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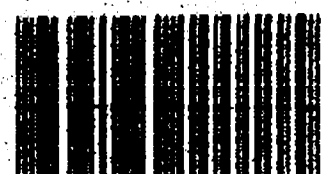
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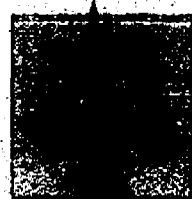
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Mom: Accused seemed 'normal'



Former Westland resident Kenneth Edward Stefanski, charged with molesting a 9-year-old girl, was described as seeming like "a normal person" by the child's mother. Stefanski awaits trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Westland mother never noticed any strange behavior from a next-door neighbor accused of molesting her 9-year-old daughter.

"He seemed like a normal person. He worked a lot, and he seemed like a nice guy," she said. "He lived alone, and he

would work on cars.

"I knew him for half a year," she added. "All the neighborhood kids would just go over to his place and play."

The mother, who didn't want her name used, is now hoping to see her former neighbor - Kenneth Edward Stefanski - locked away in prison.

"I'm going to do whatever I can to

make sure that guy stays where he belongs," she said. "I hope he never gets out."

The mother agreed to talk Monday as she stood with her daughter and other family members outside of a Westland courtroom.

Stefanski, 28, had just been ordered by 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos to stand trial on three counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Stefanski chose to waive his preliminary hearing - a decision that avoided the 9-year-old girl's testimony. He is jailed on a \$1 million cash bond as he awaits trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Stefanski is accused of fondling the girl through her clothing after she and her brother, now 8, allegedly accepted an invitation to go inside Stefanski's former residence on Edgerton, near Palmer and Wildwood.

Stefanski lived next door in a four-unit building in Westland's Norwayne neighborhood.

The incident allegedly happened in early May. Prosecutors are still reviewing separate allegations that a 3-year-old Westland girl was molested.

Standing quietly outside the courtroom Monday, the 9-year-old girl vol-

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Book fans



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

A time to learn: Teacher Laurie Pocock at P.D. Graham's "Camp Read-a-Lot" program goes over a lesson using phonemic awareness, sounding out words that sound the same using different consonants with magnetic boards. Left to right, children Dyanna El-Kowa, 6, Dylan Racinski, 6, Johnathon Rathburn, 6, and Samantha Wilson, 7, took part in the exercise.

Young readers get book boost

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Six-year-old Jacquelynn Czarniowski survived five weeks of summer camp and didn't suffer a single mosquito bite.

She got bitten by the reading bug, though.

Jacquelynn and 315 other Wayne-Westland students attended Camp Read-a-Lot, giving up some summer playtime to improve their reading and writing skills.

"We read books and got to play. It was fun," Jacquelynn said.

She attended reading camp at P.D.

Graham Elementary - one of eight school building sites chosen for the summer program that ended last Friday.

"It helps children get that little extra push they sometimes need to become independent readers," teacher Laurie Pocock said.

Turning her attention to Jacquelynn and 7-year-old Adam Ennis, Pocock spent time reading at length with these two students. She gave them much more attention than they'd receive in a regular classroom.

The trio also searched the book for words like "block" or "rock" that shared similar "sound chunks" - in

this case "ock." The pupils also learned to spell new words with the same sound.

Only students entering first or second grades this fall qualified for Camp Read-a-Lot, now in its second year. Teachers and paraprofessionals helped them one-on-one and in small groups.

District officials said students who attended the summer program last year appeared to have improved their reading skills when they returned to school.

"They take a book home every

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Officials decry Westland cemetery vandalism

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A Westland cemetery superintendent couldn't believe the vandalism he found when he made his rounds Saturday afternoon.

Michael Pilson counted 38 headstones turned over by vandals the previous night at Maple Grove Cemetery, on Ayn Arbor Trail east of Middlebelt.

"It's the worst I've ever seen," he

said. "I showed up there Saturday around noon. It was terrible. I was really upset."

Pilson, who also does home improvements for a living, called headstone companies to put the grave markers back in place.

"I take a lot of pride in that cemetery," Pilson said. "I live in Westland, and my business is in Westland. I employ some of the neighborhood kids for fall cleanup."

Maple Grove Cemetery had been mostly cleaned up by Tuesday afternoon.

"I've already had everything fixed," Pilson said. "I had families coming out to buy plots."

Vandals turned over 38 headstones between 8 p.m. Friday and about noon Saturday, Pilson said.

"They're not broken or really destroyed. They're just knocked over," he said. "There might be a few chips in

the marble here and there, but nothing is actually busted."

Westland police Lt. Marc Stobbe is urging anyone with information about the culprits to call the police station at (734) 722-9600.

Tips also may be made to a special hotline, Crime Stoppers of Michigan, at (800) 831-3111. Tips leading to arrests may result in rewards up to \$1,000, Stobbe said.

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Police officer returns to Kosovo

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Officer Skender Gocaj will put his time with the Westland Police Department - and his childhood time in what is now Kosovo - to good use. Gocaj is leaving to work in law enforcement in Kosovo.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity," said Gocaj, 27, who lived in the Kosovo region until his family moved to the U.S. when he was 9. "What a unique opportunity."

Gocaj speaks Albanian, which will come in handy in his law enforcement work during the one-year stint. His immediate family lives in this area, but he has more distant relatives in Kosovo and hopes to track down those whose whereabouts are unknown.

"A total of 450 will go from the U.S.," he said during a Tuesday afternoon press conference at the Westland Police Department, shortly before leaving for Texas en route to Kosovo. Most law enforcement staffers are older, he added.

Westland police Chief Emery Price said the State Department contracted with a company to recruit police officers to work in Kosovo. Gocaj has approximately four years of law enforcement experience, below the requirement, but that requirement was waived due to his language skills.

Gocaj spent two weeks training in Texas, had his leave approved and is headed east. His city leave won't begin until early October, due to time he had

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Trek: Officer Skender Gocaj discusses his Kosovo trip as Chief Emery Price listens.

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"We're waiting for people to call in," he said.
 Pilson had received one report of "a bunch of kids on bikes" being seen near the cemetery.
 "There were as many as 10," he said.
 But he wasn't certain Tuesday that they were responsible, and he didn't yet know their identities.
 Pilson said it's also possible that vandals drove into the 26-acre cemetery.

He had been leaving the cemetery gates unlocked at night so that police officers could occasionally drive through and look for problems, he said.
 But the latest vandalism has prompted him to start locking the gates.
 Pilson said vandalism occurs occasionally at many cemeteries, but Maple Grove hadn't been targeted for more than six months.

WEB SITE OF THE WEEK

www.thelook.com
 This site provides information on different varieties of glues and recommends adhesives to use when gluing "this to that." The site includes MSDS information, links to various glue-related sites, and features a Glue of the Month.
www.onelook.com
 This is the One Look Dictionary site and contains the contents of more than 460 different dictionaries. Its own search engine does the work for you: You call search one dictionary or all (it does take some time). The site provides acronym searches and allows for various spellings.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Adult Internet Classes
 Internet 101: Introduction to the Internet. Topics 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 10. No fee. No registration required, so seating is on a first available basis.
 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17
 Internet 102: How To Search the

INFORMATION CENTER

Internet for information. This is the second in the 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 Internet 101 before attending this class.
 Class capacity 25. No fee. No registration required, so seating is on a first available basis.
 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25

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) 326-8123 to sign up.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Summer Reading Program
 The Summer Reading Program ends Saturday, Aug. 7. Remember to turn in your Reading Passports and claim your prizes.

OBITUARIES

JESSIE GEE

A memorial service for Jessie Gee, 94, of Westland will be 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, in L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road, west of Lilley in Canton. Visitation will be 3 p.m. Saturday until time of service. Officiating will be Col. Franklyn Thomson from the Salvation Army.
 Mrs. Gee was born Nov. 18, 1904, in England and died July 31 at her home in Westland. She was a supervisor for a bakery.
 Surviving are her son, Donald; daughters, Barbara (William) Auerbach, Betty Mae (Robert) Kurkjan and Mary Lou (Michael) Tanamachi; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.
 Mrs. Gee was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army.

Services for Joan Harder, 67, of Westland were Aug. 4 in St. Thomas a' Becket Church in Canton.
 Mrs. Harder was born Nov. 3, 1931, in Detroit and died July 31 in Henry Ford Hospital. She was a homemaker.
 Surviving are her husband, Gerald Sr.; sons, Ronald, Pat (Tammy), Terance (Mary), Richard, Michael (Laura), Gerald Jr. (Cathy) and Thomas (Kara); daughter, Joan (Walter) Schnable; sister, Dolores (Glenn) Schimmel; 16 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.
 Mrs. Harder was preceded in death by a son.
 Memorials may be made to St. Jude Cretarian Missionaries, 205 W. Monroe, Chicago, IL 60606.
 Arrangements were made by L. J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

MARGARET D. SWALLA

Services for Margaret Swalla, 85, of Westland were Aug. 3 in L. J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Gary Michalik from St. Theodore of Canterbury Church.
 Mrs. Swalla was born Nov. 14, 1913, in Smithfield, Pa., and died July 29 in Wayne.
 Surviving are her sons, Anthony (Cynthia) and Jerome (Glensy); daughters, Andrea (Alexander) Grand and Diane (Red) MacDougall; one brother; three sisters; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

ELMA L. RUOHONEN

Services for former Redford resident Elma Ruohonen, 72, of Howell were today, Aug. 5, in MacDonald's Funeral Home in Howell.
 Mrs. Ruohonen died July 31. Surviving are her sons, Keith and Steven (Annie); brothers, Brynolf and Wilbert Kero; sisters, Edna Rautiola, Ruth Rabbitt, Viola Heikkonen, Aggie Kantala, Elvie Rautiola, Alice Koski, Lois Kero and Karen Strand; and six grandchildren. Members of Mrs. Ruohonen's family reside in Canton and Westland.
 Mrs. Ruohonen was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond.

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unteered just one comment.
 "I'm doing fine," she said.
 "She seems to be doing OK," the mother said. "But she really doesn't like to talk about it too much."
 The mother learned about a molesting after her 8-year-old son saw a television news report about Novi charges against Stefanski.
 "My son told me that he (the suspect) touched my daughter," the mother said, adding that the girl then confirmed an incident.
 Westland police say the local incident allegedly occurred prior to Stefanski's mid-July arrest in Novi, but was reported only after the 8-year-old boy saw the suspect on television.

Stefanski could face life in prison if convicted on the Novi charges of indecent exposure by a sexual delinquent and trying to accost children for immoral purposes. The Westland charges carry a maximum 15-year sentence upon conviction.
 Those charges surfaced after a man tried to lure girls into a red pickup truck, Novi Detective Todd Anger has said.
 In Westland court Monday, Stefanski said little as he stood - dressed in black jeans and a white T-shirt - in front of Judge Bokos.
 He chose to waive his preliminary hearing after lengthy talks with his defense attorney.

Read Sports today

CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 29-W-26-3

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, SECTIONS 46-1(17), 46-1(48) AND 46-1(49) OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE TO AMEND THE RATES FOR ZONING COMPLIANCE, HOME CERTIFICATION, AND FOR MUNICIPAL WATER SEWER AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE CONTROL CHARGES.

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the paragraph entitled "Zoning Compliance" of Section 46-1(17) of the Westland City Code shall be amended to provide as follows:

Zoning Compliance	
Change of occupancy from one use group to another	125.00
Change of business ownership	125.00

Section 2. That the paragraph entitled "Home Certification" of Section 46-1(17) of the Westland City Code shall be amended to provide as follows:

Home Certification	
Certification of a residence	125.00

Section 3. That paragraph (a) of the portion of Section 46-1(48) of the Westland City Code entitled "Water consumption charges (Section 102-91)" shall be amended to provide as follows:

"(a) Per 1,000 gallons per quarter of any fraction thereof	\$1.84"
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Section 4. That paragraphs (a) and (b) of the portion of Section 46-1(49) of the Westland City Code entitled "Sewage disposal rates (Section 102-124)" shall be amended to provide as follows:

1. Per 1,000 gallons per quarter or any part thereof (Section 102-124(a)) \$2.62
2. Industrial waste control charge (Section 102-124(b)):

Meter Size (inches)	Monthly Charge
3/4	\$ 3.73
1	5.59
1 1/2	9.32
2	20.50
3	29.82
4	51.05
6	74.55
8	111.82
10	186.37
12	260.92
16	298.19
18	447.29
24	512.63
	670.93

Section 5. That all other provisions of Chapter 46 of the Westland City Code, except as amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 7. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 8. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS
 Westland City Clerk

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reduce tensions amid sometimes-large crowds.

■ Ease a severe workplace crunch for clerical staff members.

■ Provide more probation department space, including a waiting room for offenders who now are forced to wait in a main court hallway when they report for visits.

■ Provide a jury selection room for jurors who now find themselves waiting, sometimes for hours, in a courtroom or wherever they can be tucked away.

■ Make courtrooms more aesthetically pleasing by likely adding windows.

■ Ease a severe shortage of storage space.

■ Provide for separate, better parking areas for visitors and employees.

Bokos and Wiacek on Monday unveiled drawings to show council members what the expansion will accomplish.

"I think it looks great," Councilman Richard LeBlanc said.

Bokos didn't rule out the possible need for another expansion if the Westland court eventually gets a third judge or is merged with another district court.

But for now, Bokos said, "This is a perfect solution to our current needs."

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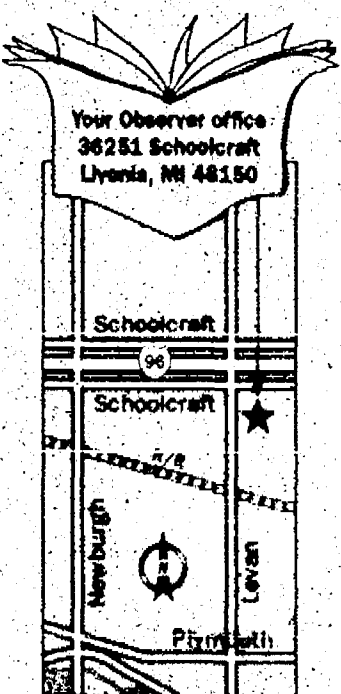
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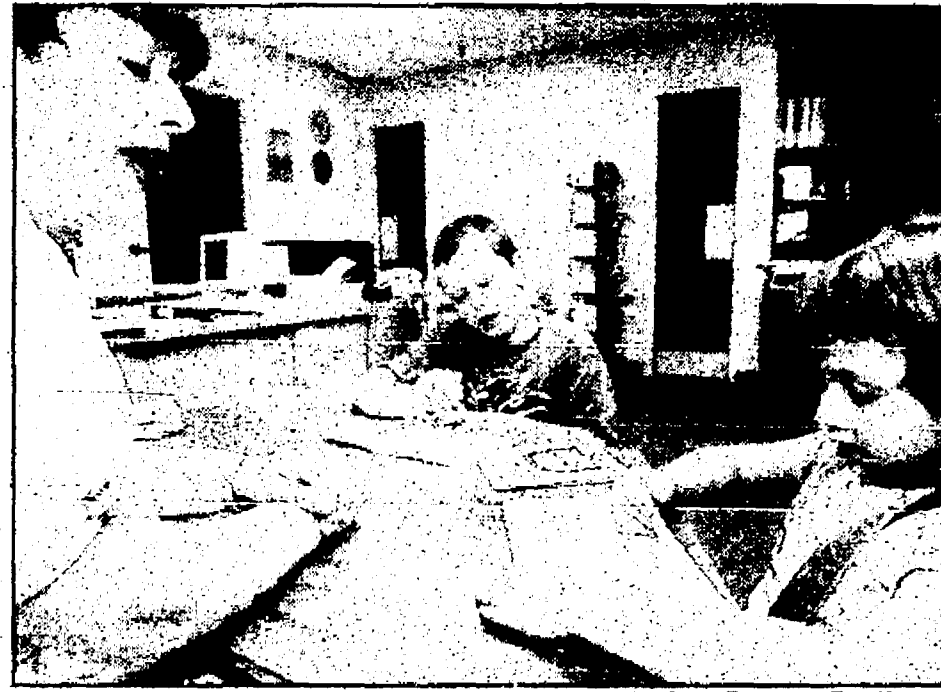
Word pros: Dyan-na El-Kowa, 6, (right) repeats the words, light, fight, right in the phonemic exercise. At left is Dylan Racinski, 6. Below, teacher Laurie Pocock works with Adam Ennis, 7, and Jacquelynn Czarniowski, 6, with out loud reading.



Readers

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night," Pocock said. Students attended reading camp for an hour and 45 minutes each day - Monday through Friday for five weeks. That's nearly 40 hours of help. "It's a significant chunk of instruction," said Cynthia Swift, Wayne-Westland curriculum and staff development director. The district charged a \$20-per-student fee. "We wanted the parents and students to make a commitment to the program," said Sally Perkins, executive director of elementary education. But Perkins said students weren't turned away if they couldn't afford the fee. Students earned a free book every time they read 10 books. Parents signed forms confirming home reading habits. Parents also met with educators and took an active role in their children's education through Camp Read-a-Lot.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HARLEY

Educators say the program will not only inspire youngsters to read - but hopefully help them to improve their performance on state tests. Other than P.D. Graham, other schools chosen as Camp Read-a-Lot sites were Vandenberg, Madison, Hamilton, Elliott and Patchin elementaries.

Franklin Middle School and Wayne Memorial High School. Students from all Wayne-Westland schools could attend, regardless of whether their school was chosen as a campsite. Wayne Memorial, for example, hosted Camp Read-a-Lot for students from Lincoln and Jefferson-Barns Elementary School.

Senior center gains top award

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A Westland senior citizen center that serves thousands of the city's older residents has captured national attention. The Friendship Center has earned the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's 1999 Best Practices Award. The center, 1119 N. Newburgh, also became ranked among the top 10 percent of more than 3,000 programs nominated for HUD awards; director Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek said. "I am proud and grateful that our program has received this

recognition," she said Monday, unveiling the crystal award during a Westland City Council meeting. "I have dedicated many years to building this program," she said, "and I consider this award an honor of a lifetime." Kozorosky-Wiacek and James Gilbert, Westland housing/community development director, proudly touted the award they picked up while attending this year's HUD program, recently held in Kansas City, Mo. This year's theme was "Building A Better Tomorrow," and Kozorosky-Wiacek's supporters say that is what she has done for Westland's senior population.

The center offers programs and services ranging from exercise classes to holiday parties to in-house medical exams to tax form help. The center has 2,400 members but serves hundreds of others with programs such as home-delivered meals for homebound seniors. On Monday, council members praised Kozorosky-Wiacek's efforts and said Westland's senior services are among the best in the state. HUD honored the Friendship Center as among the best people-oriented programs nationwide in cities similar in size to Westland.

Traffic plans changed near Glenn

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Local city and school officials Tuesday announced revised improvements to an intersection considered dangerous near John Glenn High School. A traffic light is expected to be installed at Carlson and Marquette before school starts this fall, officials said. But they corrected statements made last week by Deputy Mayor George Gillies, who said Glenn's westernmost driveway would still be lined up with Carlson. That portion of the project has been scrapped - for now, at

least, said Charlotte Sherman, Wayne-Westland assistant superintendent for general administration. "We haven't abandoned everything," she said, "but we've decided to do it in phases." Richard Dittmar, Westland public services director, outlined the following work, expected to begin Aug. 16. County road crews are expected to install a traffic light where Carlson intersects Marquette - a project officials hope will ease traffic conditions. Officials also will move Carlson several feet to the west - actually moving it slightly farther away from Glenn. Dittmar said the measures

should ease traffic problems that occur during peak morning and afternoon hours. Sherman also said Glenn will have a one-way-in, one-way-out traffic pattern that will make its driveways safer. Motorists will enter from the westernmost drive and leave to the east. Some parents have long sought a traffic light to ease traffic problems and to give students a safe place to cross the intersection. City and school officials had initially planned to move Glenn's westernmost driveway to line up with Carlson, but Sherman and Dittmar said that plan won't occur for now.

