response to that controversy, TSR stopped publishing the book, making it a collector's item.

"We've had a lot of negative press," Strohm said. "It's a very difficult hobby to understand, if you're not involved in it."

TSR hired therapist Dr. Joyce Brothers in the early 1980s to

analyze the game. The game company in turn learned the game has many positive mental and social benefits, such as its emphasis on problem solving, focus on mathematics and reading skills and working together to accomplish common goals, as D&D characters must do.

D&D players also tend to be avid readers.

"What we've learned from parents is that when their children play (D&D), they spend a lot of time reading," Strohm said.

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a very large following. There are people who have been playing since the game started.

King is not only in charge of games at Rider's, but has played a variety of role-playing games, including D&D since 1984.

"It's still very popular," he said. "I think it has a long life ahead of it."

Hot sellers
Other hot sellers are the other 25th anniversary products, such as the basic box set, which includes some re-released adventures from the 1980s.

D&D players, or "gamers" shopping at Rider's are of most age groups, including 10-12 year

olds and even adults in their 40s.

David Moffet, owner of Classic Movie & Comic Center at 29473 Seven Mile in Livonia, said D&D product sales are pretty weak. A hotter seller is the "Magic - The Gathering" trading card game.

"We sell a lot less D&D products than we did seven years ago," he said. Some reasons for the lagging D&D sales are simplicity and cost. Card games tend to be easier to learn and cheaper than role-playing games, he added.

John Landuit, owner of West Point Hobby at 25531 W. Seven Mile in Redford, said that role-playing games, including

"Warhammer," a fantasy role-playing game with metal miniatures, and "Battletech" sell fairly well.

"Dungeons & Dragons (sales) have been hit-or-miss," Landuit said, adding that he will order the supplies for regular customers, if they want something he doesn't have in stock.

Kelly Ziulkowski, assistant manager at Waldenbooks in Westland Center, said D&D products aren't hot sellers in the area.

"We do sell them, but we barely ever sell any, actually," she said. "In other stores, they sell well."

**CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

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

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89 MAZDA	626 4D	BLUE	JM1GD2229K1701176
86 FORD	TEMPO 2D	BLUE	1FABP22X7GK118819
94 MERCURY	2D TOPAZ	GRAY	1MEPM31X1RK643201
88 FORD	2DR MUSTANG	BLUE	1FABP41A4JF297667

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

89 FORD	ESCORT	BLUE	1FAPP9197KW167232
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85 OLDS	2DR CUTLASS	BLUE	1G3AM27E9FG400905
94 MERCURY	TOPAZ 2DR	GRAY	1MEPM31X1RK643201
89 PONTIAC	GRD PRIZ 2D	BLUE	1G2VJ14T8KF307406
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90 FORD	4DR TAURUS	WHITE	1FACP50UOLG194359
89 DODGE	RAM VAN	BLUE	2B5WB35Z8KK382592
86 FORD	4DR TAURUS	WHITE	1FABP29U8GG212786

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30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicles listed below will be auctioned after August 22, 1999, unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN**

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION NO. 4 DISTRICT NO. 4211

PRESENT: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick
ABSENT: Councilmember Dodge

RESOLUTION BY: Councilmember Kaledas

SUPPORTED BY: Councilmember Lynch

WHEREAS: at a Regular Meeting of the Council, the public hearing having taken place before this Council on July 12, 1999, on the Beechwood, Birchlawn and Moeller Construction Project Special Assessment Roll Number 4211 and said roll having been duly presented to this Council by the City Assessor, objections were duly called for, and

WHEREAS, after hearing all persons presenting themselves, it is determined that the roll as filed be approved, and

WHEREAS, this Council does hereby estimate that the period of usefulness of said project improvements is not less than seven (7) years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beechwood, Birchlawn, and Moeller Construction Project Special Assessment Roll Number 4211, as filed with the City Clerk, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed; said Special Assessment Roll Number to be applicable to and affecting the following described properties;

ADDRESS	PROPERTY ID NO.	ADDRESS	PROPERTY ID NO.
31850 Ford Rd.	004-02-2941-000	Vacant	004-03-0040-000
Vacant	004-03-0016-300	31572 Beechwood	004-03-0055-300
Vacant	004-03-0020-300	31585 Birchlawn	004-03-0060-000
Vacant	004-04-0070-000	31592 Krauter	004-03-0039-000
5775 Merriman	004-99-0012-002	Vacant	004-03-0062-002
Vacant	004-03-0030-000	31543 Birchlawn	004-03-0064-000
Vacant	004-03-0050-000	31527 Birchlawn	004-03-0065-000
Vacant	004-03-0041-000	31519 Birchlawn	004-03-0066-002
Vacant	004-03-0042-000	31509 Birchlawn	004-03-0068-000
31569 Beechwood	004-03-0043-000	5915 Merriman	004-99-0019-000
31588 Beechwood	004-03-0058-000	5775 Merriman	004-99-0029-000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the assessment shown on said roll be divided into seven (7) annual installments, payable on the 31st day of October each year from 1999 to 2006, inclusive; and that the City Clerk transmit said roll to the City Treasurer with his warrant for collection accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the installments of said Special Assessment Roll shall bear interest at the rate of 4.75 percent per annum; said interest to be paid annually on the due dates of the principal installments of said Special Assessment Roll.

All Resolutions and parts of Resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

YEAS: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick

ABSENT: Councilmember Dodge

NAYS: None

JAMES L. BARKER

Mayor

ALLYSON M. BETTIS

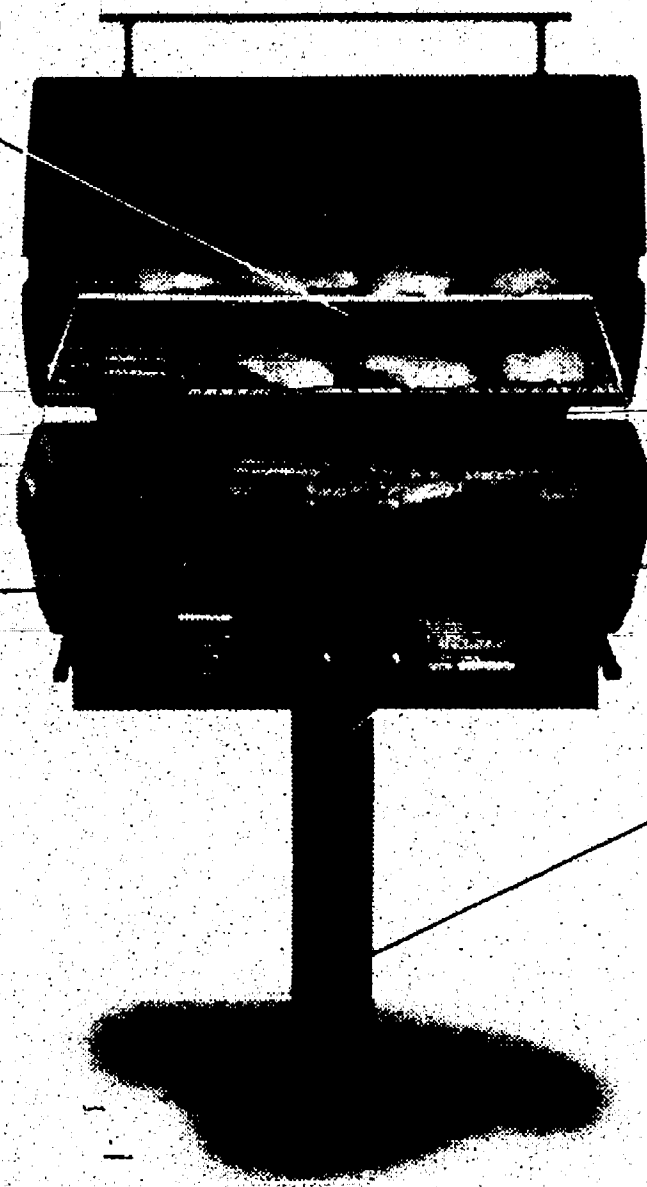
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Adopted: July 12, 1999

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Crofts-Nuffer

Preston and Marilyn Crofts of Westland announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Heather Kathleen, to Daniel Christian Nuffer, the son of Jared and Rebecca Nuffer of Troutdale, Ore.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of John Glenn High School and is a senior at Brigham Young University where she is majoring in microbiology.

Her fiancé is studying computer science at Brigham Young University and is employed at Coresoft Technologies in Orem, Utah.

A July wedding is planned at the Latter Day Saints Temple in Vernal, Utah.



Crofts-Johnson

Preston and Marilyn Crofts of Westland announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Mary Johanna to Mark Richard Johnson of Burkburnett, Texas.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of John Glenn High School and is studying nursing at Brigham Young University.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Burkburnett High School and is studying accounting at Brigham Young University. He is employed as a project supervisor at Marketing Ally.

A July wedding is planned at the Latter Day Saints Temple in Vernal, Utah.



Olsen-Farmer

Larry and Luella Olsen of Bellingham, Wash., announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, LeeAnn, to Randy Farmer, the son of Tom and Virginia Farmer of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bellingham High School and Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash. She is employed an instructional assistant and by the 106.5 FM radio station.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the Dearborn school district. He is employed as a senior programmer analyst for Datanational in Farmington Hills.

A July wedding is planned in Bellingham, Wash.



Lenox-Plagens

Hank and Nancy Lenox of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Keith Michael Plagens, the son of George and Lillian Plagens of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts in interior design. She is currently employed at Hobbs & Black, Architects, in Ann Arbor as an assistant director of interior design.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Divine Child High School and a 1998 graduate of Kettering University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed at the Ford Motor Co. as a vehicle development engineer in Power-



train Operations. A June wedding is planned at Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church in West Bloomfield.

Leap-Hachigian

Ron and Diane Leap of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Nena, to Michael Sarkis Hachigian, son of Onnig and Shooshig Hachigian of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lawrence Technological University. She is employed as a paralegal at Domino's Pizza International Inc. in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University and Wayne State University with a master's degree. He is employed as a financial analyst for Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

A September wedding is planned at St. Sarkis Armenian-



Apostolic Church in Dearborn.

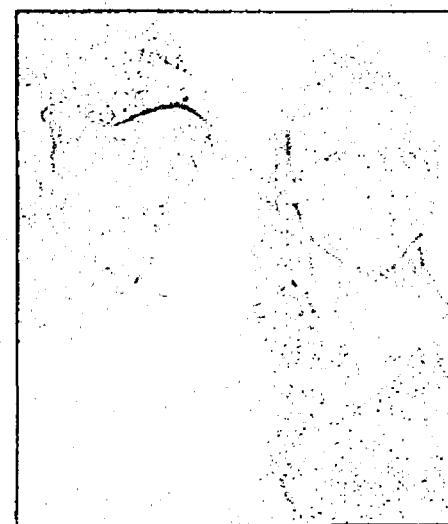
Rice-Bowser

Bev Rice of Livonia and Tom and Lucille Rice of Peoria, Ariz. announce the engagement of their daughter, Chantelle S. to Scott M. Bowser, the son of Earl and Kay Bowser of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 1996 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed by Microsoft in Rochester Hills.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1995 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed by Arthur Anderson LLP in Detroit.

A November wedding is



planned at First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.

Sovel-Gergis

Christine Catherine Sovel and Terence Ramzi Gergis were married at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Dearborn by the Rev. Michael Quan.

The bride is the daughter of James and Donna Sovel of Westland. The groom is the son of Ramzi and Mary Gergis of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of John Glenn High School and a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed in marketing.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Birmingham Groves High School. He is employed in management at Ameritech.

The bride asked Michelle McKimmy Eicholtz to be her matron of honor with Loretta Sovel, Karen White, Renee White, Theresa White and Amanda Juncaj as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Phil Kozlowski to be his best man



with Mark Sovel, Jim Reese and Bob Keyes as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at Laurel Manor in Livonia before leaving for a honeymoon in Myrtle Beach, S.C. They are making their home in Novi.

Mimnaugh-Pfeifer

Bernard and Kay Mimnaugh of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Victoria Kay, to Jerome Raymond Pfeifer, the son of Jerome and Judith Pfeifer of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is employed by Garden City Hospital as a pharmacy technician.

Her fiancé earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Lawrence Technological University. He is employed by MSX International.

An August wedding is planned at St. Michael Catholic Church



in Livonia.

Zigouris-Hayes

Odiseys and Athanasia Zigouris of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth, to David J. Hayes, the son of Jerry and Marilyn Hayes of Hudsonville.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of the GMI Engineering and Management Institute with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. She is employed with Delphi Delco Electronics.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed by Johnson Controls.

An August wedding is planned at the Nativity of the Virgin



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Remaining dates for the Westland Cultural Society summer concert series are Sundays, 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. 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. Friends also holds 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, \$3 for a nonresident child, \$4 for a nonresident adult. Season passes are \$50.

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-old toddler-parent class on Friday mornings; 3-year-old class Monday and Wednesday mornings; and the 4-year-old class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Classes run from September to May. Parents are required to help out at the school.

All classes are in the Newburg United Methodist Church on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. For more information, call April at (734) 522-8469.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

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

On the move



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Field trip: Melanie Teschke, 6, (center) carries the flag for the "Flamingos" Girl Scout Troop during their weeklong outing in the park.

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 Merriam in Westland.

WESTLAND MUSEUM

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

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

FRIENDS MEET

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

FOR SENIORS

HEARING CHECKS

Every third Tuesday of each month, a representative from Personalized Hearing Care of Westland will check and clean hearing aids free from 2-3 p.m. by appointment only. Call (734) 722-7632 for more information.

WINDSOR RACEWAY TRIP

A trip to Windsor Raceway is set for Wednesday, Aug. 4. Price 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.

TIGER GAME

The Senior Resources Department Friendship Center is offering a trip to a Tiger game this year: Tigers vs. Angels, Friday, Aug. 13. Cost is \$25 a person. Leave from the Friendship Center at 5 p.m. Game begins 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.

NURSING HOME CARE

A seminar on "Nursing Home Care and Your Rights" will begin at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at the Westland Friendship Center, on Newburgh in Westland. The Friendship Center is presenting the seminar, which will feature Nida Donar of Citizens for Better Care as guest speaker. To sign up, stop at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632. Refreshments will be served.

BOWLING FUN

The Friendship Center Bowling League is starting again. Orientation will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, in the conference room at the center, on Newburgh in Westland. Beginners are welcome, and substitutes are needed. Bowling will begin 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8. For information, 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 11:30 p.m. Call (734) 722-7632.

SENIOR CHOIR

A Friendship senior choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, 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 for the older adult. The exercise improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates resistance exercises using rubber tubing and 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 non-members. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to Big Band music and door prizes. Call (734) 728-5010.

WORK REFERRAL

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

DYER CENTER

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

CLUBS IN ACTION

WESTLAND ROTARY

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

SWEET ADELINES

The 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, 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.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M128, 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. M153 meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at OptimEyes, Westland Super Vision Center, 35184 Central City Parkway, Westland. (734) 427-5200. Leader, Michele, (734) 422-1726; secretary, Karen, (734) 729-6363.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) teaches public speaking at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road. Call John Elbe at (734) 326-5419.

CALENDAR FORM

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 30251 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 953-2101 if you have any questions.

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

BIBLE CONFERENCE

Fair Haven Baptist Church's fifth annual summer Bible conference occurs 7-8:15 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, at the church, 34850 Marquette, Westland. Pastor R. B. Ouellette of the First Baptist Church of Bridgeport will preach. Child care will be provided for people age 3 and under. Call (734) 728-4549.

DESTINY

The Young Continentals, 30 high-energy, high-impact singers and technicians, will present "Mission of Love" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. The Young Continentals is an evangelical group of young people who communicate the message of love found only in a relationship with Jesus Christ. The performance is free of charge, however, a freewill offering will be accepted. For more information, call Brenda Phillips at (734) 425-5950.

DISCIPLES OF LOVE

The Disciples of Love Prayer Group will have a pot luck picnic 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard in Livonia. All prayers groups are welcome, and participants should bring their friendship and a dish to pass. For more information, call Geri Soelz at (734) 8906 or Paul Tetrault at (734) 462-0344.

GUEST SPEAKER

Deacon Bruce Simpson, a

Catholic evangelist from Florida, will be guest speaker at the Madonna University Prayer Group's meeting beginning 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the University Center. The public is welcome. Call Cecile at (734) 591-3247 or John at (734) 422-5611.

VOICE OF PRAISE

Voice of Praise will present a concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at the First Baptist Church, 36125 Glennwood, Wayne. The group of 12 singers from the Gardenside Baptist Church in Lexington, Ky., will perform traditional, gospel, old-time gospel, contemporary and a capella music. The group is directed by David Dale, minister of music at the Lexington church. The concert is free of charge. For more information, call the church at (734) 721-7410.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Charli Johnston will discuss "Healing through Journaling" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

Rainbow Festival

St. Sabina Parish will have its Rainbow Festival 6-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, 2-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, and 1-10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the church, 25605 Ann Arbor Trail. There will be a fish/pierogi dinner on Aug. 20, Polish dinner on Aug.



In concert: God's Golden Voices gospel group from New Hope Missionary Baptist Church will perform and New Hope's minister, the Rev. Joseph Chattena, will speak about "Right Relationships Mean Right Living" at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at The Gathering, located at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia. The Gathering meets at 6 p.m. Sundays at the church. For more information, call (248) 474-3444.

21 and pork chop dinner on Aug. 22. Also featured will be a cash bingo, Las Vegas rooms, game booths, live music and dancing to the Dyna Dukes, Duane Malinowski, Misty Blues and Polish Kid and Co. For more information, call the church at (313) 561-1977.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other Sept. 24-26 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or

visit this Web site: www.rc.net/detroit/wwme.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit charitable organization is offering Tai Chi classes at 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 11

Mile Road, Farmington Hills, and St. Paul United Methodist Church, 165 E. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tai Chi is a complete and integrated exercise which works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for people of all ages and conditions of health. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281.

