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THE WEEK AHEAD TODAY

Culture: A summer concert at the outdoor pavilion behind the Westland Public Library will feature the Phil Gram Combo at 6 p.m. The rain site is the Bailey Recreation Center on Ford Rd.

MONDAY

Meeting: The Westland City Council will meet at 7 p.m. tonight on the second floor of city hall. Following the regularly scheduled council meeting a study session will be held to discuss the pending 18th District Court expansion. The public is welcome.

TUESDAY

Business: The Westland Planning Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the second floor of City Hall, located on Ford Road between Newburgh and Wayne roads.

WEDNESDAY

Fun: The Westland DARE Doggie Day event will take place at Lincoln Elementary School on Grand Traverse. Free hot dogs will be available and officers will be on hand for questions.

SATURDAY

Fore: The annual youth golf tournament will be hosted by the Municipal Golf Course located at 500 S. Merriman. For information call (734) 721-6660.

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City outlines rat eradication plan



Michigan Pest Control Association says they will begin placing poison down burrows where rats are living and breeding. Residents are urged to do their part to eliminate rodents.

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Pest-control experts, rat-weary residents and image-conscious city officials have declared war against a rat colony thriving in a residential neighborhood southeast of Merriman and Cherry Hill.

The battle plan:

- Michigan Pest Control Association experts Tuesday will start placing rat poison in burrows.

- Homeowners are tearing down rat-harboring sheds, removing yard rubbish and eliminating outdoor food sources that lure rodents.

- City workers are hauling away curbside debris, launching rat-fighting education efforts, picking up dead rats and offering to help residents remove

wooden sheds, crab apple trees, railroad ties and other rodent-harboring objects.

"I'm happy that I'm seeing a lot of efforts being made by the city and the citizens to handle the problem," Carol Black, who lives on Steinhauer, said.

An emergency rat-ridding plan unfolded Wednesday as 72 residents joined city officials and pest-control experts for a two-hour community meeting at Elliott Elementary School.

Police Chief Emery Price led much of the meeting. Mayor Robert Thomas was out of town and missed it.

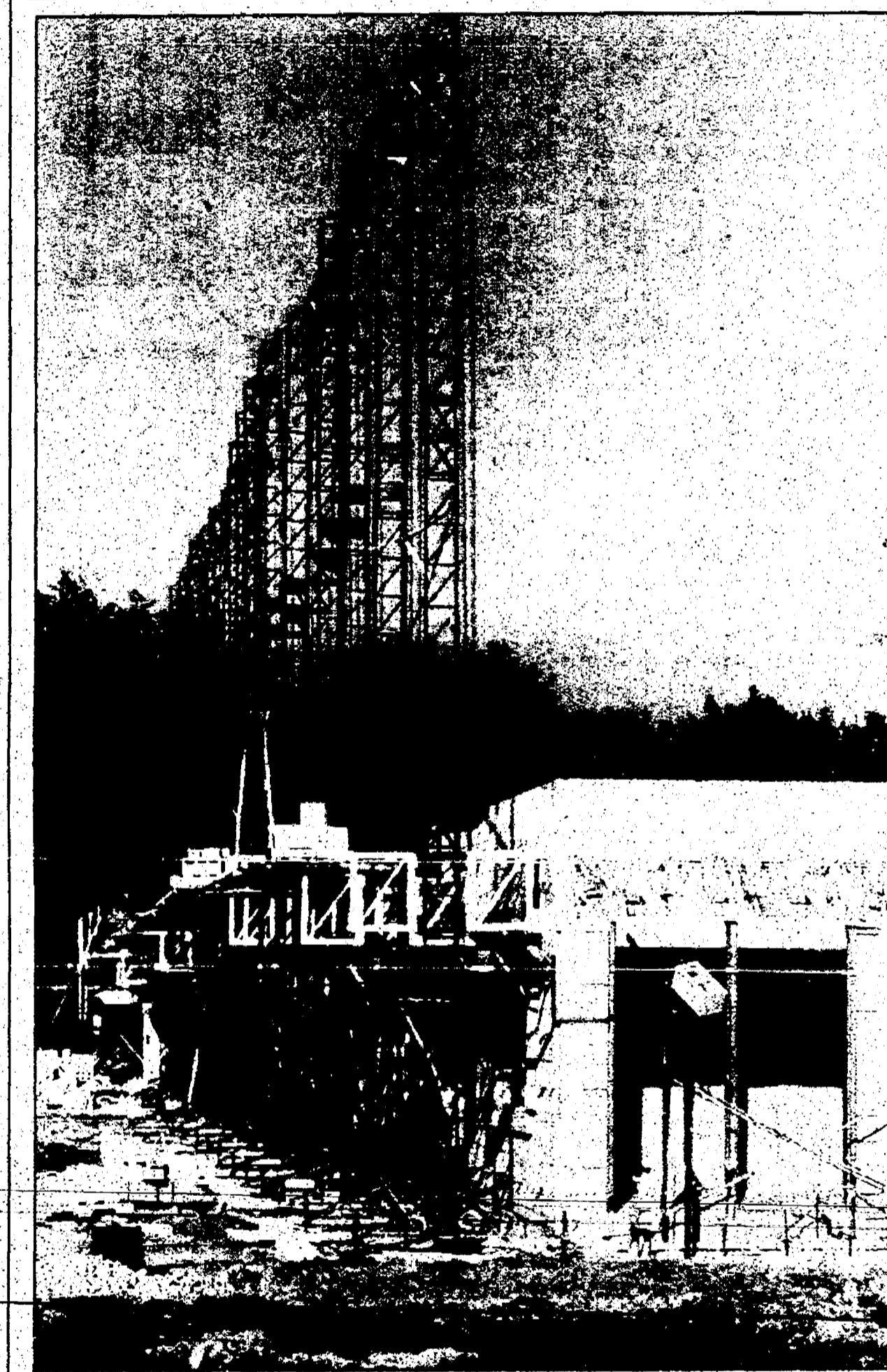
Residents, worried about possible diseases and declining property values,

seemed hopeful that rat problems will begin to subside in the area of Steinhauer, Hiveley, Birchwood and Shotka.

Michigan Pest Control Association representatives Bob England and Jerry Hatch announced a plan to start placing rat-killing chemicals in burrows on Tuesday.

"We're going to put stress on them," England said, adding that some rats will die and "some are going to move." England warned that surviving rats won't leave the neighborhood unless residents remove their food sources and destroy places that shelter them.

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New construction: Students at Taft-Galloway will be able to eye the new addition to their school when classes begin in September. The building (above) will have classrooms on two floors with handicap access. (Top right) Superintendent Greg Baracy points out where the new entrance of Adams Middle School will be located and the significant progress construction workers have made with underground electrical, water and sewer updates. Baracy toured six district construction sites by school bus with board of education members, administrators and representatives of the architectural and construction firms overseeing the projects.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Construction on target says district

By KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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A fireplace from the 1920s, concrete manhole covers and downspouts made of wood are among some of the dated attributes construction workers and architects have discovered while remodeling and updating schools throughout Wayne-Westland.

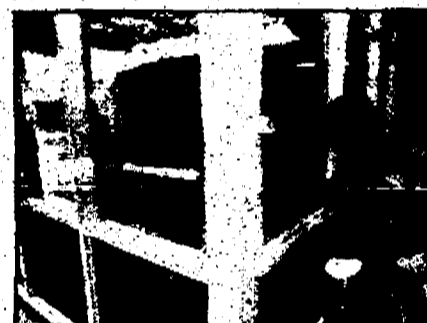
The massive undertaking is nothing short of a logistics miracle as buildings are demolished, erected and updated with the \$108.3 million dollar bond that was approved by voters in 1998.

Progress of the district-wide project was surveyed by members of the board of education, school administrators, representatives from the construction company McS/EV and the architectural firm of TMP this past week.

Interested parties were given a firsthand look at the status of the undertaking by way of a school bus tour that included stops at five elementary schools and Adams Middle School.

According to Superintendent Greg Baracy, the intention of the bus tour was to "show the progress thus far" while illustrating the "intricate details" of the project that could only be seen by visiting the construction sites.

"We hope you'll gain a good understanding of the depth of



Detail work: Painter Nick Alia puts the finishing touches on the window trim of the main office at Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary.

the project but it's something you have to see," said Baracy before boarding a new school bus — one of several purchased with the \$108.3 million bond money. "Once all of the projects are complete, you'll be able to see the goodness the bond brought to the district."

Unexpected surprises

"Oh boy," said newly elected school board member Skip Monit as the Wayne-Westland bus came to a stop on Grand Traverse in front of Lincoln Elementary School. Monit's reaction came after hearing workers discovered the trusses of the roof were covered with pressed board rather than plywood overlaying the rough carpentry.

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Road alignment safer for drivers, traffic flow

By DARRELL CLEM
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An intersection considered dangerous near John Glenn High School is expected to receive long-awaited improvements this month, officials said.

Glenn's westernmost driveway on Marquette will be moved farther west

county road crews installing a traffic light to make the intersection safer, but Gillies said it isn't clear when that will occur.

"We'll be working with the county to expedite things," he said.

Parents lodged complaints about the Carlson-Marquette area years ago, saying it places students at risk because of hazardous traffic patterns.

Motorists driving south on Carlson are required to stop where the road dead-ends at Marquette, but parents say peak morning and afternoon traffic hours become worse due to Glenn traf-



Gillies

ROAD WORK

to line up with Carlson, creating a four-way intersection.

That portion of the project is scheduled to start Aug. 16 and be finished before students return to school this fall, Westland Deputy Mayor George Gillies said.

A second phase will follow, with

Please see TRAFFIC, A3

Couple find body in lake

By MATT JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Authorities are investigating the death of a woman whose body was found in Newburgh Lake, outside Livonia's Lakepointe Yacht Club, Friday afternoon.

The woman, preliminarily identified as a Westland resident in her 50s, was spotted by a couple exercising a dog in the water about 2:30 p.m.

Keith Brown said he was walking toward his black Labrador retriever, which was on its way back to the banks after retrieving a ball in the water, when he looked to his left and saw the body.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Gruesome discovery: Keith Brown points to the location where he and his fiancée, Carla Liberato of Livonia, saw the body floating.

"Not the kind of think you expect to find in the middle of an average day," said Brown's fiancée, Carla Liberato of Livonia, who was standing nearby when Brown saw the woman.