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accrued. "We felt, both of us, that it was a justifiable reason," said Mayor Robert Thomas, referring to his and Price's support for the leave. "We're wishing him a lot of luck." Gocaj and the others will be compensated through the United Nations and State Department. He will be armed and will wear a uniform. "It's more of a personal desire," he said of the trek, adding he's one of three Albanian-speaking officers. He has some 45 family

members in Kosovo, and hopes to find they are well. The community policing concept the staff will use is similar to Westland's, he found. There's a task force on war crimes in Kosovo, and Gocaj could work in that area. This is his second trip to Kosovo, following a visit four months ago. He definitely plans to return to the U.S. Gocaj said his father was supportive of his trip, saying "It's your life." His mother worried more about Gocaj's well-being.



Grim: This photograph of Kosovo, provided by Skender Gocaj, shows devastation in his homeland.

City fighting rat problem

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As a rat-killing plan loomed Tuesday in one Westland neighborhood, city officials urged all residents to guard against rodents. "Everybody should be vigilant, no matter where they live," Mayor Robert Thomas said Monday during a Westland City Council meeting. His statement came as pest-control experts this week launch battle plans by placing rat-killing chemicals in burrows found in a residential neighborhood southeast of Merriman and Cherry Hill. Michigan Pest Control Association representative Bob England said some rats will likely survive and may try to find new homes. England has urged homeowners to rid their property of known rat-harboring objects that may include some wooden sheds, yard rubbish, railroad ties, un concealed garbage and fruit

trees. He also cautioned against widespread destruction of sheds, trees and backyard gardens, saying only those known to be a problem should be eliminated. Thomas said Westland isn't alone in battling a rat problem reported by residents in the area of Steinhauer, Hively, Birchwood and Shotka. "I don't think there's a community out there that doesn't have a rat somewhere," Thomas said. Still, Westland has gained widespread media attention since residents started seeking help in battling Norway rats, which grow up to 18 inches long and can carry disease. A community meeting last week at Elliott Elementary School sparked a joint effort by pest-control experts, city officials and residents to combat the problem. "We're actually seeing a lot of neighbors working together," resident Gretchen Love said during Monday's council meeting. Birchwood resident Norman Hell implored city officials to

halt illegal dumping that he said is occurring near a local bar. He didn't specifically link the problem to rats, but he alleged that contractors are dumping wood in the neighborhood. "The mayor may live in Westland," he said, "but we're living in Wasteland." Hively resident Carol Black suggested that city officials consider mailing fliers to all residents to warn them about potential rats - and how to fight them. She voiced concerns that rats driven away from the Merriman-Cherry Hill area could merely cause problems elsewhere. City officials didn't commit to mailing fliers but said they would try to alert residents through newspapers and Westland's municipal cable station, WLND. According to station manager Diane Abbott, WLND will feature a 15-minute program with pest-control experts at 7:30 p.m. today (Thursday); 1:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday; 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday; and 1:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Sunday.

Schools get new principals

LIVONIA SCHOOLS

Livonia Public Schools has now completed its administrative lineup for the upcoming school year. Three new principals will assume new posts in the district's elementaries. Marcia Kreger of Plymouth is the new principal of Hoover Elementary, 15900 Levan Road. She formerly was principal at Evans Elementary in the Melvindale-Northern Allen Park Public Schools. Kreger replaces Karen Milton, who takes over the helm at McKinley Elementary, 9101 Hillcrest. Former McKinley principal Jane VanPoperin has retired. John Lectka of Livonia is the new principal of Hayes Elementary, 30600 Louise, Westland. Lectka has been a teacher in Livonia Public Schools since 1992, at both Johnson and Marshall elementaries. Lectka replaces Gerald Nehs, who retired. Kimberley Begley-Raginia of Brighton is the new principal of Kennedy Elementary, 14201 Hubbard. She previously was principal at Edison Elementary, Wayne-Westland schools. At Kennedy, she replaces Joanne Hughes, who now is the new principal of Marshall Elementary, 33901 Curtis Road. Hughes replaces Ron Van Horn, who has retired. Three administrative changes have taken place at the middle school level.

Christina Berry of Livonia is a new assistant principal at Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark Road. She has worked in Livonia Public Schools since 1986, working at Churchill High and Riley and Frost middle schools. At Frost, she replaces Michael Seltz, the new principal at the Bentley Center for Extended Learning. After serving as acting principal at Riley Middle School, Joseph Anderson recently was named principal of the school at 15555 Henry Ruff. Anderson replaces John Kuenzel, the district's new director of secondary education. Laura Wallace will resume her job as assistant principal at Emerson Middle School, 29100 West Chicago. Earlier this year, she took over temporary personnel duties in the district's administrative offices due to the illness of Stephen Smith, assistant superintendent for personnel. Smith has since returned to his job. One administrative change takes place at Churchill High School. Carol Hanner of Brighton has been named an assistant principal. She previously worked as an assistant principal at Howell High School.

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County will offer new Head Start services

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Families of students enrolled in Head Start this fall can expect an umbrella of services.

For the first time, Wayne County will administer the federally-funded program for 3- and 4-year-old children, taking it over from the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency on Sept. 1. Sessions begin Sept. 27.

But more importantly, the county's arrangement with three community-based, non-profit organizations is expected to assist Head Start families seeking help, said Carolyn Gray, Wayne County's director of children and family services.

Children will receive assistance through Head Start with education, health, nutrition and literacy, while staffers will assist Head Start family members who have questions about health care, employment and housing. Head Start staffers have been trained to either provide that service or refer them to the right agency, Gray said.

"That family can receive those services under one umbrella without multiple stops," Gray said.

Gray described the program as a "one-stop shop" for services.

"It's unique that for the first time, children and families in one Head Start program, can use any of the services at the three agencies," Gray said. A family in Livonia or Redford with a need for mental health assistance could contact the Downriver Guidance Clinic for assistance, Gray said.

Wayne County will contract with the Downriver Guidance Clinic in Southgate, Starfish

Family Services in Inkster and the Wayne-Metropolitan Community Services Agency in Ecorse. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services had notified Wayne County earlier this year that it was awarded a \$16 million grant for Head Start.

The program is available in 25 outcounty communities, including Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland. Currently the program serves 3,723 children outside of Detroit, the second largest in the state after Detroit. Gray hopes to increase Wayne

County's outcounty enrollment to 30,000.

"Federal funds have been made available to increase that enrollment number," Gray said. A prenatal care program also will be offered, Gray said.

Sally Vaughn, RESA associate superintendent, said that about 18 months ago, RESA took a long look at Head Start and decided that it was not the "best" agency to administrate the program.

"Our focus is on K-12 programs, while Head Start is more of a community-based program,"

Vaughn said. RESA officials hope to emphasize more programs for the benefit of 500,000 elementary and high school students, Vaughn added.

That would include teacher recruitment, reading programs, and computerizing payroll and scheduling for local districts, Vaughn said. A recent job fair drew hundreds of applicants, while Mike Flanagan, RESA superintendent, serves on a gubernatorial board to promote reading programs in schools.

Gray said Wayne County is trying to hire former Head Start

staff members, who were former employees of Wayne County school districts paid by RESA. "They are interviewing and recruiting employees," Gray said.

Vaughn confirmed that several employees had already been hired. "They told us they would like the change to be as smooth as possible," Vaughn said. "Our goal is that parents and kids don't see the difference."

For information and eligibility requirements, people interested

in Head Start should contact their respective school district, as listed below:

For Livonia and Clarenceville districts, Sue Foley at (734) 523-9192.

For Plymouth-Canton School District, Jan Metzner at (734) 416-6105.

For Redford Union School District, Susan Jerore at (313) 592-3359.

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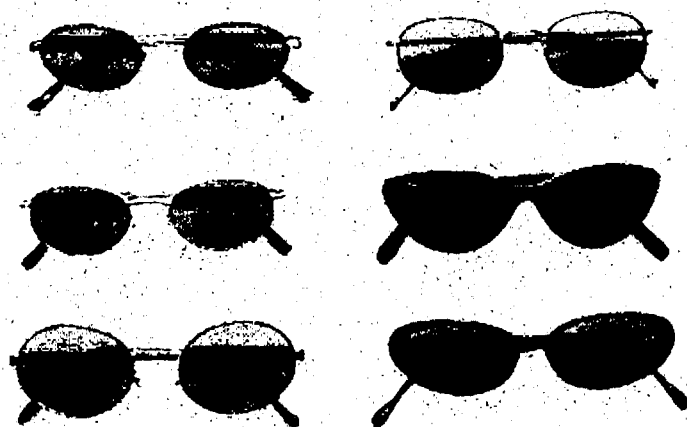
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While the I-275 construction project is the one road project that has the attention of everyone in western Wayne County, officials at the Michigan Department of Transportation believe this week marks milestones for several other projects.

One long-awaited project was completed with the opening Monday of M-5 (the Haggerty Connector) between 12 Mile and 14 Mile roads. That connector has been long-awaited by Oakland County commuters driving to Wayne County, and by Wayne County residents wanting a quicker route to Commerce Township or West Bloomfield.

COUNTY NEWS

"We expect that 53,000 motorists will use it each day to I-696," said Robin Pannecouk, spokeswoman for MDOT.

Other construction projects may be of interest to western Wayne County residents:

■ For commuters heading north to Southfield or Birmingham or south to Dearborn or downriver communities, construction on the Southfield Freeway was completed, Pannecouk said. Freeway ramps and lanes were opened Tuesday.

MDOT expects more bridge deck work will be completed on decks of the Michigan Avenue and Ford Road bridges in Dearborn, which will create lane reductions there. That work will finish this fall.

■ For downtown commuters, I-

75 construction near Tiger Stadium will be finished in two weeks. Crews need to finish work on entrance and exit ramps.

■ Telegraph Road between 10 Mile and 12 Mile work will continue through October, so motorists can expect continued lane reductions and closures of ramps to the Lodge Freeway and I-696.

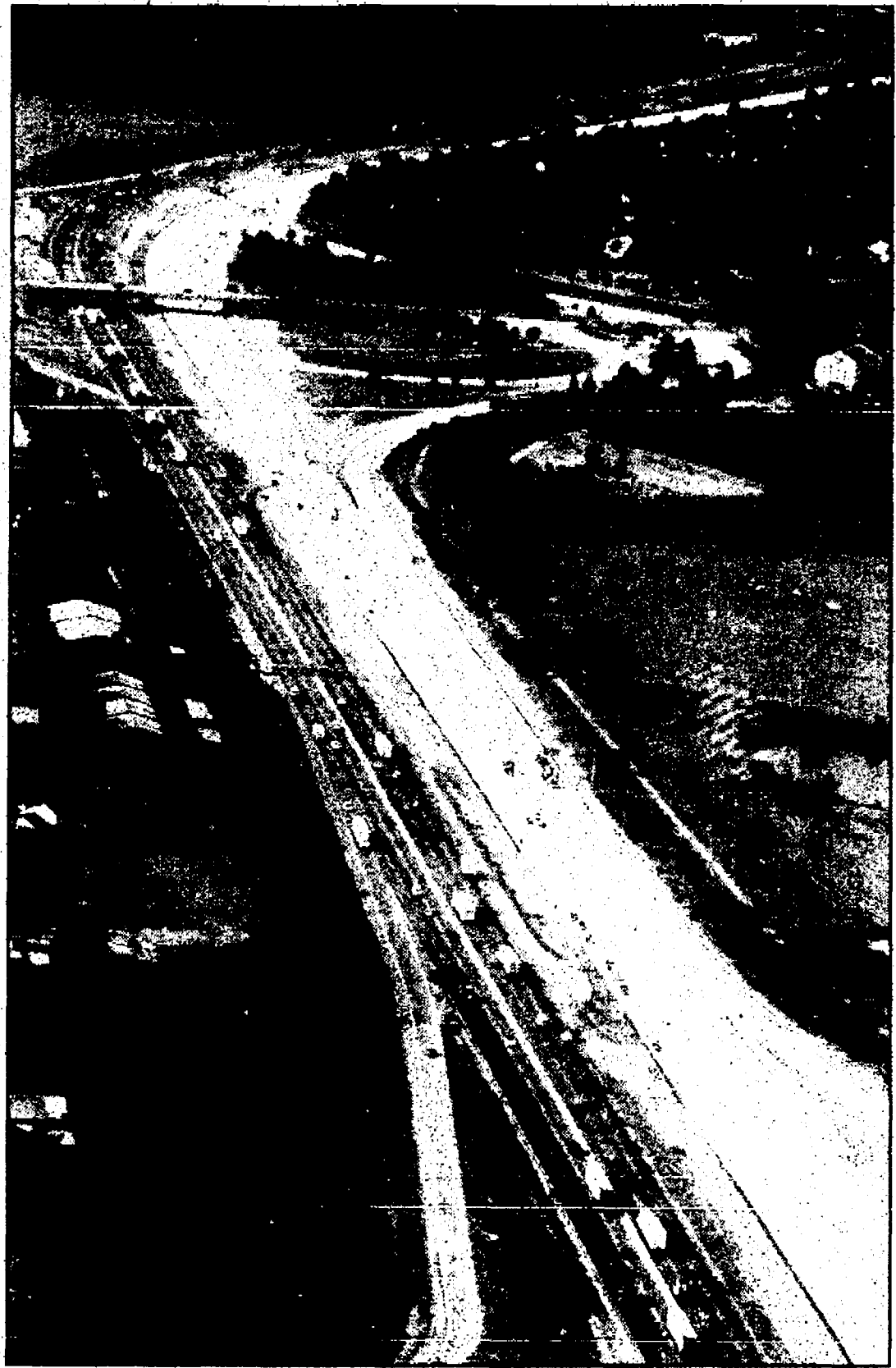
I-275 traffic delayed

Pannecouk advises I-275 motorists to slow down as construction crews move the barrier from the northbound side to the southbound lanes. Southbound traffic is now located on the newly paved southbound side.

Contractors will be moving the barrier for another week which will create backups for lane reductions. Lanes will be reduced from three to two lanes at the spot where the barrier is being installed on the southbound side, and on the northbound side where it is being removed.

"The traffic was just going through there too quick and the workers needed room," Pannecouk said. "People need to slow down."

Once the crossover is completed, northbound commuters can expect to see traffic backups where the crossover begins at 5 Mile.



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Cattleman's owner says he can relate to hepatitis crisis

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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High-profile health alerts like the hepatitis A outbreak traced to a Farmington Hills eatery leave symptoms long after illnesses go away.

An owner of a former Farmington market can relate to what proprietors at Roosevelt's Bar and Grill are going through. The Hills eatery on 12 Mile and Orchard Lake is believed to be the source of several reported Hepatitis A cases.

County health officials cited an air condenser at Cattleman's Market in Farmington as the source of bacteria whose airborne transmission led to a Legionnaire's disease outbreak in 1996.

A civil suit is pending in Oakland County Circuit Court over the 1996 outbreak in which four people died and 30 became ill.

The same law firm, Thurswell, Chayet & Weiner in Southfield, is handling that case as well as recent suits already filed against Roosevelt's.

The Cattleman's store in Uptown Plaza closed December 1997.

Cattleman's officials said sales volume was down before the outbreak, but publicity from the Legionnaire's outbreak didn't help.

"It almost broke me," said Marcus Rohtbart, Cattleman's owner who still operates stores in the Detroit metro area. "I feel bad about anybody (who goes through this): I feel bad about the people who got sick. I feel bad about the business."

Media reports unintentionally make such outbreaks sound as if they're caused on purpose, Rohtbart said. "No one does this intentionally," he added.

In Roosevelt's case, Farmington Hills police weren't so sure at first.

Authorities investigated whether a former cook who was described as disgruntled played a role in the hepatitis A outbreak at Roosevelt's. By Friday, Hills police Chief Bill Dwyer called the reports "unlikely."

Hills police investigators got involved after a report surfaced Wednesday that a former employee may have tampered with food.

An employee, who has since quit, told Westland police she heard a second-hand account

from a cook, who said a colleague purposely defecated onto food to get back at management.

Investigators became wary of the report after checking health department charts and interviewing past and current employees.

No one else could verify or heard rumors about the alleged incident, Dwyer said. Five employees are among those who have become ill.

As of Friday afternoon, Oakland County Health Department officials confirmed 29 cases.

"If you're going to do it as an act of revenge, you'd have to do it several times, not just one random act," Dwyer said. "It doesn't add up at this point."

Roosevelt's owners have been cooperative and helpful during

the joint investigation, Dwyer said.

Business has taken a hit at the billiards hall and restaurant, one owner said.

"Unfortunately, too many people hear snippets. They hear Roosevelt's and hepatitis A and they say, 'Uh-uh, I ain't going there,'" said Duane Gmerek, who is one of the owners.

Roosevelt's regulars have responded positively, though.

Gmerek has fielded 12-15 calls. Roosevelt's owners are personally answering all inquiries.

"They have concerns," he said. "Once you explain to them how hepatitis works and how it gets into an establishment, they understand. Hey, it can happen and they'll be back."

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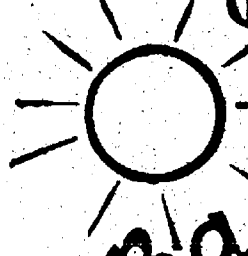
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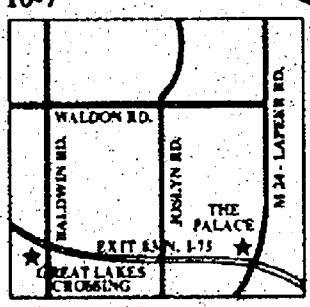
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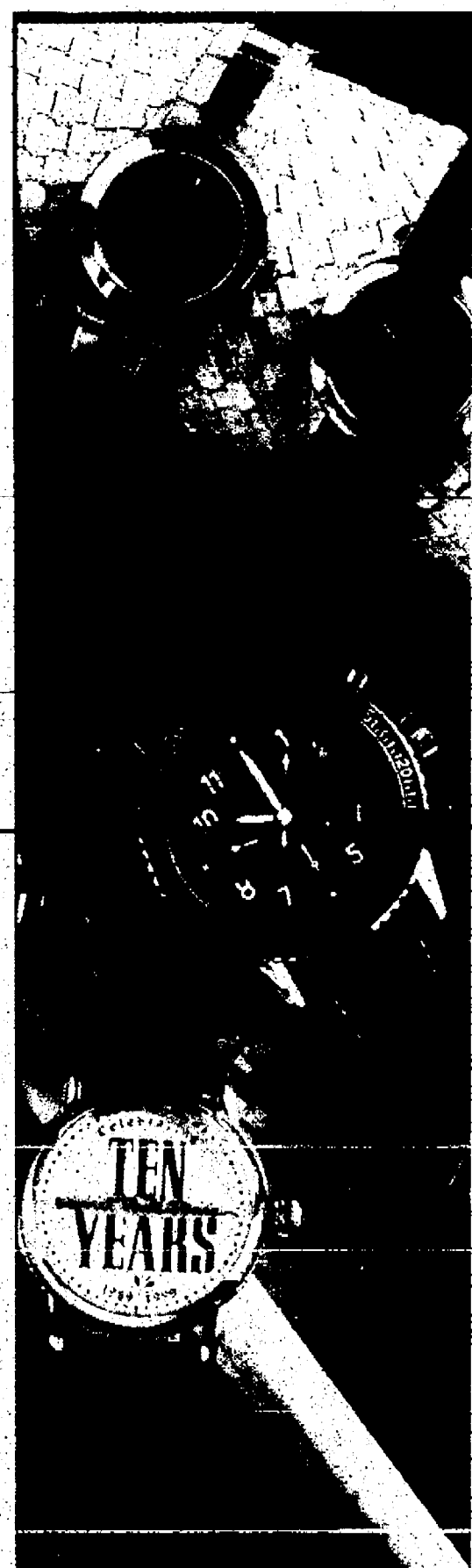
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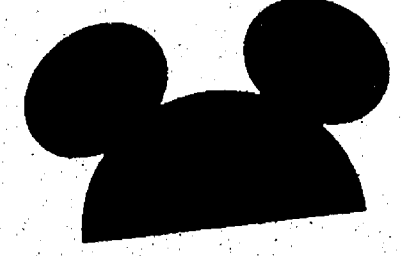
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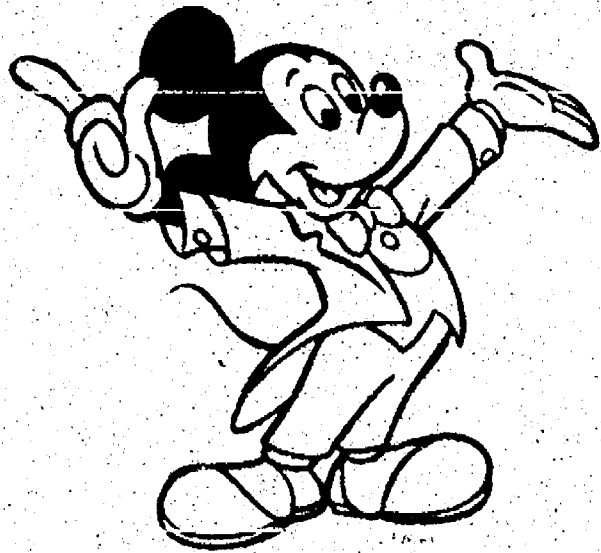
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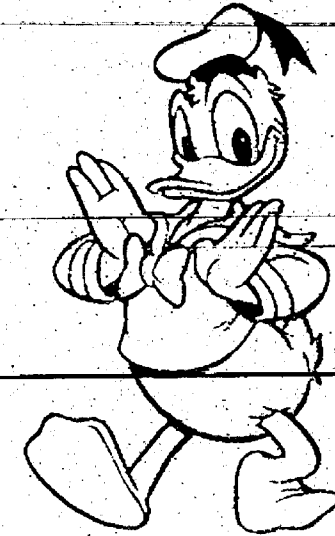
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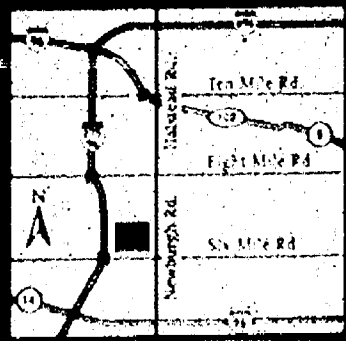
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Sam Florek leaves Schoolcraft 'a friend to many'

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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For Sandra Florek, throwing fund-raisers for the Schoolcraft College Foundation is like throwing a wedding.