CONFIDENTIAL HELP

Have a problem? Need to talk? Life Care Ministries of Livonia offers a free, confidential and anonymous Christian telephone listening service 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Call (734) 427-LIFE.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Northville Christian School is holding open enrollment for preschool to eighth grade classes at the school, 41355 Six Mile Road, Northville. Preschool has morning and afternoon sessions for 3-4-year-olds. Kindergarten is a full day program-three days a week. All grades have a strong academic, biblically-based environment. For more information, call (248) 348-9031.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, 20815 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills, is accepting applications for enrollment in preschool through eighth grade in the upcoming school year. The school offers full day kindergarten, small class sizes, structured environment, "Saxon Math" and "Accelerated Reader" programs, computers in every classroom, competitive athletics, sports clinics and before- and after-school care. For more information, call (248) 474-2488.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 17810 Farmington Road in Livonia, is accepting applications for enrollment in the 1999-2000 school year. The preschool/prekindergarten program for children who will be age 4 on or before Dec. 1 meets 9:15-11:45 a.m. or 12:15-2:45 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The preschool program for children age 3 on or before Dec. 1 and completely toilet trained meets 9:15-11:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. A combination 3-4-year-old class (age 3 on or before Dec. 1 and completely toilet trained or age 4 by Dec. 1 and not previously enrolled in preschool) meets 12:15-2:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. For tuition fees or more information, call (734) 421-1470.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Listings for vacation Bible schools should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

LAKE POINTE BIBLE CHAPEL

Lake Pointe Bible Chapel's vacation Bible school, "Full Armour of God," 9:15-11:30 a.m. July 26-30 at the church, 42150 Schoolcraft, Plymouth. Children preschool-age through sixth-grade will sing songs, play games and learn Bible verses. For more information, call the church at (734) 420-0515.

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 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) 421-8028.

UNITY CHURCH

Unity Church of Livonia is accepting registration for Kid's Camp '99 9 a.m. to noon July 26-29 at the church, Five Mile east of Middlebelt. The camp is for children ages 5-11 and will include crafts, songs, games, exploration of Mother Earth and more. There is no fee, however, an offering will be accepted. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-1760.

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.

CLARENCEVILLE UM

Clarenceville United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, Son Castle Faire, 8:45 a.m. to noon Aug. 2-5 at the

church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia. Children 4 and older will use their talents to serve God the king while enjoying Bible stories, crafts, games and music. There also will be a Royal Regalia Feast and Program on Aug. 8. (Reservations are required.) For more information, call the church at (248) 474-3444.

TIMOTHY LUTHERAN

Timothy Lutheran Church will have its vacation Bible school, "The Great Bibleland Dig," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 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.

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR

Church of the Savior, Reformed Church in America, will have its vacation Bible school for children in pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade 9-11:30 a.m. Aug. 2-6 at the church, 38100 W. Five Mile, Livonia. The theme will be "A Jungle Journey," and there will be a review at 7 p.m. Aug. 5 and picnic for participants and their families 11:30 a.m. to 1

p.m. Aug. 6. The deadline for registering is July 26. For more information, call (248) 888-8450 or (734) 464-1062.

ALDERSGATE UM

Aldersgate UM will have its vacation Bible school, Son Castle Faire, 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 9-13 at the church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford. Children entering kindergarten through sixth grade may attend a castle adventure set in merrie olde England. Throughout the week, they'll discover and develop their abilities and talents to serve God and others. To register, call the church at (313) 957-3170.

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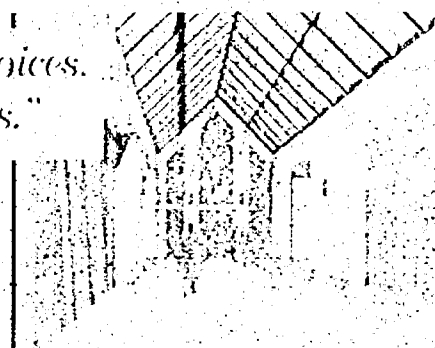
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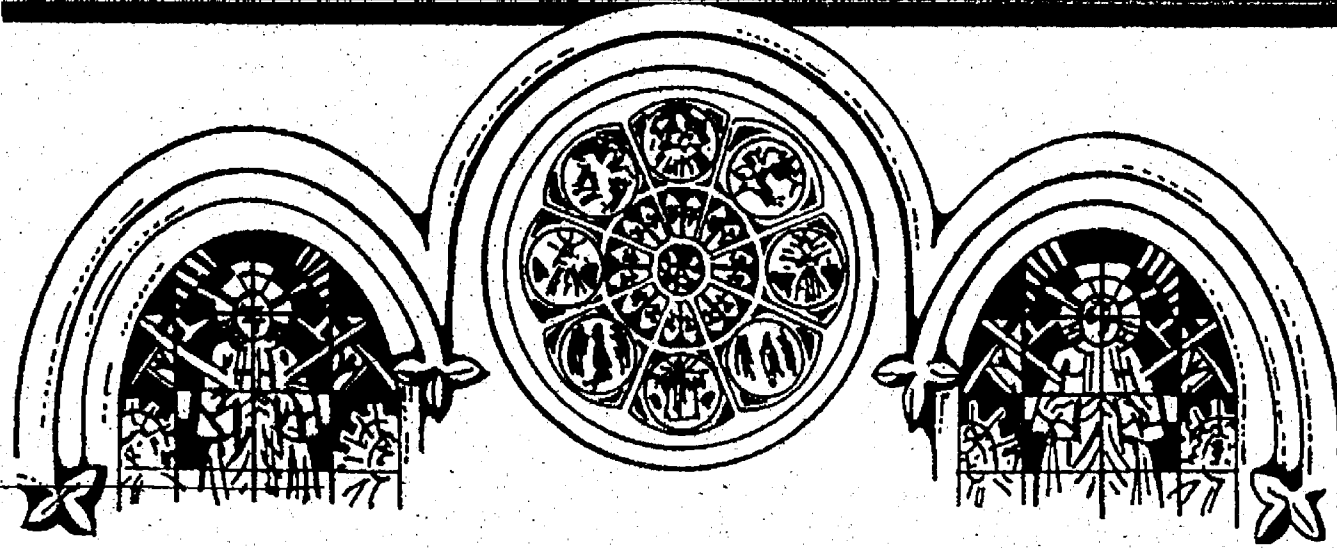
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 Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. • Thursday 7-9 p.m.

453-1676

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 Assemblies of God • Calvin C. Ratz, Pastor
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 Pastor Calvin C. Ratz

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 9600 Levee • So. Redford • 313-937-2424
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WORSHIP WITH US - SUMMER SCHEDULE
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 8:00 a.m.
 Thursday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
 Christian School: Kindergarten-8th Grade
 313-937-2233

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PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
 9415 Merriman • Livonia
 Sunday Worship Service
 9:30 a.m.
 Monday Evening Service
 7:00 p.m.
 School Grades • Pre-School - 8
 Church & School office:
 (734) 422-6500

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 17810 Farmington Road • Livonia • (734) 261-1360
 May thru October • Monday Night Service • 7:00 p.m.
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 Sunday Worship Services
 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
 Pastor: James Hoff
 Pastor Eric Steinhilber

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 14750 Kinloch • Redford Twp.
 313-532-8655

Worship Services 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.
 Thursday 7:30 p.m.
 Grade K thru 8
 Phone for Enrollment Info
 WLQV 1500 SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Timothy Lutheran Church
 8820 Wayne Rd.
 (Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road)
 Livonia • 427-2290
 Rev. Carla Thompson Powell, Pastor
 9:00 a.m. Adult & Children's Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Family Worship

REFORMED

Reformed - Adhering to the Westminster Confession of Faith
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 30025 Curtis Ave., Livonia 48154
 off Middlebelt between Six and Seven Mile
 Sunday Services - 11am and 7pm
 Wednesday Bible Study - 7pm
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New Service Times
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SUNDAY
 8:00 School 10:00 A.M. 10:00 Study 7:00 P.M.
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8:00 Prayer & Praise Service
 9:30 Lifeline Contemporary Service
 11:00 Traditional Service
 SUNDAY SCHOOL (NURSERY PROVIDED)
 CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SERVED
 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School for All Ages

WARD Evangelical Presbyterian Church

4000 Six Mile Road
 "Just west of I-275"
 Northville, MI
 248-374-7400
 Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Worship Services, Sunday School
 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A.M.
Contemporary Service
 8:50-9:45 A.M.
Evening Service
 6:00 P.M. in the Chapel
Nursery Provided

PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)

ST. TIMOTHY CHURCH, USA
 16700 Newburgh Road
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Sunday School for All Ages: 9:00 a.m.
 Family Worship 10:00 a.m.
 "When the Wolves Come"
 Rev. Janet Noble-Richardson, Pastor
<http://www.undial.com/~sttimothy>

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
 5655 Sheldon Rd., Canton
 (734) 459-0013

Sunday Worship & Church School
 10:00 a.m.
 Education For All Ages
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 Main & Church • (734) 453-6464
PLYMOUTH

8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School & Nursery
 Dr. James Skimms Tamará J. Seidel
 Senior Minister Associate Minister
 Associate Minister
 Carolé MacKay
 Accessible to All Director of Christian Education

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (USA)
 9501 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI
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 (734) 422-0494

Worship Service & Sunday School
 9:30 a.m.

Nursery Care Provided
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 Rev. Ruth Billington, Associate Pastor
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EPISCOPAL

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 16360 Hubbard Road
 Livonia, Michigan 48154
 421-8451

Mon-Fri 9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
 Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Order & Classes
 Saturday 5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
 Sunday 7:45 & 10 A.M. Holy Eucharist
 10:00 A.M. Christian Education for all ages
 Sunday Morning - Nursery Care Available
The Rev. Robert Clapp, Rector

CHRISTADELPHIANS
 Sunday Memorial Service 10:00 A.M.
 Sunday School 11:30 A.M.
 Bible Class - Wednesdays 7:30 P.M.
 36516 Parkdale, Livonia
 425-7610

CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE

PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 45821 W. Ann Arbor Road • (313) 453-1325
 Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.
 Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M.
 Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.
 Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M.
 NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN: 455-3196

UNITED METHODIST

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST
 30900 Six Mile Rd. (Bet. Merriman & Middlebelt)
 Chock Sonquist, Pastor

10:00 A.M. Worship & Church School
 11:15 A.M. Adult Study Classes
 Nursery Provided • 422-6038

Clarenceville United Methodist
 20300 Middlebelt Rd. • Livonia
 474-3444
 Rev. Jean Lane

Worship Services 10:15 AM, 6:00 PM
 Nursery Provided
 Sunday School 9 AM
 Office Hrs. 9-5

NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 29887 West Eleven Mile Road
 Just West of Middlebelt
 248-476-8860
 Farmington Hills

"Saturday at the Park"
 Contemporary Worship
 Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship at 9:15 and 11 a.m.
 Church School at 9:15 and 11 a.m.

Rev. Benjamin Bohnsack
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"Building Healthy Families..."

8:30 a.m. - Casual Worship
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 36500 Ann Arbor Trail
 between Wayne & Newburgh Hds.
 422-0149

Worship Services & Sunday School
 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

"Why Go To Church?"
 Rev. Melanie Lee Carey, preaching

Contemporary Worship Service
 Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
 Rev. Thomas G. Badley
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 Rev. Edward C. Coley
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SUMMER WORSHIP
 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
 Learning Centers &
 Continental Breakfast
 9:00 a.m.

Scripture: Exodus 16:13-35
 Focus: Wilderness Manna, Quail
 Rev. Bob Goudle, Preaching

YWCA seeks nominations for achievement awards

Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm will be the keynote speaker at the eighth annual Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon, presented by the YWCA of Western Wayne County.

The awards luncheon will be noon Friday, Nov. 5, at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn. Tickets are \$25.

Nominations are being sought for women who have demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in their professional and social lives.

Women who live, work or volunteer in western Wayne County

and whose endeavors have led to the betterment of their community are eligible for nomination in one of six categories:

■ The arts/communication award honors women who have excelled in the arts, media or public relations. Such fields include visual, literary and performing arts, journalism, television and radio.

■ The business/industry award honors women who have exhibited outstanding abilities and accomplishments as an entrepreneur, executive or in management or technical roles.

■ The government/law award honors women who have provided

exceptional leadership in government or the legal profession, either in an elected or career capacity.

■ The professional award honors women who have demonstrated excellence and commitment as a professional in the education, health, human service, religion or research categories.

■ The volunteer service award honors women who have made significant contributions to their community through their volunteer efforts.

■ The young woman award honors young women ages 16-23 who have demonstrated leadership qualities, services to the community and a positive glimpse of tomorrow's woman.

The nomination deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1. A one-page narrative, outlining the areas of the nominee's past and present achievements, along with a biographical sketch (two-page maximum), can be sent to Debbie Miller, Women of Achievement Luncheon, YWCA of Western Wayne County, 26279 Michigan Ave., Inkster 48141.

For more information, call the YWCA at (313) 561-4110.

ANNIVERSARIES

Bertal-Schou

Dr. John Bertal and Dr. Diane Darlene Schou of Cedar Falls, Iowa, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with renewal of their vows with family and friends.

The couple exchanged vows on June 22, 1974, at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

mouth. She is the former Diane Darlene Wheeler of Plymouth.

They have one son, Paul Bertal Schou of Cedar Falls.

He is president and co-owner of Agricultural Custom Research Experimental Service (ACRES). She also is co-owner of Agricultural Custom Experimental Services (ACRES) and has her own consulting business, AIMM.

Reeves

Harlan and LaVerna Reeves of Westland celebrated their 50th anniversary July 10 at a gathering of family members and friends at the Amvets Hall in Westland.

The couple exchanged vows on July 11, 1949, in Angola, Ind. She is the former LaVerna Bollinger.

He retired from the city of Westland 10 years ago, and she retired from Atlantic and Pacific Tea 11 years ago.



Hilliard

Robert and Irene Hilliard of Garden City celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 25 in a Mass at St. Raphael Catholic Church and with family members at Niagara Falls.



The couple exchanged vows June 25, 1949, at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church. She is the former Irene Papierniak.

The Hilliards have six children - Marie Harrington, Debbie Noe, Michelle Loveland, Diane Hilliard, Carol Bergin and Annette Hilliard - and six grandchildren.

He is retired from General Motors, and she is retired from real estate and banking.

Winning team



At golf outing: Carl Simms (left), Ed Mohlman, Jason Flynn and Dan Cornwell from Cambridge Services walked away with first place at the "Smiles for Children" charity golf tournament June 17 at the Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon. The club's board of directors programed \$20,000 from the annual benefit for the club's hearing screening program in the Miracle of Life Maternity Center at St. Mary Hospital.

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.

ABUNDANT LIFE
Abundant Life Church is hosting an outdoor craft show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 31 at the church, 2100 Hannan Road, Canton. There will be crafts, cake walk, games, white elephant sale, refreshments and more. Tables are still available at \$20 for a 6-foot table. For more information, call Theresa Weaver at (734) 467-9046 or Elaine Chambers at (734) 595-8062.

ST. ELIZABETH
St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church is looking for crafters for its autumn arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 18 at the church, 26431 W. Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads. To register, call Kathy at (313) 937-2880.

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. THEODORE
St. Theodore Catholic Church is

looking for crafters for its annual craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 in the Parish Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$20. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421.

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE
Tables currently are available for St. Robert Bellarmine Church's 17th annual Christmas bazaar, slated for 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 charge. Call (734) 453-5145 for more information.

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 an application, call (248) 478-2395 or (734) 464-1041.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 15th annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6-7 in the Activities Center of its Livonia campus. Booth space measuring 9 feet by 6 feet with two chairs and a 6-

by-8-foot table is available for \$50 for one day and \$90 for two days. Booths with electricity are limited and cost an additional \$5. For an application, call (734) 432-5603.

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) 462-6937 or Jo Ann at (734) 461-9370.

ST. VALENTINE
Applications are being accepted for Redford St. Valentine Parent Teacher's Club's eighth annual holiday Crafts Shoppe Nov. 20 at the school, 25800 Dow, Redford. For an application or more information, call (313) 255-0654 or (313) 255-6825.

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Reunions from page B2

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Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Aug. 14.
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Class of 1989

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DETROIT HENRY FORD

Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Sept.
Oct. 2 at the Barton House in
St.11.

(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636
Class of 1969

Oct. 9 at the Hyatt Regency
Hotel in Dearborn.
(734) 453-2707, (248) 541-2352
or (248) 391-0295

DETROIT HOLY REDEEMER

Class of 1949
Sept. 18 at Vladimir's Restau-
rant in Farmington Hills
(734) 464-9172, (810) 737-4612

DETROIT IVES ELEMENTARY

Classes of 1953-55
A reunion is tentatively planned
for May 200.
(810) 644-4106, (810) 791-6998,
(906) 847-3535 or (810) 728-4875
after 6 p.m.