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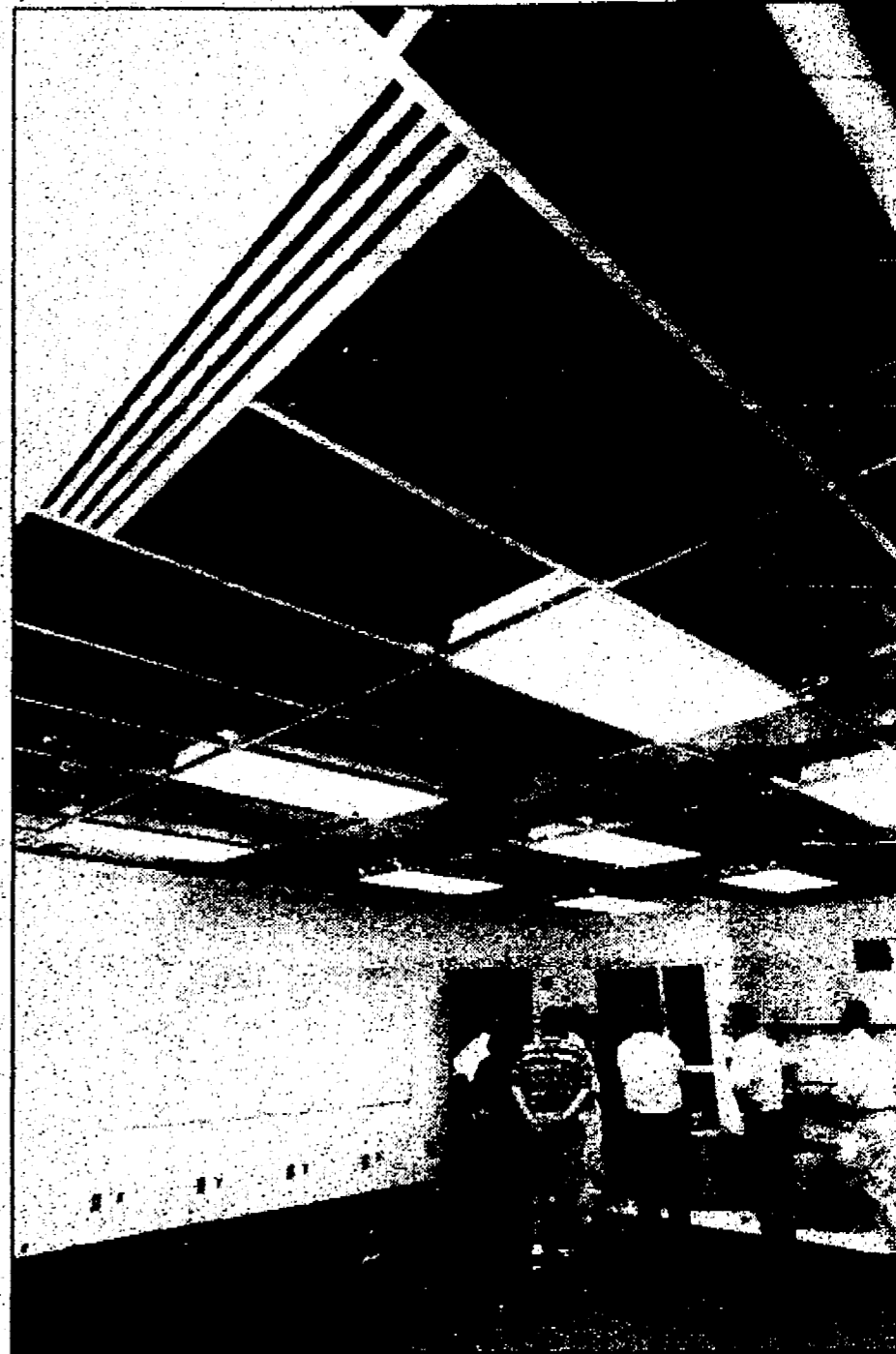
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Conversation piece: (Left) A fireplace from the 1920s featuring "The Cow Jumped Over the Moon" nursery rhyme will be preserved and become the focal point of a sitting area outside the main office of Walker-Winter Elementary School. According to school officials the fireplace was once used to heat the school. (Above) A new facade on the back of Walker features colored columns and an awning to shield students from the weather.



Room to grow: Board of education members (l-r) Mathew McCusker and Skip Monit speak with Construction Manager Bill McCarthy in one of the classrooms located in the new addition of Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School. The carpeting and cabinetry are colored coordinated in blues and reds. (Right) Tour participants stand in another new classroom below extensive air conditioning duct work that will be controlled individually in each classroom of the new addition.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Jon Riebe of TMP pointed out early in the tour that that find wasn't the only problem the architects and construction workers uncovered since district-wide construction began in July of 1998.

"Some we planned on ... some not," said Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent of general administration.

Lincoln, an elementary building that was originally erected as a temporary structure during war time, had a lack of support for the ceiling. Since then, wall supports have been erected.

This is just one of the instances, said Baracy, when a contingency plan, written into

every budget for unexpected repairs at each of the schools, was utilized.

"Our recommendation with everything has been to fix it now and make everything sound and structurally safe," said Sherman.

Even though the new windows haven't yet arrived at Lincoln, Jefferson, Schweitzer, Hoover and Kettering temporary Plexiglas windows will be installed for ventilation and lighting until they arrive in mid-to late September.

Big changes

The scope of the projects are extensive from school to school. Updates include new tracks, upgraded football public address systems, scoreboards and new bleachers at both high schools. New boilers will be installed at some schools, as well as new gymnasium floors, asphalt paving of parking lots and bus loops, and six computer terminal outlets are wired in every classroom throughout the district.

According to Sherman, each elementary classroom will receive three new computers from the district and one printer this fall; middle school classrooms will have four computers and one for each high school classrooms because of their computer, mathematics and foreign language labs where computers already exist.

The assistant superintendent said the additional outlets provide schools with the opportunity to expand computer access in the future.

Schools that are undergoing

the most extensive renovations include Walker-Winter, Adams, Kettering, Roosevelt-McGrath and Taft-Galloway. Not only are new additions and classrooms being added but exterior architectural features at some of the schools include colored masonry and pillars, curved facades and canopy-type awnings to shield students from inclement weather.

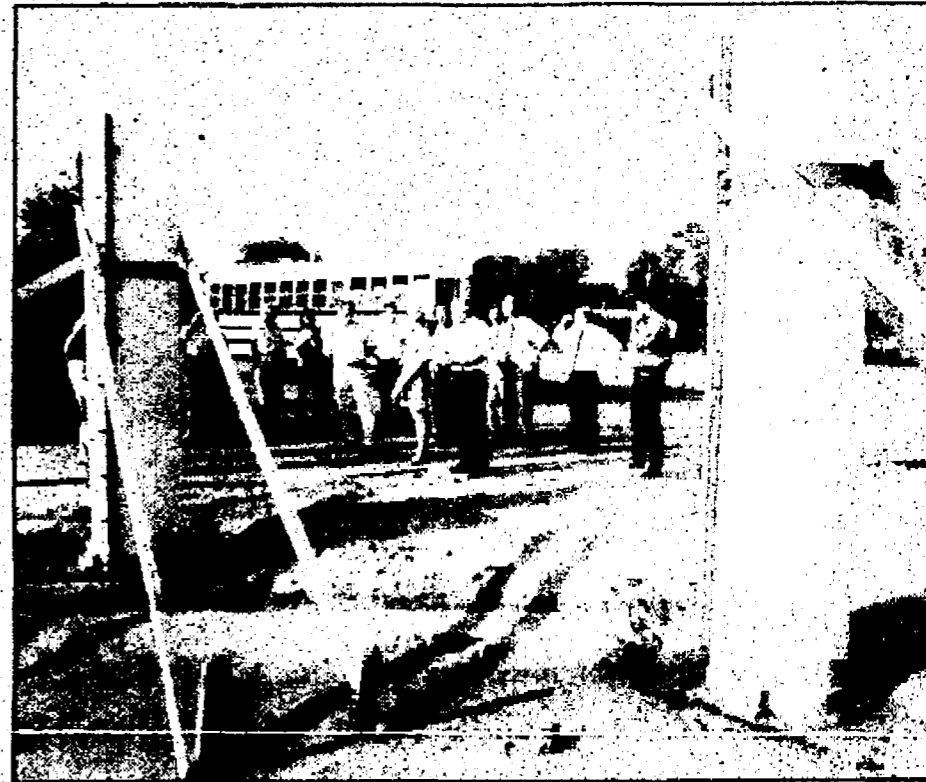
Much needed improvements will come to most all the schools in the form of new carpeting, paint, light fixtures, tile (classroom and hallway), cabinets, sinks, ceiling tiles, computer tables, fire alarms and alarms fitted with strobe lights for children with hearing impairments.

"We are on target," said Baracy, "though it may not look like it and we're still on budget."

The optimism of the superintendent and McS/EV Construction Manager Bill McCarthy was fueled by the progress made so far as well as the cooperation of the teachers, custodial staff and administrators who worked diligently to prepare the buildings for updates, remodeling and demolition.

In addition to storing equipment, furniture and educational materials in gymnasiums, 48 storage containers measuring 40-by-8 feet (the size of semi-trailers) are located on the grounds of many of the schools to hold a majority of the materials.

While all of the projects will not be completed in the fall (Adams and Taft-Galloway additions will continue through



Entrance: The focal point of Kettering Elementary School will be these large pillars.

August 2000), the asbestos abatement is nearly complete in all the schools and some work will continue during school hours with as little inconvenience to the school day as possible.

"Our main focus is the safety of the students," said Doug Underwood of McS/EV.

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Mall reaches milestone

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

LAUREL PARK

Livonia city planners had a lot of hope for what Laurel Park Place would do for Livonia's northwest section, and as the center celebrates its 10th anniversary, many observers say it has surpassed expectations.

"It gives the city some identity," said John Nagy, Livonia planning director from 1970 until last May and now director of the Plymouth Road Development Authority.

"It set a high-water mark for development and made a statement for those that would follow, because they would have to measure up to the standards set forth by Laurel Park."


To ensure that would happen, the Livonia City Council created a special vicinity control ordinance and an architectural control ordinance for the area. The ordinances required Livonia Planning Commission review and council approval for any development, even a sign erection or alteration.

"The ordinances saw that there was compatibility and harmony with all development so that it would be complementary to the area and the basic plan that the city adopted for Laurel Park Place," Nagy said.

Schostak Bros. and Co. owns

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Liberato went into the Yacht Club and asked a waitress to call the police.

A diver from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department recovered the body shortly before 4 p.m., as investigators from the Livonia Police Department and the sheriff's department searched for possible evidence in the midday heat.

They opened a blue-gray Mercury Sable parked near the water, in the Yacht Club's parking lot, and found the driver's license of a Westland woman.

It turned out the woman had been reported missing Thursday by her daughter, police said. She had last been seen by her family on Wednesday, police said.

A positive identification had not been made by late Friday, however.

Sheriff Robert Ficano said the death was being investigated as a crime.

"We're treating this as a crime scene until we gather all the information," Ficano said.

The woman had been in the water since Thursday or perhaps Friday morning, the sheriff said. The body was fully dressed in casual clothing, he said.

At least a dozen law-enforcement officers were at the scene during a 90-minute period Friday. Parts of the Yacht Club's lawn area and parking lot were blocked off with crime-scene tape.

Patrons of the Yacht Club, on Ann Arbor Road, as well as local television news crews, gathered outside and on the tavern's outdoor deck to watch the operation.

■ Keith Brown said he was walking toward his black Labrador retriever, which was on its way back to the banks after retrieving a ball in the water, when he looked to his left and saw the body.

Brown and Liberato, who were among the patrons after they were interviewed by a sheriff's deputy, said they go there about once a month to exercise the black Lab and enjoy a drink.

"Really, we needed one after that," Brown said.

Popular Highland Games scheduled

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

What Mel Gibson did in the movie "Braveheart" for Scottish awareness worldwide, Bill Phenix of Plymouth and other volunteers are doing locally during the Highland Games at Greenmead in Livonia.

"It's one of the oldest Highland Games in North America," said Phenix, president of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. The Scottish organization was founded in 1849 in Detroit and, on its 150th anniversary, is hosting the event from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7.

While Celts will likely make up the bulk of the crowd, people of all nationalities attend the annual gathering, which is expected to draw 14,000 to 16,000 people.

Held for the third year in the historic village, the Highland Games features kilt-clad bagpipers, Highland dancers, athletic competitions and duck, cattle and sheep herding.