Florek organizes the Culinary Extravaganza, golf outings, the Madrigal Dinners and other events to boost the Foundation coffers, used for scholarships for Schoolcraft students.

"They're delightful and exciting, but it's like doing a wedding," Florek said. "You always worry about something going wrong."

If the Foundation's fund is like a wedding, then no one needs to worry about being stood up at the altar.

Sixteen years ago when Florek assumed her fund-raising responsibilities, that fund contained \$17,000. It has since blossomed to \$7.3 million.

That foundation fund will be left in good shape once Florek officially retires Aug. 31. Florek and her husband, Robert, have sold their home in Canton to move to Arizona, thus ending her 32-year working career with the college.

On the move

Raised in northeastern Pennsylvania, "Sam" Florek graduated from Penn State University, obtaining a bachelor of science degree in business in 1962.

From 1962 to 1964, she taught general business courses in Rochester, N.Y. Florek eventually returned to Penn State to get her master's in guidance and counseling, where she met her eventual husband, Robert. They married in 1965.

The Floreks moved to California, where she was employed as a state social worker. Her husband's engineering job at Bendix brought the couple to Michigan in 1966.

Sam Florek worked as a high school counselor in Brighton in July 1967 until she dealt with a typical Michigan "snow day." After dealing with that snowstorm, Florek looked in the telephone book under "colleges" and found Schoolcraft and scheduled an interview.

Within two days of her inter-



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Dedicated fund-raiser:
Sam Florek leaves a rich legacy of service as an administrator for Schoolcraft College.

where she was the first counselor, helping women in returning to or entering the workforce, Florek developed many workshops there.

Schoolcraft remains a clean and well-maintained campus, Florek said.

"We have people here who are really committed. It's like a private college; you have a dedicated faculty, small classrooms and you're paying a nice rate," Florek said.

Florek remembers Penn State, which she described as a crowded university in dormitories and large lecture halls. "I didn't like that," Florek said. In contrast, Schoolcraft's size provides a closer-knit community atmosphere, Florek said.

Florek expects upgrading the college will be a continuing expense, necessitated by changing technology and interactive classrooms. "We're debt-free," Florek said. "Schoolcraft has made wonderful decisions managing tax dollars."

Volunteers elsewhere

Florek also has volunteered and served in local communities within the college's district, which includes the school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth-Canton, Northville and part of Novi.

Florek serves on the Garden City Hospital Board of Direc-

tors.

Florek was president of the Livonia and Plymouth chambers of commerce, receiving the 1994 Athena Award from the Livonia Chamber in promoting business opportunities for women.

As a member of the YMCA Board of Directors from 1985 to 1991, she chaired the annual Invest in Youth auction for three years. She assisted the Straight Foundation drug rehabilitation program by raising funds for their counseling program.

Florek served on the Wayne County Private Industry Council and the Livonia Economic Development Organization.

Florek has enjoyed working with the Foundation's board. "It's been fun to work with those people," Florek said.

Florek said fund-raising isn't that difficult when she sells Schoolcraft College to potential donors. "All I had to do was give them more information about the college," Florek said.

But she doesn't want to take credit for the Foundation's success, and instead commends McDowell for the fund's growth. "Dick has been very committed and has been very positive," Florek said.

McDowell said Florek has been an "outstanding" administrator.

"She has very high standards, a great work ethic and she has always tried to do the right thing," McDowell said.

McDowell said Florek "always worked to make things better at the college" and believes in what she's doing.

"She's always looked at how we can make things better for students and how can we give them good information to make career decisions," McDowell said. "She's been an outstanding fund-raiser."

The Board of Trustees recognized Florek's efforts two years ago by establishing a scholarship fund in her name. "That was just the neatest honor," Florek said.

A board resolution honoring Florek in 1997 stated that Florek developed creative ideas and still found time to counsel students despite her busy schedule. "She is a friend to many on and off campus. Her career at the college has been exemplary. She is a unique person."

Florek now expects to keep in contact with the friends she has cultivated over the years at the college.

"I'm not ready to retire, so it's been difficult," Florek said.

Florek hopes to volunteer in Arizona, possibly working with a hospice there.

view, she was hired as a counselor in the college's Student Services Division by Ed McNally, the vice president of student services, and John Webber, director of counseling. Florek also taught business classes.

In 1981, she moved into administration as assistant to the president for institutional advancement after College President Richard McDowell acted as her mentor. Later she was promoted to director of institutional advancement.

Promoting the college

Today, as dean of marketing and development, Florek has promoted the college through news releases, feature articles, publications and television and radio broadcasts. Florek and staff members have published catalogs, schedules and brochures.

Schoolcraft has been easy for her to market, Florek said. "We have a lot of students who come here and say, 'my brother came here, my mother came here,'" Florek said.

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uct, you can't sell it."

Florek has organized graduation ceremonies, college anniversary celebrations and building dedications.

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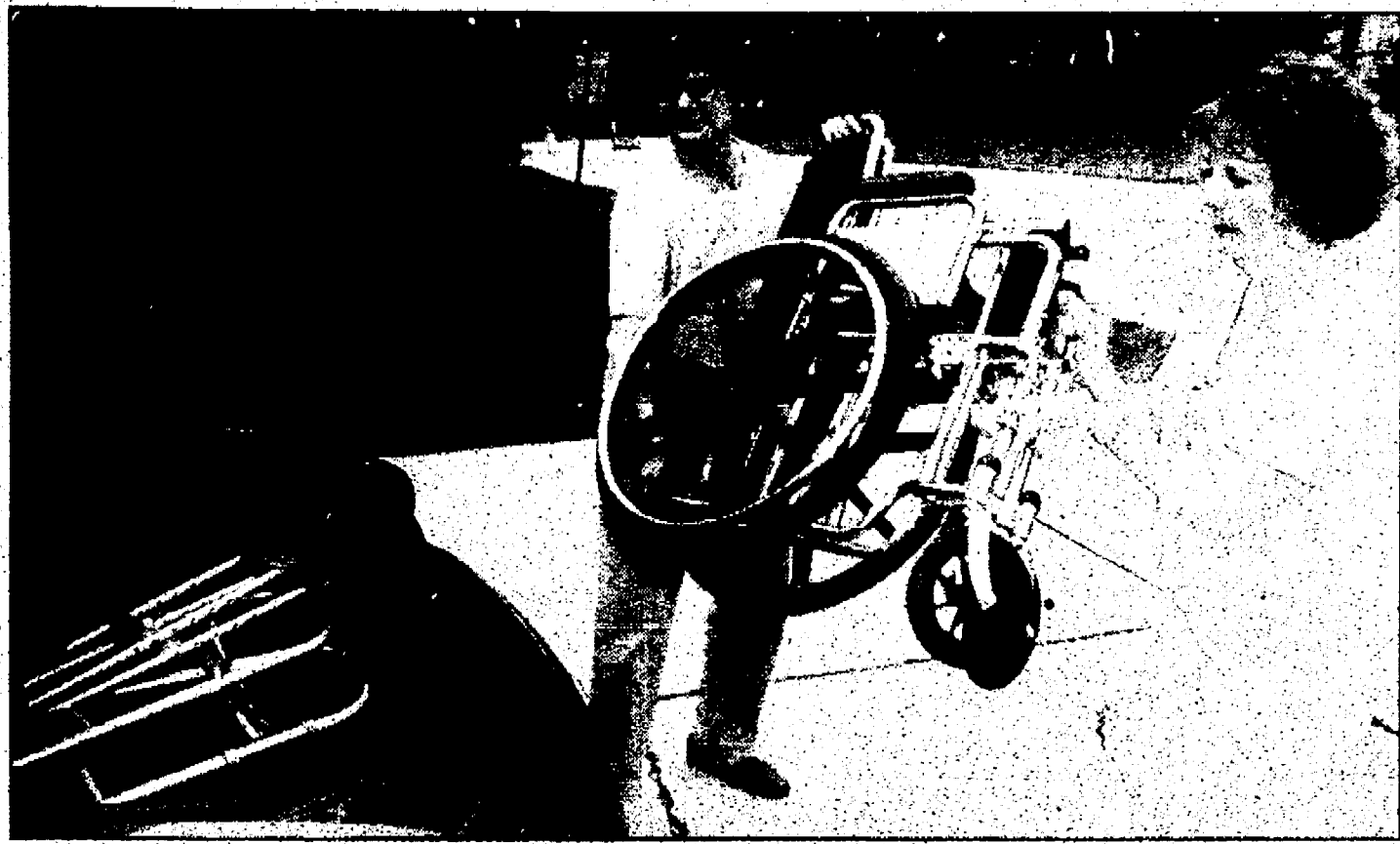
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And more: Dorothy Pitsch of Farmington Hills gets help from Jan Glovak, who worked with Pitsch on a six-month drive to gather wheelchairs for the rest of the world.

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Donated wheelchairs send message of help and hope

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Handicapped people crawling on their hands and knees in Ghana, West Africa, have received the first shipment of wheelchairs collected during a six-month drive spearheaded by two Farmington Hills women earlier this year.

"So many people in the village wore flip flops on their hands from dragging themselves around," according to Wheels for the World Detroit-area chairwoman Dorothy Pitsch.

The stories from missionaries who delivered the wheelchairs in Ghana, West Africa, were heart-breaking illustrations of poverty and gratitude from the recipi-

ents, according to Jan Glovak, who worked with Pitsch on the drive.

Community effort

Earlier this year Pitsch and Glovak collected 631 wheelchairs, walkers and crutches to be distributed to handicapped people around the world. It was the largest collection of chairs from a single WFTW drive. The chairs came from 11 communities in the Detroit area.

"Many of these people wait for years and possibly a lifetime for a chance to receive one of these wheelchairs," Pitsch said. "We in this country take a wheelchair for granted and often dispose of them when they are no longer needed for personal use."

"I'm learning how important it is to get the message across to people in this country about how necessary it is for us to retrieve every walker, wheelchair and crutch and gather them into future drives," Pitsch added.

Wheelchairs are collected around the country during WFTW drives and then distributed to handicapped people in Third World countries. WFTW was established seven years ago by Joni Eareckson Tada, a mouth artist and Christian spiritual speaker, who became a paraplegic after a diving accident when she was 17 years old, more than 30 years ago.

Special stories

Each wheelchair that Pitsch and Glovak collected came with a special story about the person who once used it. Most were from family members who no longer needed them; others were found in attics, basements, hospitals, schools, garages and even on the sides of roads.

Two of the wheelchairs were specially tagged so Pitsch could learn about the recipients. One of the wheelchairs belonged to West Bloomfield resident, Alex Graham, 17, who died earlier this year from a rare form of bone cancer that was first detected in her knee. Her leg was amputated when she was 16 in a desperate attempt to stop the cancer from spreading.

Shortly before her death, Graham was called by the Make a

Wish Foundation.

Instead of the usual trip to Disney World, or celebrity visit, this teenager asked to produce a public service announcement that would explain the need for people not to stare at handicapped people. She pleaded with viewers to offer a smile and compassion instead of turning away or grimacing.

Pitsch wanted to learn about the person who received the chair from this special girl.

The second chair Pitsch wanted to follow was used by 18-year-old Larry Bredow, a quadriplegic who was physically and mentally handicapped.

His parents Kelsey and Larry Bredow, of Clinton Township, were sent by their church as missionaries to help fit the recipients in the chairs collected by WFTW. They met at Pitsch's house recently to talk about how devastatingly poor Ghana was and how the wheelchairs transformed the lives of the recipients.

"They have nothing physically, but I think God is more pleased with them than with us who have so much," Kelsey Bredow explained.

She talked about the dilapidated, tiny homes where the nationals lived; the common use of out-houses; and how running water was considered a luxury.

"Still, they were a very happy, gracious people," Larry Bredow said.

Gracious man

The Bredows also helped handpick the two nationals who would receive the chairs Pitsch wanted to follow.

Alex's chair went to the director of the Ghana Society for the Physically Disabled, who despite paralyzed legs travels from village to village working tirelessly with handicapped people. The wheelchair he had been using was old, worn out, large and not collapsible, which meant he had to tie it to the roof of the run-down car he used.

"He was such a noble, regal man and very gracious," Kelsey Bredow said. "We knew that he was so deserving of that chair and he could do so much good

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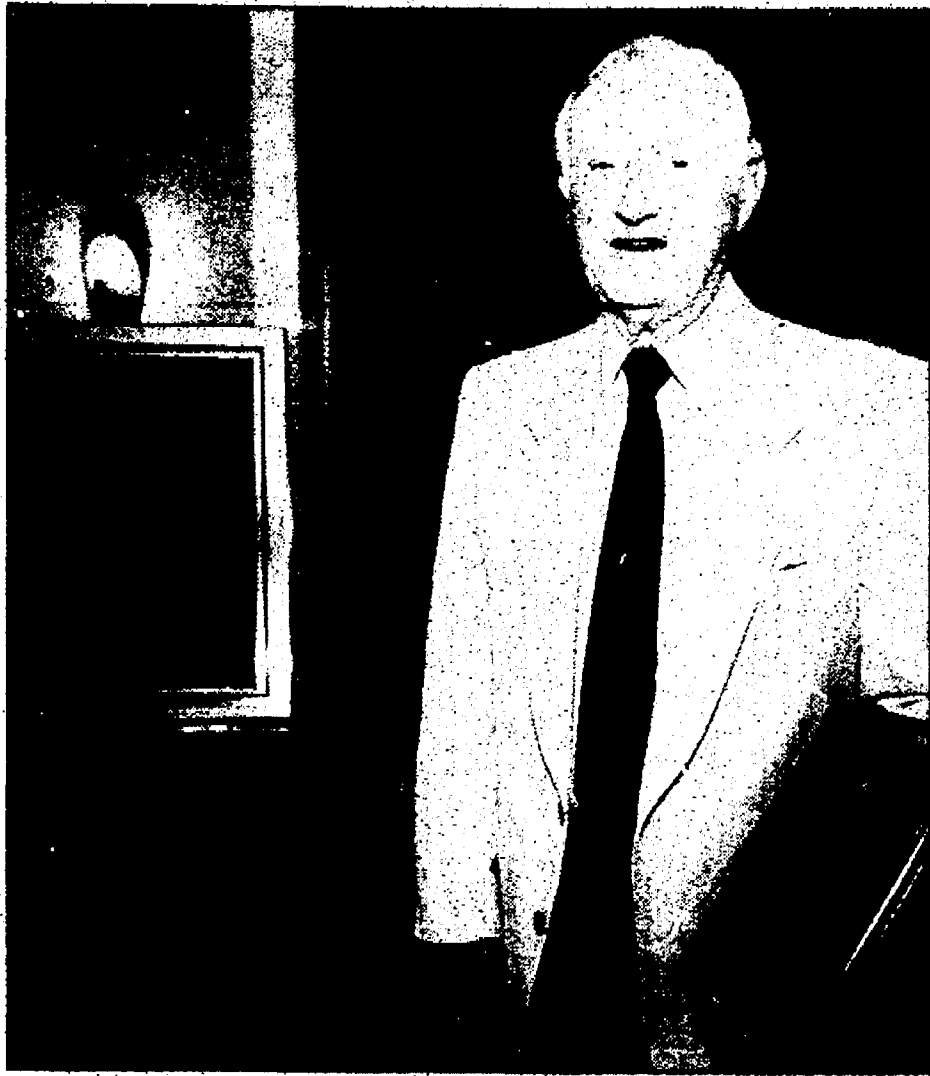
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Honored: John Anhut, longtime owner of the Botsford Inn, was honored by the Farmington Hills/Farmington Community Foundation last week.

County plans 5% budget increase

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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County commissioners are spending these days examining County Executive Ed McNamara's \$607-million general fund budget.

It is a massive document of nearly 600 pages reflecting a 5 percent increase in general fund expenditures for the budget year of Oct. 1, 1999, to Sept. 30, 2000.

County positions total 7,219, an increase of 151 "full-time equivalents" from the prior year's total of 7,068. Many of those positions (93) were proposed for the airports. The total of all funds in the budget is estimated at \$2.7 billion.

"No one can ignore the great things that are happening around us as a result of the economy and partnering efforts occurring throughout southeast Michigan," McNamara said in a letter introducing this year's budget to Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon.

County Executive Edward McNamara highlighted the following areas:

■ **General Fund:** The county treasurer's integrated land information system will be replaced. A new system will interface with operations in the Register of Deeds and Assessment and Equalization Division. This new tax collection system is expected to be operational by the close of fiscal year 1999-2000.

■ **Department of Public Services: Roads:** Work crews will have fixed more than 150 miles of poor roads, reducing potholes by half, and paving 10 miles of gravel roads and fixing several bridges.

McNamara said federal and state funds are "not sufficient" to make all of the needed repairs.

"We need to push for a nickel increase to the gas tax at the pumps, which will favor local governments and index the tax to grow with inflation," McNamara stated in the budget's cover letter.

■ **The park's property tax,** now in its third year, will pay for the completion of a new shower facility at the marina in Elizabeth Park in Trenton and

improvements to Nankin Mills in Westland, including interactive displays showing the background of the historic building.

■ **Wayne County will run the state's second largest Head Start program** which will serve 3,700 low income 3-4-year-olds at no cost to the enrollee. About \$16 million in federal funds will be matched with an estimated \$4 million of in-kind services from schools and social service agencies for an outcounty program.

The Kay Beard Building in Westland will be renovated to house other county offices.

■ **The sixth grant of the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project** is expected in 2000 and will provide \$23.3 million to continue funding the design and construction of combined sewer overflow controls.

■ **Community development block grants** have increased by \$1.5 million due to additional federal funds to be distributed to Wayne County communities. Under the Urban Partnership Program, JEDD is working with

distressed communities to restore brownfields, redevelop commercial and industrial areas and build new housing and neighborhoods.

■ **On Oct. 1, Wayne County will assume control of the state's juvenile justice program** through a block grant program. The county will receive \$64 million from the state to provide delinquency services for more than 3,000 youths through a community-based program, using aggressive monitoring and intervention, drug testing, educational achievement and incentive-based provider contracts.

A new \$47 million detention facility will house nonconvicted youths 17 and under. Programs include education, medical, mental health, counseling, therapy and recreation.

This week commissioners were expected to meet with county officials to discuss airports, jobs and economic development, roads, environment, drains and sewers. They will deliberate on the budget Aug. 10-12.