DETROIT MACKENZIE

Class of 1969
Oct. 22-23 at the Holiday Inn-
West in Livonia. Cost is \$60 per
person or \$110 per couple (\$100
per couple, if purchased prior to
Sept. 23.)
(313) 659-0122 or Mackenzie '69
Class Reunion, P.O. Box 04056,
Detroit 48204

DETROIT MUMFORD

Class of 1959
A reunion is planned for Oct. 23.
(248) 788-5790

DETROIT NORTHEASTERN

Classes of 1978-1979
A reunion is planned for Aug. 7.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

DETROIT NORTHWESTERN

Classes of 1916-50
A reunion lunch is planned for
Sept. 18 at the Western Golf and
Country Club, Redford.
(248) 474-9402

DETROIT PERSHING

Classes of 1949-53
Are planning a reunion.
P.O. Box 530-244, Livonia
48153-0244
Class of 1974

Is planning a reunion. Classes of
1973, '75 and '76 welcome.
(248) 799-2975 or by fax at (248)
350-8476

DETROIT SOUTHEASTERN

Class of 1959

A reunion is planned for Sept.
25.
(313) 884-1243 or (810) 791-2171

DETROIT SOUTHWESTERN

Class of 1959
Sept. 25 at the Van Dyke Place
Convention Center in Warren.
(313) 884-1243 or (810) 791-2171

DETROIT WESTERN

Class of 1949
A 12:30 p.m. reunion luncheon
will be held Oct. 3 at the Dear-
born Inn in Dearborn.
(313) 274-3214

DOMINICAN

Class of 1959
July 31 aboard the Diamond
Belle cruise boat.
(248) 542-1909, (810) 566-7642
or (810) 677-9404

EAST DETROIT

Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Nov. 13.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636
Class of 1964

Oct. 15 at Penna's of Sterling.
(810) 263-0608 or (810) 247-5052

FARMINGTON

Class of 1989
Nov. 26 at the Best Western
Hotel in Farmington.
(248) 360-7004, press #4

FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON

Class of 1978
Nov. 27 at the Best Western
Hotel in Farmington Hills.
(734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-
works.com

GARDEN CITY WEST

Class of 1968
A reunion is planned for Septem-
ber.
(517) 522-4893, (734) 213-4350
or (248) 486-5170

CLASS OF 1979

Oct. 9 at the Holiday Inn-West
in Livonia.
(734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-
works.com

CLASS OF 1969

Aug. 7 at the Crowne Plaza at
Detroit Metropolitan Airport in
Romulus.
(734) 854-4944 or (517) 456-1032

GIBALTAR CARLSON

Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Sept.
11.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

GROSSE POINTE

January-June classes of 1949
Welcoming party Sept. 17 at the
Grosse Pointe Hunt Club in
Grosse Pointe Woods, sit-down
dinner Sept. 18 at the Detroit
Country Club in Grosse Pointe
Farms and brunch Sept. 19 at
the Bayview Yacht Club.

(313) 885-2197

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Class of 1979
Aug. 21 at the Lochmoor Club in
Grosse Pointe Woods.
(800) 677-7800 or by e-mail at
reunions@taylorpub.com.

JOHN GLENN

Class of 1979
Oct. 2 at the Wayne Ford Civic
League in Westland.
(734) 595-7892 or (734) 722-7214
Class of 1989

Oct. 9 at Roma's of Garden City.
(248) 366-9493, press #2

LINCOLN PARK

Class of 1969
A reunion is planned for Sept.
25.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

LIVONIA BENTLEY

Class of 1969
A reunion is planned for Nov. 27.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Class of 1979
Nov. 27 at Vladimir's in Farm-
ington.
(734) 459-6486, (734) 459-0254
or at NOWANDTHEN.COM/
REUNION or ALUMNI.NET

CLASS OF 1989

A reunion is planned for Oct. 15.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Class of 1979
Aug. 7 at the DoubleTree Suites
in Southfield.
(248) 366-9493, press #3

CLASS OF 1984

Nov. 26 at the Livonia Elks Club
(734) 421-0852

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Class of 1979
Nov. 27 at the Novi Hilton Hotel.
(248) 344-4457, (734) 416-5013
or JHeyNow@aol.com

CLASS OF 1984

Nov. 5 at The Excalibur in
Southfield.
(800) 677-7800 or reunions@tay-
lorpub.com

MERCY

Class of 1949
noon-4:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at the
Marriott Inn in Livonia
(248) 349-8589.

CLASS OF 1989

Nov. 27 at Baker's of Milford.
(313) 621-8350

CLASS OF 1979

Nov. 27 at the Novi Hilton Hotel
in Novi.
(248) 344-8767

CLASS OF 1959

12:30 p.m. Oct. 16 in South
Lyon.
(248) 344-8767

NORTH FARMINGTON

Class of 1969
Oct. 2 at the Double Tree Suites
in Southfield.
(248) 360-7004, press #2

CLASS OF 1979

Nov. 26 at the Dearborn Inn in
Dearborn.
(248) 737-4419

CLASS OF 1978

Nov. 27 at Big Daddy's in West
Bloomfield.
(248) 366-9394, press #4

PLYMOUTH

Class of 1969
Aug. 6-8 at the Novi Hilton
Hotel in Novi.
(248) 446-1028 or
Karlancast@aol.com, or (734)
420-3811 or PHS1969@aol.com

PLYMOUTH CANTON

Class of 1979
Aug. 7 at the Holiday Inn West
in Livonia.
(734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-
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PLYMOUTH SALEM

Class of 1979
Aug. 14 at the Holiday Inn West
in Livonia.
(800) 677-7800 or by e-mail at

reunions@taylorpub.com.

Class of 1973-74
A reunion is planned for Oct. 9.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

PLYMOUTH SALEM/CANTON

Class of 1989
Nov. 27 at Burton Manor in
Livonia.
jeni@optimalinc.com or P.O. Box
633, Farmington 48332-0622

REDFORD UNION

Class of 1979
Aug. 28 at the Novi Hilton Hotel
in Novi.
(313) 592-8537 or (734) 416-0807

Classes of 1947-50
Aug. 22 at Richardson Senior
Center in Commerce Township
(313) 937-9329 or (734) 427-4208
or (248) 349-1331

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Titans sign Fendelet

The University of Detroit Mercy announced the signing of eight baseball recruits to National Letters of Intent including Westland John Glenn center fielder Justin Fendelet, a second-team All-Observer selection and first-team All-Western Lakes Activities Association pick.

Fendelet batted .398 (37 for 115) with eight doubles, three triples and three homers for the Rockets this season. He also scored 41 runs and had 17 RBI.

He also led the area in stolen bases going successfully 33 for 34.

Other outfielders signed by U-DM include Roger Wechter of Riverview Gabriel Richard and Tim Andrzejak of Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Pitchers signed by Titan coach Bob Miller include Matt Spies of Owosso, a draftee of the Cleveland Indians; Joshua Lambert (Flat Rock) and Robert Lindsay (L'Anse Creuse North).

Rounding out Miller's class is catcher Michael Mitrevski (Windsor, Ontario, Villanova) and infielder Michael Malley (Royal Oak Kimball).

Curl preseason All-Mac

Lindy's 1999 Collegiate Football publication projects Bowling Green State University junior offensive lineman Eric Curl (Livonia Stevenson) as a first-team All-Mid-American Conference selection in football.

The 6-foot-2, 280-pound Curl is one of three Bowling Green players named to the first team.

The Falcons, the only team last year to beat MAC champion Marshall, expect to be vastly improved over last year's 4-7 record and the favorite to win the East Division.

Long drive champions

There's still one chance left to win a trip to Mesquite, Nevada and the RE/MAX National Long Drive Championship Oct. 20-23. But first things first, and first you've got to get to the district round of competition, which will be Sept. 25 in Hudson, Ohio.

Last Saturday in the first of two local sectional qualifiers at the Highland Golf Center in Highland, three golfers earned a spot in the district round of competition. Karl Lindh, of Canton, was the winner in the Open Division with a drive of 333-yards, 1-foot, 9-inches; placing second in the Open Division was Al McFarland of Westland with a drive of 312-yards, 1-inch.

Paul Rigsby of Highland took top honors in the Senior Division (55-and-over) with a drive of 279-yards, 2-feet, 1-inch.

The sectional was hosted by former Livonia Stevenson High graduate Rob Peters. Peters said another will be held Aug. 14, again at Highland Golf Center (located on Lone Tree, west of Milford and across from Milford HS). A total of \$250,000 is up for grabs at the Nationals in October, with a \$75,000 first prize.

Area golf divots

•Scott Wolfe, an incoming sophomore at Livonia Stevenson, posted an all-time low score of 75 to finish first in the Boys 15-16 division at the fifth annual Junior Championship July 16 at Hudson Mills Metropark Golf Course.

Wolfe also placed seven in a field of 44 in the Maxfli PGA state junior section finals for Boys 14-15 with a two-day total of 159 at Bedford Valley Golf Course in Battle Creek.

A score of 152 or better will represent Michigan in the Maxfli PGA National later this summer in West Palm Beach, Fla.

•Nancy Wilke of Redford and Carol Farwell of Southfield each shot an 88 to share first flight low gross honors July 17 at the Women's Suburban Golf Association stop held at Huron Meadow.

Four others tied for second at 91 — Jo Ann McVicar (Livonia), Sandy Rivers (Rochester), Diane Wazney (Dearborn) and Pat Myers (Birmingham).

Low net in the first flight went to Lillian Yandenbroker (Dearborn Heights), Mary Allen (Wayne) and Mary Gene Stefanec (Dearborn Heights) both added 74s.

In the second flight, Pat Henke (Wayne) led the way with a 97, while Lori Wilson (Livonia), Jinny Valentino (Dearborn) and Bernie Evans (Franklin Village) tied for second at 105.

Dorothy Cody (Farmington Hills) won-low net with a 71 and Mary Cunningham (Westland) was second with a 73.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Raring back: Meghan Misiak of the Livonia Knights tossed a one-hitter in the opener in Tuesday's showdown against the Plymouth Lightning.

Livonia Knights shine in twin bill

FASTPITCH SOFTBALL

The Livonia Knights moved a step closer to clinching the National League championship in the Incredible Girls Fastpitch Softball League by sweeping the Plymouth Lightning in a double-header Tuesday at Livonia Churchill, 3-2 and 8-3.

The Knights, who play twinbill tonight at Churchill against the Canton Cobras, are now 12-2 in league play. They need a win to clinch at least a tie and a sweep to win the title outright.

The Lightning finished their schedule at 13-3.

A three-run fifth inning and the one-hit pitching of Meghan Misiak gave the Knights a one-run triumph in the opener.

Jenny Long and Sallie Kuratko both walked and Carly George delivered an RBI single to bring home the first Knights' run.

Christine Fones' fielders choice ground-out sent Kuratko home and Sheila Gillies' sacrifice fly scored George.

The Salem-based Lightning also tallied both of its runs in the fifth.

Losing pitcher Amanda Sutton had a lead-off single. Two Knights errors followed, bringing home Sutton and Shae Potocki.

Misiak pitched seven strong innings to earn the victory. She struck out three and did not walk a batter.

Sutton, meanwhile, struck out six and walked three. She allowed four hits.

The Knights completed the sweep in the nightcap as Kuratko collected two hits and George added a two-run single to key a three-run fifth inning.

The Knights, who out-hit the Lightning 8-4, also tallied three runs in the first, one in the sixth and one in the seventh.

Winning pitcher Stacy Newcombe struck out one, walked two and hit three batters.

Losing pitcher Liz Dekarske fanned two and walked two. She also had an RBI single.

■ **LASERS 17-15, THUNDER 2-8:** Also on Tuesday, the Livonia Lasers (10-4) rolled to a double-header sweep of the visiting Plymouth Thunder at Franklin High School.

The first game went just four innings.

Jamie Linden, Kerstin Marshall, Kendra Andrews, Shari Drayer and Sara Knopsnider each collected two hits in the opener.

Andrews got things rolling with a two-run double in the first inning.

Knopsnider also had an RBI single.

Winning pitcher Nicole Zabkiewicz allowed just one hit (to Tudor). She struck out four and walked four in four innings.

She also got the win in the nightcap, tossing a three-hitter over five innings. She scattered eight walks.

Zabkiewicz also had a two-run double in the first inning, while Linden and Jeanette Bertrand each finished with two hits and one RBI apiece.

■ **ALL-STAR GAME:** The Incredible Girls Fastpitch League American and National League All-Star games will be at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., respectively, Saturday at Shiawassee Park in Farmington.

Finesse primed for NSA tourney run

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The summer of '99 has been quite good thus far for the Finesse 12-and-under girls fastpitch softball team.

"This is my 26th year coaching summer ball and I've savored every moment," said Finesse manager John Toner, whose team is 42-4 overall with seven of eight tournament titles. "This is as fun a year as any I've had. These kids are all good and they work very hard."

"I look forward to coaching them each and every day."

Winners of the National Softball Association state tournament (July 9-11), Finesse is headed Tuesday to the NSA Nationals in Rock Hill, S.C.

A total of 135 teams will compete in the 12-and-under division.

Finesse is currently ranked No. 2 in the country among all NSA squads. Their only losses have come outside the NSA.

"With our defense and pitching we believe we can stay with anybody," said Toner, who resides in Novi. "The only problem is that we really haven't seen the really good pitching, as good as our girls. If we can hit that kind of pitching, then I think we can play with anybody."

Toner coached Finesse slow-pitch teams before moving over last year to the fastpitch circuit. Last year Finesse

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Michigan champions: The 12-and-under Finesse girls fastpitch softball team recently captured the National Softball Association state tourney. They are headed to the NSA Nationals in Rock Hill, S.C. seeded No. 2 with a 42-4 record.

Wayne County Twisters strong contenders in semi-pro circuit

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The Wayne County Twisters, entering their third season in the Lake Shores Semi-Professional Football League, appear to be more than ready for Saturday's season opener against the Fremont, Ohio Stallions.

Game time is 3:30 p.m. at Academy of Detroit (formerly Cherry Hill High School).

The Twisters, sporting a 52-man roster, have put in 34 practice days since mid-March along with a two-hour scrimmage recently against the Monroe Timberwolves.

"You've got to be in shape or you'll get hurt easily," Twisters general manager Glenn Brothers said. "We spend about 35 percent of our practice time conditioning. That limits injuries."

Coming off an 8-3 season from a year ago, the Twisters may have their most talented and deep team since Brothers started the program in 1997. The Twisters went 9-2 in their inaugural season.

These players, who range in age from 19 to 34 and in weight anywhere from 155 to 325 pounds,

simply do it for the love of the game.

Brothers pays for the jerseys and pants, but the players must provide their own equipment. Team members also sign both an injury liability waiver for the league and the team.

"We don't have any lawyers or doctors right now. . . I wish we had a doctor," Brothers said. "But we do have school teachers, law enforcement people, graphic designers and engineers."

"We usually get anywhere from 36 to 42 guys out each practice. We usually go three times a week. Sometimes we lose four, five or six players for various reasons. We have to work around weddings, funerals, vacations, jobs, schooling — you name it."

Former Westland John Glenn High player William Davey, a 30-year-old, 6-foot-5, 325-pound left tackle, missed four games last year when his Detroit Edison emergency crew was called out-of-state.

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FOOTBALL

WAYNE COUNTY TWISTERS 1999 PLAYER ROSTER

Quarterbacks: Rob Elswick, 5-10, 165 (Woodhaven); Jerome Drake, 6-2, 215 (Leonard Moravia, 5-10, 210 (Chadsey).

Backs/receivers: Matt Croce, 5-8, 185 (Westland John Glenn); Mark Wetmore, 5-8, 194 (Wayne Memorial); Rob Streeter, 5-9, 195 (Oliver College); Eric Thompson, 6-2, 205 (Eastern Michigan); Damon Friend, 5-8, 185 (Garden City); Ron Andrews, 6-3, 220 (EMU); Eddie Trent, 5-7, 190; Aaron Williams, 5-8, 230 (EMU); Derrick Jordan, 5-6, 175 (Detroit Cooley); Gary Wynn, 6-0, 185 (Detroit Finney); Tony Davis, 6-1, 191 (Lincoln H.S., Atlanta, Ga.); Freddy Ricks, 5-9, 240 (EMU); Billy Starr, 5-11, 190 (Westland, Ohio); Jason Moravia, 6-0, 170 (Chadsey); Reggie Brandon, 5-8, 155 (Wayne); Drew Nicolini, 5-8, 170; Dave Redmond, 5-8, 200 (Livonia Franklin); Jermaine Bates, 6-2, 198 (Downriver Raiders).

Tight ends: Tim Kilmartin, 6-4, 215 (Garden City); Aaron Brothers, 6-2, 240 (Central Michigan/Akron); Michael McCain, 6-4, 230 (West Virginia State).

Linebackers: Chuck Pettipas, 6-0, 230 (McGill, Quebec University); Lomar Spaulding, 6-2, 220; James Chapman, 6-0, 248 (Plymouth Canton); Ben Ferguson, 5-10, 210 (Garden City); Corey McClelland, 6-1, 245 (Wayne State); Chuck Lauer, 5-9, 260 (John Glenn); Chris Catchings, 5-8, 195 (Cooley); Robert Pensch, 6-1, 240 (Ferris State); Dean Periv, 6-2, 230 (Grand Rapids J.C.); Michael Peck, 5-11, 224 (Willow Run).

Defensive ends: River Pollington, 6-0, 200 (Ferris State); Bob Hagelthorn, 6-1, 195 (John Glenn).

Linemen: Ben Sikora, 6-4, 275 (Rainey Harper J.C.); William Davey, 6-5, 325 (John Glenn); Phil Groce, 6-1, 242 (John Glenn); Gerald Hughes, 5-10, 245 (Inkster); Ken Symansky, 6-1, 228 (Schoolcraft C.C.); Chuck Sikora, 6-4, 230 (Rainey Harper J.C.); Keith Nash, 6-2, 325 (Detroit King); Mark Bonnell, 6-3, 290 (EMU); Jason Murray, 6-0, 220 (Chadsey); Erik Hubbard, 6-10, 165 (Trenton); Nick Belovsky, 5-9, 220 (Garden City); Earl Sutton, 6-5, 300 (West Virginia State); Steve Rekowski, 5-10, 240 (Lincoln Park); Mike Kennedy, 6-4, 270 (Wayne); Damon Green, 5-11, 245 (Southfield).

Returner: Derrick Young, 5-8, 160 (Canton)

SPORTS ROUNDUP

YOUTH SOCCER CHAMPIONS

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Rockers, an under-12 boys soccer team coached by Laura and Lesley McDougall, recently captured first place in their flight at the Traverse City Recreational Tournament.

Members of the Rockers include: Nick Ahwal, Erik Anderson, Aaron Anselment, Danny Armbruster, David Ayyash, Adam Bogenschutz, Stephen Franklin, Danny Garber, Ryan Graham, Brandon Grieve, Chris Lantto, Eric Pacifici, Jeff Pepera, Brad Schmitz and Andrew Smith.

Phil Pepera is the team's assistant coach.

Four members of the Livonia Youth Soccer Club under-11 Wings combined for the second straight year to win the eighth annual three-versus-three Micro-Soccer Shootout July 18, sponsored by the University of Michigan Men's Soccer Club.

Ruben Godinez, John Morgan, Alex Spiker and Joey Thomas, all of Livonia, captured three of four preliminary games to reach the final.