Tickets are \$10 each, which includes a shut-

tle ride from Schoolcraft College to the Greenmead grounds.

"There's something to watch all day long," Phenix said. The 150th annual Highland Games are patterned after the ethnic tradition that began in the 14th century when local clans, or families, gathered for leaping races, running competitions and log tossing.

Greenmead will be transformed by the ethnic traditions of northern Great Britain including bagpipers, drummers, fiddlers, harpers, singers, dancers and Scottish athletes. Crafts, ethnic drink and food, such as meat pies and fish and chips, will be available.

The Highland games made a profit of \$21,000 last year and donated \$19,000 to non-profit organizations including Gleaners, the Salvation Army, Goodfellows and scholarships, Phenix said.

St. Andrew's Society of Detroit was started in 1849 to help indigent Scots in the Detroit area and has evolved during the last century and a half to help area charities.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Entrance: A view from outside Laurel Park Place.

the center on the northwest corner of Six Mile and Newburgh. The mall features 73 stores, a 10-screen AMC movie complex, an attached office center, a full-service Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, a Courtyard by Marriott hotel and the Park Place Athletic Club.

The upscale center is anchored by Jacobson's and the other Parisian in Michigan. Other high-end retailers include Ann Taylor, Eddie Bauer, Franklin Covey, The Gap, Gymboree, Talbots and Williams-Sonoma.

"It's the west-side Somerset," said Karen Susalla, Laurel Park marketing director.

Planning began in the mid-1970s when the property was assembled by Angelo DiPonio, who owned Greenfield Construction in Livonia. Sam Frankel then joined DiPonio in working on the project.

The first parcel was purchased by Jacobson's, and with Schostak the enclosed shopping center was under way.

"We had Wonderland and Livonia Mall and this would be the last really major commercial development in the city," Nagy said. With a commitment to make sure Laurel Park Place elevated Livonia's reputation, Greenfield Construction donated the northwest and southwest corners for an extensive berm.

Six Mile and Newburgh roads were widened and boulevards were built to help control traffic and its appearance, according to Gerald "Joe" Taylor, a councilman at the time.

Initially, Taylor was among the residents in the Levan and Six Mile area who opposed the development.

"We moved to Livonia because we wanted the rural area," Taylor said. "Those who were opposed were pretty pleased afterward. It's not so large as Fairlane and (Twelve Oaks). We had a developer who was conscientious and dependable and kept his word."

Nearby residents, especially homeowners in the Gold Manor subdivision, on the east side of Newburgh, north of Six Mile, were leery about possible traffic problems, extended hours of operation, noise and obtrusive signs.

George Shurin, who has lived in the subdivision for 28 years, was wholeheartedly against Laurel Park Place. Proving that deep wounds heal slowly, last year was the first time he visited the center, even though it's less than one block away.

"That's not to say my wife and daughters didn't go there," he added.

Even though residents like Shurin couldn't eliminate the project, he said, they were pacified by knowing it was downsized. Multi-story office complexes were nixed and store sizes were made smaller. One of the

biggest victories for residents was the replacement of some office with houses on the south side of Six Mile.

Shurin noted, however, that the change in plans was likely the result of an economic slump. Despite his voracious opposition in the beginning, Shurin said, Laurel Park Place was nicely executed.

"I'm pleasantly pleased, because the development is smaller than what was planned," Shurin said. "It really is well maintained and there isn't the runoff traffic on our street as we expected."

His neighbor across the street, Jeff Anderson, has lived in the house for six months. The center was a detraction when he considered buying. "Now that we know what type of mall it is we don't have a problem with it," Anderson said.

Tony Paglione, who also lives on Bennett, said he likes having the mall so close, especially during the holidays.

But the right-turn-only sign at the end of the block to keep shoppers out of the neighborhood is a nuisance, because he drives three blocks to travel east on Six Mile, he said.

Anderson and Paglione are too new to the neighborhood to remember a group that called itself Concerned Citizens of Northwest Livonia, which also was against the proposed movie theater at Laurel Park. Since small screens were proposed, residents worried that if the project failed, other companies might take over and show X-rated movies.

"We thought the movie theaters might diminish the character of Laurel Park, but as it turns out, our concerns were without basis," said Jack Engbretson, Livonia City Council president, who was a member of that group.

"We were trying to influence the city in fending off the office and commercial development at Seven Mile and Newburgh and now it's all homes, which was a great victory for all concerned."

"It has the same good, high quality appearance now on its 10th anniversary that it did when it was brand new and sparkling," Engbretson said.

"It's a part of a quality of life issue that makes Livonia a great place to live, work and raise a family."

Laurel Park has become the cornerstone of upscale development in that area, according to Cindy Ciura, Schostak's vice president of corporate marketing.

"They wanted upscale department stores, housing and we were able to provide all of that," Ciura said. "Now there are dozens of fortune 500 companies along that area."

Laurel Park was successful in setting a tone for future develop-

Activities planned for anniversary

Laurel Park Place plans a free Disney Spectacular for Friday, Aug. 6, through Sunday, Aug. 8, in celebration of its 10th anniversary. All events will take place inside the mall.

■ Mickey's Rock-a-Robics: A 20-minute singing and dancing show, featuring Aerobic Mickey, Surfer Goofy and Donald Duck. On the hour between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. each day. Scheduled to take place front of Parisian.

■ Disney Doodles: A 20-minute show featuring a sketch artist narrating a Disney story while sketching scenes from the story. Sketches will be given to the public. Hourly between 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. each day. Scheduled to take place in front of Jacobson's.

■ Mickey and Minnie Mouse meet and greet: 1-5 p.m. daily in the mall's center court. Characters will alternate every 30 minutes.

■ Belle and Beast meet and greet: 1-5 p.m. daily near the Marriott Hotel. Characters will alternate every 30 minutes.

As part of the Disney Spectacular, 10 percent of the weekend's receipts from the sale of Disney merchandise will be donated to Children's Hospital of Michigan. Shoppers are asked to present their receipts for stamping and recording to a hospital representative who will be stationed near Talbots Kids. The mall is guaranteeing a donation of at least \$10,000.

Store events in celebration of the anniversary include:

■ A 10-day, 10-percent-off sale Aug. 9-19 at participating stores. Promotional inserts will be featured in local papers.

■ Jacobson's back-to-school fashion show at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, in the children's department.

■ Parisian fashion show at 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 21, in the Parisian court.

■ Samples of food from Sweet Lorraine's through the month of August. The restaurant will open a location in the Livonia Marriott this fall.

ment, and a lot had to do with its marketing techniques, said Ken Kelsey, Livonia Chamber of Commerce board chairman.

"They don't call it a mall even though you and I both know it's a mall," Kelsey said. "It's a thing to set themselves apart. It's good marketing. Part of its success is its central location near I-275."

"That's probably one of the best areas to get to from anywhere, including Detroit, Ann Arbor, Southfield and Farmington," Kelsey said. "They started out as a high-class place and they kept it that way."

Blood drive replenishes supply

A two-day blood drive at Garden City Hospital collected 108 pints for the American Red Cross.

The blood drive was held Wednesday and Thursday in the hospital's medical office building.

"We consciously take two rough periods for our blood

drives - July when people are on vacation and the week between Christmas and New Year," said hospital spokesman Terry Carroll. "We try to replenish the blood supply when it is low."

The American Red Cross had declared a blood alert in Michigan recently due to less than a one-day supply of blood being in

their inventory.

The next blood drive sponsored by the hospital will be held Sept. 29-30. "We're looking for community support," said Carroll.

Donations can also be arranged through the Red Cross by calling (800) 448-3543.

Traffic from page A1

fic.

Parent Linda Long, who waged a battle years ago for improvements, has said a four-way intersection and traffic light would usher in simpler driving conditions and give students a safer place to cross roads.

Glenn student Christina Raymond in 1997 suffered leg injuries, including a chipped bone and torn ligaments, when she was hit by a car near Marquette and Carlson.

Her mother, Tina Schweim, said then that students "have to

dodge cars all the time."

But city and school officials now hope the intersection improvements will ease traffic problems.

"We felt that this would cut down on a lot of confusion," Gillies said. "Right now, the way it is, it's too busy. This project will make (traffic patterns) simpler and more direct."

Westland city officials and Wayne-Westland school district leaders agreed to share project costs.

Carlson-Marquette changes

amount to one more summer project - among many - that school officials hope will be finished before students return this fall.

"We believe that (new intersection) will be installed by the time school starts," Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent of general administration, said last week.

Glenn administrators have said more than 2,000 people go to and from the school every day when classes are in session.

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OBITUARIES

MARGARET E. HILL

Services for Margaret Hill, 80, of Westland were July 30 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Cemetery. Officiating was Deacon John Kenny.

Mrs. Hill was born Jan. 28, 1919, in Davenport, Iowa and died July 28 in Westland.

Surviving are her husband, Robert; son, Robert (Dee); brothers, Donald (Isabelle) Hammond and Harold (Maureen) Hammond; sister, Betty (George) Ferguson; and two grandchildren.

SAM E. FAVORS

Services for Sam Favors, 74, of Wayne were July 28 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne. A Masonic Service under the auspices of

Wayne Lodge No. 112 was also held.

Mr. Favors was born Nov. 22, 1924, in Honey Grove, Texas and died July 25 in Wayne. He was a welder in the automotive industry.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; daughters, Cynthia (Ronald) Powers and Martha Mullins; stepsons, Kenneth (Maty Ann) Stewart, James (Kay) Stewart and Richard (Nancy) Stewart; stepdaughter, Cynthia Wright; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Several family members reside in the Westland area.

Mr. Favors was preceded in death by his daughter, Susan Favors; brother, James (Tex) Favors; and sister, Pauline McIntyre.

DANIEL J. CONNELL

A funeral Mass for Daniel Connell, 49, of Canton was July 23 in St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Officiating was the Rev. Jack Quinlan.

Mr. Connell was born Oct. 16, 1949, in Detroit and died July 20 at his residence in Canton. He had lived in this area many years. He was a tool and die maker for Ford Motor Company. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Trish; children, Shannon, Colleen and Kelly; sister, Peg (Dan) Loch.

Mr. Connell was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Rose Connell and brother, Terry.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

Arrangements were made by Neely-

Turovski Funeral Home.

RUTH E. HOOD

Services for Ruth Hood, 66, of Westland were July 9 in St. Michaels Lutheran Church in Wayne with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

Mrs. Hood was born June 18, 1933, in McEwen, Tenn. and died July 6 in Chelsea, Mich. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her son, William (Marilyn); daughter, Debra (Donald) Donaldson; brothers, William (Wanda) Bagwell and Walter (Sandra) Bagwell; sister, Erma (Richard) Wagner; and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Hood was preceded in death by her husband, Billy.

Memorials may be made to St.

Michaels Lutheran Church in Wayne. Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

ALBERT G. TERRY

Services for Albert Terry, 79, of Westland were July 8 in Uht Funeral Home with a Masonic Lodge service by Wayne Lodge No. 112 F. and A.M.

Mr. Terry was born April 1, 1920, in Canada and died July 5 in Westland. He was an insurance salesman.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; son, Michael; brothers, Robert and Prosper; and two grandchildren, Dawn and Darren.

Mr. Terry was preceded in death by his sister, Ivy Lemon.

Rats from page A1

Steinhauer resident Lorraine Scram's 65-year-old husband, Donald, braved sweltering heat last week to tear down an old shed in their yard.

"He's really too old to be out there working in that hot sun," she said.

Lorraine Scram voiced frustration Wednesday that a neighbor still hadn't torn down another old shed. "It's a problem," she said.