Former Botsford owner honored

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
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When people would ask where Botsford Hospital was, Botsford Inn owner John Anhut recalled the response was, "behind the Inn." Today more than 30 years after the hospital opened, the perspective is just the opposite.

"In terms of a compliment that is it," said Gerson Cooper, Botsford Health Care Continuum chief executive officer.

Cooper was on hand July 26 to honor Anhut, a trustee of the Farmington-Farmington Hills Community Foundation at a luncheon during which foundation officers gave \$125,000 to support afterschool programs.

During the July 26 program, Cooper and Anhut, who has served on the hospital board since the facility opened in January, 1965, related the recent sale of the historic Botsford Inn to the hospital.

Anhut resumed operations of the inn last November after previous owner Creon Smith defaulted on a land contract.

"There is nobody who should have the inn but Botsford Hospital," Cooper recalled Anhut telling him last fall.

The inn has since been bought by the hospital. "This is a traumatic week," Anhut announced. "This is the week we close the inn for food and beverages. It's tough to say goodbye."

The inn has operated for the past 163 years and - at least under Anhut's leadership, has hosted approximately 50,000 functions.

"We've never missed one and I've got a story for everything," Anhut said. He later added: "Thank you for supporting for for my 48 years."

Cooper said the inn will have a number of uses, including housing visiting medical students.

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with it." Larry Bredow's chair went to a man named Patrick, who crawled on his hands and knees to get around.

Patrick, 22, quit school in the seventh grade because he was getting too large for his parents to carry. Through an interpreter, he told the Bredows that he wanted to return to school and possibly become a teacher.

Patrick's upper body was strong, but his legs were like two twigs with sores on his knees from being dragged on the ground. The Bredows gave Patrick a picture of their "Little Larry."

Delivering their son's wheelchair was an important gesture for the Bredows. It was another example of how their Larry's life had meaning even though while he was alive he was helpless.

Yet, throughout his life, Kelsey said, they saw how God used him to teach them about true love; the generosity and kindness of people and so many other important lessons.

The Bredows said living in Ghana for a week and a half was a life-changing experience that taught them firsthand how truly poor these people are and their tremendous gratitude for the smallest gestures of kindness.

Three wheelchairs went to a

hospital that Kelsey Bredow described as being like a leftover from World War I with patients lying on the floor. These were the first wheelchairs the hospital had.

Warm greetings

When WFTW arrived they were greeted by the nationals who had been waiting for hours. The cost of a wheelchair to these people would have been the equivalent of 10 years' salary, Kelsey Bredow said.

"I was overwhelmed with what these poor people don't have and that these wheelchairs are a luxury," said Glovak, a Farmington Hills resident who was among those gathered at Pitsch's house to hear the Bredows' account of their missionary work.

"For us to get these chairs that are castaways ... how very rewarding to see someone in such need is receiving such a valuable gift," Glovak said. "What this really shows us is that this is something that we can't let go. We have to have another drive for another country."

Pitsch and Glovak are planning another drive next year. They have been accepting wheelchairs ever since the last drive ended in spring. Call Pitsch at (248)661-3317 or Glovak at (248)661-0964.

Madonna registers for fall

Madonna University's registration for fall '99 term is in progress and continues through Friday, Sept. 3, for new and returning students. Office hours will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Classes begin the week of Sept. 7.

The convenience of fax-in registration for all students is avail-

able and will be accepted until Aug. 20.

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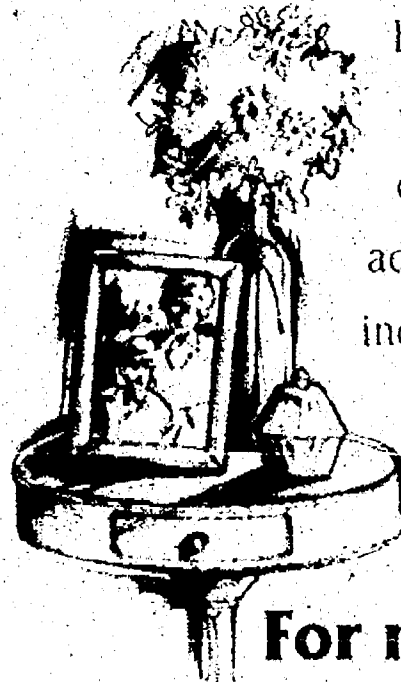
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Traffic safety Glenn move a positive step

Parents worry about the safety of their children, and those with students at John Glenn High School are no exception.

Parents were pleased to learn that an intersection considered dangerous near the school is expected to receive some long-awaited improvements this month.

A traffic light is expected to be installed before school starts at the Carlson-Marquette intersection, creating safer traffic patterns particularly during busy hours near Glenn High. The school driveways also will have a one-way-in, one-way-out traffic pattern, although district officials now say that the westernmost driveway will not — for now, at least — be lined up with Carlson.

The project is scheduled to start Aug. 16 and be done before students return to school, according to Westland Deputy Mayor George Gillies.

We applaud those responsible for bringing this improvement to fruition. Insuring student safety is certainly paramount, and officials' efforts should not go unacknowledged.

Parents have voiced complaints about the Carlson-Marquette area for years, 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; parents say peak morning and

■ This improvement has been some time in coming, but let's acknowledge those responsible and say thanks.

afternoon traffic hours become worse due to Glenn traffic.

Glenn student Christina Raymond in 1997 suffered leg injuries, including a chipped bone and torn ligaments, when hit by a car near Marquette and Carlson. Her mother, Tina Schweim, said then that students "have to dodge cars all the time."

Westland city officials and Wayne-Westland school district leaders agreed to share project costs. We applaud this spirit of cooperation, as it has such a laudable aim.

Charlotte Sherman, district assistant superintendent for general administration, said it's likely the improvement to the intersection will be in place by the time school starts. Parents and students can start off the new school year on the right foot, putting learning first because safety's been taken care of.

That doesn't mean, of course, that safe driving measures aren't called for around John Glenn, Wayne Memorial and other schools.

This improvement has been some time in coming, but let's acknowledge those responsible and say thanks.

Pet population control is vital

Some are found in the street, emaciated and flea-infested. Some are brought in by their owners, who are unable or unwilling to care for them any more. Some are healthy. Some are seriously ill or dangerous to others.

They are dogs, cats, rabbits ... and their chances of surviving for long at the Michigan Humane Society are not good.

In a July 15 Observer story, it was reported that in 1998 the Humane Society took in 49,965 animals and killed 33,643 of them by lethal injection because suitable homes were not found.

It's a sad story.

The Humane Society reports high employee turnover because of "compassion fatigue." Most employees (and hundreds of volunteers) are drawn to the society because they love animals. They expect to help match the perfect pets with the perfect owners. Often they do just that, and those are the happy endings they focus on to keep going.

But far too many healthy pets, including kittens and puppies, are put to death because irresponsible people allow their pets to reproduce wantonly.

The pet population continues to outpace the pet owner population. We take our unwanted or excess pets to the Humane Society and tell ourselves that they were adopted. We know that the Humane Society kills unwanted pets, but we pretend it doesn't happen.

We are an odd society indeed when we pamper our pets with birthday presents, professional grooming, baby-sitters and even graves. Yet we kill off our excess pets as if they were so much dirt to be swept off the kitchen floor. Do we believe that life has value only if it is convenient?

Humane Society employees and volunteers are doing the right thing in killing unwanted animals. Even the Michigan Animal Rescue League, an organization that limits its killing



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Making a friend: Jenna Golles of Livonia plays with "Miss Kitty" at the adoption shelter.

to sick and dangerous pets, praises the Humane Society for doing the thankless, heartbreaking work of killing healthy, unwanted pets.

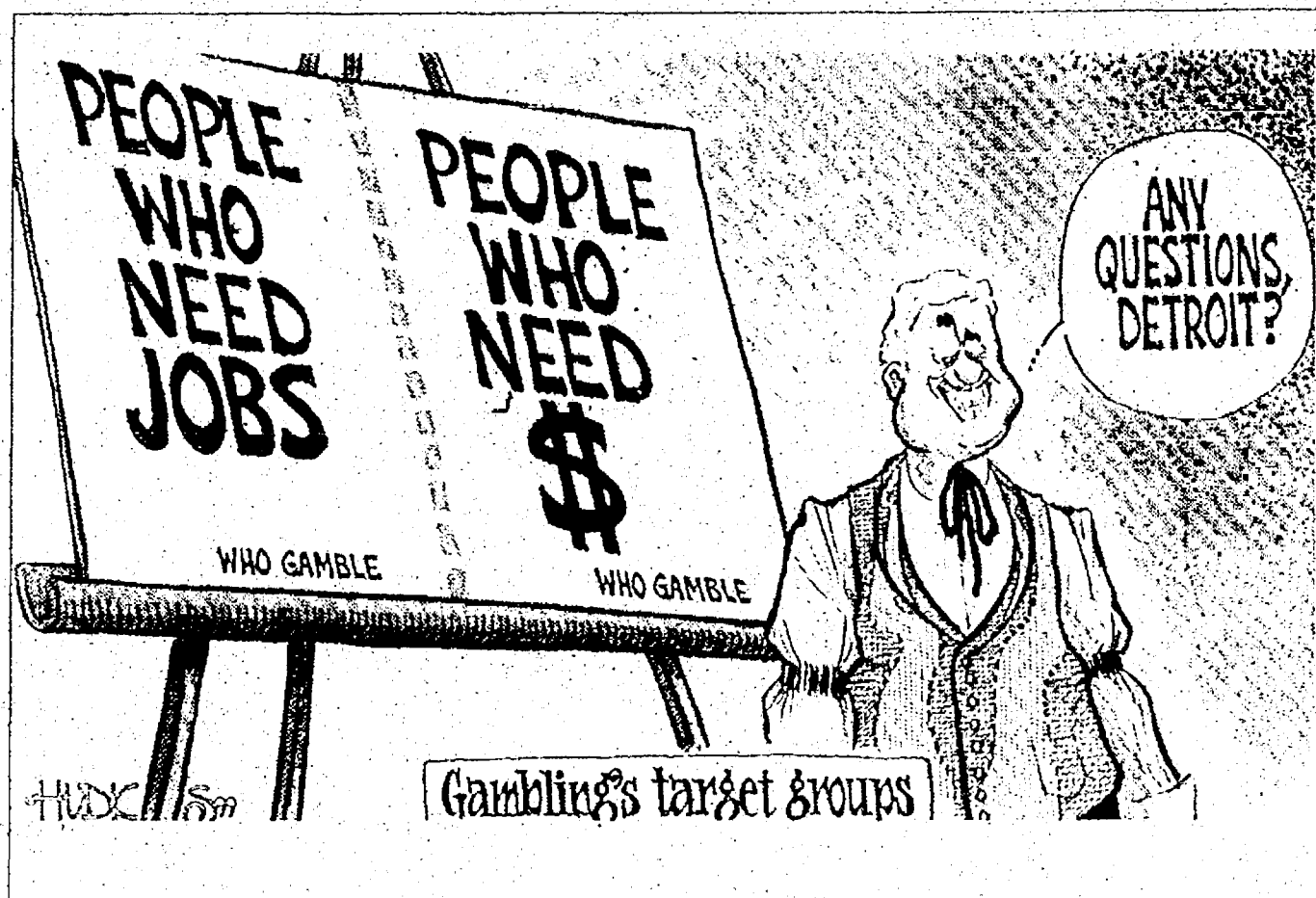
Release them to the wild instead, you say? Don't tell that to Plymouth residents, where stray cats have overrun the Old Village part of town. The cats are more than a nuisance. They carry fleas and diseases. They can injure and infect humans.

Yet they're only acting in accordance with their nature. They don't know any better. People do. And some of us have abdicated our responsibility to see that our pets don't multiply like wild animals. People are responsible for the Plymouth cat problem, not cats.

The message from the Humane Society and other animal rescue organizations is repeated time and again — if you have a dog or cat, have the animal spayed or neutered. How many kittens and puppies have to be executed before that sinks in?

Owning a pet can sometimes be an onerous chore. But taking responsibility is part of being an adult. Pets don't cause their overpopulation problem. People do.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

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Punish the guilty

During the last few years, there have been a number of unfortunate incidents involving guns and the killing of innocent people, at our schools and in the workplace. Recently, another sad story has hit the airwaves — I'm referring to the guy that just this past week freaked out in Georgia and killed nine people in his office, after he killed his wife and kids. You talk about having a bad day on the "stock market"! Who speaks out for these innocent kids that had their heads caved in with a hammer and then drowned in the bathtub face down — so they wouldn't feel any pain. What a guy!

How does a person kill his own children? This guy had to be one very sick deranged individual. Do you feel sorry for him? No, you take him out of action before he strikes again. It's my understanding that he was a suspect in the murder of his first wife and his mother-in-law, why wasn't he charged by the local police? If they acted, maybe these kids would be alive today. The average person who has a bad day does not wake up one morning and decide to start killing people. This guy had to be a "powder keg," just waiting/wanting to blow for a very long time. And no one saw this coming, yeah, right!

It's really amazing how the news media goes on a frenzy, blaming guns and yelling for stronger gun control laws when another story like this hits the front page.

Why blame guns? It could have been a hammer, knife, pick, bat or a list of many other items that can be used lethally to kill, if that's the intention of the individual. Why blame the manufacturers? They produce a product that if used correctly and legally serves multiple purposes: for hunting, sports shooting, self-protection and ensuring our "rights" as a free people against the possibility of tyrannical controlling government. I think that what our founding fathers had in mind with the right to bear arms:

Why scream for stronger gun control, when the federal government doesn't enforce the laws that are on the books right now. We can have a library filled with gun control laws, but if the federal, state and local law enforcement agencies don't prosecute and jail these people

that break these laws, this is kind of a Catch 22, isn't it? Now the same people who make these laws will cry we don't have enough jails, then they want more tax money to build more "country clubs" that they call prisons. What's the answer?

Put the blame where it belongs! Believe it or not, it is true, guns don't kill — people do. Cars don't kill, the misuse and people not paying attention cause accidents that kill. The guns and vehicles of the world are just tools that are used to commit unfortunate sets of circumstances.

The answer is quite clear. If an individual kills, even the Bible tells us that it's an "eye for an eye." Regardless of the who, where, how, why and when, the person is still dead. If one person willfully kills another and there is absolutely no doubt about guilt, the person should be executed.

Killing is wrong, thou shalt not kill, but is it still an "eye for an eye"? The government controls many aspects of our personal lives. Many states still have the death penalty, if this one law serves its purpose and is a deterrent for murder/killing, is this not better for our country as a whole? A decent society for the majority or continued liberalism/pampering for the criminal minority, misfits that don't want to obey the laws of the land.

Better wake up, people, the problems that face our communities have relatively simple solutions. Know what's going on inside your own home, know where and what your kids are doing and your neighborhoods. We can make a difference!

Don't depend on someone else to do it for you. Tell your state and federal representatives that you want them to take a stand on the death penalty and enforce the gun laws on the books now. According to the TV news media, 4,000 felons were stopped from purchasing a gun because of the Brady Bill, but not one was prosecuted? Ex-convicts, convicted felons lose their right to bear arms forever when they committed and were convicted of their crime. Punish the guilty that misuse their rights, not the innocent.

Vince Berna
Westland

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QUESTION:

Do you think casinos will be good or bad for metro Detroit?



"I think a little of both. If laws are regulated (by police), it could be good. The city needs something to come back."

Andrew Liebau



"It will be good because of revenues and jobs, but I think crime and prostitution will go up."

Gail Berry-Hill



"Good, because everyone spends their money in Canada (at Windsor Casino)."

Jeff Mroczka



"Bad. It's just bringing crime into the city."

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Philip Power

Parade spirit fills streets of Canadian community

I wouldn't mind seeing a Disney parade come to Westland.

Let me explain. When my husband and I traveled north to Goderich, Ontario, in July, we heard all about that community's Disney parade. The local paper was full of Disney news, including column photos complete with Mickey Mouse ears.

The big day was Saturday, July 24, and thousands were expected in Goderich. I must confess we slept late that day, ate well and left town during parade time, despite the many who encouraged us to attend. If we'd

attended, we would have had to rise at 6 a.m. and feast on rolls and coffee.

I have nothing against Disney, but we decided to pass on the parade traffic, eat a hearty breakfast and be back on our way to home. It was, however, nice to hear our Canadian neighbors talk with great pride about getting the parade.

They'd entered a contest and won the honor of hosting the parade with its Disney characters. Here in the Detroit area, we're more accustomed to big events, so don't notice so much when they happen.

It was nice to see the Goderich peo-



JULIE BROWN

ple so excited, many displaying signs of Disneymania in store windows. Of course, Westland's Summer Festival parade was great, too, and more hometown in its feel.

They'd entered a contest and won the honor of hosting the parade with its Disney characters. Here in the Detroit area, we're more accustomed to big events, so don't notice so much when they happen.

We really don't need the good Disney people in Westland, but I liked what the Goderich parade did for that community. It was great to see the Summer Festival parade, too, and

what it did for Westland.

Community life can't always be a colorful parade, but it's nice to know that caring about one's community can take place on both sides of the Canadian-U.S. border. It's unlikely the Disney parade will return to Goderich soon, but perhaps I'll pass on a couple hours of sleep just to see such an event. It did their community proud.

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Audit doesn't tell true story of Willow Run's success

An Observer July 4 story ("Audit shows taxpayers picking up tab for Willow Run") created unwarranted wake turbulence at Willow Run Airport. I write to correct the record.

I am a Wayne County resident and have been in business in Wayne County since 1983. I took a strong interest in the story as a pilot who has landed and departed from Willow Run and utilized their services on numerous occasions. The article appeared lopsided and biased against Willow Run. It was based upon a dubious uncertified "audit" that covers the period of Dec. 1, 1996, through Nov. 30, 1997 (which included a six-week GM strike).

The "audit" says that the "field-work" was not concluded until "March 1999." This means that your story and the "audit" upon which it is based pertains to obsolete information that misled your readership as to what is currently happening at Willow Run. Your story was not about current events.

I know from experience that Willow Run is a well-run and essential commercial airport. It is truly a valuable asset of southeastern Michigan. Last year it was the third-busiest airport in Michigan (not the fourth-busiest as you reported), with 252,000 landings and takeoffs (or "operations"), not

151,000, as reported.

Furthermore, Willow Run is the number one airport in Michigan for automotive cargo. Its location is superb, being located on the NAFTA route with convenient expressway and rail access, and being near the ports of Toledo and Detroit.

Neither Willow Run Airport nor Detroit Metropolitan Airport receive any Wayne County general tax fund dollars. Willow Run's funding is derived from landing fees, fuel flowage fees, leases and federal and state grants. Cargo operations alone finance approximately 90 percent of Willow Run's operations and maintenance expenses.

To report that Willow Run has operated in the red since 1994 is not a true picture of its financial condition. Willow Run's cash flow from operations was in the black five out of the last six years, with the only exception being 1997. The article also wrongfully failed to disclose that the auditor charged over \$720,000 in depreciation against revenues for both Fiscal Year 1996 and FY 1997.

Three facts caused Willow Run's temporary cash shortfall in 1997. First, two of the airport's long-term tenants had gotten behind in their lease payments, but now are nearly current. Second, a catastrophic elec-

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trical equipment failure caused the airport to incur \$360,000 in unanticipated expenses. Third, the GM strike caused a substantial reduction in landing and fuel flowage fees.

Wayne County's Department of Airports decided to loan money to Willow Run in order to make up the temporary shortfall. This was not a situation where the taxpayers "propped up" the airport, but rather its big sister, Metro Airport, lent a helping hand fully expecting Willow Run to repay the loan, with interest. To date, Willow Run has already repaid 90 percent of this loan to Metro Airport. It will be fully repaid by the end of 1999.

Willow Run's future is extremely bright. In 1994 Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara persuaded

the federal government to provide 24-hour U.S. Customs Service at Willow Run. That achievement resulted in a 93-percent increase in international operations over the past three years. Willow Run's operations have grown dramatically from 143,000 in 1996 to 252,000 in 1998, a 74-percent increase in three years.

Much was made in your news story regarding a \$510,000 cash flow shortfall in FY 1997, implying that the airport is in financial difficulty, when it is not. A simple and objective review of the current numbers certainly makes that clear.