They won the championship by defeating Manchester United in a shootout.

GRIFFITH TRACK HONOREE

Livonian Ian Griffith, who recently finished his sophomore year at Dearborn Divine Child, made All-Dearborn Press & Guide honors in boys track as a member of the 3,200-meter relay squad.

The former St. Michael Grade

School student lettered in varsity basketball, football and track at Divine Child.

ALBION ATHLETES RECOGNIZED

Two area athletes among 125 from Albion College were named to the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Academic honor roll for the 1998-99 school year.

Jason Westphal, a junior baseball player from Livonia (Dearborn Fordson), and sophomore volleyball player Lori Leszczynski from Livonia Churchhill, both earned honors.

An individual making the MIAA's Academic Honor Roll must have earned a varsity letter in a sport and maintain a 3.5 grade-point average or better for the entire school year.

FOOTBALL COACH WANTED

Walled Lake Central High School has an opening for an assistant varsity football coach preferably with offensive and defensive line experience.

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SWIM OFFICIAL NEEDED

A registered Michigan High School Athletic Association swim official is needed for a meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Redford Union High School.

For more information, call Jim Gibbons at (313) 592-3408.

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"They had that big hurricane in South Carolina and he was gone for about a month," said Brothers, who retired two years ago as a section supervisor and packaging engineer for truck operations at Ford Motor Co. "That's why we have 52 players. We try to get everybody in."

The 10-game season also includes a date Saturday, July 31 at Inkster High School against defending Lake Shore League champion the Motor City Cougars.

The league is divided up into two divisions with the Twisters a member of the North.

"Our league is really strong and it's improved a lot the last two years," Brothers said. "For some of the new guys who have never played, I think it's a good experience and it really opens their eyes."

"This is not recreational football. This is big boy football."

The Twisters' home field, located on 28500 Avondale (at Harrison) between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, does not have lights. Admission for each is \$5 for adults and \$2 per student. Seniors (60 and up) and children under-12 (with a paid adult) will be admitted free. (Concessions and restrooms are provided on site.)

Home games are also scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 vs. Zanesville (Ohio) Fury; Aug. 28 vs. Lima (Ohio) Thunder; Sept. 18 vs. Black Swamp (Ohio) Patriots; and Oct. 2 vs. Motor City Cougars.

"We've been working on the field, the weeds have been a problem but we've got that pretty much cleared up," Brothers said. "I wish we had lights. It gets pretty hot out there."

"But we're thankful the charter school (Academy of Detroit) lets us use the field. It saved this organization."

Former Glenn product Jason Hagelthorn is the Twisters' new head coach. His assistants include former Chicago Bear Rodney Swanigan, Christian Brothers, Michael Candela, James Perkins and Jake Rathmann.

Several key players return including five All-Americans — 6-2, 240-pound linebacker-tight end Aaron Brothers, who played at Akron and Central Michigan; former Ferris State player Bob Pensari, a 6-2, 240-pound linebacker; 34-year-old Keith Nash, a 6-2, 325-pound right tackle from Detroit Martin Luther King High; and Reggie Brandon, a 5-8, 155-pound wide receiver from Wayne High.

The quarterback position will go either to former Woodhaven signal caller Rob Elswick, just 19 years-old, or 6-2, 215-pound Jerome Drake.

Expected to start in the back-

field is Eddie Trent (6-7, 190) at tailback and former Eastern Michigan University griddy Aaron Williams (5-8, 230) at fullback.

Two Wayne High products, fullback Cory McClelland (6-1, 245) and lineman Mike Kennedy (6-4, 270) also show potential, according to Brothers.

"We've been basically a running team," Brothers said. "But this year I think we have three quarterbacks (including former Detroit Chadsey product Leonard Merawa) who can all throw the ball."

"We basically had the long passing game, but now we can hit the shorter routes. I think we're loaded this year."

The Twisters Football Club is a non-profit organization. Revenue in excess of expenses donated to the Academy of Detroit and the Wayne-Westland YMCA.

Bublitz wins age-group title in Ohio meet

Joe Bublitz of the Clarenceville Swim Club won six-for-six, not a bad average for first place finishes at the Flag City Invitational age-group meet held recently in Findlay, Ohio.

Bublitz, an All-Observer pick from Livonia Stevenson High School, also took high-point hon-

SWIMMING

ors for Boys 15-16. He also figured in two first-place relay efforts.

He posted a record-breaking performance in the 200-meter individual medley with a time of 2:19.94.

He also took firsts in the 100 butterfly (1:04.37), 100 freestyle (58.39), 50 freestyle (26.27), 200 freestyle (2:09.46), 100 backstroke (1:07.26) and 100 breaststroke (1:18.02).

Teammate Brett Meconis was runner-up for high point honors in the Boys 15-16 division after taking seconds in the 400 freestyle (4:43.13), 100 butterfly

(1:10.79), 200 freestyle (2:12.13) and 100 backstroke (1:11.78). He also added a third in the 200 IM (2:40.5).

Keith Falk, a recent graduate of Stevenson, was second for Clarenceville in the Senior Boys division after placing first in the 1,500 freestyle (17:48.81), 200 butterfly (2:17.24), 400 freestyle (4:28.14), 100 butterfly (1:04.18), 100 freestyle (58.71) and 50 freestyle (26.85). Falk also took third in the 200 freestyle (2:06.13) and 100 breaststroke (1:19.14).

In the Girls 11-12 age bracket, Clarenceville's Julie Ward was second in points. She finished first in six events including the 100 breaststroke (1:32.95), 50 freestyle (32.33), 100 butterfly

(1:20.44), 100 freestyle (1:09.63), 50 breaststroke (41.74) and 200 IM (2:54.0). She also added a third in the 200 freestyle (2:06.13) and 100 breaststroke (1:19.14).

OTHER CLARENCEVILLE FINISHERS

SENIOR BOYS

Michael Porth: first, 200 freestyle (2:03.83); 400 IM (5:04.6); second, 400 freestyle (4:28.33), 200 IM (2:25.92); 1,500 freestyle (17:52.71).

Nick Sosnowski: second, 200 backstroke (2:23.96); 100 butterfly (1:05.37); 200 freestyle (2:05.99); 100 backstroke (1:08.84); third, 1,500 freestyle (18:04.82), 400 freestyle (4:29.18).

Ted Burmeister: first, 200 breaststroke (2:44.93); second, 100 breaststroke (1:16.74).

SENIOR GIRLS

Rebecca Noechel: third, 200 butterfly (2:47.13); 100 butterfly (1:15.94).

BOYS 15-16

Michael Nemer: third, 100 breaststroke (1:23.33).

GIRLS 13-14

Stephanie Cummins: first, 200 backstroke (2:45.22); third, 100 backstroke (1:17.26).

GIRLS 11-12

Kathryn Kusuplos: second, 200 freestyle (2:40.29); third, 50 backstroke (39.09).

Courtney Green: second, 50 breaststroke (42.43).

BOYS 9-10

Jeffrey Pauza: second, 50 backstroke (41.51); 100 backstroke (1:33.45); third, 50 freestyle (38.01).

GIRLS 9-10

Mara Loniewski: first, 50 backstroke (42.22); 50 freestyle (34.83); second, 100 backstroke (1:31.44); second, 100 freestyle (1:16.42); third, 50 breaststroke (46.87); third, 200 IM (3:22.67).

Carly Burgio: first, 200 freestyle (2:45.15); third, 50 freestyle (36.0); 100 freestyle (1:16.5).

C'VILLE RELAY WINNERS

Senior Boys: Michael Porth, Brett Meconis, Nick Sosnowski and Keith Falk — 800 freestyle (8:37.63); 800 medley (4:27.37).

Boys 15-16: Joe Bublitz, Brett Meconis, Michael Nemer and Jon Burmeister — 400 freestyle (4:20.91); Bublitz, Meconis, Nemer and Justin Ketterer, 400 medley (4:51.41).

Girls 11-12: Julie Ward, Courtney Green, Kathryn Kusuplos and Allison Goldsmith, 200 freestyle (2:13.15); 200 medley (2:31.51).

Girls 10-and-under: Mara Loniewski, Carly Burgio, Kristina Navas and Anna Polkowski, 200 freestyle (2:25.25).

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SANDLOT BASEBALL

Concealed Security earns NABF 12-and-under crown

Lou Pirronello has taken several sandlot baseball teams to national tournaments, but until last weekend none came home a champion.

The Concealed Security 12-under Dodgers won the National Amateur Baseball Federation World Series in thrilling fashion in Sylvania, Ohio.

The Dodgers beat Mansfield, Ohio, 10-5, in the championship game on Saturday behind the winning pitcher of Chris Rusin (Canton).

The players threw their gloves in the air like the Red Wings did with their sticks after winning the Stanley Cup, and managed to pick them up, too.

Pirronello said the closest any of his teams came in the past was a fourth-place showing last year at the Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series.

"It was a good celebration and I don't think anyone left anything behind," Pirronello said. "What made the whole thing happen was the cooperation of everyone, from players to coaches and parents."

The Dodgers, 6-1 overall after recording a 4-1 record at the national tournament, return to the CABA World Series, which begins Friday in Omaha, Neb.

Rusin, who had two pitching victories, struck out five in the championship game.

Jeff Richard (West Bloomfield) named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, had a double and one RBI. Scott Szpryka (Orchard Lake) had three hits and two RBI and finished with a tournament-best .733 batting average.

"Coach (Al) Shay dubbed him Mr. July," Pirronello said. "That's two World Series in a

row he's picked his game up a notch, defensively and offensively. Hitting .733 against pitching like that... your average usually goes down.

"Bill Szpryka (Scott's father) spends endless hours giving those two batting practice. They're buddies and their success has to do with him working with them."

Rusin, Eric Drieselman (Garden City) and Ryan Shay (Garden City) also collected two hits each.

Concealed scored all its runs in the first three innings, five in the first.

The Dodgers earned their way into the final with a 10-9 win over Joliet, Ill., in the semifinals.

Richard had three hits and four RBI and Shay, who earned the save with two-thirds of an inning of clutch pitching, collected two hits.

Andrew Stafford and Alan Hagedorn (Westland) also contributed two hits as did Eric Vojtkofsky (Wayne), bravely playing designated hitter despite wearing a cast on one of his hands.

Drieselman was the starting pitcher and pitched well into the seventh, according to Pirronello.

Defense played a role in helping the Dodgers get to the championship round.

Concealed opened the tournament with a 13-12 win over Baltimore, a team previously undefeated in 60 games.

Rusin was the winning pitcher, scattering 12 hits with six strikeouts and three walks in five innings. Shay earned the save, allowing one hit and a walk in one inning.

Rusin also helped at the plate with two hits, three runs scored and an RBI. Szpryka was 3-for-3

with three RBI.

Mark Pirronello (Livonia) made a diving catch in the sixth inning with a runner on second base to help save the win. Baltimore was the team that eliminated Concealed from last year's CABA World Series.

That gave the Dodgers momentum heading into the second game against Lenox, Ill.

The Dodgers merited this team in the regional and would eventually beat it in the championship game, but this game had a different ending.

Concealed lost for the first time, 8-4, to New Lenox as Joey Patlevik suffered the loss on the mound.

Rusin had two hits, including a triple, and an RBI. Szpryka was 3-for-3 with three RBI.

"We were so sky high after (beating) Baltimore, then played a night game against New Lenox, the team we beat in the regional, and they beat us," Pirronello said. "We didn't feel good at all about that."

That set up a must-win situation for Concealed against Mansfield, Ohio, in the final game of pool play. Concealed responded with a 6-5 win to advance to the semifinals.

Shay tossed a six-hitter with nine strikeouts and only two walks to earn the pitching victory.

Shay also helped his cause with three hits, including two doubles, two RBI and two runs scored.

Stafford, Rusin and Szpryka had two hits each.

Stafford also came up with the defensive play of the game, going into the hole at shortstop to fetch a grounder with runners at second and third and two outs.

"If he doesn't make that play,



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we don't advance," Pirronello said. "Same with Mark's catch against Baltimore."

Pirronello said the Dodgers will carry a bigger reputation into this year's CABA World Series than last.

"I don't know if this makes us a favorite," Pirronello said. "Peo-

ple definitely know who we are. Stuff goes on the internet, we did well last year.

"We were the last team to fall out of the winner's bracket last year."

Pirronello and Al Shay are joined on the coaching staff by Pat Rusin and Larry Vojtkofsky.

The team's roster also includes Steve Karchefske, Lance Latkiewicz and Matt Rodeghier (Farmington Hills).

Jermeyn Hill (Garden City) and Tyler Rusin (Canton) are bat boys.

Lake Area Rams rule Motor City Showdown

The 16-and-under Michigan Lake Area Rams won their own Motor City Showdown, July 16-18 at Madonna University, avenging a pair of losses in their last two games to finish 4-2.

The Rams players are Anthony Coratti, Novi; Kevin Entsminger, Canton; Mark Downer, Pinckney; Charles Haeger, Plymouth; Garrett Ignasiak, Waterford; Tom Larson, Novi; Mark Lundquist, West Bloomfield; Scott Miller, Farmington Hills; Joshua Odom, Joe Ruggiero, Dan Wilson and Robert Wilson, all of Livonia; and Brandon Siemens, Riverview.

Coratti, Entsminger and Haeger attend Redford Catholic Central; Ignasiak, Lundquist and Miller, Orchard Lake St. Mary's; Larson, University of Detroit-Jesuit; Odom and Robert Wilson, Livonia Churchhill; Ruggiero, Livonia Franklin; and Dan Wilson, Livonia Stevenson.

Ruggiero pitched a complete game in the final as the Rams defeated the Livingston County Bulls 6-1 and avenged a 7-1 loss. Ruggiero scattered six hits, struck out eight and walked one.

Odom had two of his team's four hits, including a home run, and three RBI. Lundquist also drove in three runs. The Rams received eight walks, too.

In the semifinals, the Rams won 5-4 in 13 innings over the Greater Toronto Area Sting, which had beaten the Rams 4-2.

Lundquist pitched the first 10 innings, giving up just two runs and contributing two hits. Haeger worked the last three innings to earn the victory.

Siemens, Odom and Dan Wilson had two hits

each, too. Siemens and Wilson knocked in two runs apiece.

The Rams began the tournament with a 5-0 win over the Michigan Indians. Losses to the Sting and Bulls were sandwiched around a 13-6 rout of the Rochester Yankees.

In the six-game tournament, Lundquist led the Rams with a .455 batting average. Odom hit .438 and Downer .429.

Odom hit two home runs; Larson had one homer and one triple. Odom and Siemens tied for the team lead with seven RBI each; Haeger and Lundquist had five RBI apiece.

Ruggiero and Haeger were 2-0 as pitchers. Ruggiero had 12 strikeouts and one walk in nine innings.

For the season, the Rams are 35-10. They won their league championship with a 16-2 record and have an 18-8 record in tournament play.

Lundquist leads the team with a season batting average of .419. Ruggiero is hitting .352. Larson .326, Dan Wilson .320, Downer .302 and Haeger .300.

Lundquist has team-high totals of 57 hits and 56 RBI. His extra-base hits include 17 doubles, three triples and six home runs.

Siemens has 26 RBI, Ignasiak 25, Miller 24, Haeger and Odom 23 apiece, and Dan Wilson 20. Odom has four homers and Ignasiak three.

In the pitching department, Ruggiero is 8-0 with a 2.52 ERA. Lundquist is 6-1, Haeger 5-0, Larson 3-0 with four saves and Robert Wilson 4-1.

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Westland rides high after title in Bronco

BASEBALL

After giving up double to open the game, pitcher Brad Wilson did not allow a hit the rest of the way as the Westland Wolverines defeated the Okemos Chieftans, 3-1, to win the Bronco Division (11-12) of Pony Baseball Tournament last weekend at Westland's Central City Park.

The Wolverines opened tournament play with a 5-4 win over Okemos thanks to Dan Walsh's two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Dominique Fischer was the winning pitcher in an 8-5 second-round victory over Garden City.

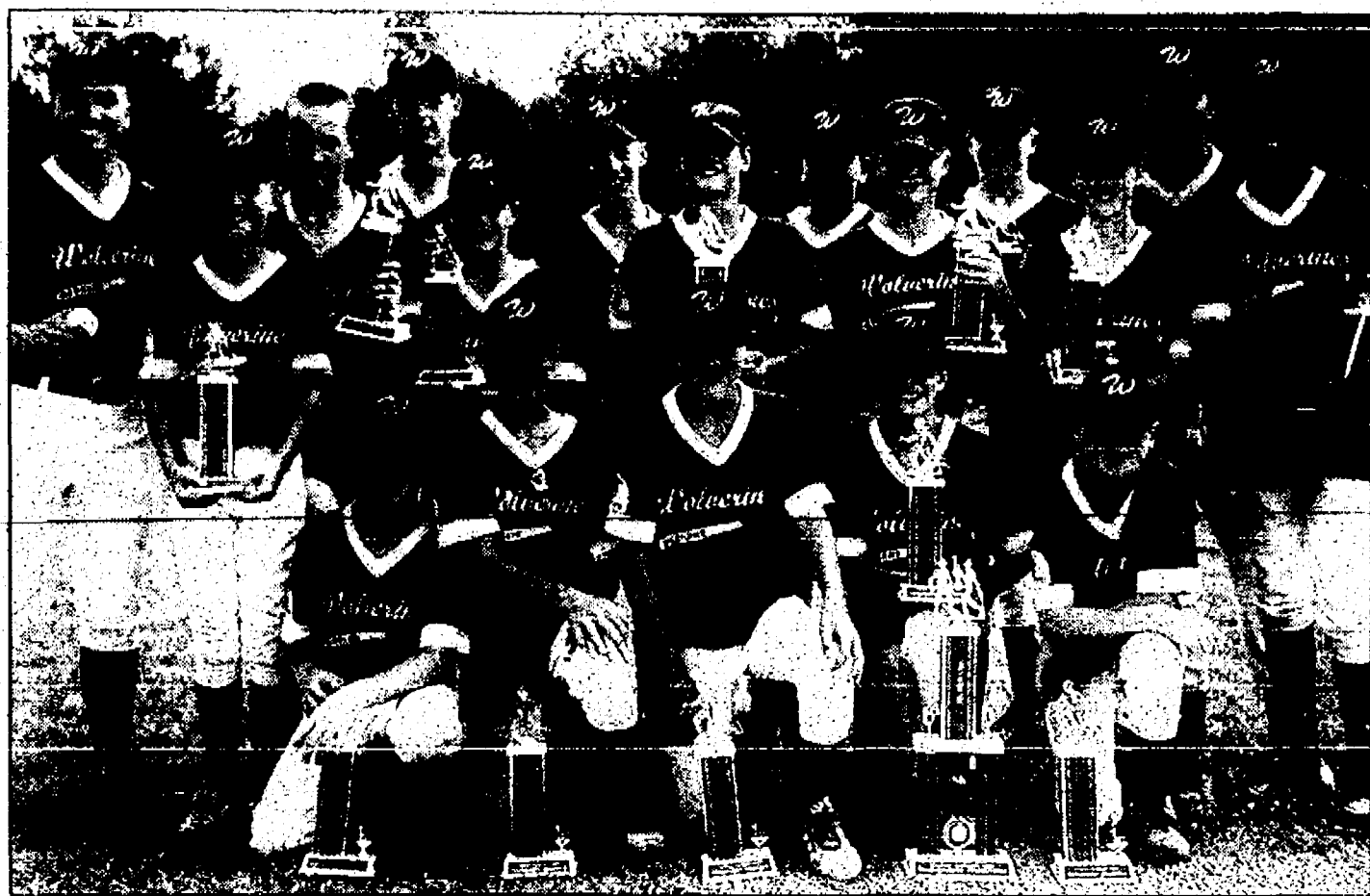
Okemos then forced a deciding game in the double-elimination tournament with a 7-1 victory.