Price said city officials will try to convince reluctant neighbors to join the rat war and - if necessary - will continue to issue ordinance violations.

Price said city workers will help homeowners who aren't physically able to clean up their

property or who need debris hauled away. Call Sgt. Jeff Gillespie at 721-6311 or Price at 467-3226.

Meanwhile, Scram and neighbor Eva Rock are among residents who bought rat-killing bait and put it in burrows in their yards.

"We've killed 10 to 14 rats," Rock said.

Because these Norway rats grow up to 18 inches and can spread disease, England advised residents to use gloves and, if possible, tongs to pick up the dead rats: place them in plastic or paper.

Price said residents can dispose of dead rats by calling the

earlier-listed phone numbers.

"We'll send out an animal control officer," Price said.

Officials said the city will take the appropriate steps to have the rats incinerated.

On Wednesday, officials advised residents in problem areas to avoid using bird feeders and to feed their pets indoors when possible.

"Bird feeders are great for rats to feed in," England said.

While surveying the neighborhood, England and Hatch found outdoor sheds, railroad ties, dog houses and ground-level vegetation as prime rat-luring spots.

"Every place I have been I have not seen garbage as a prob-

lem," England said.

He said one pair of rats can multiply to 15,000 in one year, "but that's not the situation here."

Some residents raised questions about possible dangers to pets when pest-control experts start putting rat-killing chemicals in burrows Tuesday.

"Is this poison going to make it into my dogs?" Michael Vestich asked. He and his wife have a basset hound and a poodle.

Price responded, "We're planning on putting the chemicals in the burrows."

Pets, mostly cats, that try to eat poisoned rats usually don't suffer the same fate, England said.

In advance of Tuesday's rat assault, residents like Carol Black already have removed crab apple trees to avoid giving rodents a home. She worked for hours trying to cut down a tree before calling the city for help.

"They were out there within 45 minutes," she said.

England advised residents that they shouldn't rip up their backyard gardens and chop down trees unless rats are a problem there.

Some homeowners pointed to a dilapidated strip mall on the southwest corner of Merriman and Cherry Hill as a possible problem. The center has decayed as residents wait for a developer

to follow through on plans to renovate it.

"That mall is an absolute mess of crumbling walls and broken windows," Eva Rock said.

City officials have pledged to talk to property owners about cleaning up the site.

Following this week's rat attack, Price said experts will revisit the neighborhood in two to three months to see if rodent problems have been curbed.

Residents who earlier criticized the city's inaction now appear satisfied with new developments.

Said Black: "I'm very happy with the way things are being handled now."

Man backed over by girlfriend, accidentally, after domestic dispute

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A domestic quarrel ended Wednesday after a Westland woman accidentally backed her car over her boyfriend as he lay in their driveway to keep her from leaving, police Lt. Marc Stobbe said.

The 44-year-old woman rolled her 1996 Cavalier over her boyfriend's hip during a 9:15 p.m. incident in the 8100 block of Flamingo, near Merriman and Ann Arbor Trail.

The 43-year-old man suffered bruising and abrasions, and Westland firefighters took him to Livonia St. Mary

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Hospital. He had been released by Friday.

The couple had been drinking alcohol, and the woman apparently didn't see her boyfriend before she backed her car over him, a police report said.

The woman isn't expected to face charges.

"She had no idea he was lying in the driveway until she felt the car go up and down," Stobbe said.

The man was injured when a driver-side rear wheel rolled over his hip area,

according to a police report.

The couple had been living together about two months when Wednesday night's dispute erupted.

The victim told police that he laid down in the driveway and yelled at his girlfriend, "You're going to have to run me over if you want to leave."

The man insisted to police that his girlfriend didn't hear him and that the incident "was a mistake."

He didn't want to file a complaint against her.

According to police reports, the man reported that "everything was fine" and

The 43-year-old man suffered bruising and abrasions, and Westland firefighters took him to Livonia St. Mary Hospital. He had been released by Friday. The couple had been drinking alcohol, and the woman apparently didn't see her boyfriend before she backed her car over him, a police report said.

that the incident "was all his fault."

The driver told police she didn't know her boyfriend was under her car "until she felt the vehicle lift up as she backed up" and until she heard the victim

screaming.

The woman immediately phoned for help.

It wasn't known whether the couple planned to stay together or call it quits.

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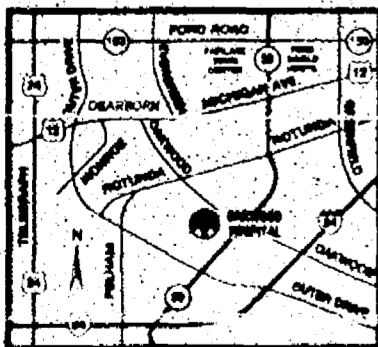
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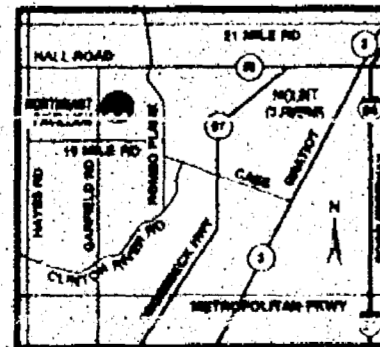


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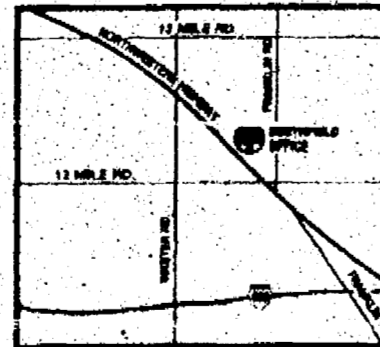
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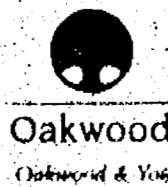
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Law to keep sexual material from minors overturned

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A federal judge struck down a state law Thursday that would keep sexually explicit material from minors, ruling that the government cannot infringe upon the free speech of adults.

The state attorney general's office hasn't yet decided whether to appeal.

U.S. District Judge Arthur Tarnow declared that the law was unconstitutional and that the government cannot infringe upon the free speech of adults.

The law, which was to be effective Saturday, prohibited the dissemination, exhibiting or dis-

playing of certain explicit matter to minors. A person who knowingly distributed such material would have been convicted of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than two years, a fine of \$10,000 or both.

The law also contained language that allowed for parents, teachers or a physician in the treatment of a patient to obtain material that would be used for topics such as AIDS education or sexually transmitted diseases. Public or private universities were allowed exceptions for research.

Tarnow said in his ruling a family "with values" will supervise their children, including set-

ting limits "or utilizing technology to do so." With such less restrictive means to monitor online activities of children, the government "need not restrict the right of free speech guaranteed to adults," Tarnow wrote in the ruling.

Nine Internet firms and the American Civil Liberties Union brought the lawsuit.

Genna Gent, spokeswoman for state Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, said the attorney general and her staff were disappointed with the ruling. "Safety of children on the Internet is important to the attorney general," Gent said.

Other state and county offi-

cial were dismayed by the ruling.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, said that law was crafted "to keep adults from sending pornography to children, not to restrict free speech."

But another new law making it a felony to use the Internet to solicit or arrange to meet a minor child remains on the books and is not affected by Tarnow's ruling, Rogers said.

That law makes it a felony to use the Internet or computer network to solicit, abduct, sexually assault or arrange to meet a minor child. A person guilty of this crime faces up to two years

in prison and \$2,000 in fines for the first offense in addition to any other charges. Subsequent offenses would add an additional five years and \$5,000 to a person's sentence.

Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano said the Sheriff's Internet Crime unit will continue to pursue child predators on the Internet and monitor chat rooms. The unit has made seven arrests of accused child predators.

Tarnow's ruling only decided on a law regarding the use of the Internet to distribute pornographic material to children, not Rogers' legislation that bans the meeting of a minor child through the Internet, Ficano said. That is a law that sheriffs have been using to prosecute offenders.

Ficano also recognized the free speech issue, but still believes the distribution of pornography

involving children should be prosecuted.

"(Tarnow's) ruling will not affect how we pursue child predators," Ficano said.

Ficano hoped Granholm would pursue an appeal of the ruling and, if necessary, state legislators would revise state laws.

State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said state Senators had tried to write the legislation to attack child pornography distributors and include penalties for using the Internet for that distribution for commercial gain.

McCotter had not read the court ruling yet, but expected lawmakers to revisit the issue.

"We'll have to go back and see how we can do it," McCotter said.

Business growth boosts county bond ratings

Three financial agencies have boosted Wayne County's bond ratings, citing the growth in business development in several Wayne County communities, including the city of Detroit, in the rating upgrade.

For the first time since 1978, Moody's has given Wayne County an A3 rating on its limited tax general obligation bonds. Moody's also upgraded the county's outstanding general obligation unlimited tax bonds to A2 from A3 and its outstanding par-

ity obligations to A3 from Baa1. Standard & Poor's Service and Fitch IBCA raised the limited tax general obligation rating to A.

County officials believe the end result will be millions of dollars saving in interest charges on money the county borrows. In the current market environment, this upgrade could mean an estimated savings of 2 percent of the par amount of a bond issue or \$440,000 on the anticipated sell of \$22 million in sewer bonds to

take place later this month.

"Wayne County gets financially stronger every year," said County Executive Edward McNamara. "This is the sixth upgrade of our bond rating in 10 years. A good economy certainly has helped, but keeping the budget balanced for the past 11 years has given the county the stability to bring in record new investment."

According to the ratings agencies, a more stable financial position has come from major pro-

jects like the county's Pinnacle Aeropark mixed-use development south of Metro Airport, Metro's new midfield terminal now under construction, booming suburban residential development, investments in the city of Detroit by General Motors and Daimler-Chrysler along with construction of the two downtown sports stadiums.

The agencies also cited low unemployment and a more diversified economy as other stabilizing factors.



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Betting good on casino ... for now

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With Thursday's opening of the MGM Grand Detroit Casino, visitors now can enjoy more than 80 gaming tables, including Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, Baccarat, Mini Baccarat and Pai Gow.

The new Grand is at 1300 John C. Lodge at Abbott, one block south of Michigan Avenue.

More than 2,300 slot machines charge a range from 5 cents to \$500 to play. More than 50,000 decks of cards and 3,600 die will be used each month.

The facility will employ 2,200 people and it will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year.

But what will that cash flow mean for the region?

"What you have to look for is a spreading of the economic well-being beyond the casinos," said Joe Cepuran, a professor of public administration at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

For the most part, the MGM casino, along with the two others planned in Detroit, are being welcomed in the region for now because of the creation of jobs.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara said Detroiters have watched a \$1 million a day go across the Detroit River to the Windsor casino.

"Keeping those dollars circulating on this side of the river will certainly help the businesses in downtown Detroit and throughout the region," McNamara said.

'The temptation will be to get more revenue out of casinos, which may cause problems.'

*Joe Cepuran
University of Michigan-Dearborn*

provide a mixed bag to the local economy.

Richard Fox, professor of economics in the Department of Business at Madonna University, believes the casinos will help previously unemployed people get jobs, albeit low paying ones at the \$9-\$12 per hour level for food service jobs, for example.

"If you don't have a job, it's a plus, but with a family of four, that (wage) still might put you below the poverty level," Fox said.

Fox believes good economic indicators to gauge the casinos' success are the number of jobs created, what the "real take" is in taxes for the state and city and how this revenue is used.