This promising and ambitious project will definitely raise revenues and propel Willow Run into one of the premier non-airline commercial airports in the world for corporate usage.

Willow Run also contributes greatly to government coffers. Last year the airport paid \$800,000 to the state of Michigan in taxes, \$5 million to the federal government in non-excite taxes, and \$20 million to the federal government in excise taxes.

Willow Run also provides non-economic benefits to area taxpayers.

The University of Michigan Hospital has two high-performance jets based at Willow Run Airport. They are used on a regular basis to transport critical care patients, such as

those who are severely burned, into the area for treatments at the University of Michigan Hospital.

Wayne County Auditor Brendon G. Dunleavy did not and cannot put a price tag on the value or importance of these life-saving missions. Med-Evac helicopters for U-M Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital also receive maintenance at Willow Run.

Dunleavy's so-called "audit" and the Observer article falsely depicted an emergency at Willow Run Airport, when none exists. In fact, Dunleavy's audit actually shows \$24 million in "Total Fund Equity" at Willow Run.

Wayne County Executive McNamara has a successful airport team in place with David Katz, director of Wayne County Airports; Sean Brosner, director of Willow Run Airport; Diane Walker, deputy director, and all the dedicated people who work for them.

They are personally responsible for transforming Willow Run from a white elephant that U-M sold to Wayne County for \$1 in 1977 into an economic jewel for southeastern Michigan.

Jeffery D. Meek is an attorney who lives and has his practice in Livonia. He is also a licensed pilot and a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

'Narrow exemptions' matter

At first I thought the news report was wrong.

Debbie Stabenow was listed as voting with conservative House Republicans on two First Amendment issues. This is the same Debbie Stabenow who wants to run against Spencer Abraham for the Senate. This is the same Debbie Stabenow who has generally voted in a moderate to liberal way since entering the House.

Surely, she would not vote in favor of a constitutional amendment against flag desecration and in favor of posting the Ten Commandments in public schools.

So, I e-mailed her. Say it ain't so, Debbie. Say the press got it wrong again. At least explain how you could vote this way. Say you do understand the First Amendment and why it is so precious and needs to be zealously guarded and continuously reaffirmed.

Well, she wrote back. Her response was polite, timely, clear ... and wrong.

On June 24, the House of Representatives voted to begin the process of seeking state approval for a constitutional amendment making it illegal to physically desecrate the U.S. Flag. Rep. Stabenow's letter says this was an emotionally wrenching decision and after weighing all sides concluded, "that our flag is such an important symbol of our country that, out of respect for those who have fought and died for our country, a narrow exemption is warranted." She adds, correctly, that free speech has never been absolute.

But political speech has always been an area where, short of advocating the violent overthrow of the government, the widest latitude has been upheld in legislatures and the courts.

If Stabenow wanted to honor those who have "fought and died" for this country, then she should have voted "no" on this amendment. These soldiers fought and died for the principles inscribed in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, not for a piece of cloth but for the ideas symbolized by the piece of cloth.

I've always been uncomfortable with flag wavers and flag burners. Neither impress me as having a firm grip on what American democracy and its tangential protection of minority rights is really all about.

Flag burning is offensive, but not nearly as offensive as a government that denies someone the freedom to make an "offensive" political statement. And desecrating the flag for political purposes is no more offensive than desecrating it for commercial purposes.

Stabenow calls this a "narrow" exemption. It isn't nearly narrow enough.



HUGH GALLAGHER

On the Ten Commandments, Stabenow's reply is more convoluted because it involves the convoluted nature of legislation. Stabenow included a news item that said the amendment to the juvenile justice bill was "unclear" to her and that what she voted for was to support the 10th Amendment, which reserves to the states powers not expressly given to the federal government.

Most Democrats and moderate Republicans were not similarly confused and voted against the amendment.

Her letter adds: "I agree with you that the separation of church and state is vital to our nation. And I am distressed that this issue was brought up during debate on juvenile justice issues. Unfortunately, this debate was more about ideology and symbolism than the actual language of the amendment."

She writes that she is confident that any local decision to post the Ten Commandments would be ruled unconstitutional by the courts. She also adds that she has voted against federal funding for "faith-based" organizations that require beneficiaries to participate in religious practices or instruction.

Fair enough. But it was apparent to others that this was, indeed, about "ideology and symbolism" not about saving our young from becoming criminals. She seemed to miss the symbolism.

The Ten Commandments are a fine statement of ethical principles. But there are at least three versions that I know about (Jewish, Catholic and Protestant) and other faiths have similar statements of principle.

In the Catholic version of the commandments I learned as a child, the first three commandments deal with man's obligations to God, a clear violation of the First Amendment's prohibition against establishing a religion.

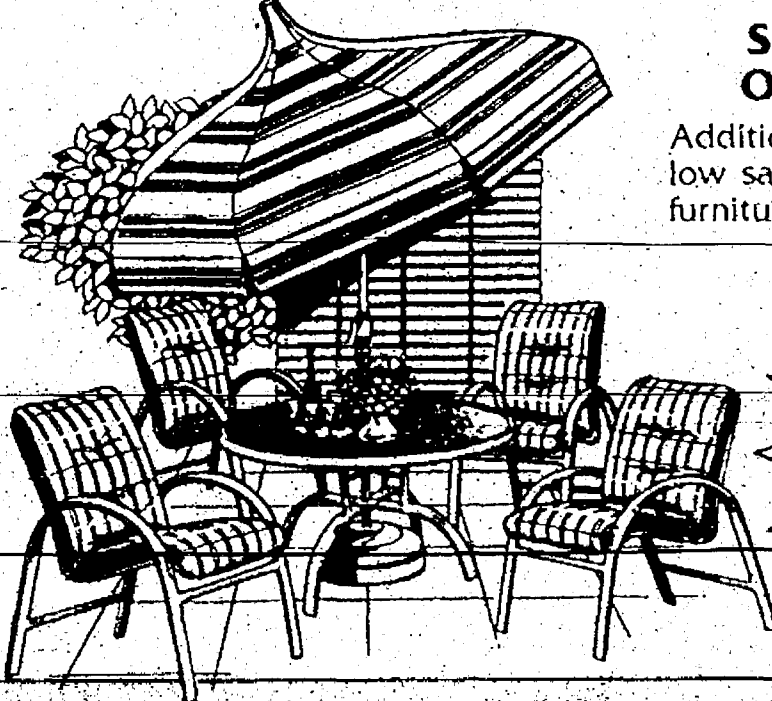
I appreciate Stabenow's reply, but I hope she takes a closer look at these central issues before she begins her Senate campaign in earnest.

Hugh Gallagher is the acting managing editor of the Observer Newspapers.

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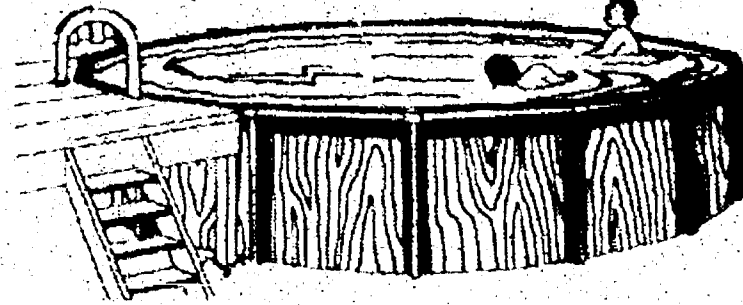
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Tyndale College begins aggressive building campaign

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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Farmington Hills-based William Tyndale College wants to quadruple enrollment. But before the school unrolls the welcome mat, some more building space is needed.

Right now, 650 students attend the nonsectarian Christian liberal arts school. William Tyndale College officials predict the student rolls will eventually swell to 2,500 in 10 years.

Applications for fall semester are already up 44 percent compared to last year, school officials say.

Such projections encourage college officials as they embark on an aggressive building expansion and a \$20.8 million fundraising campaign. School officials expect to break ground on a library and high-tech science building dubbed a "MindLab" next spring at the 12 Mile and Drake campus.

"We are looking at our future,"

said Ann Corwell, assistant to the president for communications and operations. "We're looking to grow the number of students."

Aside from quantity, William Tyndale College is seeking quality too.

Currently, the private college has an "open door" policy for incoming students.

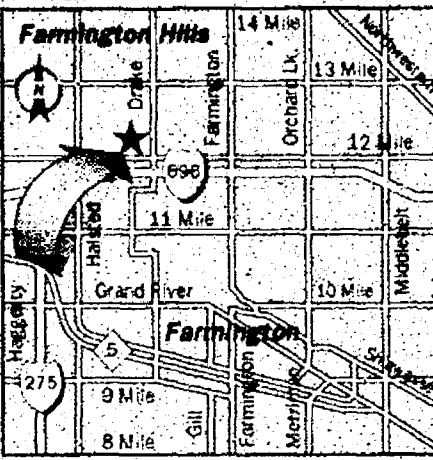
"We've made great accommodation for people who are looking for a Christ-centered education," Corwell said.

In the future, more stringent standards may require students to have strong ACT or SAT scores and higher grade-point averages.

Tyndale has brought in a former Ford Motor Co. executive to oversee its new Presidential Scholarship Program, which is expected to lure above-average students.

College officials also expect to

Tyndale College expansion
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increase academic offerings, especially in hot job market areas such as technology and sciences.

The school hired a new director of technology planning, Gary Oster, who has experience developing information systems in corporate and educational areas.

Oster will help develop both areas at Tyndale College where he teaches and direct activities at the school's library.

Tyndale College plans on retrofitting its accelerated degree program, which has become popular educational trend and is designed for students who work.

However, 18 to 19 other institutions have similar fast-track programs in the Detroit area, Corwell said. Instead of trying to compete, Tyndale College will likely focus on a smaller number of students.

"We're looking to slightly compress that program," Corwell said.

To aid fund raising, Tyndale College hired David Lepper as senior vice-president for development. Lepper will direct the Mil-

lennium Capital Campaign. Lepper worked for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, which completed a campaign to raise \$100 million.

He spent 18 years helping raise money for the United Way.

The effort to raise \$20.8 million is the first part of a four-phase plan, which college officials hope to see bring in \$85-\$100 million.

Future building plans include a fitness center, cafeteria and more dorms.

To secure the first \$20.8 million, though, the college needs to introduce itself to a wider audience.

"Not a lot of people know about William Tyndale College," Lepper said. "Part of that is letting them know they have this premier Christian college in their back yard."

Area lawyers teach classes at Madonna

Judge Gene Schnelz of the Oakland County Circuit Court bench will be among the faculty teaching legal assistant courses at Madonna University in Livonia for the fall term which begins Sept. 7.

Schnelz will teach "Legal Interviewing and Investigations" on Tuesday evenings and the course "Domestic Relations" on Wednesday evenings.

A weekend workshop entitled "Computer Assisted Legal Research" will focus on the use of technology to conduct research and will be held on Oct. 22-23. The course will be taught by Mary Urisko, a Detroit attorney and co-author of West's Paralegal Today.

She will teach the course "Legal Research and Writing II" on Thursday evenings. Urisko, assistant director of the Legal Assistant Program at Madonna, will also conduct the introductory class, "Legal Assistant Orientation," on Tuesday evenings.

Plymouth attorney Richard Dimanin will teach "Torts: An Overview of Negligence" on Wednesday evenings and a weekend workshop, "Arbitration and Mediation," on Nov. 12-13 and Nov. 19-20.

Attorney Craig Tarpinian of Farmington Hills will teach "Legal Research and Writing I" on Thursday evenings.

Marty Champine, a Bingham Farms attorney, will conduct two courses, "Litigation" on Monday evenings and Law Office economics and management on Tuesday evenings.

The director of Madonna's Legal Assistant Program, Jennifer Cote, who is a Brighton attorney and chair of the ABA Approval Commission, will teach "Legal Seminar and Practicum" on selected Saturdays.

Other courses that will be offered include "Taxation I, Legal Issues for Older Adults" and "Constitutional Law."

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that the employment of paralegals is expected to grow 36 percent or more through the year 2005.

Madonna University's Legal Assistant Program is approved by the American Bar Association. Registration continues through Sept. 3. Classes begin Sept. 7.

For more information, call Mary Meinzing Urisko at (734) 432-5548 or Jennifer Cote at (734) 432-5549.

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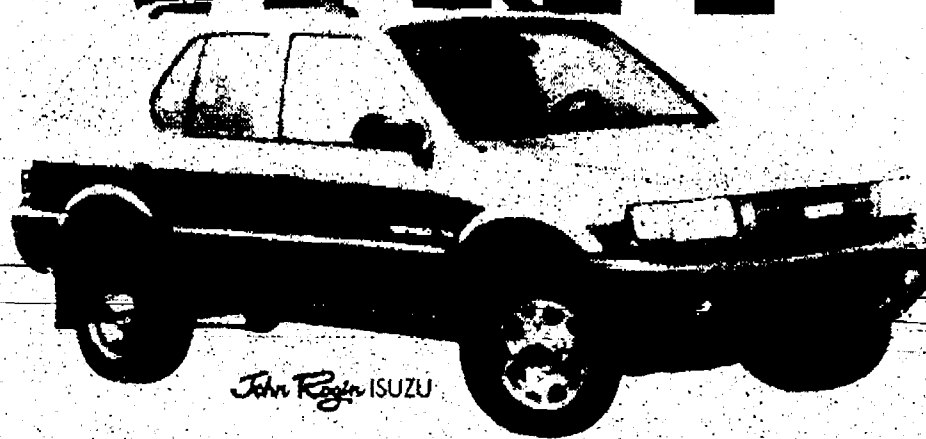
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Weather or not, graphics rule

"I think maybe we can turn the air conditioning off tonight," The Feminist said the minute I walked in the door. "It's supposed to get down to 62."

"I just heard 68 on the radio," I said, "with a high of 88 tomorrow."

"Well, I just heard 62, with a high of 82."

We obviously listen to different stations, and maybe 6 degrees one way or the other is nothing to quibble about.

Just to be ornery I checked my radio station again and got the same forecast: low 68, high 88. We watched the TV weather show and the pretty, perky meteorologist came up with some even different numbers. Close, but not a match.

That set me to thinking. When did weather forecasters start predicting exact numbers for high and low temperatures? It wasn't so long ago that a typical forecast would go something like:

"It should be pleasant sleeping weather tonight. Temps should be in the mid-60s. And we're looking at a nice day tomorrow. Lots of sun and temperatures in the low to mid-80s."

Now that's a forecast with a lot of wiggle room. If the low turns out to be 62 - or 68 - you can call that the "mid-60s." If the high is only 80 - or as much as 88 - that "low to mid-80s" pretty much covers it. But if you predict 68 and the low turns out to be 62 - or vice versa - you're WRONG.

The question is: How can forecasters predict what the exact high and/or low temperature is going to be during the next 24 hours or five or six days?

The answer is: They can't.

The next question is: Why do they do it anyway?

And the answer is: I don't know. But I have a theory.

Those digital things
It has to do with digital things - clocks, thermometers, speedometers - and graphics - pictures and icons instead of words. You can also add computers to the mix.

Digital things tell you that the time is 9:47 a.m., the temperature is 87 degrees and you are traveling at 52 miles per hour. Analog things tell you that it's a quarter to 10, it's almost 90 degrees and you're driving about 50.

Words can tell you that the temperature tomorrow will "probably" be in the "low to mid-80s," but that doesn't make for a nice, easy-to-read graphic like those that the forecasters flash on your TV screen. And the media have become addicted to graphics, form over content.

That five-day forecast, in graphic form, can only display so much: the day of the week, the high/low temperature, and a picture of a cloud or the sun (or both). There's no room to include concepts like probabilities, range of temperatures or likelihood of changing weather.

Computers can tell you, right to the nanosecond, when an airline flight should arrive or what the exact high temperature should be tomorrow. It's those *shoulds* that make the difference. They represent the vagaries of Human and Mother Nature. Computers can't predict them and graphics can't illustrate them.

Reduce to absolutes
Yet we persist in trying to reduce to absolutes things that can only be estimates at best. School bus schedules come to mind.

Last year The Tenth Grader's bus was scheduled to be at her stop at 6:37 a.m. - not 6:30 or 6:45 but 6:37. Never mind the fact that various clocks in our house might be reading 6:31, 6:36, 6:38. Never mind what the clock on the school bus said. Never mind traffic and weather conditions and other variables. The bus was supposed to be there at 6:37.

Whether it was or not, I never knew.

The point is that the more we try to convey ideas through graphic images instead of words, the more likely we are to confuse instead of inform. The more we try to reduce predictions to absolutes, the more certain we are to be wrong.

Jack Gladden, a copy editor for The Observer Newspapers, lives in Canton.

Safe schools: Finding ways to stop violence

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
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The rampage of killings at Columbine High School last spring spurred a flood of calls to local social service agencies about suspected violent kids.

Everyone wants to do something to keep it from happening locally, including one area church, which recently launched a forum to talk about what causes the violence.

Through it all, most local teens have kept a good perspective. Like Melissa Brown, a Plymouth resident, who graduated in June from Plymouth Canton High School.

Teaching kids not to be violent, she said, begins at home. Her school (Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton) is so big, with more than 4,800 students, it's hard, she said, to know what kinds of cliques are forming and the various behavior they promote.

"A lot of things that go on, we don't know about, and in a way that's scary," Brown said. "There are a lot of different groups in our schools, (and) you can't possibly know everyone and the activities they get involved in."

"A lot of times the administration and staff can't do anything, but really they shouldn't have to; it should start at home. With my brother, we never bought him guns and he's not violent. He learned not to be violent at home."

And other teens, like Beth Harris, 16, a member of the youth group at Grace Baptist Church in Livonia, aren't fearful, because they don't think there is a lot of violence in local schools.

In the 11th grade at Franklin High School, Harris has "only seen two fights in two years and I've heard about a couple."

Maybe the good students are calmed because school administrators are weeding out violent kids, especially following the Columbine shootings.

Increasing awareness

By the end of the past school year, Starfish Family Services, a human service agency with 12 locations in western Wayne County including Canton, Livonia, Garden City and Westland, had up to 12 calls daily about students who were considered violent.

The number of calls, according to Bonnie Patrick, Starfish clinical program officer, skyrocketed after the Columbine shootings. School administrators, teachers, parents and other students wanted to report suspect behavior that ranged from threatening and harming other children to carrying weapons in school.

"While there's an increase in reporting and awareness, there's also an increased awareness on children's part that they can get a lot of attention by saying certain things," Patrick said. "Teachers can't necessarily know which are serious threats and which are not. They have to take all threats seriously."

In a response to the flood of calls, Starfish is establishing training programs dealing with the warning signs of anger and violence, as well as groups for parents teaching them what to do, if their children have outbursts, according to Chuck Ragain, Starfish chief director for development and communications.

Starfish also is available to conduct workshops at schools and organizations.

The Family Independence Agency, schools, other

agencies, churches, law enforcement agencies and courts refer children to Starfish. More than 50 percent of its clients are children, some as young as 5 years old who have out-of-control behavior. Their outbursts are against siblings; school children and pets, and their behavior runs the gamut from trying to set fires at home to physical abuse of anyone who comes near.

"With many of our clients we are dealing with anger management issues, impulse control issues and conduct disorders," Patrick said. "All of those diagnoses have a potential for children to act out in a violent way in home and at school."

"We need to look at the degree of anger that the child or adolescent displays and if they are capable of responding to outpatient therapy."

When parents get involved in the treatment, Starfish works with the entire family to deal with anger and violence issues. A Starfish program called Lifespan deals with more difficult clients who have tendencies toward violence.

Increasing requests

Likely the same number of problems existed in the past, Patrick added, but people are more conscious about what could happen as a result of anger. Cases that may have been ignored in the past are being reported.

"This is not a new thing for us, but there are increased requests," Patrick said. "Everybody in the country with any kind of sensitivity has responded very strongly to the violent occurrences in Littleton."

When the child's problems are so severe that Starfish staff can't guarantee the child or family members safety in the home, the child is placed in residential facilities until his or her behavior can be corrected. Then they are allowed back in the home under close monitoring.

"Many children exhibit violent behavior toward other people and many attempt violent behavior to themselves," Patrick said. "The suicide rate is increasing every year. That's part of what we want to address in our agency presentations."