Other members of the Wolverines, who advance this weekend to the state tournament in Grand Ledge, include Steve Crews, Tim Bingham, Nick Mars, Greg Wacker, Jonathan McCabill, Tom Cichowski, Chris Boertje, Vinnie DeLuca, Chris Canasi, David Potter, Brett Schwartz and Scott Timmer.

Joe Wilson is the manager with Todd DeLuca and Kevin Farris serving as coaches.

WaCo Wolves champs

The WaCo Wolves captured the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation Willie Mays 10-and-under division with a 21-1 record after a come-from-behind 9-7 victory last week over



Pony district champs: The Wolverines of Westland garnered the Boys 11-12 Bronco Division title to qualify for the state tourney July 23-25 in Grand Ledge.

the host South Farmington Blues.

The Wolves, 48-5 overall, advance this week to the USSSA World Series in Dallas, Tex.

A seven-run sixth inning, all with two outs, gave the WaCo Wolves the victory.

Grant Lawrence (Livonia), Nathan King, Alex Cowart, Anthony Savone and James Telfer each delivered key hits during the surge.

Savone then retired all three batters he faced in the seventh, including a pair of flyouts to King in right field, to close out the victory.

The Wolves struck first in the opening inning as Savone walked, stole second and scored on J.J. Pierce's single to right, but Blues got three runs back to gain a 3-2 advantage.

Wolves starting pitcher Toby Matchulat (Redford) held the Blues to two hits over the first 3 1/2 innings before South Farm-

ington put together four runs in the fourth and fifth innings.

Rounding out the Wolves roster headed to the nationals are Josh Brewer, Mike Broughton, Aaron Dolkowski, Billy Hardin, Nick Stortini and Jordan Szaichler.

LT 15 accepts bid

Livonia Travel 15 is now 13-6 in the 16-and-under Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation (Mantle Division) after winning four of its last five games.

As a result, LT 15 has accepted a bid to play in the USSSA World Series tournament, July 25-31 in Chain of Lakes, Fla.

On July 16, LT 15 won against Westland Federation, 6-3, at John Glenn High School and the Windsor Titans 15, 2-1, July 17 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park.

On July 14, LT 15 pitcher Daniel Wilks, who worked all seven innings, tossed a one-hitter with 12 strikeouts, and only

two walks in a 5-0 blanking of the Birmingham Braves at Bicentennial Park. It was his second win of the week.

Earlier in the week, LT 15, behind the pitching of Gary Zielke, posted a 7-2 win over host Plymouth Salem.

Zielke scattered seven hits over seven innings with six strikeouts and no walks.

On July 15, LT 15 fell to the host Windsor Titans, a 16-year-old team, 4-3, in a game played at Villanova High School.

Jeff Niemiec, the losing pitcher, gave up just three hits, but was the victim of four errors.

For the week, leading hitters for LT 15 included Jake Viane, 6-for-17 with six RBI; Wilks, 5-for-11 with two RBI; Steve Celeskey, 4-for-10 with three RBI; Niemiec, 4-for-9; J.T. Haelterman, 5-for-16; Sean Sugrue, 3-for-12 and three RBI.

Kyle Jekot and Bill Marsack each added two hits.

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finished 53rd out of 87 teams in the Class B World tournament. "I had a really good slowpitch team in '96 and this is as good of team," Toner said.

In the NSA state tournament at Detroit's Softball City, Finesse won five straight games en route to the title.

A 4-2 first-round win over Compuware would be the team's tightest game.

Finesse, behind the pitching of Amy Genter (Archbold, Ohio), Abby Lincoln (Birmingham) and Lauren Talbot (Commerce Township), finished the tournament with three straight shutout victories.

Wins were registered against Compuware (10-0 in the final), the Richmond Blues (17-0), Grand Rapids Blaze (8-0) and the Detroit Pistons (23-1).

Lincoln was the top hitter for Finesse.

Local Finesse players include five from Garden City — outfielders Ashley Leitch, Lynzee Smith and Sarah Pernak, along with first baseman Samantha Kowalczyk and infielder Lindsay Ritz.

They are joined by outfielder Tiffany Pattenaude (Westland), infielder Jill Schulz (Livonia), second baseman Devin Ross (Westland) and outfielder Rachel Wade (Canton).

Rounding out the roster is catcher Stephanie Sabo (Allen Park), outfielder Sara Gomez (Archbold, Ohio) and catcher Adrienne Brough (Archbold, Ohio).

"We saw two of the Ohio girls play in a tournament in Toledo and that's how they ended up with us," said Toner, who is assisted by Kevin Kilburn (Sterling Heights) and Dave Wutke (Westland). "The other girl (Brough) then joined us."

Last weekend, Finesse finished first in the Hartland Summer Fest. They have also captured the NSA Memorial Day Classic, Horton Invitational in Hartland, the Can-Am Games in Richmond, the Grand Rapids Blaze tourney and the Lady Irish Invitational in Toledo.

Their only tournament flaw is a consolation bracket championship at the Compuware Tournament held at the Canton Softball Center.

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WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Schoolcraft recruits give Tolstedt reason for optimism in '99

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Take a lot of time in trying to describe just how things have changed with the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team. Get into the details, debate the reasons, give credit to every source imaginable, from the administration to the players.

Know what? It won't really matter. Because all that really matters is realizing that things have changed. They are better.

When Bill Tolstedt took over as coach just prior to the 1997 season, the team he inherited was a mishmash of leftover players. "It was a unique experience, one that I don't want to repeat," Tolstedt recalled. Finding 11 players to put on the field wasn't always easy.

But the Lady Ocelots managed. After a 1-5-1 start, they jelled and finished that season at 8-8-1.

Last year, Tolstedt — with a full year yet to devote to the program — put together a more formidable squad. SC eventually moved up to the No. 12 ranking in the NJCAA, and the Ocelots finished with a 13-4-1 record.

Things figure to be even better this season. And how can one assume such a thing? Because not only does Tolstedt have a full complement of players once again, he's actually making cuts. Some of those who played on his team last season won't return, simply because the new recruits are better.

"We've upgraded ourselves," Tolstedt said in evaluating his roster for the 1999 campaign, which kicks off Aug. 10 with the opening of practice.

He can say that after losing such stars as midfielders Annie Hagenah (to Madonna University), Julie Majewski (to Western Michigan University) and Lisa Tolstedt (to Indiana Institute of Technology), forward Dawn Koontz (to Indiana Institute of Technology), and defender Diana Dean (to WMU or Indiana University), among others. All will continue playing at their new schools.

Even though so much is gone — Tolstedt has seven returnees — the SC coach is optimistic this season's squad will be even better. That's because, although they've "lost a lot of offensive punch from last year's team," they still "have a lot of talent coming in."

The one area of concern for Tolstedt after last season was in goal. "My sense was, if we had a problem anywhere on the field, it was in goal," he said. "I knew we were suspect in that area."

Shannon Brooks will return from last year's team, but she'll face competition for the starting job from Kerrie LaPorte, who played at Livonia Churchill, and Wendy Jacobs, a 1998 graduate of South Lyon HS. Their addi-

tion give SC quality depth, something new goalkeeper coach Bob Roland will be expected to develop.

With the losses at midfield, one would think Tolstedt would be concerned. But the additions have allayed those fears.

Kelly Connell, from Plymouth Canton, and Kristina Seniuch, from Plymouth Salem, are "both strong players. They're going to be big pluses for us."

Indeed, Tolstedt is expecting both to step in and start. But they'll still have to earn it — because there is plenty of competition.

"I've always had a real strong propensity toward midfield play," the SC coach said. "I think we have the players there to keep us strong at that position."

Tolstedt has several new players who can move easily between midfield and forward, like Lisa Abadi, an all-district player and team MVP at Dearborn Fordson; Mary Moore, another all-conference standout and team MVP at Taylor Truman; Danielle Shaffer, who signed with SC out of Linden last year but had a year-old ankle fracture that kept her out of action; Sarah Gregory, a Plymouth native who played midfield at Dearborn Divine Child together with Sandy Burdziak, another SC signee who was all-league and all-city; and Emily Alford, a forward/midfielder from Livonia Clarenceville, a school without a girls soccer team.

"She's going to be a real surprise," Tolstedt said of Alford. He had been tipped off about her after last fall, when Alford played club soccer for the Redford Blue Stars. "I saw her play for us indoors, and was very impressed," Tolstedt said. "She's very strong physically and very strong tactically, and she can protect the ball."

Other recruits, like Abadi, Moore and sweeper Regina Bander (from Farmington Harrison), possess "good skills and lots of enthusiasm," said Tolstedt. "They have a lot of intensity." Bander could develop into another Marina Vazquez, a Farmington HS grad who became SC's most improved player last season and is expected to challenge for a starter's role this fall.

As for Gregory, she "has a good understanding of the tactical aspects of the game," Tolstedt explained, then added, "And she has lots of speed."

What SC will have this season is defensive experience, which should give the newcomers a bit of time to coagulate as a unit. But don't take too much time developing — as Tolstedt said, "You know, I've got 15 candidates for the 2000 season already, letters I've already gotten back."

There seems to be just one direction this program knows, and that's where it's heading.

Livonia Bandits finish strong



Perfect 10-0 season: The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Bandits, an under-11 girls soccer team, recently defeated the Canton Superstars, 5-0, to cap a perfect 1-0 season. Members of the Bandits, who outscored their opponents 29-6, include Heidi Sorenson, Courtney Henschke, Katie Cannon, Jennifer O'Donnell, Danielle Wozniak, Jaclyn Lajza, Sheri Holden, Dana O'Connell, Rene Foster, Alison Sather, Lauren Collins, Amanda Ayyash, Daniell Long, Alysen Hester, Amanda Dettloff, Megan Stachura, Alana Lavery and Patricia LeBron. The head coach is Terry Cannon. He is assisted by Tim Dettloff.



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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY

Comedian Bill Barr performs 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Park, in the Canton Recreation complex, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. Musical comedy impressionist Ron Parker will open the show. No charge; call (734) 397-5110 for information.



SATURDAY



Elizabeth Lurie of Farmington Hills will sell functional wares and this wall piece at the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair on South and East University and Church streets. The fair, one of three, is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information about the Ann Arbor Art Fairs, call (800) 888-9487 or visit the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau Web site www.annarbor.org

SUNDAY



The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, led by David Alan Miller, presents "A Song of Broadway" featuring vocalists Lisa Vroman and Brent Barret 7:30 p.m., at the Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Tickets \$8 to \$50, call (313) 576-5111, (248) 377-0100, or (248) 645-6666.

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Cool jazz takes center stage at the seventh annual Birmingham JazzFest Thursday-Saturday. Free concerts will take place in the heart of downtown Birmingham at Shain Park, south of Maple Road, between Henrietta and Bates streets. Keyboardist Jeff Lorber performs 7 p.m. Saturday. Participating nearby restaurants are also featuring jazz performers. Admission is free. For more information, call (248) 433-FEST. See schedule on page E4.

Musical: Brad Ellison (left to right) portrays Albert Peterson, M. Brian Odgen, Conrad Birdie, and Rebecca Hyke, Kim MacAfee, in Stagecrafters Youth Theatre's production of "Bye Bye Birdie."



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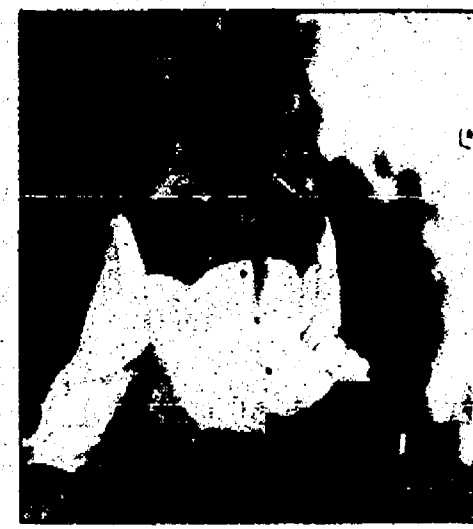
Youth theater rocks with

Bye Bye Birdie

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What do an Elvis-like rock-n-roll idol, his manager and secretary, an overpowering mother and a bunch of all-American kids in saddle shoes add up to? The fun, upbeat, family musical, "Bye Bye Birdie," book by Michael Steward, music by Charles Strouse, and lyrics by Lee Adams. Stagecrafters Youth Theatre is presenting seven performances of this entertaining show beginning 7 p.m. Friday, July 23. All performances are at the historic Baldwin Theater, 415 South Lafayette in Royal Oak. Additional performances are 7 p.m. Saturday, July 24 and Thursday through Saturday, July 29-31. Sunday matinees are 2 p.m., July 25 and Aug. 1. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for youths 17 and younger. For information call (248) 541-6430. "We have a group of 36 very talented and energetic kids on stage and that many behind the scenes for this show," said director Deborah Landis-Sigler. "I'm really proud of what they're going to present to the public." "All of the actual work is being done by the kids," added youth theater chairwoman Margaret (Peg) Pierce (her daughter, Katie, is in the show). "Besides the actors on stage, the kids are also working behind the scenes on props, production, lights, sound, costumes and more. We feel it's important to give them experience in all

aspects of theater." "Bye Bye Birdie" also represents the first time Stagecrafters Youth Theatre is doing a full-fledged musical production instead of a more scaled-down children's show. "This musical is a big undertaking for these kids," Pierce of Royal Oak added. "Because of the size of the show, it's the first time we're having a youth theater production run for two weekends." Pierce, who seems to always be at the theater working at the sewing machine or putting together costumes from used clothing, has known many of the youths in the show since they were eight years old. Brad Ellison, 17, is one of these. The Royal Oak resident has acted with youth theater since he was eight. Since he graduated from Kimball High School this year, this is his last youth theater show. He plays Albert, the manager of Birdie, an Elvis-Presley-like heart-throb who's on his way to join the armed forces. Ellison is going to Oakland University in the fall, where he'll major in music theater. He's also busy rehearsing for the part of Joseph in Stagecrafters' upcoming production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Although he's only 13, Justin Noroyan of Farmington Hills has many Stagecrafters productions under his belt. "I tried out for this play because I thought it would be a fun thing to do this summer," said the Warner Middle School student. He's happy with his role as the younger brother, Randolph, in the MacAfee family. "I like this role because the character is younger. He's not into the boy-girl thing yet," Noroyan said.



'Bye Bye Birdie': Rock-n-roll idol Conrad Birdie (M. Brian Ogden) seems to contemplate his future since he has been drafted.



Family ties: M. Brian Ogden (on bike) portrays Conrad Birdie, who gets involved with the MacAfee family, played by Justin Noroyan (left), Brian Thibault, Shauna Mancini and Rebecca Hyke.

Young thespians 'act up' at Cranbrook

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Jessica Gorchow of Troy spent three summers studying acting at the Cranbrook Theatre School, but this year she's working in the costume department. "It was fun," said Gorchow about the summer program she attended in junior high. "It was a chance to meet kids that were not from my school. I was always interested in theater. You learn a lot through doing scenes from plays and attending classes. In the final week, you present a show. It's the best experience, it's a little stressful, but it prepared me for theater in high school." Students in Cranbrook Theatre School's junior division, grades three through eight presented the musical "Bye Bye Birdie" July 20-21. On Monday-Tuesday, July 26-27, the senior division, grades nine-12, will present



JOYCE MOREHOUSE

Acting: Michael Williams and Heidi Bennett perform "The Tide that Binds" a short play by John Rutherford.

What: Cranbrook Theatre School, senior division, presents "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder, 8 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, July 26-27. Where: Outdoor Greek Theatre, Cranbrook Campus, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets: \$5 at the door. Call (248) 645-1576 for more information.