Those indicators should be measured against the statistics of casino-related crime that develops in Detroit.

Fox speculated that casinos may have a regressive effect, in that the poor are more likely to spend a larger portion of their income on gambling.

"It's clearly not a win-win situation," Fox said.

Cepuran said studies of Atlantic City and Las Vegas show that two different economic groups visit casinos: tourists with high disposable income and local residents with a lower or no disposable income.

"The poor people can be spending money that is not at their disposal," Cepuran said.

Cepuran is also concerned that state and city tax revenue will be sought from other sources to replace the revenue from any of the three casinos that may close in the future. It remains to be seen whether the Detroit market can support all three, Cepuran said.

"The temptation will be to get more revenue out of casinos, which may cause problems," Cepuran said. More state regulation may be sought by lawmakers, Cepuran said.

Only time will tell whether the casinos will develop into an entertainment-type district in downtown Detroit. Most casinos are destinations where people drive to, enter and spend money, then leave and drive back home without spreading money around that casino area.

To have an impact, "you have to see the economic development spread beyond the casinos," Cepuran said.



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If you have a pool, you will want to check to see what is mandated by local code. Some places require a minimum fence height and/or self-closing gate mechanisms. You should also be certain that your homeowners insurance covers any potential liability incurred as a result of pool ownership. When in doubt, check with your attorney.

HINT: An open pit or hole in a backyard is another example of an attractive nuisance from which children should be protected by property owners.

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Cardinal Maida named to European panel

Pope John Paul II has named Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, as a member of the Second Special Assembly for Europe of the Synod of Bishops. This assembly, which will be held Oct. 1-23 at the Vatican, is the last in a series of regional synods aimed at preparing the church for the third millennium.

Cardinal Maida was the only U.S. bishop named as a papal nominee. He currently serves as president of the U.S. Bishops' Committee for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. During his tenure on the committee the cardinal has traveled to Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia and Poland. And, during his years as a priest and bishop, he visited most of the countries in Europe.

"I am most honored to be selected as a papal nominee to synod," said Cardinal Maida. "This certainly will allow me and

my co-workers on the Committee for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe an opportunity - a platform - to share with the Holy Father and our brother bishops what we have seen, heard and done over the past several years."

"I expect to learn more than I impart," the Cardinal continued. "And, what I am able to come home with will be most helpful in our continuing effort on the national and local level to work with the priests and people of our Church in that part of the world."

This is the second Special Assembly for Europe which Pope John Paul II has called. He will attend all of the sessions. Each of the papal nominees will be given approximately 10 minutes to deliver a speech. Each will then submit a paper. A year after the synod, the Holy Father

is expected to deliver a formal document, based on the conclusions and recommendations of the assembly, in a European location recommended by the synod members.

During his pontificate, the Pope has also called special assemblies for Asia, Oceania, Africa and the Americas. Cardinal Maida, along with several American bishops, went to the American (North and South) Synod. Fourteen months later, the Pope went to Mexico City to speak about the work of that Special Assembly for the Americas.

Bishop Raymond Roussin of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, will be the other North American representative at the Second Special Assembly for Europe, which will involve 23 papal nominees, 17 experts and 38 auditors invited by the Pope.



Appointed: Cardinal Adam Maida

Schoolcraft registers for fall '99 semester

Registration is in progress for Schoolcraft College's fall semester with classes beginning Thursday, Aug. 26.

This fall will mark the beginning of several new offerings. Four sections of English Composition 101 will be offered as computer-based instruction classes for those who want more writing experience than the traditional lecture class offers.

A new integrated humanities class, Humanities in Western Culture - Antiquity through the Renaissance, will examine Western culture through a variety of perspectives. Advanced ceramics, sculpture and watercolor painting have been added to the art department's curriculum, and stu-

dents can take Introduction to Philosophy on-line for the first time.

New students must meet with a counselor before registering. Mail-in registration continues through July 31. Phone-in registration continues through Aug. 24 by calling (734) 462-4800 except Sundays and holidays; and walk-in registration is available Aug. 9 through Aug. 24.

To register in person, come to room 200 of the McDowell Center Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Radcliff Center. Walk-in registration is Wednesday, Aug. 11 from 1 to 7 p.m.

For information, call (734) 462-4426.

CLARIFICATION

The date for Schoolcraft College's Culinary Extravaganza is Sunday, Sept. 26, not Sept. 20 as reported. The event is a fundraiser for the Schoolcraft College Foundation, which provides

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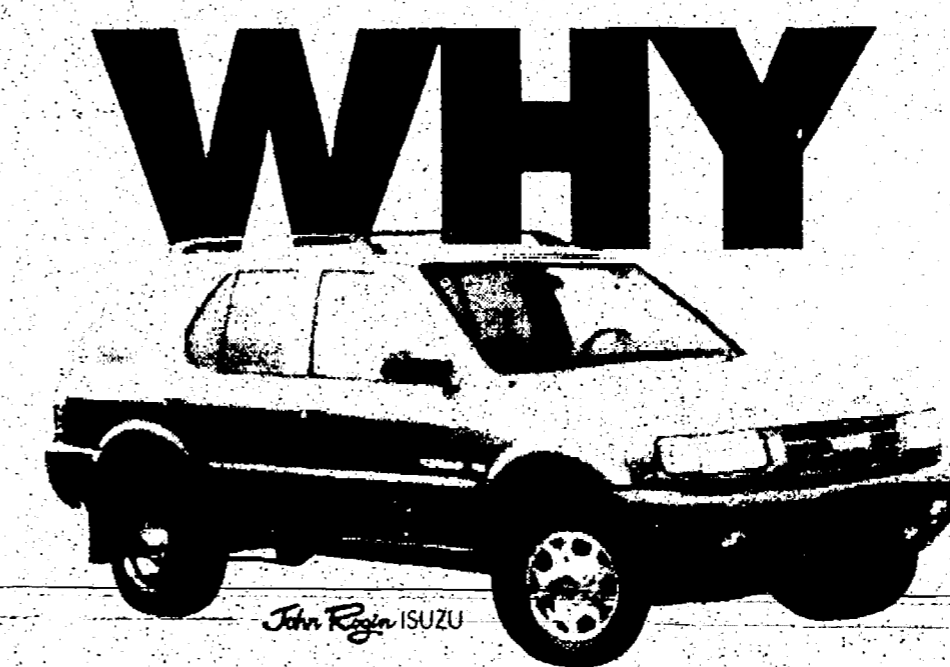
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INFLAMMATION OR STRAINS?
A recent column discussed the importance of distinguishing between a joint that is painful because it is inflamed, from one that is painful because it is strained. If the joint is inflamed, your doctor will consider adding drugs to your arthritis regimen. If the joint is suffering strain, then medicine for pain relief and a referral to an orthopedic surgeon are in order.
Inflamed joints often are swollen because they contain excess joint fluid. Palpation of such joints brings on additional discomfort. The joints hurt at the time though less at rest, and the pain may encompass several joints to an equal degree.
In contrast, a strained joint shows a marked deformity. In the hands the digits are severely angulated, a finding known as ulnar drift. The fingers are crooked, a deformity called swan neck change. Often the joints are not swollen, but if so, firm palpation will not bring more pain.
Laboratory studies and x-rays are not helpful in distinguishing the pain from inflammation from the strain of structural impairment. An exception is the sedimentation rate test, which if normal speaks in favor of structural not inflammatory change. However, a high sedimentation rate may occur for a number of reasons, and does not confirm the presence of joint inflammation.
At times, even the most experienced physician has trouble distinguishing the cause for joint pain. In such instances, doctors treat for inflammation. They observe the results not so much to test the efficacy of their medication but to confirm the diagnosis of active disease.

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GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Table with multiple columns listing movie titles, showtimes, and theater information. Includes sections for National Amusements, Showcase, Star Rochester Hills, Star Southfield, Star Winchester, Star John B, and Star Yonke.

BOOKS

Rand scholar sees moral rebirth in Information Age



ESTHER LITTMANN

The Great Disruption
By Francis Fukuyama
The Free Press, 1999, \$26

Is America on a steady course of decline? Do the last 30-plus years' of increased rates

in crime, divorce and substance abuse indicate that our country is in a cultural and moral free-fall? Professor of public policy at George Mason University (in Virginia) and author Francis Fukuyama ("The End of History and the Last Man") rejects that gloomy scenario. In his latest book, "The Great Disruption: Human Nature and the Reconstitution of the Social Order," the former social scientist at the Rand Corp. is more than cautiously optimistic. We are emerging from a troubled period in our nation's history, he writes, a 30-year period when our economy shifted from the Industrial Age to the Information Age. Cultural and moral upheaval is the mark of all significant transitions, and the past three decades have been no different. Traditional values that affect family, religion and education gave way to new attitudes and behavior. Greater numbers of women entering the work force, for example, increased self-fulfillment and economic improvement but also created the problem of raising children with reduced adult supervision. Birth control further weakened the family by shrinking its size. Here, as elsewhere in the

book, Fukuyama draws on the latest sociological data. In Italy, long the bastion of family solidarity, 60 percent of the children will have no siblings, cousins, aunts, and uncles two generations from now. Individualism has also been a force for change. So necessary to innovation and the economic growth of a nation, it has spilled over into our private lives, promoting freedom from constraints in the sphere of personal relationships. But as Fukuyama points out, "a society dedicated to the constant upending of norms and rules in the name of increasing individual freedom of choice will find itself increasingly disorganized, atomized, isolated, and incapable of carrying out common goals and tasks." This "great disruption" in the social order, notes the author, took place not only in the United States but in all technologically advanced nations, including those in Europe and Scandinavia and, to a lesser extent, in Korea and Japan. But there is hope for moral renewal, the author maintains, provided we restore our "social capital."

Adopting the term from the field of social sciences, Fukuyama defines social capital as a "set of informal values or norms shared among members of a group that permits cooperation among them." In short, it stands for honesty, reliability and reciprocity, qualities of mutuality and trust that have been seriously eroded during the recent economic and social transformation. The restoration of social capital, writes the post-Cold War analyst, has already begun, thanks to the era in which we live and the disposition of

human nature. Ours is an increasingly complex world, Fukuyama explains, one that demands access to tremendous amounts of information. Today, no individual or group can function independently. In our need to be constantly informed, we must become reconnected to one another, creating networks of communication and reciprocity. Thus, the Information Age, by the very demands it makes on us, facilitates social cohesion. Furthermore, networking comes naturally to human beings for we are "spontaneous organizers."

Because of our proclivity for order and cooperation, together with our ability to reason, we readily enter into cooperative groups without coercion from authority figures or hierarchical systems. It is through the combination of interdependence and individual empowerment resulting from the free flow of information that we will reconstitute the social order, not only in the work place but also in the home and in the community. Fukuyama does not pretend to have all the answers, but he probes the big questions in a book that is inspiring, informative, and, in part, prescriptive. "Man's natural state" he writes, "is not the war of 'every one against every one' that Thomas Hobbes envisioned, but rather a civil society made orderly by the presence of a host of moral rules."