"If they don't turn those violent tendencies outward they tend to turn them inward."

Starfish has also launched a "Kindness is Contagious" public awareness campaign, funded by J.L. Hudson's Circle of Giving earlier this year.

Posters and teaching materials were placed in schools and libraries with messages to stop bullying, curb child abuse and support mutual respect and kindness among children and between children and adults.

"It teaches kids not to use put-downs, not to say mean and hurtful things and to communicate in a more positive way," Ragain said. "It teaches kids to communicate in a more positive manner and to stress kindness as opposed to communicating in negative ways."

Learning not to be violent is also the goal of a program at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. Voices for Peace recently began with a sign-up sheet at the church, asking if anyone was interested in discussing violence.

"We're hoping to build support in the church community and moving it out to the community," said Heather Perkins, Christian education director. "The group will address questions like what creates all the anger, violence and frustration."

She plans to use surveys to identify opinions.

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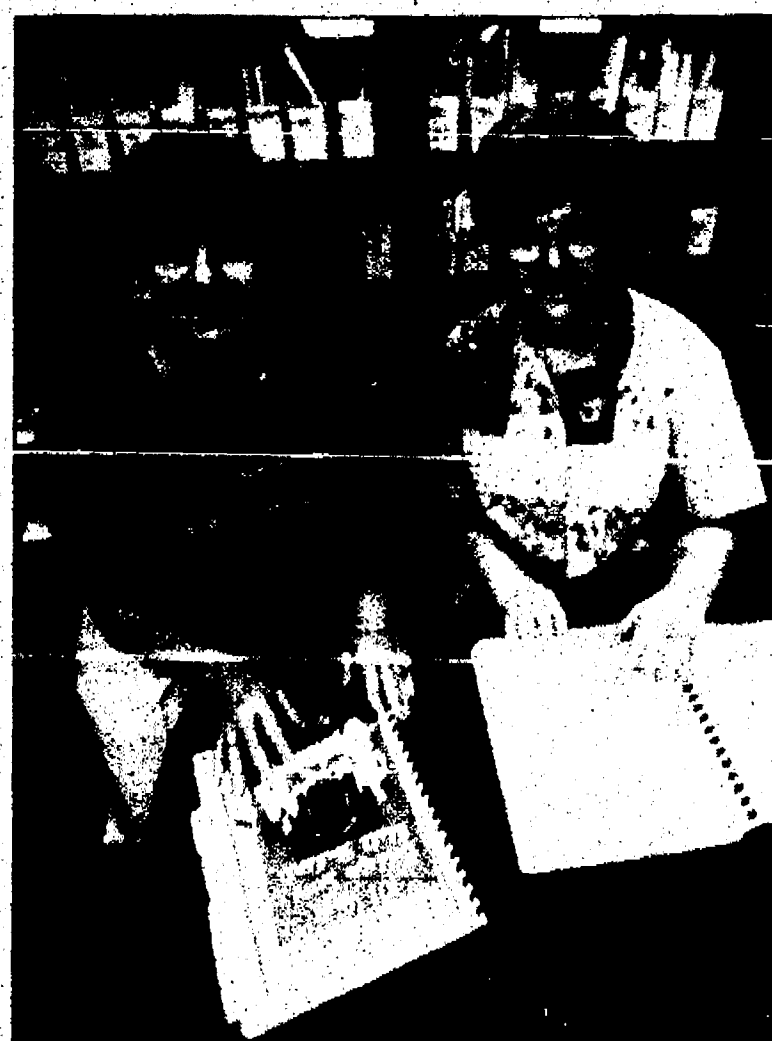
TEASE OR NAME-CALL

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Melissa Brown
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Volunteers are an integral part of WRC

Well worth it: Both retired, Bev McGurk of Farmington Hills (left) and Veronica Foley of Plymouth have found their volunteer work at Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center a rewarding experience.



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When Veronica Foley retired from the telephone company in December 1989, she was looking forward to leaving the work world behind.

But the Plymouth resident quickly made a discovery about retirement: She didn't have enough to do.

Nine years later, she has something to do. She spends her Friday mornings volunteering at Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center.

"I saw a notice for the (informational) meeting in the newspaper," Foley said. "I was always interested in what they do there, so I went to the meeting and signed up on the spot. I knew it was the right thing for me."

A peer counselor at the resource center, Foley and her Friday morning cohort, Bev McGurk of Farmington Hills, work with men and women who are thinking about entering or re-entering college and come to the center for help.

McGurk, like Foley, knew she needed something to do something after working for General Motors for 30 years.

"I knew I couldn't stay home all the time; I need contact with people," said McGurk, who has worked at the center for 3 1/2 years. "I had a friend who volun-

teered at Schoolcraft and I got in touch with the center, but had to wait two years for the classes."

The peer counseling classes are offered six hours a week for eight weeks on an as-needed basis. Volunteers work on listening, communication and problem solving skills and receive information about the resources and services available through the center and at the college.

"The volunteers are an integral part of the program," said Barbara Campau, WRC volunteer program coordinator. "They're very reliable and responsible and important to us because we depend on them to be here. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without them."

The volunteers usually number between 45 and 50, but that changes from year-to-year and semester-to-semester and have a variety of backgrounds. Homemakers, social workers, members of law enforcement, the educational community and sales help out at the WRC.

After a hiatus of several years, Campau is conducting an informational meeting for people interested in volunteering 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, in the Women's Resource Center, Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads

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YW challenge

Campaign aims at week free of violence

The YWCA of Western Wayne County is issuing a challenge to residents, government agencies, the media, schools, businesses and community groups - to live for one week without perpetuating, participating in or observing violence.

A national campaign, "Week Without Violence," will be held Oct. 17-23 throughout the country. It will focus attention on practical and sustainable alternatives to violence.

The YWCA of Western Wayne County is looking to heighten awareness of the opportunities people have to prevent and avoid violence and help bring to life a vision of safer and healthier communities.

The focus will be on a different issue each day of the week:

■ Oct. 17 - A Day of Remembrance.

■ Oct. 18 - Protecting Our Children.

■ Oct. 19 - Making Our Schools Safer.

■ Oct. 20 - Confronting Violence Against Women.

■ Oct. 21 - Facing Violence Against men.

■ Oct. 22 - Eliminating Racism and Hate crimes.

■ Oct. 23 - Replacing Violence with Sports, Fitness and Fun.

YWCA's nationwide have a long history of empowering women and families, fostering racial justice and preventing violence. Through 374 local member associations in all 50 states, the YWCA represents more than one million women, girls and their families.

The YWCA of Western Wayne County provides a wide range of programs and services, including

child development and child care, prenatal healthy living choices, parenting and coping skills, youth mentoring, teen counseling, outreach to young children and youth who are at-risk and recreation.

For more information about the YWCA's "Week Without Violence," people can call Corinne Vincent at (313) 561-4110.

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"The situation in Columbine is what started this, but it's not just that one incident that created concern and interest," she said. "I think we all feel we need to give children and youth a place to be a part of something they can call their own to share

their creativity and ideas.

"We're looking at people of all ages. These are problems everyone is facing. We're looking for ways to build Christian bonds and love, to support each other and brainstorm ideas we can all

connect with.

"We don't know what the answer is, but we're hoping we can make a difference."

Anyone interested in joining the group is welcome. Call the church (734) 422-0149.

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in Livonia. People interested in attending should call Campau at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5524, for more information.

"Volunteers are very important to the program," Campau said. "They are the first person someone sees when they walk into the center. Volunteers are the first ones to greet them and meet them."

Volunteers like Foley and McGurk help men and women who are entering or re-entering college, researching new careers, getting information on available services or needing help through a difficult situation.

In addition to peer counseling, the WRC offers financial aid for

■ 'I've never been involved with more caring individuals.'

Bev McGurk
WRC volunteer

education, a program for women in transition, divorce support group, career information and help with community and campus resources and referrals.

After training, volunteers are assigned to work with a mentor, a more experienced volunteer, until they feel confident to talk on their own.

Campau seeks a weekly commitment from volunteers. For McGurk and Foley it's three hours on Friday mornings, a

shift they've worked together for almost three years.

Wonderful is a word the women use often in talking about their volunteer work.

They also speak highly of the center's staff and the appreciation they extend to volunteers.

"It's been a wonderful, rewarding experience to be a volunteer here and they really let us know they appreciate what we're doing," said Foley. "There's some really special things about this

organization that has made it a wonderful experience for me."

"Volunteering has been more than I ever thought it would be," McGurk added. "I've never been involved with more caring individuals. Maybe the reason why we're all here is because of that attitude."

Because of their experiences, Foley and McGurk have gotten friends and relatives to volunteer at the center.

Foley's sister is now a volunteer, and two of McGurk's friends plan to attend the Aug. 12 meeting.

"It's a wonderful experience and I highly recommend it," McGurk added.

First Step in need of dedicated volunteers

First Step, Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence is seeking dedicated volunteers to provide a variety of services in several communities.

Volunteers can assist with support groups, work on the 24-hour help-line, court advocacy and crisis response team or provide emergency shelter services. Training is provided and

opportunities are available throughout western Wayne County for men and women 18 years and older.

Student internships also may be available.

For more information, call

(734) 416-1111, Ext. 202.

First Step has been active in the effort to end domestic and sexual violence in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

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. Saturday, 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. Saturday, Oct. 16, at the church, 30055 Joy, 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. Saturday, 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. AIDAN
Crafters are needed for St. Aidan Catholic Church's 16th annual craft show Saturday, Oct. 16, in the Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Applications are available by calling (248) 477-8942 or (734) 427-1427.

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. Saturday, 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. Saturday, Oct. 23, at West Middle School, 44401 Sheldon, Plymouth. A single space is \$70 with table rental available and electricity free of charge. Call (734) 453-5145 for more information.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA is accepting appli-

cations for its eighth annual fall craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at the school, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. Admission is \$1. For an application, call (734) 532-0022.

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. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the high school, 33500 Six Mile, 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.

ST. SABINA
Applications are being accepted from crafters for the St. Sabina School craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the school, 8147 Arnold, Dearborn Heights. The fee is \$27 for an 8-foot table or space (a limited number are available) and \$25 for a 6-foot table or space. Applications and fees will be accepted through Oct. 6. For more information, call Jane Palmer at (734) 953-5914.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 15th annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Showcase 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 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. Exhibitors may buy up to three spaces. For an application or more information, call (734) 432-5603.

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

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

**CITY OF WESTLAND
PRIMARY ELECTION - REGISTRATION NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the last day on which persons may register in order to be eligible to vote in the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, September 14, 1999 is Monday, August 16, 1999.

Registrations will be taken at the office of the Westland City Clerk, Wayne County, Michigan, 36601 Ford Road, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONS ALREADY REGISTERED.

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS
Westland City Clerk

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
MICHIGAN
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (Telephone: 734-525-8314) on or before AUGUST 18, 1999, at 3:00 p.m. for the following items:

ACCVOTE OPTICAL SCAN VOTING UNITS

Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a sealed envelope endorsed with the name(s) of item(s) bid.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any informalities when deemed in the best interest of the City.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

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**CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

On Tuesday, Aug 10, 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:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
1991	Mercury	Topaz 4 Dr.	Red	1MEFPM36X0MK633888
1984	Buick	Regal 2 Dr.	White	1G4AJ4749EH458325
1986	Ford	T-Bird	Black	1FABP4837GH150068
1988	Ford	Escort 2 Dr.	White	1FAPP2191JT114744
1992	Ford	Tempo 4 Dr.	Red	2FAPP36X0NB184108
1987	Ford	Tempo 4 Dr.	Gray	1FABP3850HK282537
1986	Buick	Century 4 Dr.	Blue	1G4AH19R7GD412709
1988	Plymouth	Sundance 4 Dr.	Black	1P3BS48D2JN197145
1986	Ford	Aerostar Van	Blue&Cry	1FMDA11S7GZA18520
1989	Mazda	MX-6 2 Dr.	Gold	1YVGD31A9K5211242
1985	Chev	Van	Brown	2CBEG25H5F4144915
1990	Plym	Horizon 4 Dr.	Blue	1P3XL18D5LC708699
1989	Chev	Corsica 4 Dr.	Blue	1G1LT5418KY100879
1986	Ford	Ranger Pickup	Blue	1FTBR10A3GUC23973
1987	Dodge	Pickup	Blue	1B7GN14M0RS873066
1989	Ford	Escort 4 Dr.	Blue	1FAPD190R7000000
1989	Ford	Escort 2 Dr.	White	1FAPP93JXKW261824

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:

1986	Chev	Cavalier 2 Dr.	White	1G1JE27P5FJ180172
1988	Merc	Cougar 2 Dr.	White	1MEBM6041JH701554
1985	Plym	Voyager Van	Blue	1P4FH4434KX681316

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

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Conway-Rensink

Jim and Joellyn Conway of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather, to Michael Rensink, the son of John and Phyllis Rensink of Orange City, Iowa.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1996 graduate of Miami University. She is employed as a marketing specialist at Teligent Inc. in Atlanta, Ga.

Her fiancé is a 1997 graduate of Mississippi State University. He is employed as a golf professional at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta.



An October wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

Copi-Kummer

James and Sara Copi of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Janene Marie, to Andrew Edward Kummer, the son of Frank and Christine Kummer, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Madonna University with a degree in marketing. She is employed by the Automobile Club of Michigan.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor with a degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed by the Ford Motor Co.

An August wedding is planned at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia.



Livonia.

Howell-Gaschler

James and Sandi Boykin of Charleston, S.C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie LeAnne, to Steven Earl Friedrich Gaschler, the son of Herbert and Denise Gaschler of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Hanahan High School and is attending Trident Technical College where she is pursuing an education degree. She is employed by Dunes Properties of Charleston Inc.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He attended University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is serving in the U.S. Navy as a nuclear power instructor in Charleston, S.C.

An October wedding is



planned at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Charleston.

Anquetil-Rice

Anthony and Marlene Cosgro, formerly of Canton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marlette Helene Anquetil, to Scott Douglas Rice, the son of William and Cathy Linn of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and attended Oakland Community College. She has a real estate license and is employed with Lormax Stern Development Inc. in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé is a graduate of John Glenn High School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps in California for five years and attended Schoolcraft College. He is employed as a journeyman electrician for Valassis Commu-



nications in Livonia.

An October wedding is planned at the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth.

Gottler-Dykema

Michael and Jeanette Gottler of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl L., to David C. Dykema, the son of Peter Dykema of Hickory Corners, Mich., and Carole Dykema of Kalamazoo.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Finch University of Health Sciences/Chicago Medical School with a master of science degree in nutrition and dietetics. She is a registered dietitian for Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services in Kalamazoo.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Spring Arbor College with a bachelor's degree in marketing. He works as an outside sales representative for United States



Office Products in Kalamazoo.

A September wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church in Kalamazoo.

Coshatt-Anderson

Anthony Marshall Coshatt and Shelley Lyn Anderson were married April 24 at Tropicana Hotel Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of John and Carole Anderson of Plymouth. The groom is the son of James and Terry Coshatt of Plymouth.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is employed by Dr. L. Reynolds and Associates.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is employed at Michigan Concrete.

The bride asked Stacie Fernstrom to serve as matron of honor. Tim Coshatt served as best man.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas and at the home of



the bride's parents. Following a honeymoon trip to Hawaii, they are making their home in Canton.

Panian-Molin

Martina Amanda Molin and Asher Alan Panian were married May 8 at Sweetest Heart of Mary Church in Detroit.

The bride is the daughter of Bruno and Margit Molin of Can-

ton. The groom is the son of Joseph and Darlene Panian of Orchard Lake.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Atheneum Hotel in Greektown before leaving on a honeymoon trip in the Mediterranean. They are making their home in Waterford.



Johnston-Tomé

Diane Tomé and Steven Johnston were married March 27 at Mother Mercy Chapel in Farmington Hills.

The bride is the daughter of Loretta and Orlando Bruni and the late Rudy Tomé. The groom is the son of Rosa Anderson and Douglas Johnson.

The bride asked Denise Tomé to be her maid of honor with Sylvia Johnston, Jessica Tomé and Janet McCerie were bridesmaids.

The groomsmen were Joseph Madaffer, Gregory Tomé and Derek Attard.

A dinner reception was held at Club Venetian. The couple honeymooned in Anaheim, Calif.



They are making their home in Livonia.

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

UPCOMING EVENTS

EGG PAINTING

A Ukrainian egg painting workshop will begin 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Westland Historical Museum. The class will be limited to 12 people, and is designed for school-age children and adults. All materials will be provided. The museum is at 857 N. Wayne Road. For information, call (734) 326-1110.

PET ADOPTION

The Dearborn Animal Shelter will have an Adoption Showcase 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Pet Supplies Plus, 2621 Telegraph, Dearborn. For information, call (313) 943-2697.

CHILD I.D. FINGERPRINTING

Art Van Furniture in collaboration with AAA of Michigan will provide free child I.D. fingerprinting noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Westland Art Van store, 8300 Wayne Road. For information, call (734) 425-9600.

CONCERT SERIES

Remaining dates for the Westland Cultural Society summer concert series are Sundays, Aug. 8, 15 and 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 nonres-

ident 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

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for the Wayne-Westland Junior Miss Scholarship program are available at the administrative offices of John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools. The program is open to high school seniors who live in Wayne or Westland or attend Wayne-Westland schools. The Junior Miss program awards the scholarships, which are raised by donations from local businesses. Criteria are scholastic record, presence and composure, judge's interview, physical fitness and talent. Finalists advance to the Michigan Junior Miss program for additional scholarships. Stephanie Mead, a 1998 finalist, and Courtney Cagnon, a 1999 finalist, both successfully competed at the state level and participated at the America's Junior Miss program in Mobile, Ala. For information, contact Pat Hermatz at the Wayne Lawn and Garden Center on Wayne Road, or call (734) 721-5220.

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 primary impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 596-2660.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE

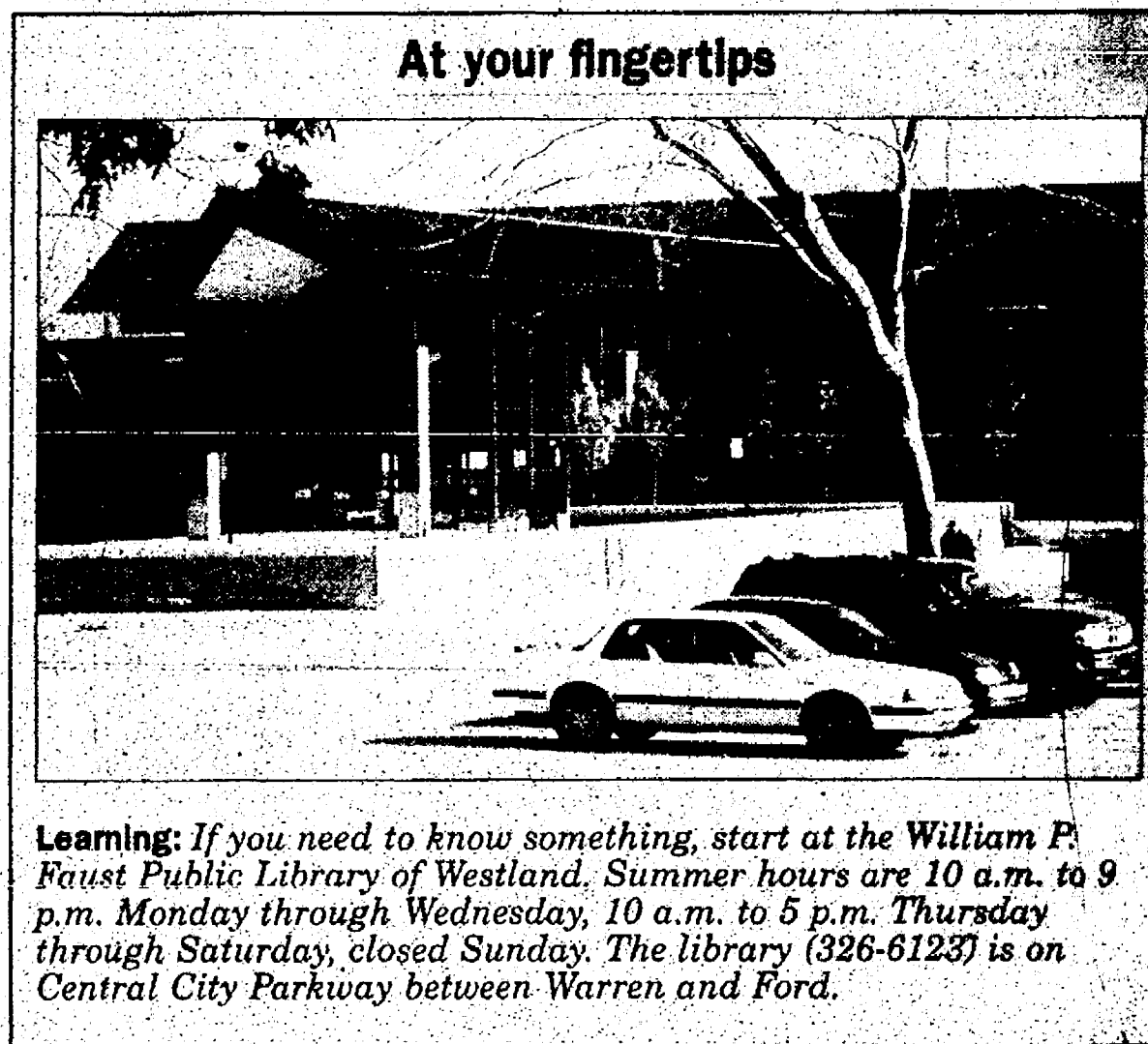
The Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool for ages 3-4, is at 9601 Hubbard. Parents learn with their children. Enrollment is limited. For information, call Karen at (734) 522-3714.