"Our Town." The performances are the culmination of the program that began the third week of June. Students in the junior division attend for five weeks, and the senior division six weeks. "Students come from all over the metro area," said program director Joyce Morehouse of Bloomfield Hills. "Everyone gets a speaking part. Each child has one moment in the sun." The philosophy is "learning by doing." Students attend classes and practice doing scenes from a variety of plays. They get a lunch break and chance to swim in Lake Jonah on campus, which is really a pool. "We believe everyone can use theatrical skills," said Morehouse. "We're not interested in producing stars, but

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SUMMER THEATER

Shakespeare festival creates intimate outdoor setting

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The popular and critical success of Academy Award-winning "Shakespeare In Love," "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and the anticipation of the soon-to-be-released "Titus Andronicus" only validates what Shakespearean actors, scholars and admirers have known: The 16th-century bard from Stratford-upon-Avon with a gift for lush poetry and a turn of a phrase is eternally relevant. The outdoor setting of this year's Michigan Shakespeare Festival, beginning tonight, and continuing through Sunday, Aug. 8, honors the tradition of theater to "reach out" past the stage and make drama accessible to anyone willing to listen. Don't expect slick Hollywood productions. "The joy of Shakespeare is coming to terms with the language," said John Neville-Andrews, artistic director of the festival. Set amid the rolling hills of Ella Sharp Park in Jackson, the festival is hardly along the beaten trail for metro Detroiters. Then again, Stratford, Ontario isn't exactly a spin down I-75. The five-year-old festival, which expanded from two to three weeks this year, strives for authenticity.

What: Michigan Shakespeare Festival
When: Thursday, July 22 to Sunday, Aug. 8
Where: Ella Sharp Park, 3225 Fourth Street, Jackson
Performances:
"Hamlet" — 8 p.m. Thursday, July 22, Friday, 30, Sunday, Aug. 1; Thursday, Aug. 5, Saturday, Aug. 7; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 25, Saturday, July 31 and Sunday, Aug. 8.
"Twelfth Night" — 8 p.m. Friday, July 23, Sunday, July 25, Thursday, July 29, Saturday, July 31, Friday-Saturday, Aug. 6-7; 2 p.m. Saturday, July 24, Sunday, Aug. 1, and Aug. 8. Tickets: \$10 and up.
For information, call (517) 788-5032
Volunteers for Shakespeare In-The-Park West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation needs volunteers for a Shakespeare In-The-Park presentation of a "Midsummer Night's Dream." The performance is scheduled 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 at the Drake Sports Park, Drake Road south of Maple Road in West Bloomfield. To volunteer, call (248) 738-2500.

Nine performances of "Hamlet" and "Twelfth Night" will be performed on a wooden stage with minimal props where the only amplification will be the sound of voices bouncing off the back stage wall. "The Shakespeare Festival in Stratford started in the middle of nowhere with a few tents," said Neville-Andrews, who teaches drama at the University of Michigan, and is searching for local venues where

the plays could be performed after the festival.

"This is the way theater was performed in Shakespeare's time."

The 17-member cast will perform "close to nature," competing with the sounds of birds, planes flying overhead and hoots and hollers from a nearby baseball field. The stage is set at the bottom of a hill where actors look up at an elevated audience. The venue can seat as many as 300.

"We make it an intimate experience for our audi-



Classic act: Stephen Davies performs the title role in "Hamlet" at the Michigan Shakespeare Festival, which opens Friday.

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Rebecca Hyke, 16, of Rochester Hills is playing the role of Kim, the typical American girl chosen to receive the "last kiss" from Birdie before he enters the armed forces.

"This is a fun musical to do no matter what role you have," Hyke said. "The show has good music; it's a cute story and it's

easy for all different people to relate to.

"We've worked really hard on it," added the Rochester High School junior. This is her first show with Stagecrafters.

M. Brian Ogden, 18, is playing Conrad Birdie. He gets to wear flashy costumes and sing ala

Elvis. He also performed the Birdie role in a production at Berkley High School.

"I'm having so much fun doing this show," he said. "I'm much more relaxed so I think I'm doing a better job the second time around."

Both Ogden and Dayna Jarac Dantzler, 17, of Warren who's

playing the role of Rose, are leaving for Western Michigan University in the fall. They're majoring in music theater.

Although he's got another year before he starts college, Brian Thibault, 17, of Ferndale already plans on acting being his main source of income when he's an adult. Performing Mr. MacAfee in this show, he hopes, will bring

him one more role closer to his dreams.

Other supporting characters are Shana Gagnon (Mayor's Wife) of Rochester Hills, Craig Hemming (Mayor) and Sara Lennox (Ursula) both of Berkley, Kristin Phillips (Mrs. Peterson) of Warren, Shauna Mancini (Mrs. MacAfee) of Sterling Heights, Blair Mellow (Hugo

Peabody) of Huntington Woods, Sara Gerald (Gloria) of Madison Heights, Joel Pietrzak (Harvey Johnson) of Clawson and Chris Moultrup (Mr. Johnson) and Bianca Vorves (Sad Girl) both of Royal Oak.

The ensemble includes Carolyn Lusch of Redford, Erin Broley of Birmingham and Ashley Miles of Southfield.

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ence," said Gillian Eaton of Plymouth, who directs the up-tempo farce "Twelfth Night."

"It's a challenge for our actors to make sure that the audience isn't distracted," she said. "If you can make Shakespeare personal and human, (then) doing modern theater is like falling off a log."

Eaton, who won plaudits for her directing of "The Tempest" at Planet Ant in Hamtramck in

May, recently cofounded, "Shakesperience," a company that produces and teaches the works of Shakespeare.

On weekends, the actors will have to shift gears quickly from farce to tragedy in performing "Twelfth Night" and "Hamlet."

"The plays are vastly different," said Eaton. "For actors with good concentration, the costume change affects a psychological

■ On weekends, the actors will have to shift gears quickly from farce to tragedy in performing 'Twelfth Night' and 'Hamlet.'

change."

With many states having Shakespeare Festivals, Eaton believes there's an opportunity for collaboration among universities and equity theaters throughout the state to further develop the annual celebration of Shakespeare's work.

"When you pick up on Shakespeare's imagery and compare it to just about any modern play, you'll realize that modern plays aren't as deep," she said.

Next year, festival organizers expect to add several more plays and, hopefully, several sponsors.

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Dedicated volunteers work to restore Wayne Theatre

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

Few things in life can evoke a feeling of desolation like an abandoned theater. Perhaps because it's not difficult to imagine a time when the marquee gleamed, town folk gathered, and memories of a lifetime were formed.

Sometimes I can quell that awful tumbleweed turmoil by reminding myself of the many successful renovations of aging theaters that have ushered in

exciting new eras as performance and cultural centers. Of course, with ample financial backing, any old lonesome prairie can be turned into a glittering entertainment district.

From the high-profile renovations of the Fox Theatre and Gem Theatre — to the community-based plans for such venues as the Civic in Farmington — success hinges on a sustained blend of vision, dedication and funding.

Major obstacle

But, more often than not, available cash is the major obstacle. As a result, theaters become dry cleaning outlets or

pharmacies, or have an eventual date with a wrecking ball.

At the risk of sounding like tabloid TV or one of those best-seller of the moment self-help books, there are fascinating stories that fuel every restoration project. It is a case of "Theaters... and the people who love them too much." You'll see that kind of devotion in the renovation effort of a long-neglected theater in an edition of Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, airing at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, July 25.

The Wayne Theatre dates back to the 1920s, when it served as a showplace for vaudeville performers and film shorts. When the silent movie era had passed,

it became the first movie house with sound in a stretch from Detroit to Jackson, according to Bob Welch, one of the passionate members of a volunteer organization intent on renovation.

Virtually unused for decades, the dream of turning the Michigan Avenue structure into a cultural center is kept alive by an annual fund-raiser. Fittingly, it's a haunted house that thrives on performance rather than gore and special effects.

"I would love to bring, in \$50,000 from our haunted theatre show, but competitors with advertising dollars are making it difficult to raise the support that we have in the past. Our show is

different than others because it's more theatrical and family oriented," says Welch.

One thing that makes the volunteer effort so noble is that there are no expectations that the Wayne will someday be a huge profit center.

Performing arts center

"My dream is that we can provide a performing arts center that can be used by the many colleges and high schools in the area. In addition to staging high quality productions, it could also be a venue for the visual arts," says Welch.

He adds that grants are being

sought to move the project along. Volunteers and fund-raisers can only take you so far.

It's easy to root for the folks who have worked to create a future for the Wayne Theatre.

"Sadly, Detroit architecture tends to be disposable. With so much work that remains to be done, the dedication of the members of the organization to restore the Wayne is admirable," says Lex Kuhne, who hosts the BACKSTAGE PASS segment about the theater.

Its destiny may not be as a money machine or a money pit. A niche as a center where young artists can develop and showcase their talent would be just fine.

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giving students new skills, although some kids do become professional actors."

Participating in theater, Morehouse believes, helps children learn to work together as a team, improves self confidence, and helps them speak clearly before an audience.

On Monday nights, the students showcase what they learned in classes that week by performing for family and friends.

The senior division concentrates more on acting than the junior division. All of the students work with a dance instructor to learn how to move on stage.

"I love the fact that we do nothing but concentrate on theater during this time," said Morehouse who has taught English at Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School for the past 13 years, and is a member of the St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook.

"The students can focus and memorize something overnight. Most of us are doing this because we love theater," said Morehouse.

John Rutherford is producing "Our Town" and is head of the senior division. "Everyone has a part, we work together as a team," he said. "This is my eighth summer. I teach theater at Warren Fitzgerald High School. The summer program draws students from many com-

munities and varied backgrounds. We're all working together to do one thing, put on a play. It breaks down barriers and boundaries. Students improve their acting skills, and become more tolerant of others. Each year presents new challenges and accomplishments, we try to work on weaknesses and move students to areas that are less comfortable to them."

In college, Gretchen Alexandra played the part of Emily in "Our Town."

"I have wonderful memories," said Alexandra who is directing the Cranbrook Theatre School, senior division, production of the play at the outdoor Greek Theatre.

"I enjoy seeing the play come to life," she said. "I love having the chance to work in theater. It is my passion and love."

A language arts teacher, Alexandra, who is assistant director of the senior division, enjoys watching the students' grow. "The kids choose to be here," she said. "It teaches them how to focus, to work together as a group and meet deadlines. They learn how to present themselves well in front of people. Any kid would benefit from being here."

"A lot of the kids graduate from the program and come back to teach, and help. It's nice to see that."

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OPERA

THE 3 IRISH TENORS
 With The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$45 and \$27.50 reserved. Seniors 62 and older, and groups of 15 or more receive \$3 off \$27.50 tickets. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>; special autograph signing 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, at Harmony House Farmington Hills, 30830 Orchard Lake Road, south of 14 Mile. (248) 626-4533

COMMUNITY THEATER

SHADOW THEATRE COMPANY
 "Echoes," spellbinding drama exploring the fine line between reality and illusion, past truths and future fantasies, and serenity and madness, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 22-24 and 2 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at the Performance Network, 408 W. Washington, (1/2 blocks west of Main St.) Ann Arbor. \$12, \$9 students/seniors. (734) 663-0681

SRO PRODUCTIONS
 "Belles," July 30-Aug. 15, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Historic Park "The Burgh," northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. \$8, \$7 seniors/children. (248) 827-0701

STARR PRODUCTIONS
 "Waiting for Godot," 2 p.m. Sunday, July 25 in the Outdoor Amphitheatre behind the Longacre House, Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile, Farmington Hills. Free, but donation is requested. (248) 546-2582

DINNER THEATER

DAVE & BUSTER'S
 Mystery Dinner Theater production of "A Friendly Game of Death," 8 p.m. Saturdays through Aug. 14, at north-east corner of M-59 and M-53, Utica. \$32.95. (810) 930-1515

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

CRANBROOK THEATRE SCHOOL
 Senior division, grades 9-12, will present "Our Town" 8 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, July 26-27 at the outdoor Greek Theatre, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, on the Cranbrook campus. Tickets \$5 at the door.

NOVI THEATRES
 "Beauty and the Beast," Friday-Sunday, July 30-31 and Aug. 1, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West 10 Mile, Novi. \$8, \$7 advance. (248) 347-0400

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS
 "Schoolhouse Rock," 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, July 30, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. \$2, \$4, \$5. (313) 535-8962

SPECIAL EVENTS

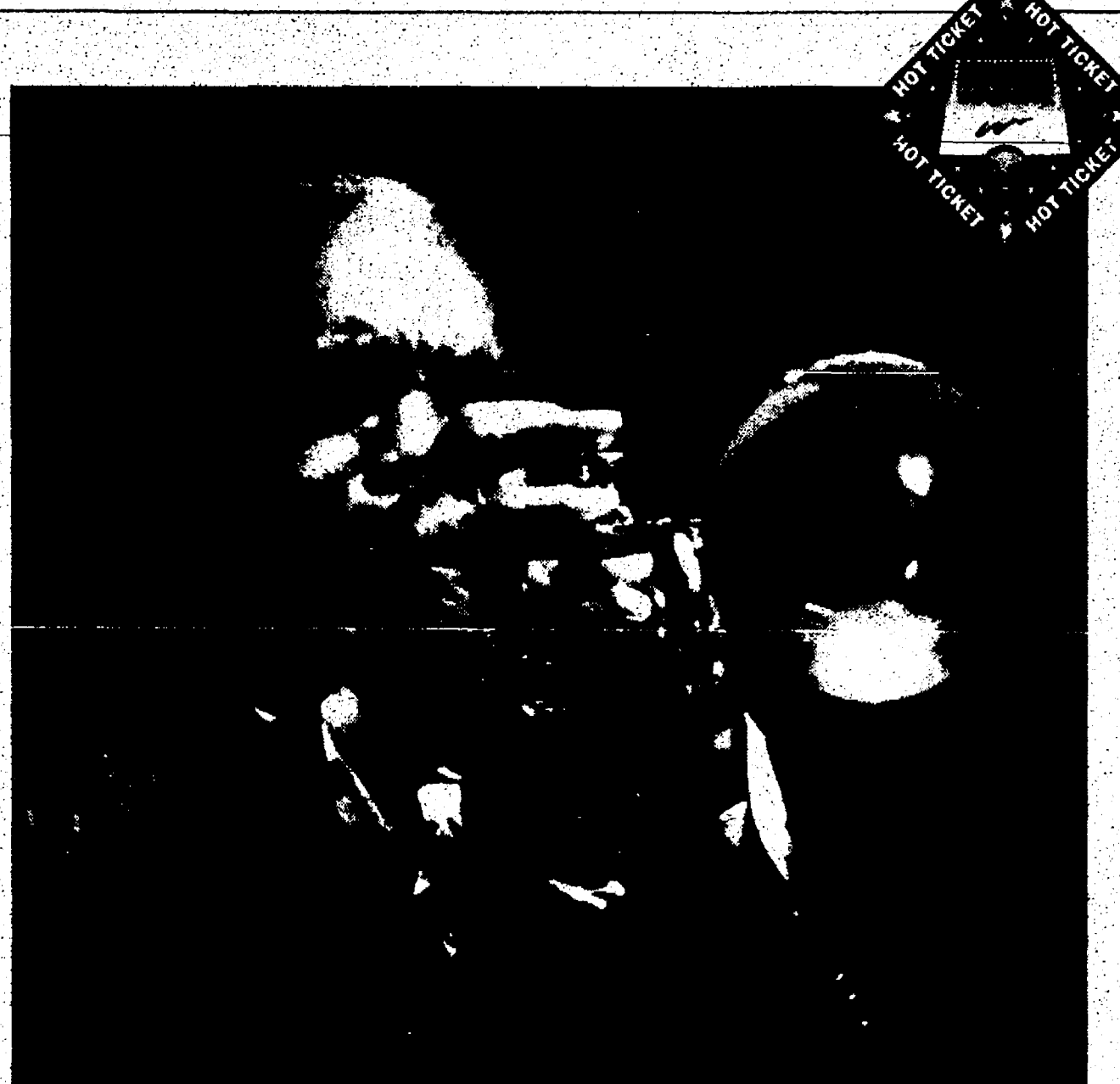
"ARTISANS AFTERGLOW"
 The Ann Arbor Artisans' Market Art Fair Afterglow will be held 5-10 p.m. Saturday, July 24 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 25, David Swain and his band play swing, blues, jazz and rock 6-10 p.m. Saturday, acoustic guitarist Ken King performs traditional and modern folk music noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, wide variety of arts and crafts will be for sale, at the City Market, 315 Detroit Street in Kerrytown.

DEPOT TOWN CRUISE NIGHTS
 Hundreds of street rods rumble into Depot Town 6-9 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 9, Cross Street in Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4444 or www.ypsilanti.org

E'S RECORD AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 25, Royal Oak Elks Hall, I-75 and 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Free. (248) 546-4527

MICHIGAN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL
 Featuring performances of "Hamlet" and "Twelfth Night," Thursday-Sunday, July 22-25, Thursday-Sunday, July 29-Aug. 1, and Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 5-8, in Jackson. \$12, \$8 ages 12 and younger. (517) 788-5032 or <http://www.michshakespeare.org> or the hard@nichshakespeare.org

MOTOR CITY COMICS CONVENTION
 Comic books, non-sport card, action figures, toys, Beanie Babies, and Pokemon, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at the Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, between



All stars: Marcus Belgrave and the Detroit Jazz All Stars perform 7 p.m. Friday, July 23 at Birmingham JazzFest in Shain Park.

Birmingham JazzFest '99 Schedule

Concerts taking place in Shain Park, downtown Birmingham, south of Maple Road, between Henrietta and Bates Streets. A trolley will make rounds to restaurants on Friday & Saturday. Admission is free. For more information, call (248) 433-FEST.

Thursday, July 22
 ■ 7 p.m. - Alexander Zonjic and Friends
Friday, July 23
 ■ 7 p.m. - Marcus Belgrave and the Detroit Jazz All Stars
 ■ 9 p.m. Friday, July 23 - Tim Weisberg, flutist
Saturday, July 24
 ■ 11 a.m. - Chautauqua Express for KIDS
 ■ 1 p.m. - Vocalist Kimmie Horn
 ■ 2:30 p.m. - Randy Scott, saxophonist
 ■ 4 p.m. - Jazz pianist Pamela Wise and the Afro Cuban All Stars
 ■ 5:30 p.m. - Ken Navarro, guitarist
 ■ 7 p.m. - Jeff Lorber, keyboardist
Here is the schedule for groups playing at restaurants in downtown Birmingham during Jazzfest.