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BOOK HAPPENINGS

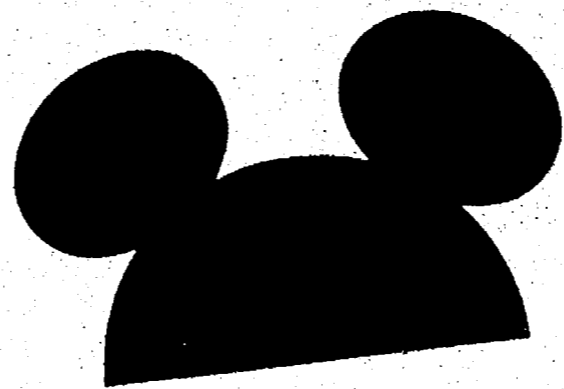
- Book Happenings features various events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mich., 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279 or e-mail to kwygonik@oe.homecom.net. BORDERS (ROCHESTER HILLS) Tuesday, Aug. 3, the Sci-Fi reading group will meet at 8 p.m. to discuss "Exchange of Hostages" by Susan Mathews and "Good Omens" by Neil Gaiman. The Round Table group will discuss "Book of Ruth" by Jane Hamilton on Tuesday as well (at 7 p.m.). Thursday, Aug 5 "The Amazing Clark's Balloon Theater" will be held at 8 p.m. Friday night (Aug. 6) music at 8 p.m. is Paul Vorn Hagen jazz trio at the store, 1122 Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558. BORDERS (NOVI) Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. musician Lisa Hunter will conduct an "eco-campfire" for children and families at the store, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi (248) 347-0780. SOUTHFIELD LIBRARY Book discussion series at the library, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield features the works of Edith Wharton. Registration is required and participants will be responsible for providing their own books. Register at the Fiction Desk, or call (248) 948-0470. Discussion date is 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, "The Mother's Recompense." Series is part of the Summer Humanities Program. The month of August will feature

BEST SELLERS

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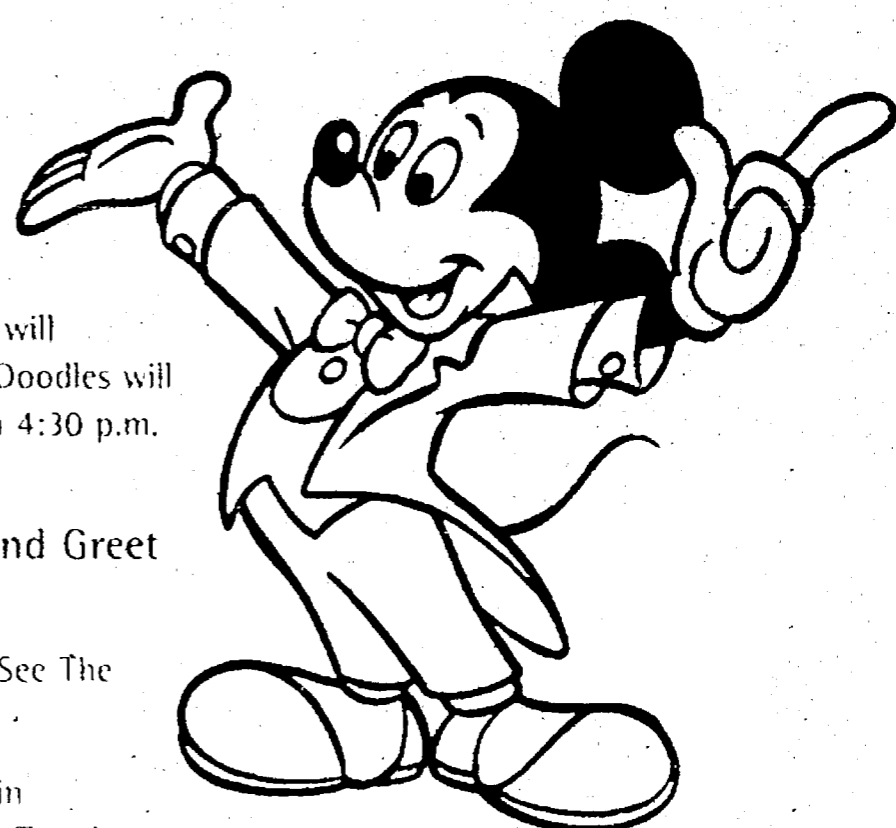
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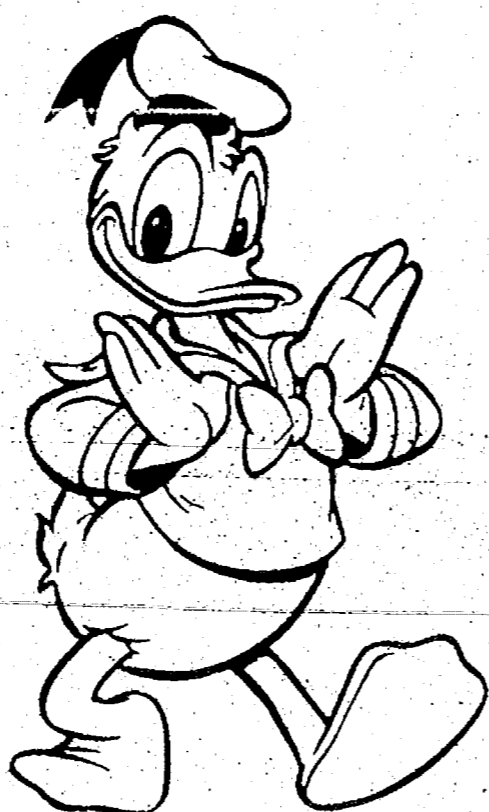
Join us for these great FREE Disney events Friday, August 6 through Sunday, August 8 from 1 p.m. through 5 p.m.:

- Mickey's Rock-A-Robics, Mickey, Donald Duck and Goofy will be performing on the hour from 1 p.m. through 4 p.m. (Performance lasts approximately 20 minutes.)
- Disney Doodles features a Disney sketch artist who will narrate and sketch a scene from a Disney film. Disney Doodles will be performed on the half hour from 1:30 p.m. through 4:30 p.m. (Performance lasts approximately 20 minutes.)
- Mickey & Minnie and Belle & Beast Meet and Greet (1 p.m.-5 p.m.)
- Enter to win a "Disney Girls" denim jacket. See The Disney Store for details.
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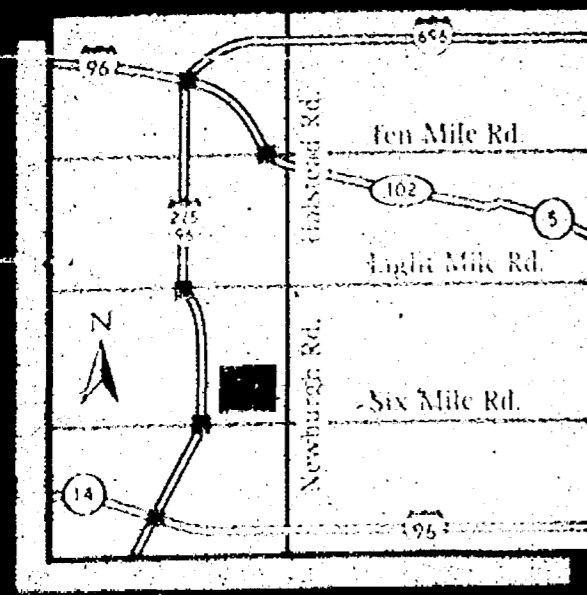


Other Events/Happenings in August:

- August 6 through August 8: Grab-bag Giveaway. 250 bags containing \$10 gift certificates, coupons and samples will be given away each day.
- August 9 through August 19: 10 Days at 10% Off Sale. Pick up your coupons at the Laurel Park Place Management Office or at any directory stand. Take 10% off a regularly-priced item at any of the participating stores.
- Saturday, August 7, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.: Kids' Cookie Decorating at Mrs. Fields Cookies.
- Saturday, August 7, 2 p.m.: Jacobson's Back-to-School Fashion Show in the Children's Department.
- Saturday, August 14, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.: Cooking Demonstration with a Master Chef at Williams-Sonoma.
- Saturday, August 21, 1 p.m.: Parisian Fashion Show in the Parisian Court.
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Sunday, August 1, 1999

Risk involved in repairing some jewelry

THE JEWELRY LADY



DENISE RODGERS

Dear Jewelry Lady, Your advice regarding losing diamond earrings at the beach may be correct, but my daughter recently lost one of hers in a pool while vacationing in Florida. Being that the pool was speckled at the bottom, it was impossible to see whether the earring was down there. One man suggested we wait until night time and search under the pool's lights. Low and behold, there it was, sparkling at the bottom - but near the drain - of the pool. My daughter dove in and retrieved the earring, but never will she wear them near a beach or pool again!

Cautious Mom

Dear Cautious,

The Jewelry Lady must render an apology immediately. She was biased by her own perspective on beach and pool activities. Some people, such as The Jewelry Lady, regard the beach and pool deck as areas to sit in a bathing suit, long-sleeved pastel shirt, large floppy hat and gallon of sunscreen.

She failed to consider the consequences of swimming or, heaven forbid, diving. So The Jewelry Lady stands corrected. If you or your daughter contemplate doing any swimming, sky-diving, bungee jumping or any other strenuous sporting activities, remove all delicate and vulnerable jewelry immediately. And, have a great time.

Dear Jewelry Lady,

I have a piece of jewelry that belonged to my grandmother. It was a wedding gift from my grandfather to my grandmother on their wedding day.

The item is very old, and was made in Italy. Unfortunately, a small leaf has come off the piece, so I took it to a jeweler for repair. I was told because the material in the item was not gold, the piece could not be repaired. (The broken piece could not be soldered). While it may not be of great monetary value, the piece has great sentimental value to me. Can you recommend how I might get this item repaired?

Sentimental

Dear Sentimental,

Most jewelers are goldsmiths or silversmiths and do not have the proper tools or inclination to repair costume or antique jewelry.

However, there is hope. Your best bet is to call an independent jewelry store with a jeweler on the premises and ask whether they restore or repair antique or costume jewelry.

The Jewelry Lady checked out her area Yellow Pages and called the first two ads that included the words "expert repairs." Both jewelers said they would perform the repairs. However, both also said the repair would have to be done at the customer's risk and asked that the piece be brought in for an accurate estimate. Make some calls. You'll be wearing your heirloom again in no time.

Dear Jewelry Lady,

I love to collect old costume jewelry. I have many pieces that I enjoy wearing.

Traffari pins, necklaces and earrings are the ones I like the most. I have several sets and individual pieces from the 50s and 60s. I have pieces of jewelry from the 20s through the 70s that I keep separated in plastic containers. I keep a typed inventory of the pieces and what I paid for them. Will the signed pieces that I own ever increase in value?

Costume Collector

Dear Collector,

The Jewelry Lady is impressed. She's also relieved you cannot see her messy desk.

You had many other questions, but alas, The Jewelry Lady must confess to being less than properly informed in the area of vintage costume jewelry. If you have access to the Internet, check out gcostume.com, a site that specializes in the sale of signed costume jewelry. The web site also has a page where you can ask questions by e-mail.

Send questions to the Jewelry Lady by e-mail, roudgers@mich.com, fax (248) 582-9223, or mail, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple Birmingham, MI 48009.

Walk, talk, hang out

Laurel Park Place offers more than just shopping

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

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Malls were made for shopping. But they serve higher purposes, too.

Livonia's Laurel Park Place mall, which will celebrate its 10th anniversary in August, for example, practically serves as the community's downtown.

Unlike Birmingham, Plymouth, Clarkston and many other area communities, Livonia is without a downtown shopping and business district, so residents and business people turn to the friendly, intimate mall to fill the void.

"I'm here everyday," says Bob Zygai, a Canton resident and employee of nearby Visteon while having lunch and reading a newspaper at Max & Erma's, one of Laurel Park Place's anchor restaurants.