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.



At your fingertips

Learning: If you need to know something, start at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. Summer hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, closed Sunday. The library (326-6123) is on Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford.

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 Element-

tary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 462-0135.

FRANKLIN PTSA

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

TUTORIAL PROGRAM

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

MOM'S MORNING OUT

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

HISTORIC

PERRINSVILLE

The historic Perrinsville one-room school opens to the public 1-4 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month through September. People are welcome to come and visit the renovated 1856 schoolhouse at Warren and Cowan roads, west of 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.

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 8 p.m. Return to center at 11:30 p.m. Call (734) 722-7632.

SENIOR CHOIR

A Friendship senior choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, 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 light weights with walking and jogging patterns. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise mat are suggested. Robert Cassidy is the certified Jazzercise instructor. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

TRAVEL GROUP

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

CARD GROUP

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

MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE

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

WORK REFERRAL

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

DYER CENTER

The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday through Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m.; bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics,

arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.; a Hawaiian dance exercise class will be 1 p.m. every Wednesday in Hall A of the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh. Instructor is Kamio Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

CLUBS IN ACTION

WESTLAND ROTARY

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

SWEET ADELINES

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

CHADD

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

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. 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 OptiEyes, Westland Super Vision Center, 35184 Central City Parkway, Westland. (734) 427-5200. Leader, Michele, (734) 422-1726; secretary, Karen, (734) 729-6368.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

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

BINGO

DEMS' BINGO

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

MORE DEMS' BINGO

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

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

WFCL BINGO

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

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax to 734-591-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 963-2104 if you have any questions.

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

ANNIVERSARIES

Boehnlein

Albert and Delores Boehnlein of Garden City will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 21, at a reception at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City following Mass at St. Dunstan Catholic Church.

The couple exchanged vows Aug. 20, 1949, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Detroit. She is the former Delores Kruse.

The Boehnleins have 11 children - Juliana Olinka and husband, Seth; William; Thomas; Mary; Margaret Slicker and husband, Paul; Robert and wife, Debbie; Dorothy; Therese; Frances; David; and the late



Joseph. They also have four grandchildren.

Resetar

Steve and Nancy Resetar of Livonia celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary July 30 at party at the Warren Valley Golf Course in Dearborn Heights.

The couple exchanged vows July 30, 1941. She is the former Nancy Rose.

The Resetars have six children - Audrene, Terrie, Dawn, Celia, Linda and Steve Jr. - and nine grandchildren.

He retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1968 and from Valleron Corporation in 1982. He is a volunteer for Oakwood Hospital.

A homemaker, she is active with TOPS of Livonia.



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. 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 Agricul-



tural Custom Experimental Services (ACRES) and has her own consulting business, AIMM.

'48 Cooley grads say 'I do' 50 years later

Members of Detroit Cooley High School's Class of 1948 will gather in Rotary Park in Livonia on Tuesday, Aug. 11, for a reunion.

It's not certain if the captain of the track team or the vice president of the senior class will be there, but they're sure to be the topic of conversation.

More than 50 years after graduating and going their separate ways, Herman John Heikkenen will marry his high school girlfriend, Jackie Galbraith Kullman, on Saturday, Sept. 4, in the Amelia Plantation Chapel on Amelia Island, Fla.

And the nuptials can be tied directly to last year's reunion and Heikkenen's request for Kullman's address.

The daughter of the late S.N. and T.E. Galbraith, she attended Michigan State University after graduation, earning a bachelor of science degree in home economics. Married to the late Roger G. Kullman, she has three children - Karen Weaver, Susan Bell and Bruce Kullman - and five grandchildren. She lives on Amelia Island.

He is the son of the late H.W. and I.C. Heikkenen. Following graduation, he attended the University of Michigan, receiving a degree in forestry.

He was a smoke jumper, an infantry officer during the Korean War, worked in research with the U.S. Forest Service; taught at the University of Washington and the Virginia Polytechnic



Wedding bells: Herman J. Keikkenen and Jackie Galbraith Kullman will marry in September

Institute and State University, and co-authored the McGraw-Hill text, "Principles of Forest Entomology."

A resident of Blacksburg, Va., he currently is principal investigator of Dendrochronology Inc.

Married to the late Gail C. Foster, he has two children - Christine H. Heikkenen-Young and H.C. Heikkenen - and three grandchildren.

According to Bud Kimpel, a member of the Class of 1948, "the pleasant bit of news ... is at least 45 years later than what the participants (and many others) once thought."

YW seeks nominations

The YWCA of Western Wayne County is accepting nominations for its annual Women of Achievement Awards.

Women who have demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in their professional and social lives will be honored at the eighth annual awards luncheon noon Friday, Nov. 5, at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn. Tickets are \$25.

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 the categories of Arts/communication, award honors women who have excelled in the arts, media or public business/indus-

try, government/law, professional and volunteer service.

The young woman award will honor a young woman ages 16-23 who has 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) 561-1110.

Study looks at myths of teen sex

Opinion and myth abound regarding the cause and extent of teen pregnancy and births. The issues, fueled by media coverage and by personal experience and observation - and the emotional nature of the topic - are often clouded by erroneous assumptions.

Over the past decade, however, careful studies have been able to examine and to measure more objectively adolescent sexuality in the United States.

By asking teenagers more directly about their own views on sex, pregnancy, and child-bearing - and by reassessing the male role in teen pregnancy prevention - many popular beliefs on the subject have been found to be unsupported by facts, according to a KIDS COUNT special report, "When Teens Have Sex: Issues and Trends."

Drawing on recent research, here are some common misperceptions and the facts that help correct them.

Myth: Sex education and access to contraception tend to increase sexual activity.

Fact: In programs that provide

information about both contraception and abstinence, evaluators have found no increase in sexual activity. Indeed, some programs that include information on contraception were found to delay initiation of sexual activity.

A review of 47 diverse programs found that sex education not only tended to delay the onset of sexual activity, but it also appeared to reduce the number of sexual partners, the number of unplanned pregnancies and the rates of sexually transmitted diseases.

Myth: Teenagers don't care about what parents think or say.

Fact: Young people rank parents as the preferred source of information about sex and health. They also rank parents as the most trusted source, and 1 of 2 teenagers say that they trust their parents most for reliable and complete information about birth control. Only 1 in 10 say that they trust a friend most.

When asked about the reasons why teenage girls have babies, about 3 out of 4

teenagers cited a lack of communication between a girl and her parents.

Myth: The high incidence of teen births is a new development in America.

Fact: The rate of teen births in the United States has been high for a long time. In the 1950s, the rate was as high as 90 births per 1,000 young women ages 15 to 19. By 1986, the rate had declined to 50, but by 1991, it had risen again to 62.

What has changed is the proportion of births to unmarried teens. In 1960, only 15 percent of teen births were to unmarried teens, but in 1996, the figure was 76 percent.

Myth: The recent decline in the teen birth rate is due to an increase in abortions.

Fact: Along with pregnancy and birth rates, abortion rates also have declined. The teen abortion rate (number of abortions per 1,000 females ages 15 to 19) fell from 41 in 1990 to 30 in 1995. Of course, preventing pregnancies will reduce reliance on abortion to avoid unwanted births.

Myth: Most Americans don't believe that teens should have access to birth control measures.

Fact: An overwhelming majority of Americans agree that if teens are sexually active, then they should have access to contraceptives. Among adult Americans, however, 95 percent say that it is important for teens to receive a strong message from society that they should abstain from sex at least until they are out of high school, including 78 percent who say that this is "very important."

Myth: Teen pregnancy is only a problem of minority populations.

Fact: In 1997, about 45 percent of mothers ages 15 to 19 were white, 27 percent were black, 25 percent were Hispanic, and 3 percent were from other racial or ethnic groups. From 1991 to 1996, the teen birth rate for blacks fell more sharply than for whites or Hispanics and is currently the lowest ever recorded.

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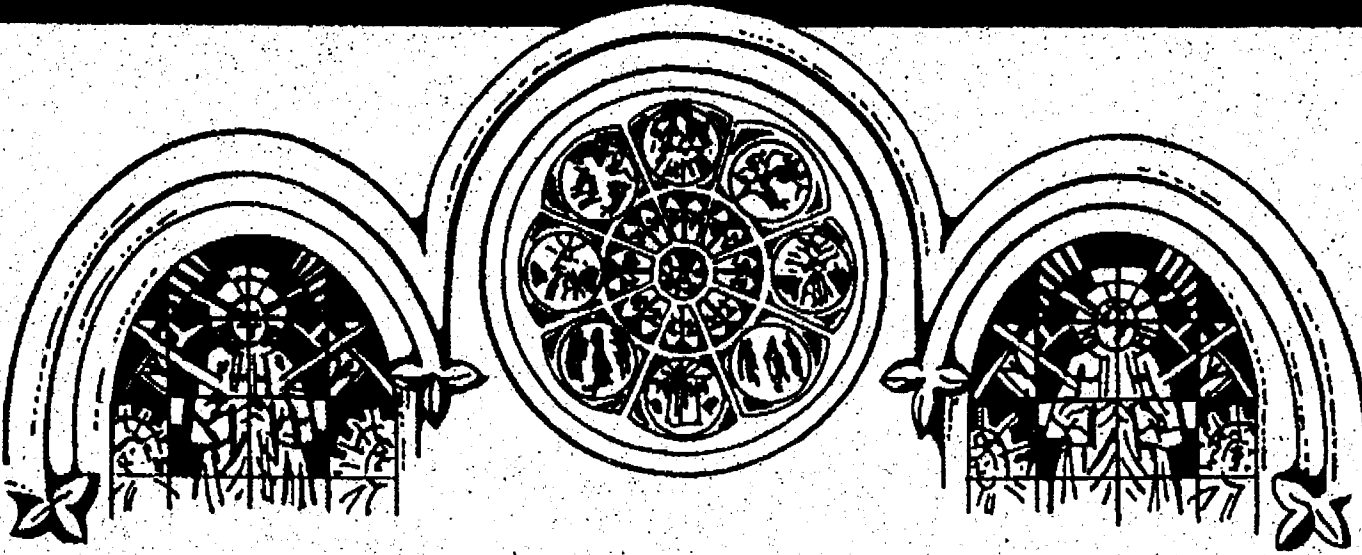
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VOICE OF PRAISE

Voice of Praise will present a concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at the First Baptist Church, 36125 Glenwood, 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.

RUMMAGE SALE

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will have its annual rummage sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 5-6, and 8-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the church, 37775 Palmer Road, Westland. Items will be half off and a bag of clothing will cost \$1 on Saturday. Proceeds will benefit local charities and be matched by AAL Branch 1733.

Newburg United Methodist Church will have fall rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday,

Rosen visits Calvary, First Baptist

The founder of the Jews for Jesus evangelistic agency, Moishe Rosen, will speak at 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, at Calvary Baptist Church in Canton, and at 6 p.m. Aug. 8, at the First Baptist Church in Wayne. Jews for Jesus use music and drama in a Jewish style with a Christian message to make the point that being Jewish and believing in Jesus go hand in hand.

"As Jews, we've found it necessary to express our Y'shua (Hebrew for Jesus) in ways that are natural to us as Jews," said Rosen, the organization's first executive director. "We write our own songs and drama with the hope that our fellow Jews will want to know why and how we can be Christians

and yet maintain our Jewish identity."

Raised in Denver, Colo., where he, his parents and brother attended an Orthodox synagogue, Rosen was 21 when he and his wife Cecil, who also is Jewish, came to a personal relationship with God through Y'shua.

Four years later, he was ordained to the ministry and in the late 1960s, developed a form of evangelistic literature, called broadsides, pamphlets that use humorous illustrations and eye-catching themes to make a statement about Jesus as the Messiah. The subject matter ranges from current movies and seasonal celebrations to popular products, such as home computers.

The Jews for Jesus has permanent branches in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, Toronto, New York City, Washington, D.C., and Fort Lauderdale as well as more than 70 chapters in 30 states.

It also has international branches in Johannesburg, London, Odessa, Moscow, Paris and Tel Aviv.

"Our message is no different than that of the rest of evangelical Christianity, it's just that it reflects our culture and heritage as Jews," said Rosen. For more information, call Calvary Baptist Church at (734) 455-0022 or the First Baptist Church at (734) 721-7410. Calvary Baptist is at 43065 Joy Road, Canton. First Baptist is at 36125 Glenwood,



Moishe Rosen Wayne.

have a brunch at noon Sunday, Aug. 8, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. A concert will follow, featuring the voices of cantor David Gutman and Ida Kogan. Donations are \$12 per person. Reservations are required. For more information, call Elaine Gittleman at (248) 544-0674.

AGLOW INTERNATIONAL

The Farmington Chapter of Aglow International will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, at the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads. Elaine Eason will share the joy of knowing Jesus as the giver of living water. Participants will learn how connected they are to the One who wants them with Him. For more information, call Karen at (248) 682-3733. Refreshments will be served at 7 p.m.

BIBLE CONFERENCE

Fair Haven Baptist Church continues its fifth annual Summer Bible Conference 7-8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at the church, 34850 Marquette, Westland. The Rev. Tom Blount of North Goodland Baptist Church in Brown City, Mich., will preach. Child care will be provided for children age 3 and under. For more information, call the church office at (734) 728-4549.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Aldersgate United Methodist Church will sponsor a Mom to Mom sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at the church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford. Table rental is \$20. For more information, call the church office at (313) 937-3170 or Bruce at (313) 561-5145.

Newburg United Methodist Church will have a Mom to Mom Sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Shop or rent a table. For information, call (734) 422-0149.

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,

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Oct. 2, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

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.

SINGLE PLACE

Members of Single Place Ministries of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will meet for T.G.I.F. 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at the Box Bar & Grille, 777 W. Ann Arbor Trail, and for the Concert in the Park (jazz night) 7-9 p.m. in Kellogg Park

in downtown Plymouth.

The group also will meet for dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Mama Mia Restaurant, 27770 Plymouth Road, Livonia, then attend the Bethany dance at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Redford 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Dinner reservations can be made by calling John Shewell at (248) 471-4828. Participants are responsible for the cost of dinner as well as \$8 for the dance.

Single Place also will have a divorce recovery workshop at 7

p.m. Aug. 19-Sept. 30 at the church and the five-week series, "Getting It Right the Next Time" with Jacque Martin-Downs and Lynn Vaughn, 7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 26-Sept. 23. The divorce recovery workshop costs \$30, while "Getting It Right" costs \$40 for the complete series. For more information, call Single Place Ministries at (248) 349-0911.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have a dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church Hall, West Chicago at Inkster Road in Redford. The \$8 charge includes refreshments. Proper casual attire required.

The group also meets at 10 a.m. Sundays for breakfast at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and 11:15 a.m. Sundays for Mass at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia.

For more information, call Colleen at (734) 729-7912 or Diane at (734) 971-4553.

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Congregation Beit Kodesh will

Temple Baptist hosts 'Love, Money' seminar

A recent Gallup Poll found that 56 percent of all divorces are related to financial tension in the home. People are all too familiar with the staggering number of people who have financial difficulties.

Temple Baptist Church in Plymouth Township is offering an opportunity to families to become better equipped to deal with the issue with its "First Comes Love, Then Comes

Money" seminar Saturday, Aug. 21.

Presented by Roger Gibson, participants will learn:

- How to identify your budget habits and money personality.
- How to make a budget you will keep, get rid of debt and accomplish financial goals.
- How to resolve conflict and effectively communicate without hurt feelings.
- How to gain freedom from

financial envy, jealousy, stress and frustration.

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Gibson is the author of the book, "First Comes Love, Then Comes Money," and works as the seminar development director for the Gary Smalley Relationship Center in Branson, Mo. He leads the "First Comes Love, Then Comes Money" seminar with the Eagle Family Min-

istries of Bentonville, Ark.

He also conducts weekly radio interviews nationwide and was a recent guest on "Money Matters" with Larry Burkett in Atlanta, Ga.

The cost of the seminar is \$20 per person before Aug. 10 and \$25 per person thereafter. People can register for "First Comes Love, Then Comes Money" by calling (888) 548-4858 or (734) 414-7777.

Temple Baptist Church is at 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township.

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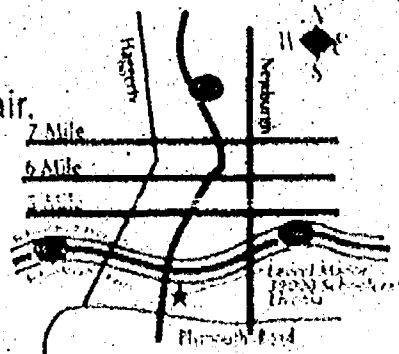
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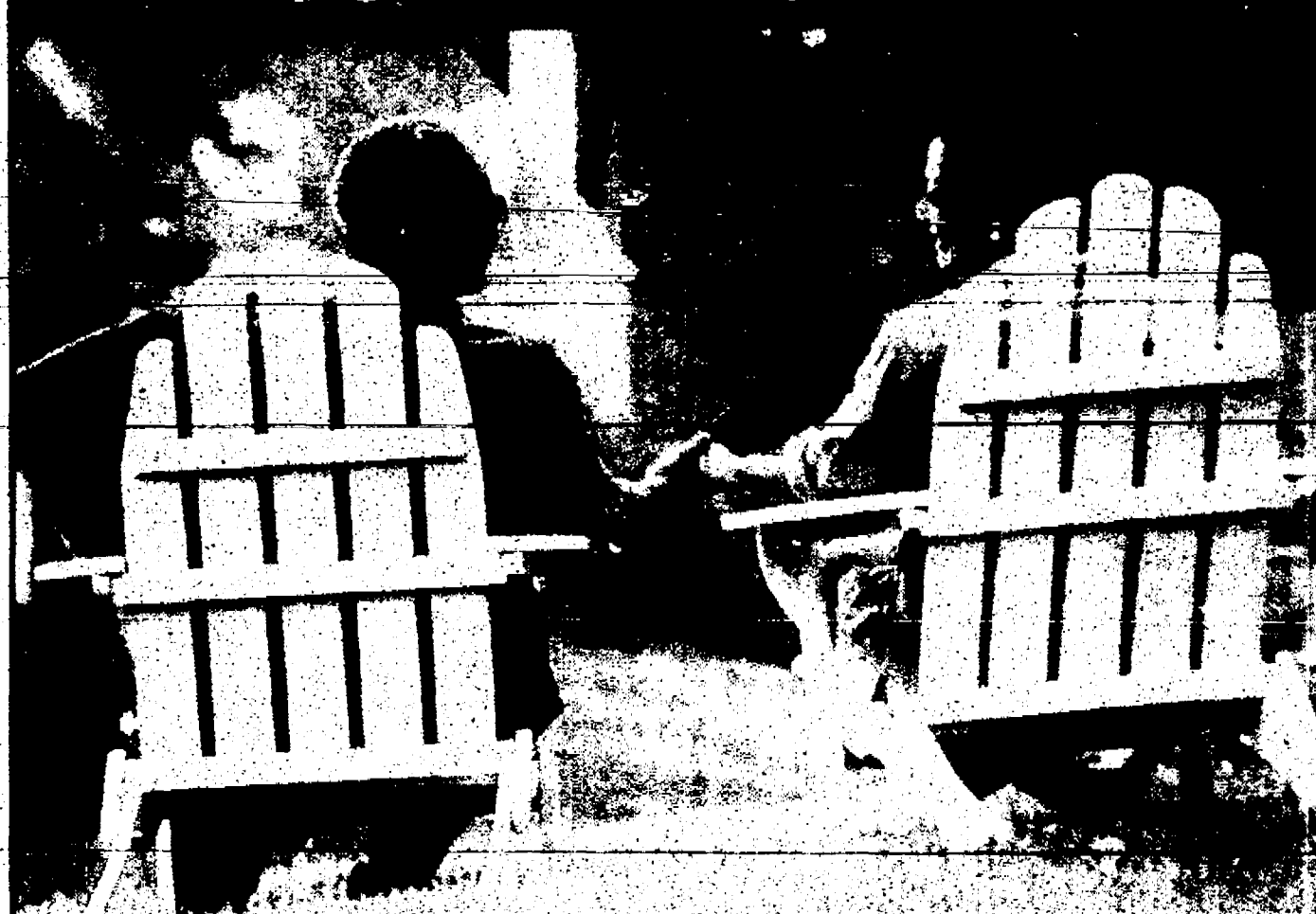
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

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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.