Thursday-Saturday, July 22-24
Bad Frog Tavern - 555 Old Woodward, (248) 642-9400
 ■ 9 p.m.-midnight, Thursday - Soul Mechanix
 ■ 9 p.m.-midnight, Friday - Kristyn Smith & Blackstone
 ■ 9 p.m.-midnight, Saturday - The Notebenders
Bates Street Cafe - 380 S. Bates, (248) 644-5832
 ■ 9 p.m.-midnight, Thursday-Sat. - Charles & Gwen Scales
Big Rock Chop & Brew-house - 245 S. Eaton, (248) 647-7774
 ■ 8 p.m. & midnight, Thursday-Sat. - Larry Nozero
 ■ 6:30 & 10:30 p.m., Thursday-Sat. - The Warren Commission
Dick O'Dows - 160 Maple, (248) 642-1135
 ■ 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Thursday - Mack Jazz Trio
 ■ 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday - Dan Cathane & Friends
Edison's - 220 Merrill Street, (248) 645-2150
 ■ 8:30 p.m.-midnight, Thursday - Mark Moultrup Trio
 ■ 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday - Rob Pippo Jump-Swing Quartet
 ■ 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday - Dwight Adams Quartet
Forte - 201 Old Woodward, (248) 594-7300
 ■ 9 p.m.-1 p.m. Thursday-Saturday - Ursula Walker & Buddy Budson
Max & Erma's - 250 Merrill Street, (248) 258-1188
 ■ 9 p.m.-midnight Thursday-Saturday - Tim Flaherty Trio
Midtown Cafe - 139 Woodward, (248) 642-1133
 ■ 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Thursday-Saturday - Dee Dee McNeil Trio
Ocean Grille - 280 Old Woodward, (248) 646-7001
 ■ 7-11 p.m. Friday & Saturday - Phillip Ogletre Jazz Trio
Peabody's - 34965 Woodward, (248) 644-5222
 ■ 9 p.m.-midnight Friday & Saturday - Paint Creek Jazz
Phoenicia - 588 Old Woodward, (248) 644-3122
 ■ Thursday-Saturday - Bob Tye
Townsend Hotel - 100 Townsend, (248) 642-7900
 ■ 8:30 p.m.-midnight Thursday-Saturday - Kurt Kunz & Keith Malinowski
220 - 220 Merrill Street, (248) 645-2150
 ■ 8 p.m.-midnight Thursday - Paul Vorn Hagen
 ■ 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday - Paul Vorn Hagen
 ■ 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday - Bill Heid

held inside Bailey Recreation Center. (734) 722-7620/(734) 522-3918

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
 "Handel and Vivaldi" with conductor Jaime Laredo, 8 p.m. Friday, July 23; "Mozart-in-the-Meadows" with conductor Jaime Laredo, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 24; "A Song of Broadway" with conductor David Alan Miller, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 25; "Symphonic Blockbusters" with fireworks and conductor David Alan Miller, 8 p.m. Friday, July 30, all at Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$13-\$50. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

POPS/SWING

TOMMY DORSEY ORCHESTRA
 Appearing 7 p.m. Friday, July 23 at Excalibur Banquet Center, 28875 Franklin Road, Southfield. Tickets \$25 per person, cash bar and hors d'oeuvre menu available. Buddy Morrow conducts. Call (248) 358-3355 for ticket information.

JIM PARAVANTES & MERIDIAN
 "Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through August, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS
 10:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (Western swing)

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND
 Looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass, and especially percussion players) of all ages to begin rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, at Groves High School, Birmingham. (248) 474-4997

B.W. PRODUCTIONS
 Auditions for male and female for musical/comedy gospel stage play, no past experience necessary but a plus, training will be provided. (313) 865-2375

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
 Summer dance day camp for boys and girls who have completed grades 1-6. July 19-30 and Aug. 2-13; also intensive master classes in advanced ballet and pointe with Jacob Lascu 10 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, Aug. 16-20, at the EDE Center for Dance, 1541 Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850

HARTLAND PLAYERS
 Auditions for six men and five women for Neil Simon's "They're Playing Our Song," 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1 and 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2, at the Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon, Hartland. (248) 889-1152

MICHIGAN DANCE EXPRESS
 Hosts its Summer Dance Camp July 25-29 at Camp Copneconic in Fenton for ages eight and older, camp combines four hours of daily dance training with traditional summer camp activities such as swimming and boating, styles include ballet, tap, jazz, and lyrical along with classes in modeling, production and swing. (734) 397-9755/(313) 562-1203

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS
 Auditions for five women for the musical comedy "Nunsense," 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 26, bring tap shoes and be prepared to sing a selection from the show, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. For performances Sept. 10-26. (248) 362-4305/(248) 543-1416

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

SUMMER DRAMA CAMPS
 Ages 5 and up join the Whistle Stop Players for sessions 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 9-13, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction. \$100, \$75 PCAC members. (734) 416-4ART

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 (ragtime piano)

CONCERTS IN THE PARK
 Doug Deming & The Blue Suit Blues Band, 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, at the Detroit Zoo, northwest corner of Woodward and 10 Mile, Royal Oak. Free with zoo admission. (248) 398-0903 (jazz)

CONCERTS ON THE LAWN
 Imperial Swing Orchestra, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 25, on the lawn of the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive. (248) 424-9022

DAVE CARTHANE AND FRIENDS
 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 23-24, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road,

Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135

WILL DOWNING
 With Oleta Adams and Pieces of a Dream, 8 p.m. Friday, July 23, Chene Park, Detroit. \$35 and \$35. All ages. (313) 983-6611

RICHARD ELLIOT
 With Brian Culbertson, 8 p.m. Friday, July 23, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$32.50. 21 and older. (248) 645-6666

FREE FLIGHT
 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, Corson Auditorium, Interlochen Center for the Arts, Interlochen. \$17.50-\$29.50. (616) 276-6230

FUNKTELLIGENCE
 With Heavy Weather, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 22, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.blindpigmusic.com> (avant jazz/funk)

TEDDY HARRIS JR. QUINTET
 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. (313) 576-5111

BILL HEID TRIO
 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 23-24, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-8310

HEIDI HEPLER AND MICHELE RAMO
 With Todd Curtis, 7-11 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, Too Chez, 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)

MARLA JACKSON QUARTET
 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 30, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass/drums)

MACK JAZZ TRIO
 9 p.m. Thursday, July 22, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135

JAZZHEAD
 10 p.m. Saturday, July 24, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (acid jazz)

SHEILA LANDIS/RICK MATLE
 9 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. (313) 886-8101

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
 With Jack Brokensha (vibes), 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner, and \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

GARY SCHUNK TRIO
 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 29, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

JANET TENAJA TRIO
 Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 351-2925

TYE-KOWALEWSKI TRIO
 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
 With Dan Kolton and Tom Brown, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 22-24, 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

PAMELA WISE AND THE AFRO-CUBAN ALL STARS
 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

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Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

REDFORD THEATRE

Film "Shall We Dance?", with guest organist Gus Borman, 7:30 p.m. organ feature followed by 8 p.m. film Friday, July 23, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. overtures with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. films, Saturday, July 24, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 537-2560 or <http://theatreorgans.com/ml/redford>

SWEET ADELINES REUNION
 The Great Lakes Chorus of Sweet Adelines International invites past members to a 40th anniversary and reunion party, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at Gino's Surf Banquet Center, 37400 East Jefferson Avenue, Harrison Twp. \$25. Great Lakes Chorus was formerly called the Macomber County Chapter, Utica-Rochester Chapter and The Charmioners. (810) 790-0008/(810) 566-5965

BENEFITS

CRANBROOK HOUSE AND GARDENS
 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147

BARBEQUE & BREW AT THE ZOO
 6-10 p.m. Friday, July 30, Australian-themed outdoor party including cook-out, entertainment by Blue Moon Boys presented by the Wild Thing Society, at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile at Woodward, Detroit. \$15, to benefit the Detroit Zoo's tree kangaroos. (248) 541-5717

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS
 Garage Sale and Car Wash, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. To benefit Ridge Dale Players' Scholarship Fund. To donate items or

for questions, (248) 988-7049

ROARING 20'S CELEBRATION

11:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Omni Detroit Hotel, 1000 River Place. To benefit Variety - The Children's Charity. (248) 855-6777

FAMILY EVENTS

BEN SPITZER
 Juggler and magician, 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. \$4, \$3 children. City residents receive \$1 off. (734) 455-6620

DETROIT'S 298TH BIRTHDAY PARTY
 Cake and ice cream, and performances by the Chenille Sisters (1:15 p.m.), The Sun Messengers (11:05 a.m. 12:40 p.m.), magician J.R. McAtee (1:50 p.m.), Mosaic Youth Theatre (11:45 p.m.), on the grounds of the Detroit Historical Museum and Detroit Public Library, on Woodward Ave., between Kirby and Putnam. (313) 833-7912 or www.detroithistorical.org

ZEEMO
 The "Yo-Yo Man" performs 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 22, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. \$4, \$3 children. City residents receive \$1 off. (734) 455-6620

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

CLOCK CONCERTS
 Farmington Community Concert Band, 7:30 Friday, July 23, at the bandshell, Northville. (248) 349-7640

GAZEBO CONCERTS
 Motor City Brass Band, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, at Burgh Historical Park, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, east of Telegraph,

Southfield. (248) 424-9022

"IN THE PARK"

Alexander Zonjic & Friends, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 22, Shain Park, Birmingham.

MOTOR TOWN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Noon to 9 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 24-25, features Thornetta Davis among others, at Dearborn City Hall Park, Michigan Ave. at Schaefer.

"MUSIC IN THE PARK"

Noon Wednesday, July 28, Gratitude Steel Band, in Kellogg Park, Main Street, between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. In case of rain, concert will be held in The Gathering next to the Penn Theater. (734) 416-4ART

"MUSIC UNDER THE STARS"

Ernest Matchulter - Next Generation Band (favorites) 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at Greenmead Historical Village, Newburgh, south of Eight Mile, Livonia; Bob Durant Band (Big Band sound) 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at Wilson Barn, Middlebelt and W. Chicago, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2540

NOVI CONCERT BAND

7 p.m. Friday, July 23, at McHatt Park, South Lyon.

"SUMMER IN THE CITY"

Shawn Jacobs The Amazing Egghead, comedy, magic, juggling, 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 23, Birmingham City Hall, Pierce and Martin, west of S. Old Woodward.

WESTLAND CULTURAL SOCIETY

Roy Cobb & the Coachmen, 6 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at the Westland Library Performance Pavilion, behind Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road, between Wayne Road and Newburgh. Free. In case of rain, concerts will be

8 days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Keely Wygonik; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

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the Southfield Civic Center, Southfield, Free. All ages. (248) 354-9540 (Latin)
GERARD SMITH
9 p.m. Friday, July 30, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and over. (248) 642-1135 (Irish)
UNIVERSAL XPRESSON
9 p.m. Saturday, July 24, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-9500 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

ARNA CAREY BARR
With Marble Brown, 7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, July 29, 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
LIBERTY R.O. DANIELS
With Marye Miller, 7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, July 22, 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

POETRY / SPOKEN WORD

M.L. LIEBLER
Children's workshop, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 7 p.m. and Aug. 4, and adult's workshop 7 p.m. Thursdays, July 29 and Aug. 5, at the Redford Township Public Library, 15159 Norborne (313) 538-4257
JA MEETS JESUS
With M. Wade Curenton and Liberty R.O. Daniels, 6:10 p.m. Sunday, July 25, The Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Free. All ages. (248) 615-9181
LIBERTY R.O. DANIELS
With Marye Miller, 7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, July 22, 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 Rheinhardt, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, July 22, 29, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth. (734) 453-0750 for specific events and programs.

DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE
8 p.m. Friday, July 23, minimal walk-throughs, music by the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-8863
MOON DUSTERS SINGLES DANCE
8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$4 member, \$5 guest. (734) 422-3298
TERPSICHORE'S KITCHEN
"Summer Dances," a showcase of the best choreographic and dance talent in the Ann Arbor area, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 29-31 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Performance Network, 408 W. Washington, (2 1/2 blocks west of Main St.) Ann Arbor. \$12, \$9 students/seniors. (734) 663-0681

COMEDY

COMEDY CONCERT IN THE PARK
Bill Barr, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 23, musical comedy impressionist Ron Parker opens the show, in Heritage Park, behind the Canton Twp. Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. Free. (734) 397-5110
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Keith Ruff and Vince Vicelli, Thursday-Saturday, July 22-24 (\$10); Paul Venier and Alyce Faye, Thursday-Saturday, July 29-31 (\$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 PAISANOS
at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885
MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Jimmy Ham, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. \$8 advance, \$10. (734) 996-9080
MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
at the club, 265 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>
SOUPY SALES
7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, June 5, Farmington Civic Theatre, 33332 Grand River Ave., at Farmington Road,

Farmington. \$25. (248) 473-7777
SECOND CITY
"Phantom Menace to Society," 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

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 2-12. (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 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (482) 645-3147
CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND ART MUSEUM
"Contemporary Art from Cuba: Beyond and Survival on the Utopian Island," at the art museum. (248) 645-3361; "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters," "Our Dynamic Earth," and planetarium and Lesera 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; "Remembrance 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.detroit-historical.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 and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturdays, at 5020 John R. (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults; \$2 for children ages 3-13 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400
DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM
Celebrates its 39th anniversary with free admission 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 24, visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051
HENRY FORD ESTATE-FAIR LANE
Estate tours include the restored riverside powerhouse, Henry Ford's personal garage and cars, giant generators placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that still operate, and the tunnel to the 56-room mansion with elaborate carved woodwork and personal artifacts, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590
HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE
"Summer Evenings" continue Saturdays through Aug. (at reduced prices), features cake walk, town ball, herb/food presentation, ice cream social (additional fee), and concerts 8 p.m. Wednesdays, July 29-31 at the Anderson Theatre in the museum (313) 943-3095; the village is celebrating its 70th season with a host of activities, and exhibits such as Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair and a life mask made 60 days before his assassination, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620
MEADOW BROOK HALL

Tours 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily (except July 30 to Aug. 4) through August, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors age 62 and over, \$4 children ages 5-12. Luncheon in the Dining Room 11:15 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. (248) 370-3140

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

POPULAR MUSIC

AGNOSTIC FRONT
6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 24, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)
AIR MARGARITAVILLE
7 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, as part of Troy Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Concerts at the Troy Civic Center, 500 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Free. All ages. (248) 524-3484 (Jimmy Buffet covers)
APPLES IN STEREO
With Beulah, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.blindpigmusic.com> (roots rock)
JOHNNY AWESOME BAND
9 p.m. Saturday, July 24 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at Zim's Irish Tavern, 969-9467; 8 p.m. Friday, July 30, at Old Hickory, 7071 Bennett Lake Road, Fenton. (810) 735-7630 (acoustic rock)
BEAMSHIP
9 p.m. Friday, July 30, 313 Jac. above Jacoby's, 624 Brush St., Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 886-7860 or <http://www.staterecords.com/313jac> (ultrasonics)
BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS
9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 24, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.blindpigmusic.com>; 9 p.m. Friday, July 30, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 or <http://www.fifthavenuebilliards.com> (blues)
THE BIHLMAN BROTHERS
9 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)
THE BIZER BROTHERS
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, at Champ's Pub, 140 E. Grand River, Brighton. (810) 227-4443
BLACK BEAUTY
9 p.m. Friday, July 23, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rockabilly)
THE BLEND
9:30 p.m. Friday, July 23, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 223-1700
BLUES CONFUSION
9 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (blues)
BLUE ROSE
9 p.m. Saturday, July 24, Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 332-9900; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, Fritt's Pub, 77 N. Main St., Mount Clemens. Free. 21 and older. (810) 469-0878 or <http://www.bluerose.iuma.com> or blueroseband@hotmail.com (blues)
BUSTER'S BLUES BAND
10 p.m. Friday, July 23, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 656-7700 (blues)
CAROLINE
With Stunning Amazon, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 24, 313 Jac. above Jacoby's, 624 Brush St., Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 886-7860 or <http://www.staterecords.com/313jac> (alternative rock)
CHEAP TRICK
7:30 p.m. Friday, July 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$20 pavilion, \$10 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)
CHER
With Cyndi Lauper and Wild Orchid, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 23, and Saturday, Sept. 11, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$75.25 and \$45.25, special Superfan ticket available, 25 cents from each ticket goes to charity. The July 23 show is sold out. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (pop)
CHICAGO
8 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, Kresge Auditorium, Interlochen Center for the Arts, Interlochen. \$21.50/\$36.50

(616) 276-6230; With the Doobie Brothers, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$35.25 pavilion, \$18.75 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)
COWBOY JUNKIES
With Leo Kottke, 8 p.m. Friday, July 23, Kresge Auditorium, Interlochen Center for the Arts, Interlochen. \$17.50-\$29.50. (616) 276-6230; 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$22.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (alternapop/twang)
THE CULT
With New American Shame, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$27.50 in advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)
DOMESTIC PROBLEMS
With Harmony Riley, 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 23, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.blindpigmusic.com> (rock)
THE DONNAS
With Delta 72 and The Crumbs, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 833-9700 (punk)
ELIZA
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 23-24, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (acoustic rock)
ELLIOTT
With Fireside, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 22, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)
BIG DOG AND THE WOOFERS
9 p.m. Saturday, July 24, Boathouse Billiards, 770 N. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion. Cover charge, 21 and older. (248) 693-4100; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, The Alibi, 33500 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 478-2010 or <http://www.freeyellow.com/members2/bluebite/page1.html> (blues)
FLETCHER PRATT
With Cloud Carr, 9 p.m. Friday, July 30, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (alternapop)

FISH
From the English pop band Marillion, 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Canceled. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock/pop)
THE GATHERING
7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (gothic)
GORDON BENNETT
9 p.m. Thursdays in July, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 745-9675 (rock)
GROOVE WITH IT
9 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (blues)
GRM
10 p.m. Sunday, July 25, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (rock)
IRON MAIDEN
With Monster Magnet and Clutch, 7 p.m. Saturday, July 24, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)
KUNG FU FIDELITY
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, Bogey's, 142 Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441 (rockabilly)
LYLE LOVETT
8 p.m. Thursday, July 22, Kresge Auditorium, Interlochen Center for the Arts, Interlochen. \$17.50/\$32.50. (616) 276-6230 (country)
LUSCIOUS JACKSON
With Cibo Matto, 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$15. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com> (alternapop)
THE MAKE UP
8 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, Magic Stick in the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (rock)
MAN OR MONSTER?
With Ronnie Redhead and Dianogah, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 24, Magic Stick in the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (alternative rock)
AIMEE MANN
7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. All ages. (734) 261-1800 (pop)
MR. BUNGLE