In the morning, Zygai visits Mrs. Fields to fuel up on coffee before going to work. And, if he doesn't return to the mall for lunch, he usually stops by later to take a stroll, clear his head and take note of store sales.

Zygai's co-worker Amy Byrne not only frequents the mall as a break from work but also relies on it much like a neighborhood drug store, often stopping by, for instance, to pick up a birthday card she forgot to purchase earlier.

"Yesterday, my glasses broke on me," says Byrne. "But I was able to come down here and get them fixed immediately," she says.

Judy Wombel, a Southfield resident who works nearby and comes to the mall every day, says she relies on the mall to purchase last-minute gifts. She also eats at one of the mall's

restaurants every work day.

Although Wombel doesn't consider Laurel Park Place the equivalent of a downtown area, she's hard-pressed to describe it as a conventional mall. "It's a mini-mall. It's something in between."

Others come to Laurel Park Place for social reasons.

Lifelong friends Nettie Ahverkate of Livonia and Marie Ptak of Redford Township visit the mall together twice each month.

While their itinerary always includes a morning browse through Jacobson's and a leisurely lunch between noon and 12:30 p.m., the primary reason for their visit is "to be together," says Ptak, settling beside Ahverkate on a cushioned seat in one of the mall's rest areas to catch up on each other's lives and talk about old times.

"We have a few good laughs and talk about our families," says Ptak. "Sometimes, we buy."

The mall has several cozy spots where patrons pause to talk and relax, including a greenery-lined row of park benches near the center's movie complex.

There, Frances Sanders of Dearborn Heights and her daughter, who is visiting from Illinois, retreat from shopping to savor a cup of coffee and talk mother to daughter.

The diversity of visitors and reasons for coming to the mall is astounding, says Laurel Park Place's marketing director Karen Susalla.

In the morning, older adults and non-working women come to the mall to walk, talk and read the newspaper, says Susalla, describing the daily cycle of

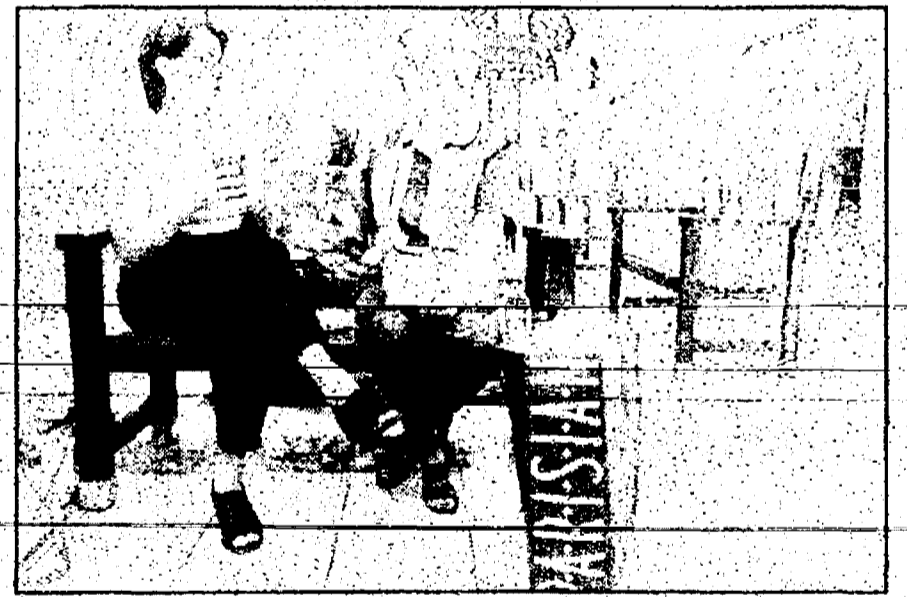


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Catching up: Lifelong friends Nettie Ahverkate (left) of Livonia and Marie Ptak, of Redford Township, sit and talk about their families and old times at Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia before having lunch.



Lunch time: Erica Shy (left), Amanda Anderson and Amy Seavitt stop for pizza at the mall.



Coffee break: Gail Mirnik (left) and Frances Sander plop down on a mall park bench and sip

Objects of desire displayed at Tiffany & Co.

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For additional information about Tiffany & Co.'s Objects of Desire ring collection, call (248) 637-2800. Tiffany & Co. is located at Somerset South.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 2

FRENCH RAGS TRUNK SHOW
French Rags sweaters, formerly available at Bonwit Teller, are available for purchase through a local consultant/trunk show running through Aug. 7. For information or an appointment, call Phyllis Strome, (248) 646-2092, or Ms. Gilman, (248) 738-1380.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

CHANEL ACCESSORIES SHOW
View Chanel's fall 1999 special order collection of accessories at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Chanel Accessories Boutique, first floor.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

MELINDA ENG SHOW
The fall 1999 collection of Melinda Eng comes to Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through Aug. 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Couture Salon, third floor.

CINDERELLA STORY TIME
Oakland Mall in Troy presents the story of Cinderella as part of the center's Giggle Gang summer theater series, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m., Center Court.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

ST. JOHN KNITS SHOW
Jacobson's, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, hosts a showing of St. John Knits fall 1999 collection, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Salon.

BEREK TRUNK SHOW
The Apple Tree Room in Franklin hosts a trunk show of Berek's hand-knit cotton sweaters with refreshments and 10 percent savings on special orders through Aug. 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For additional information, call (248) 851-9862.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

GARFIELD & MARKS TRUNK SHOW
All new fabrics, suiting, jackets, skirts, trousers and sweaters from the Garfield & Marks fall collection are shown at Sally's Designs, Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield, through Aug. 7, Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For information, call (248) 626-0886.

ANTIQUE AUTO SHOW
The Veterans Motor Car Club of America brings an antique auto show to Meadowbrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills through Aug. 8, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., throughout the mall.

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Color coded: New Splitz lenses change from one color to the next when activated by light and are available for wearers of both prescription and non-prescription glasses, about \$89 at D.O.C. optical store



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French basics: Natural ingredients and essential oils are combined in L'Occitane's recently introduced line of basic skin care products, \$15-34 at L'Occitane, the Somerset Collection in Troy.



Skin serum: Recently introduced by Osmotics, Kinetin serum contains a plant growth factor isolated from the stems of green, leaf-bearing plants, \$75 at Saks Fifth Avenue.

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visitors. In the afternoon, new mothers take a break from the home and ramble through the mall's corridors pushing baby strollers, as if they were walking in a neighborhood park.

Later, business professionals congregate at the mall to eat dinner and families unite to shop and walk.

"It's funny," says Susalla. "We used to say of the mall 'come take a walk in the park.'"

For additional information about Laurel Park Place mall's 10th anniversary and celebration events, please call (734) 462-1100.

Anniversary events

■ **Disney Spectacular:** authentic Disney productions including a Mickey & Minnie Mouse meet and greet, 1-5 p.m., Aug. 6-8.

■ **Back-to-School Fashion:** Jacobson's presents fall fashion for kids, 2 p.m., Aug. 7.

■ **Cookie Decorating:** Mrs. Fields holds a cookie decorating event for kids, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Aug. 7.

■ **10 Days at 10% Off Sale:** coupons allow you to

take 10 percent off any regularly priced item at participating stores, Aug. 9-19

■ **Food Tasting:** Sweet Lorraine's restaurant, coming soon to the Livonia Marriott, gives away free food samples, Aug. 9-19

■ **Cooking Demo:** master chef gives demonstrations at Williams-Sonoma, 1-3 p.m., Aug. 14.

■ **Parisian Fashion Show:** Parisian previews fall fashion, 1 p.m., Aug. 21

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- The game **Password** can be purchased at Toys R Us stores.

- **Mastectomy** products can be bought through several catalogs available at **Advanced Orthopedics** on Greenfield Road in Southfield.

- A collector for a reader's tea bag tags.

- **Zoot suits** are sold at **Jokers Costumes** on Dixie Highway in Waterford, (248) 673-2320, and on the Internet at www.zootsuitstore.com or through the **Seigel Clothing Company** in California. To rent a Zoot suit, try **Lynch's** on Dequindre in Warren.

- A **Hux towel** is available through the **Herrschners** catalog, (800) 713-1239.

- A **reflective sign** for post boxes is available at some local fire departments. Also, there is a store in Caseville, Mi. with the signs.

- **New Haven** and **Cuckoo** clocks can be repaired at **Northville Watch & Clock**, 132 W. Dunlap in Northville, (248) 349-4938.

- We were able to locate a **Ziggy doll**.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- A potato grater with a handle, but without sharp edges for Marie.

- **Plastic Lego** train tracks for Lynn.

- A **Maidenform Heart Strings** bra for Diane.

- A store that sells **Cherry Burgers** in the Livonia area for Lenore. (She had Cherry Burgers, which are made in Cedar, Mi., at a restaurant in Three Rivers).

- A **Redford** area location or retailer where beer-making classes are held for Leo.

- A wrinkle remover product called **Spray Press** by Maid of Honor. (Kmart formerly carried the product).

- **Daniel Green** slippers in a size 8 narrow for Grace.

- A 1973 solid state magnet for a 7 1/2 horsepower **Esca** boat motor for Jim.

- A **Hamilton** collectors plate called "Sara" made by Maude Humphrey Bogart and a 1959 **Commerce** High School yearbook for Carol.

- A **musical weight scale** (formerly carried by Sears) for Dorothy.

- A used desk-cabinet sewing machine with drawers on both sides with or without the machine for Wanda, who lives in Garden City.

- A book about the **Anne Jillian** story for Toby.

- **Peanut butter** pretzels for

Justine.

- **Sweet & Low's** butter toffee hard candy for Ruth.

- A **Weeble Wobble** tree house from the '70s with **Weeble Wobble** people for Kristin.

- A person who would like old vocal sheet music and songbooks from a reader willing to donate them.

- A 1944 **Lake Orion** High School yearbook and a canvas cover for a child's metal butterfly chair for Judy.

- **Perma Soft** Fresh Control cream.

- **Coy's Country** Incredible corn bread mix.

- **Wicked Wahini** perfume for Lisa, a resident of Commerce Township.

- **Coty 24** lipstick in any color for Diane in Lake Orion.

- A **machine-washable** polyester shirt dress without a waist (size 16) for Jean.

- A **Macomb** County location for recycling plastic grocery bags.

- A **Rainbow** Brite doll from the '80s for Dian e.

- A **Victoria** style Crazy Quilt machine for Pat.

- **Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella"** video made with Leslie in Warren in 1964 for Sharon.

- A used "Little Tyke" Playhouse log cabin for backyard use and a **Childcraft** changing table in the honey oak finish for Leslie.

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Simon named new WSU coach

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COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Outside of the Wayne State University mascot, no one in the school's athletic department has assumed a more drastic identity change than Bob Simon.

An assistant coach for the WSU men's basketball team the last five seasons, Simon was recently appointed the school's new head women's basketball coach.

His appointment coincides with the school's announcement that it has changed its nickname from Tartars to Warriors.

This is Simon's first head coaching job in college. It's also the first women's coaching job, at any level, for Simon, 36, a graduate of Redford Thurston.

He interviewed for a men's head coaching job within the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference a couple seasons back but was passed over for someone else.

"I got an interview, things went well, the school chose someone else and that person is doing well right now," the Redford Township resident said, regarding the men's head coach's job he pursued.

The WSU men and women share the Mathei Building for practices and games and sometimes travel together so Simon may feel like he never left men's coach Ron Hammye's side.

Hammye gave Simon his start in college coaching eight seasons ago, bringing him in as a part-time assistant before promoting him to full-time. Simon coached for six seasons at Thurston, two as a varsity assistant and four as a junior varsity head coach, and four years as the head coach of the Southgate Anderson varsity before coming to WSU.

"It makes for a good relationship," Simon said. "We've worked together for so long now and can continue to help each other out. It's a great relationship that will continue and I'm excited to be coaching the women."

"I've been coaching boys or men for 18 years. The game is not much different. You coach it the same way, do the same thing you do with men - try to rebound, defend, shoot free throws."

"There's no special potion because it's women. I had a meeting with the girls, a lot are looking forward to already getting back to school and getting started. They know me. I've been around the gym."

The biggest change may be in tradition. The men have won four of the last eight GLIAC championships and the women have struggled to play near .500. The Warriors won only seven

games last year and return seven seniors.

Simon replaces Karen Hall who resigned and took another coaching position at North Carolina A & T. Simon said he has retained one of Hall's assistant coaches, Bryant Hobbs, and is adding former WSU player Fawne Allosery to the staff.

WSU is adding men's hockey as a varsity sport and there is talk the athletic program will move from NCAA Division II to Division I in the next three to five years, Simon said.

The change in nicknames was made more for better name recognition than anything else, according to Simon.

The biggest difference is WSU won't hear anymore "Tartar Sauce" jokes.

"Tartar was a warrior, so we went along the same path," Simon said. "It's a real nice logo and we kept the same colors (green and yellow and white)."

The WSU women's team has a scholarship allotment of 10 per season and Simon is eager to hit the recruiting trail, starting with the high school season in the fall.

"My contacts will be different but I'm not afraid to get on the phone and call people, get in my car and watch a game," Simon said. "Coaches will see me out

and my staff. We'll work hard to try to start doing something with the program."

"Women's athletics are on an upswing. A trend is going right now. Some things that have happened in women's sports everyone knows about: The Olympic gold the women's hockey team just won (at the 1998 Winter Olympics), the World Cup the women's soccer team won. The WNBA (Women's National Basketball Association) is getting better and I don't believe all the best players are in the WNBA right now. Women in college see a goal past collegiate ball and to play professionally, so that league can only get better as it gets more franchises, promoting, endorsements."

Simon's family, which includes wife Donna, daughter Bobbie, 10, and son Devin, 8, is all for the move.

"My family is excited about it," Simon said. "My wife just wanted to make sure I'd be happy."

Announcer from page D1

Waters Pollution Control in Detroit, can be heard every Friday night at Toledo Speedway and Saturday night at Flat Rock Speedway.

"It's basically like having your own five-hour radio show," said Lindahl, who is a regular columnist for Marc Times Racing News, a regional racing newspaper published in Kalamazoo.

At each venue he ventures down to the track level to announce the final races of the night. He likes being heard and seen.

"It makes it more personalized," he said. "You're hanging out with them, not just a voice in the tower."

"Gentlemen, start your engines" is the most famous phrase heard out of the mouth of a race track P.A. announcer.

Lindahl has some die fans recognize him by. He starts every racing program out with

"It's my favorite time of night."

"That just right away pumps up the crowd," he said.

He ends every program with "Sceeee ya."

"I couldn't tell you how many yell 'Sceeee ya' back," he said.

He gets personal sometimes with the racers whom he knows well enough to joke with over the P.A. system.

"All ugly late-model drivers get in line for qualifying," he said, laughing after he shut off the microphone. "I couldn't say that if I didn't know these guys."

Lindahl started attending car races at age 3 with his father, Eugene.

"My mom (Stella) said to my dad 'Why don't you go to have fun with your son,'" he recalled. "My next-door neighbors used to go to the track, we went with them once and my dad was hooked."

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Youth soccer champs



Tourney winners: The Canton Strikers, an under-12 boys soccer team, captured the Portage Invitational (July 17-18) with four straight victories. Members of the Strikers (front row, from left) include Steve Mischung, Jason Houdek, Kenny Coppola, Corey Bugeja, Ross Heidenreich, Ryan Lenahan; (second row, from left) Brian Stevanovic, Manny Palazzolo, Brad Marsh, Cody Newcomb, Chris Rowe, Joe Gauci, Chris French; (back row, from left) coach Paul Palazzolo, Kyle Gismondi, Jeff Morency, Kevin Thornton, Andrew Cortellini and coach Mike Coppola. Not pictured is team member Michael Yates.

CANTON COMMUNITY JUNIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

White Sox capture best 2-of-3 World Series crown vs. Reds

It was another comeback effort. After losing the opener of the best two-of-three series, the White Sox came back to win the Canton Community Junior Softball Association (ages 11-13) World Series with a 17-9 win over the Reds in the deciding game July 27 at Plymouth Canton High School. The Reds won the opener at the Canton Softball Center, 15-12, but the White Sox evened the series in the next round.

Using a combination of strong hitting and excellent defense, the White Sox roster included Sarah Amann, Jessica Bonello, Stephanie Herman, Emily Maletic, Jackie Perino, Christine Rovet, Kelli Szcpeanski, Rebecca Woodman, Rachel Sokira, Colleen Whately, Aletha Sturk, Jamie Hutchinson and Shata Parks-Ellis. The White Sox, American League champions, are managed by Dan Amann. For the Reds, National League

champions, it was the third consecutive championship game appearance for three players - Laura Brunett, Brook Posler and Rebecca Horste. In 1997 they were part of the Yankees team that captured the World Series and last year they helped the same team win the tournament title. In the one-game elimination tournament, featuring 10 team the Braves pulled out a last-inning victory over the Cardinals to cap a strong late-season run.



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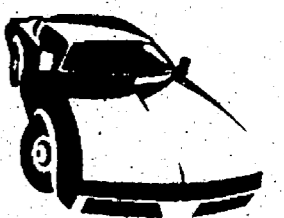
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Season II of summer conditioning camps for the Plymouth-Canton and Salem high school hockey teams for students in grades 9-12 for the 1999-2000 season.

The cost is \$45 per camp (checks should be made payable to the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Booster Club). Players should attend their school's session, but may attend either due to conflicts.

Canton sessions will be from 8:30-10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 at Arctic Pond and 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Salem sessions will be from 7-8:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 at Arctic Pond and 9-10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17 at the Cultural Center.

For more information, call newly appointed Salem coach Fred Feiler at (734) 451-0924 or Canton coach Dan Abraham at (313) 383-2846.

GIRLS HOCKEY TRYOUTS

The Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association has expanded its girls hockey program.

Tryouts for the new girls 15-and-under team will be from 4-5:20 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 and 8:30-9:50 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8 at the Plymouth Cultural Center; also 8-9:20 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11 at the Yost Ice Arena in Ann Arbor for those 15 before Dec. 31.

Tryouts for the girls 12-and-under team will be from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 and 10:30-noon Sunday, Aug. 15; also 8-9:20 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18 at the Yost Ice Arena.

Tryout skates cost \$15. For more information, call Shawn Rowley at (734) 981-0120 or Larry Skonieczny at (734) 459-0584.

GLENN GOLF PRACTICE AUG. 16

Westland John Glenn High boys golf coach Dan Burtka announced that practice begins at 1:15 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16 at Fellows Creek in Canton Township.

For more information, call Burtka at (734) 981-1752.

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CAMP

A volleyball camp for players ages 9-13 will be from 5-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Aug. 5-7, at St. John Center in Plymouth.

Players will be grouped according to skill level. The camp will concentrate on overall development of basic offensive and defensive play.

Doubles, triples and six-on-six competition complement this camp in a fun, but competitive manner.

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LIVONIA YMCA REGISTRATION

The Livonia YMCA is accepting registrations for fall 1999 youth sports programs.

Teams are available for girls and boys in basketball (ages 6-12), cost \$50 members or \$70 non-members, and inline hockey (ages 5-13), members \$50, non-members \$65.

Also coming this fall is NFL flag football (ages 6-14).

Teams fill up quickly, so please register early.

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RED HACKER HOOP TOURNEY

The Red Hacker 3-on-3 and 4-on-4 basketball tournament will be held Aug. 21 at Schoolcraft College.

Postmark deadline for the tournament is Aug. 7 with late registration being accepted through Aug. 15.

Pick up registration forms at Schoolcraft College or call (734) 844-8315 for more information.

YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS

South Farmington Baseball Inc. will have tryouts for its Little Caesars travel baseball teams on Saturday, Aug. 21, Sunday, Aug. 22, will be the makeup date in the event of rain.

Tryouts begin at 10 a.m. and end at 1 p.m.

Tryouts for all ages will take place at Founders Park. Ages 10 and under will be on field No. 4, age 11 on field No. 3, age 12 on field No. 2, age 13 on field No. 1 and ages 14 and 6 on field Nos. 5 and 6.

Travel teams play approximately 35 to 60 games, including tournaments. League games are usually Monday, Tuesday and Thursday with tournaments on weekends.

Athletes are usually experienced ballplayers and have advanced skills.

Question may be directed to Geoff Scott, ages 9-10, 478-1971; Rick Tuyn, 11, 474-8895; Jay Cummings, 12, 477-3523; Greg Anderson, 13, 477-5096; Al Zarkin, 14, 477-4537; Ken Chesney, 15, 471-3347; and Mike O'Connell, 16, 478-6178.

Carriere from page D1

Looking for somebody with hang time, Mumford eventually signed Carriere on the dotted line.

"He (Mumford) is a classy guy, a good family guy," Carriere said. "They have the political science

curriculum I need because eventually I want to go to law school.

"Right now I'm optimistic more than excited. I have three years eligibility left."

Seth Carriere will report three days late to preseason camp in

order to attend his brother Ryan's upcoming wedding.

"I expect to punt, but they have a senior kicker who's a pretty good one," Carriere said. "He had a 65-yarder (field goal) last year. "But two years from now I

think I can do both."

Gabel said Carriere is a lesson in perseverance.

"He's really done it on his own," the Stevenson coach said. "You want to see him do well because he's such a good kid."

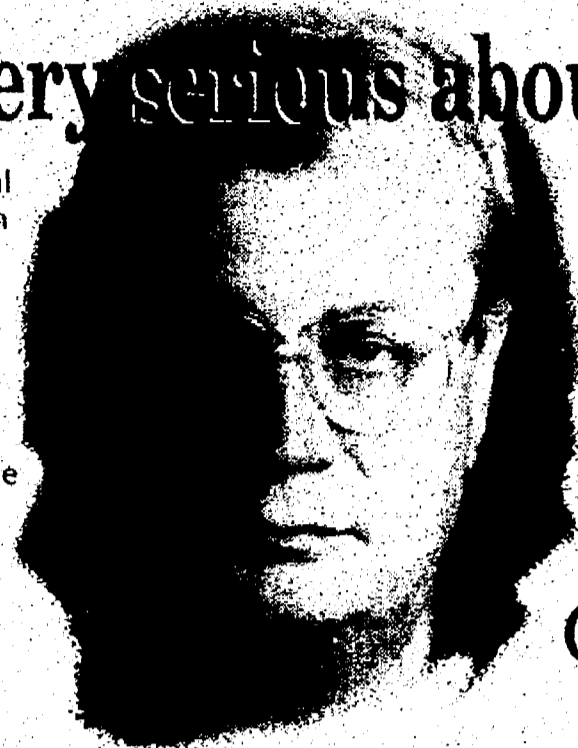
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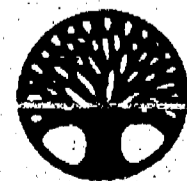


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