9 p.m. Thursday, July 29, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)
MUDPUDDY
Featuring Paul Randolph, 10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 24, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (blues)
WILLIE NELSON PICNIC
With Lyle Lovett and His Large Band, and Keb' Mo', 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$29.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (country)
RON PRINCE AND HARDTIME
9 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)
PAUL RANDOLPH AND MUDPUDDY
9 p.m. Friday, July 23, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)
THE REEFERMAN
9 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)
ROOT DOCTOR
9 p.m. Saturday, July 24, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)
ROXANNE
8:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 (acoustic modern rock)
KRISTIN SAYER
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 23-24, Woody's, 208 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-6911; 9 p.m. Friday, July 30, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (R&B)
SHUTDOWN
With Catch 22, Canderia, E. Town, Concrete and Indecision, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)
THE STILL
9 p.m. Thursday, July 22, Kari's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (rock)
SUN MESSENGERS
9 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Kari's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (R&B)
SUN 209
9:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (acoustic rock)
TAPROOT
With Workhorse and Redline, 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.blindpigmusic.com> (rock)
MICK TAYLOR
Former Rolling Stones guitarist, 8 p.m. Friday, July 23, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$17 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

VANS WARPED TOUR
With Pennywise, Blink 182, Sevendust, Eminent, Black Eyed Peas, Less Than Jake, Grinspoon, The Vandals, The Living End, Suicidal Tendencies, Ice T, Molotov, Dropkick Murphys, Bouncing Souls, Royal Crown Revue, Fozzy, Rhye, River Phoenix, Atomic Fireballs, Lunachicks, Spring Heeled Jack, Orange 9mm, 7 Seconds and H2O, and Bumpin' Uglies, Gramercy Riffs, Thoughts of Jonesco and SloPoke on the local stage. 1 p.m. Sunday, July 25, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre, 10 Water St., Pontiac. \$24. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> or <http://www.warpedtour.com>

RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 23-24, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Friday, July 30, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 or <http://www.rockindaddys.com> (blues)
ROGER WATERS
8 p.m. Sunday, July 25, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$35 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)
ZEKE
9 p.m. Friday, July 23, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

CLUB NIGHTS

ALVIN'S
The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays and Club Color, featuring funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.xtcom>
ARBOR BREWING COMPANY
Latin dance night, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tuesdays in June at the restaurant/bar, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or <http://www.arborbrewing.com>
BLIND PIG
"Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons, dancing, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 25, with DJ Del Villarreal, at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. 19 and older. "Solar" night DJ Craig Gonzalez and Detroit Bachelor DJs, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, \$6, 18 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.intuit-solar.com> or <http://www.blindpigmusic.com>
CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET
"Flashback" night with "The Planet", WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno and house on the level, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older. Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's, 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>
GOLD DOLLAR
Hip-hop and dancehall reggae dance night with DJ Chino, 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the club, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com>
THE GROOVE ROOM
Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D. Thursdays. Women admitted free. "Love Friday" alternative dance night Friday: Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays: Alternative dance Tuesdays: gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or <http://www.thegroove.com>
LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB
Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the club, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Ages 15-19. (248) 926-9950
MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER
"Good Sounds," with music by The Tonehead Collective and images by Thomas Video, 9 p.m. Fridays at Magic Stick, 18 and older. Free: "Work Release," Rock 'n' Bowl happy hour with bowling, music and complimentary food from the Majestic Cafe, 5-8 p.m. Fridays at Garden Bowl, \$6, 18 and older. "Rock 'n' Bowl" with DJ Del Villarreal, 9 p.m. Fridays and DJ Guttenberg, 9 p.m. Saturdays at Garden Bowl. Free. 18 and older. "The Bird's Nest," punk rock night with live performances, 9 p.m. Mondays at Magic Stick, Free. 18 and older. "Soul Shakedown" with DJ Big Andy, 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Magic Stick. Free. 21 and older. (313) 833-9700
MOTOR LOUNGE
"Back Room" Mondays, service industry employee appreciation night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays. Free. 21 and older. "Community Presents" with resident DJs, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays. \$3, 18 and older. "Maximum Overload," 9 p.m. Fridays, \$6, 18 and older. "Divine" with DJs Mike Clark, Mark Flash and Brian Gillespie, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays, \$6, 21 and older. All at the club, 3515 Canfield, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or <http://www.motordetroit.com>
ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER
"Three Floors of Fun," 9 p.m. Fridays \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 afterward, 18 and older. X2K dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays. "Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays in The Shelter \$6, 21 and older. St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress. Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>
STATE THEATRE
"Ignition" dance night, 9 p.m. Saturdays at the club, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 18 and older. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheater.com>
24 KRUIZ CLUB
"Cruise Night" with hot rods, Harleys and live bands, 8 p.m. Thursdays. Latin/House dance night, 9 p.m. Sundays; intermediate swing lessons, 9 p.m. Tuesdays; and beginner swing lessons 9 p.m. Wednesdays at the club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 513-5030
VELVET LOUNGE
"Viva La Noche Latina" with dance lessons from 9:10 p.m. followed by dance night, Fridays, at the club, 239 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

'Twice Upon a Yesterday' a light diversion

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Once in awhile, amidst the fireworks surrounding the huge summer releases, a film comes along that's a small but brilliant sparkler.

"Twice Upon a Yesterday" opening Friday at the Landmark Maple Theatre in Bloomfield Hills isn't it.

However, while this "Twilight Zone" and "Sliding Doors" copycat doesn't sizzle, it doesn't exactly fizzle either.

"Sliding Doors" gave us two Gwyneth Paltrow and two alternate time lines: what if she made the train home instead of missed

it, and caught her live-in boyfriend in bed with the other woman? In "Twice Upon a Yesterday," it's less complex: what if you got a chance to go back a few days and not make the same mistake twice?

Also set in London, "Twice..." offers up Scottish actor Douglas Henshall as Vic Bukowski, a cocky young actor who confesses a dalliance to his live-in girlfriend Sylvia (Lena Headey, Guinevere in the "Merlin" miniseries). When she kicks him out, he stumbles into a pub and hours later stumbles out to sleep it off in an alley.

Two mysterious Spanish

garbagemen come along and take Vic to their dump, blindfold him, spin him around as the garbage begins to glow and start quoting from "Don Quixote." "Don't look for this year's birds in last year's nests." Then they add, "Your heart is a kite entangled in a tree; go untangle it." And before you can say "Rod Serling," he's transported back several days earlier to undo the damage.

Oh, it could only be that simple. Vic changes his ways, only to find that some of those ways were what attracted Sylvia to him in the first place. Losing Sylvia again, he finds the beauti-

Romantic fable:
Penelope Cruz offers Victor (Douglas Henshall) a second chance for love in "Twice Upon a Yesterday."



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ful Louise (Pelélope Cruz, one of Spain's leading actresses). He wonders if Sylvia was worth it, and more importantly, where can you find a garbageman when you really need one?

"Twice Upon a Yesterday" is a

romantic fable from Spanish novelist/songwriter Rafa Russo. Its mostly English cast is earnest and energetic, with American Elizabeth McGovern in a small role as a barmaid who may or may not have supernatu-

ral powers. The film is harmless enough, a nice try and a light diversion. But if it's supernatural you really want, that's the signpost ahead. Your next stop: "The Twilight Zone."

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Supernatural tale of terror about a professor who has drawn three subjects into a mysterious psychological experiment in the Hill House, a mansion plagued by ominous tales of death. Stars Liam Neeson.

Scheduled to open Friday, July 30

"INSPECTOR GADGET"
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"DEEP BLUE SEA"
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STREET SCENE

Musical duo on the road to success with first CD

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Steven and Abha Dearing never dreamed there would be so many small details involved with producing their own CD.

Their excitement built steadily as they talked about the endeavor recently. Sitting side by side,



Take One: Abha and Steven Dearing play music from their new CD, "Take One," at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs.

The husband and wife duo seemed in complete harmony except for the few times when their enthusiasm got the better of them and they stepped on each other's sentences. Then one of them would gently nudge the other and they were back in sync.

The intense conversation was the exact opposite of the mellow guitar and flute selections on "Take One." The CD is easy listening music, the kind that makes you want to close your eyes and lay back.

If you'd like to hear their music live before purchasing the CD at Border's in Birmingham, Off The Record and Repeat The Beat in Royal Oak or Harmony House Classical in Ferndale, catch the Plymouth duo at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs on Friday, July 23. The Dearings will be joined by dozens of other entertainers in different areas throughout the three fairs.

"There were so many things we didn't anticipate, securing copyright permission and a bar code," said Steven. "Just when we thought we were done, another thing would come up."

The Dearing's choice of a photographer to shoot the image for the cover was easy. They chose Jim Steele, the same Detroit "photographer who took their wedding pictures a year ago in April." Their neighbor across the street, Nikki Lorence, did the graphic design.

Steven, a classical guitarist, and Abha, a flutist, stepped into a Cleveland studio to record the mix of repertoire from Ravel and Bizet to Latin selections, and an original composition by Wayne State University professor James Lentini certain they were ready, at least musically. For Abha, the returns from producing their first CD were many.

First step

"It was our first step into the professional world," said Abha. "And to be professionally mixed

What: Abha and Steven Dearing perform music from their new CD, "Take One," at the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair. They're among the nearly 30 entertainers, including Three Men and a Tenor, Bakra Bata and Mr. B, featured at four performing areas at the fair.

When: 10:50 a.m. and 11:40 a.m. Friday, July 23, on South University near the Tappan Street intersection, Ann Arbor. There are also performance areas on the corner of East and South University and Church Street.

and mastered was thrilling."

Steven's take on the session differed slightly. That's okay with Abha because the two respect each other's opinions.

"Playing in a studio is like playing in a tin can," he said. "You don't have reverberation. You can't hear yourself. My favorite part was when it was done. In the studio, we were four feet apart. We usually perform right next to each other. It was tough because we really had to listen to one another. I couldn't hear her breathe. When she breathes, I know when to come in."

Engineered by Bruce Gigax at Audio Recording, the CD took less time than expected which was important to the Dearing's who weren't spending their own money. An anonymous sponsor picked up the cost in exchange for a promise that the Dearing's repay the money when they could.

"It was very concise," said Abha. "We played each of our pieces three times. Our engineer said, we're one of the most prepared groups he'd worked with."

Potpourri of styles

From their eight hours of literature for guitar and flute, the Dearing's chose selections that would propel their performing career forward. While the duo play weddings nearly every week, concerts, like ones last year at the Plymouth Community Arts Council and The Community House in Birmingham, are fewer and far between. They hope the CD will pave the way for future performances. With the help of a computer, they purchased two months ago, Steven is searching the web for lists of promoters presenting concerts throughout the U.S. He is then able to e-mail them with information about the Dearing Concert Duo.

Artists flock to Ann Arbor

Nearly 1,100 artists take to the streets of downtown Ann Arbor to display their wares at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs. Continuous entertainment offered on stages throughout downtown Ann Arbor. There are also free children and adult art activity areas. For visitor information, call (800) 888-9487 or visit the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau Web site www.annarbor.org

Fair hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday to Friday, July 22-23; and until 6 p.m. Saturday, July 24.

Transportation: Fairgoers are encouraged to park at Briarwood Mall (off I-94 at State St.) or Pioneer High School (Main and Stadium) and take the shuttle bus to the fairs. Shuttle bus fare, \$2 adults (\$1 each way), no charge for children age 7 and under.

Trolley rides between the three fairs cost 50 cents, shuttle bus passengers ride free. Shuttle buses and trolleys will run 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday to Friday; and until 7 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (313) 996-0400 or go to <http://theride.org> on the Web.

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DINING

Spanish cuisine served at new Hola! Tapas Cafe

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

In Spain, even the smallest village has at least one spot where locals gather to enjoy tapas, drinks and conversation with friends. Now, on a larger scale, you can enjoy a fairly authentic Spanish experience at Hola! Tapas Cafe in Pontiac.

Spanish dishes are today's "in" food. A Spanish-theme restaurant means a U.S. metro area is dialed into the world of international foods.

Make no mistake, I'm talking about Spanish cuisine, not Mexican, and there's a world of difference.

In mid-June, owner Nino Cutraro transformed Baci Abbracci in Pontiac from an Italian restaurant. He said "Hi" (Hola!) to decidedly Spanish. The little Xs and Os etched on glass dividers still speak to the hugs and kisses translation of baci abbracci, but a loving touch is OK in any language!

Interior face-lifts opened up the main dining room to the bar/dance floor and produced a female flamenco dancer in brilliant red dress on the wall. Gone are the white table cloths. Now terra cotta covered with white butcher block, tables offer the feeling of casual, a place to gather with friends, kick back and order rounds of a couple

Hola! Tapas Cafe
Where: 40 W. Pike Street, Pontiac (248) 253-1300.
Hours: 5-11 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; until midnight Friday and Saturday.
Menu: Spanish all the way from tapas (little dishes of Spain), four types of paella and entradas (main courses) prepared a la brasa (roasted), a la plancha (flame grilled) or a la sal (baked in salt).
Entertainment: Thursday DJ Salsa night at 9 p.m. Live Latin music Friday and Saturday evenings at 10 p.m.
Cost: Tapas \$3-8; Paella \$9-13; Entradas \$13-17.
Reservations: Accepted.
Credit cards: All majors accepted.

ple of paellas — food to be shared.

Tapas originated around the 19th century in Andalusia, the most-laid back region of Spain. It was a bartender's practice to top a sherry glass with a cover (tapa) to keep the contents free of flies. The custom progressed, and today, tapas are the rage of Spain. They can be as simple as a dish of olives, fried salted almonds, jamon Serrano or Manchego (traditional Spanish cheese) to an elaborately prepared hot seafood dish.

Hola! Tapas Cafe offers 10 tapas frias (cold) and 10 tapas calientes (hot). Tortilla Espanola is one of the cold, or more precisely, room-temperature tapas. This tortilla is nothing like the Mexican. It is more like an omelet with potato, onions and green peppers, akin to an Italian

frittata.

Among hot tapas, try Vieiras a la Plancha, grilled sea scallops with saffron sauce, topped with roe mayonnaise; Calamares Relenos, stuffed squid with multi-colored peppers, onions and sausage in a light pescadora sauce; and Pincho de Solomillo a la Pimienta, grilled tenderloin of beef brochette rolled in cracked black pepper.

Having spent several weeks in Spain and some days in Valencia (paella's capital) recently, I've grown very fond of paella. In Spain, one of the ways you know paella is made to order is that the menu requests allowance of 30 to 40 minutes for its preparation and the minimum is a two-person order, priced per person. This is precisely what Hola! Tapas Cafe does for its four paellas: Mariscos (seafood), Valen-

ciana (chicken and pork), de Verduras (vegetable), and Fideau de Mariscos (macaroni-like pasta with seafood).

Pretty close to authentic! At one of Valencia's star paella restaurants, my husband Ray and I paid just under \$40 U.S. for dinner that included a sherry copa for each of us that came with tapas, paella Valenciana, a bottle of quality Spanish red wine and a shared flan for dessert.

At Hola!, without the sherry, you'll pay \$10 per person for the paella, \$30 for the most reasonably-priced Spanish wine and \$4 for the flan.

Close, but driving up the cost is the wine, which at its source was much cheaper. Handicapping for our airfare, your drive to Pontiac for a near-Valencia experience is priced fairly.

Among entrees, the most interesting is the Dorada a la Sal, red snapper baked in salt and served with alioli sauce. It, too, is made to order and requires a prep time of 40 minutes. Amuse your taste buds with tapas while you wait. On a low sodium diet? Don't fret. The salt crust is not eaten, it's just the medium used to bake this Mediterranean-style fish specialty.

Interesting Spanish desserts include two unique: Arroz con Leche, baked Spanish rice pud-



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At your service: Executive chef Bradley Kimelman, (left) and sous chef Bud Saley prepare authentic Spanish cuisine at the new Hola! Tapas Cafe in Pontiac.

ding. If your mother made better, you're lucky! Leche Frita is fried milk with vanilla and cinnamon, sugar laced with black raspberry sauce.

Behind all this authenticity is Cutraro's friend Chef Julia, a native of Vigo in the Galicia region of northern Spain. Chef Julia is director of the culinary school in Vigo, Spain's largest fishing port. She created all the recipes and taught Hola's

kitchen staff including executive chef Bradley Kimelman, a 1981 OCC culinary department graduate, who has been executive chef and general manager at a number of area restaurants before Hola.

Nino's brother Luigi Cutraro is banking on this because he's opening Sangria, a similar Spanish-theme restaurant in Royal Oak on Lafayette at the corner of Fourth Street, in a few weeks.

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Here are some restaurants we've recently featured on the Dining Page.

Shivers Cafe — 34365 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (in the Stark Plaza, on the southeast corner of Stark and Plymouth Roads); (734) 421-6090. Open year round. Summer hours are 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday; 1-10 p.m., Saturday; 1-9:30 p.m., Sunday

Menu: Bagel sandwiches,

homemade soups, salads, quiche and desserts (brownies, cookies, pies, cakes), ice cream, frozen yogurt and a selection of coffees, teas and juices

Cost: Inexpensive. Credit cards are not accepted. Everything on the menu is available to go.

Buca di Beppo — 38888 Six Mile Road, (between Haggerty and I-275), (734) 4-MANGIA, 462-6442. 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. 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: All majors.

La Shish — 1699 Canton Center Road at Ford Road, Canton, (734) 983-9000. Open 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday.

Menu: Middle Eastern cuisine. Cost: Entrees range in price from \$3.99 to \$14.99

Reservations: La Shish maintains a "call ahead" policy, especially on the weekends. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

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