ALDERSGATE UM
Aldersgate United Methodist Church 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 are invited to attend a castle adventure set in merry old 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) 937-3170.

WARREN ROAD FM
The Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 9-13, at the church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 458-7301.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Canton will have its vacation Bible School 6-8 p.m. Aug. 9-13 at the church, 46001 Warren Road, Canton. The program is for children age 3 through the sixth-grade. Students will explore God's Promise in an "Jungle Journey," filled with the crafts, Bible stories, rain forest rhythms and an ice cream social. For more information, call the church at (734) 522-6830.

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, 27475 Five Mile Road in Livonia, is accepting applications for enrollment in the 1999-2000 school year. The preschool/prekindergarten pro-

gram 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. For tuition fees or more information, call (734) 421-1470.

■ Registration is taking place now for kindergarten classes offered through the Christ Our Savior Early Childhood Program

at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The program has a class size of 15-18 children with two teachers from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Extended care is available. For more information, call (734) 513-8413.



Special guests: Bob the Tomato and Larry the Cucumber were among the "Veggie Tales" characters that made an appearance at Paul's Presbyterian Church's recent vacation Bible school. Posing with the cartoon characters were Kyle Grant (from left), Brady King and Cameron and Karen Barsey.

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Open tennis results

The Livonia Parks and Recreation Open Tennis Tournament finished with a match that matched last week's weather — a real scorcher.

In the men's 18-50 age bracket, Dave Verdemar and Arthur Milewski, both of Livonia, survived Saturday's preliminary rounds to meet in the finals. In a match that went to the tiebreaker in each set, Verdemar finally emerged with a 6-7, 7-6, 8-6 triumph.

In the 17-and-under girls division, a pair of Livonia Ladywood students paired off in the final. The winner: 15-year-old Andrea Holonecky, who defeated 16-year-old Anne Kemp in the final, 6-1, 6-0.

In the 14-and-under boys division, Vinesh Shukla of Livonia defeated Nick Reale, also of Livonia, in the final by a 6-1, 6-0 margin. Both are 14.

Double-winner

Kristen Polanski, a freshman-to-be at Livonia Stevenson, finished first in a pair of PowerBilt Junior Tour golf tournaments in the 13-and-under girls age division.

Polanski won the tournament at Katke Farms, located at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, by shooting a 48 for nine holes in the rain-shortened event July 23. Last Thursday at Pilgrims Run in Pierson, Polanski fired a 96 to claim top honors in her age division.

Her previous best finish was June 16 at Emerald Vale in Manton, where she finished second by shooting a 107.

The two wins qualify Polanski for the PowerBilt Tournament of Champions Friday and Saturday at Forest Akers West on the Michigan State University campus in East Lansing.

Show time

Ryan Ybarra, a Wayne Memorial HS student from Westland, has been selected for the Griffey International All-American Baseball Talent Showcase regional, which will be at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti Sept. 10-12.

Ybarra is one of the few players chosen to display their baseball skills at one of the 16 regional sites. Players will demonstrate, by position, their ability to hit, run, throw and field, and will undergo tests for strength and speed — including hand strength, bat speed, arm velocity and upper-body strength.

A panel of baseball professionals will evaluate the players. Reports are sent to all college coaches and pro scouts; a high percentage of those who attend the Griffey Talent Showcases win college scholarships and/or are drafted into pro ball.

Blade Raid champs

Skateland West's 13-14 inline hockey team proved best in their age division at the Blade Raid '99 Tournament, held last weekend at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

The Skateland West team of Steve Meck (Westland), Mike Benton (Westland), Justin Looa (Canton), Karl Clements (Westland), Anthony Brilanti (Plymouth) and goalie Dennis Dolan (Garden City) won three games in last Saturday's extreme heat before play was suspended by adverse weather. The finals were played Sunday.

MIAA scholar-athletes

Mike Allison, a junior-to-be linebacker at Alma College from Livonia Stevenson, certainly had a successful sophomore year.

That was proven when Allison was named to the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's academic honor roll for the 1998-99 school year. To earn such an honor, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade-point average as well as participating in varsity athletics at an MIAA school.

Alma, a school with an enrollment of 1,400, placed 69 student-athletes on the MIAA's listing.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editors C.J. Risak and/or Brad Emons, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

One 'hot' performance

All-Stars appreciate chance to play with the best

By STEVE KOWALSKI
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Whether the experience lasted one play or four quarters, five Observerland players enjoyed their time in the 19th annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star Game Saturday at Michigan State University.

Their only regret was on the scoreboard, but All-Star games are about having fun, not winning and losing.

The five were members of the East, which suffered a 35-9 loss to the West under partly cloudy skies at Spartan Stadium. The West set All-Star records for points and margin of victory, winning for the ninth time against the East's 10 victories.

Westland John Glenn tailback Reggie Spearmon was injured on the first play of the East's opening drive, which ended with an 8-yard pass to Dearborn

ALL-STAR FOOTBALL

Edsel Ford's Kevin Zureki. Spearmon fell out of bounds on the downs marker with his shoulder after a short carry and watched the rest of the game wearing an ice pack for precautionary reasons.

Joining Spearmon on the East were Detroit Catholic Central tight end Nick Brzezinski, Redford Thurston linebacker Scott Genord, Farmington Hills Harrison wide receiver Ricky Bryant and Livonia Clarenceville cornerback Walter Ragland.

"When I got up I felt my shoulder stinging," said Spearmon, a Grand Valley State signee not used to sitting out games, though he still cheered on his teammates. "It's not good. I ain't used to that."

He also isn't used to wearing No. 10 instead of the No. 2 he sported at Glenn. The sooner players mailed in their background information, the sooner they got to pick a number.

Utica Ford quarterback Craig Krenzel, bound for Ohio State, got his information in earlier than Spearmon and picked the number before Spearmon had a chance.

He doesn't link the injury to the new number. "I'm not superstitious," Spearmon said, smiling. Zureki, an Eastern Michigan University signee, accounted for all of the East's scoring. His 46-yard field goal in the first half was a new All-Star Game record for distance.

Brzezinski caught a pass but spent most of his time blocking, an art he learned well at CC, winner

of the last two Class AA state championships. He doesn't think the heat had an effect on the two teams' play.

"It was nice and breezy and the training staff kept us cold with towels (on the sidelines)," Brzezinski said. "We started off real well moving but couldn't click after that. All the schemes are different and you don't have enough time to mesh. Everybody was real cool, you read about them and finally get to meet them. Everything went great, except we lost."

Bryant, headed for Ohio State University, caught a pass and had another nullified for having a foot out of bounds. Krenzel, an OSU signee, dropped a pass into Bryant's hands on the drive leading to the East's touchdown.

"Craig had to scramble and get away from the guys rushing," Bryant said. "It was a backside post (pattern) and the ball was hanging up there. I just ended up with it."

Bryant isn't used to losing. He was a key member of Harrison's two-time defending Class A state champion team, but wasn't too discouraged about his final high school game ending with a loss.

"An All-Star game is for fun," he said. "I'm going to the next level and that's what's important."

Genord and Ragland played on the East defense and each had a good time despite the final score. Genord was in on several tackles but was upset about dropping an interception opportunity, which may have resulted in a touchdown.

A pass from the West quarterback went in and

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Pleasure to play? Being selected to play in the high school all-star game has to be considered an honor, even when you're injured early in the game — as Westland John Glenn's Reggie Spearmon was on his first play (above), a pitchout. Or when you play defense instead of offense, as Clarenceville graduate Walter Ragland (22 at right), and there are 35 points scored against your team.



Lakers gain another title

By C.J. RISAK
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For the second-straight year, the Lakers entered the Metro Summer Hockey League playoffs as a longshot after finishing fourth during the regular season with a .500 record (5-5-1).

And for the second-straight year, it didn't matter — the Lakers won when it counted most.

A four-goal opening period got them started in the MSHL final Sunday at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Three more in the final period — two of those by Chris Libbett (from West Bloomfield) — insured the Lakers' 7-5 victory over the Wildcats.

The Lakers' title came over a team that had reached the championship game in a similar manner: The Lakers upset the regular-season champion Bulldogs in an overtime, sudden-death shootout last Wednesday,

MSHL FINAL

with Libbett getting the game-winner. The Wildcats, who finished third in the regular season with a 6-5 mark, rolled past the second-place Huskies 13-7 Thursday.

In Sunday's final, the 'Cats had the early advantage, getting goals by Sean Kass and Brent Thomas sandwiched around a score by the Lakers' Nick Anselm (Canton) in the first period.

But their 2-1 advantage didn't last. The Lakers scored three times in the last five minutes of the period, with Brian Sutherland (Plymouth) netting two of them, to take a 4-2 lead into the second period.

Dan Dobrowski (Southfield) played well in goal for the 'Cats in the second period, keeping the Lakers off the board. But so did both Lanny Jardine (Bloom-



STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMUDA

On a break: The Lakers' Nick Anselm, who had a goal and two assists, goes to the attack with Darrin Silvester in pursuit.

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FOOTBALL

Late stand lifts Twisters

Two second-half touchdowns got the Wayne County Twisters out in front, but it required a final-second, goal-line stand to keep them there Saturday at Inkster HS against the host Motor City Cougars.

The Cougars found themselves facing a 14-0 deficit early in the fourth quarter, but a 67-yard touchdown pass narrowed the deficit to 14-6 with half a quarter to play. With two minutes left, the Twisters' problems had multiplied: The fired-up Cougars had driven to the Twisters' 1-yard line.

But the Twisters awoke, just in time, turning aside the late challenge to record their second-consecutive victory in the Northern Division of the Lake Shore Football League by a 14-6 margin.

The win did not come easily.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Rangers in final

The Livonia-based Rangers will go up against the Ukrainian Sport Club in the first-ever Metro-Detroit Soccer League's Premier Second Division Cup final at 2 p.m. Sunday at Brighton's Dibrova Park, located at 8400 Malthe.

Admission is \$2 per person. The Rangers posted a 9-1-1 regular-season record in the MDSL; the Brighton-based Ukrainian Sport Club was 8-2-1.

The Recreational final will pit the Plymouth-Canton based Red Wings, who were 10-1-1 during the season, against the Ukrainian Recreation Sport Club (from Brighton), which was 6-3-3. That game will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Dibrova.

The last championship match

of the day will be in the Over-30 Division, between the Express F.C. (from Royal Oak), who were 5-4-1, and the unbeaten (10-0-0) Ukrainian Over-30 Sport Club (from Brighton).

The MDSL Premier First Division Cup final will be at 5 p.m. Aug. 15 at Dibrova. Semifinals will be played at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Whitman Park in Livonia (located on West Chicago between Farmington and Merriam, in Livonia). Semifinals are between Dearborn-based Iraqi Olympic Club (7-1-0) and the Detroit-based African Stars (4-3-1), and Macomb County's St. Paul (6-1-1) and Bosnia SC (3-4-1) of Hamtramck.

PCHA membership

The Plymouth-Canton Hockey

Association will be accepting applications for membership from 10 a.m.-noon Sunday, Aug. 15 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The lack of ice time prevents the PCHA from expanding, so there are few openings.

Which is why the application process will be in the form of a wait-list drawing, which will be at 12:15 p.m. Aug. 15. Residents of Plymouth and Canton are asked to bring proof of residency, because they will be given first priority in the drawing. There are few openings, so most applicants will be placed on a waiting list.

For more information, call the PCHA Hotline at (734) 254-9198.

Equipment sale

The Plymouth-Canton Hockey

Association will have its annual used equipment sale from 10 a.m.-noon Sunday, Aug. 15 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Those with used equipment for sale should arrive at 9 a.m. to tag their equipment. The PCHA will keep 15 percent of the sale price of each item sold.

Call (734) 254-9198 for further information.

Coaches wanted

Livonia Franklin HS is in need of a freshman cheerleading coach. Any prospective candidates should call Franklin athletic director Dan Freeman at (734) 523-9317.

Livonia Ladywood HS is searching for a junior varsity tennis coach for the upcoming school year. Contact the Lady-

wood athletic office at (734) 591-2323 for more information.

Walled Lake Central has an opening for an assistant boys' soccer coach for the fall season. If interested, contact athletic director Dave Yarbrough at (248) 956-2074.

Baseball tryouts

The WaCo Wolves will have tryouts for next year's 11-and-under team Saturday and Sunday. Times and locations will vary. The team will play a 60-game (or more) schedule, with national tournaments included. Call Bill Hardin at (313) 562-4667 to arrange a tryout.

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League will have its fall sign-up for its 12-and-under and tee ball teams from 6-8:45 p.m.

Tuesday at the Plymouth Community Library. The PCJBL will have its first meeting from 7-8:45 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Plymouth Community Library, at which board member nominations will be conducted. Those nominations will be voted on from 7-8:45 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Plymouth Community Library.

Varsity high school players are being considered for a team competing in a fall baseball league that gets under way Aug. 14. Those selected will play a 13-game schedule. All-star players will be given the opportunity to participate in a wooden bat tournament. Those interested should call coach Kevin Tardivi at (248) 443-0113 or coach Jim O'Donnell at (248) 641-3792, between 8-10 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

ROADRUNNER RACE RESULTS

ROADRUNNER CLASSIC 8K RUN RESULTS

July 31 in Northville

Overall winner (male): Gerard Donakowski (Rochester), 25:37.

Overall winner (female): Ann Stewart (Ann Arbor), 29:05.

Masters winner (male): Timothy Emmett (Redford), 27:09.

Masters winner (female): Kathleen Gina (Ann Arbor), 35:23.

Age Group results

(Top 5 plus Observer-area runners)

14-and-under (male): 1. Clark Paciorek (Novi), 35:52; 2. Joshua Reed (Utica), 45:42; 3. Nikhil Vadnavkar (Northville), 50:50; 4. Mark Nerio (Northville), 54:46.

14-and-under (female): 1. Stephanie Kandas (Woodhaven), 39:47.

15-18 (male): 1. Eric Bohn (Livonia), 26:59; 2. Rick Straughen (Sterling Heights), 29:42; 3. Kevin Naughton, Jr. (Walled Lake), 29:56; 4. Ryan Gall (Livonia), 30:29; 5. Jean Harris (Livonia), 32:15; 7. Timothy Henderson (Redford),

33:00; 8. Kenny Tseng (Livonia), 37:09.

15-18 (female): 1. Stacey Kandas (Woodhaven), 36:14; 2. Ann Figurski (Northville), 36:51; 3. Allison Loeffler (Novi), 39:14; 4. Adrienne Manarjina (Northville), 40:58; 5. Almee Anthony (Northville), 43:37; 7. Evelyn Rahhal (Canton), 46:42.

19-24 (male): 1. Joe Leo (Northville), 26:06; 2. Brian Terpak (Riverview), 26:29; 3. Jim Maercro (Northville), 27:47; 4. Ian Bedford (Plymouth), 28:46; 5. Brian Jackson (Whitmore Lake), 28:52; 9. Jason Barylski (Canton), 31:48; 11. Mark Kracht (Livonia), 36:08; 12. Brian Smith (Livonia), 37:49; 16. Kevin Joy (Plymouth), 46:41; 17. Eric Larsen (Canton), 46:42.

19-24 (female): 1. Gretchen Holloway (Livonia), 36:31; 2. Kathy Jost (Plymouth), 37:55; 3. Nina Hundley (Plymouth), 40:35; 4. Suzanne Labadie (Milford), 40:36; 5. Molly Noonan (Canton), 42:19.

25-29 (male): 1. Jeff Cameron (Northville), 30:55; 2. William Zdan (Woodhaven), 31:28; 3. John Sloan (New Hudson), 32:50; 4. Michael Patterson (Livonia), 33:50; 5. James Shook (Westland), 34:01; 12. Greg Anthony (Plymouth), 39:49; 17. Frank Cipolla (Canton), 42:58; 21. Chris Ptak (Plymouth), 47:55; 22. Steve Marszalek (Livonia), 49:25; 23. Jerry Kwiechlen (Plymouth), 1:04:38.

25-29 (female): 1. Catherine Herne (Ann Arbor), 29:46; 2. Claire Mull (Grand Rapids), 38:16; 3. Yolanda Fernandez (Ann Arbor), 40:47; 4. Barbara Figurski (Ypsilanti), 41:21; 5. Brooke Smith (Commerce Twp.), 44:34; 6. Tracie Morrison (Livonia),

48:29; 11. Pamela Kwiechlen (Plymouth), 1:04:40.

30-34 (male): David Peterson (Farmington Hills), 26:15; 2. Thomas Preiss (Whitmore Lake), 27:25; 3. Jerry Connors (Brighton), 27:32; 4. Herman Smith (Farmington Hills), 28:50; 5. John Brabbs (Birmingham), 29:21; 7. Jeff Maricero (Canton), 33:15; 10. Kirk Ahljian (Westland), 33:49; 11. Terry Rush (Plymouth), 34:06; 13. Todd Fagerman (Plymouth), 35:05; 14. Anthony Boucher (Canton), 35:12; 19. Tim Gallagher (Livonia), 39:07; 22. Michael McNally (Plymouth), 39:59; 24. Michael Gallagher (Livonia), 40:09; 26. Bob Biaganski (Canton), 40:46; 29. James York (Plymouth), 42:40; 31. Michael Yaeke (Farmington Hills), 43:03.

30-34 (female): 1. Lisa Veneziano (Fenton), 29:16; 2. Susan Tatigian (Livonia), 31:19; 3. Christine Dager (Ypsilanti), 36:33; 4. Liz Dorda (Ypsilanti), 37:23; 5. Sherry Tittle (South Lyon), 37:33; 8. Tracy Farouqi (Westland), 38:32; 13. Janis Haggerty (Canton), 42:36; 15. Jackie Robinson (Livonia), 42:55; 17. Diana Anthony (Plymouth), 44:49; 20. Jennifer Leventis (Canton), 46:22; 21. Kathleen Thurn (Plymouth), 46:32; 22. Lisa Folks (Plymouth), 48:48.

35-39 (male): 1. Eric Stuber (Lansing), 26:54; 2. Doug Ogden (Chelsea), 27:17; 3. Jay Owens (Fenton), 28:28; 4. Larry Gutierrez (Fenton), 29:23; 5. Ian Froom (Dearborn), 29:44; 6. Karl Shiji (Canton), 30:06; 7. George Sueda (Farmington Hills), 30:22; 9. Scott Broerman (Canton), 31:23; 19. Brian Wierciach (Plymouth), 36:44; 21.

Randall McClure (Canton), 37:55; 23. Matt Niles (Canton), 38:21; 27. John Natiw (Canton), 41:22; 35. Robert Scobewick (Plymouth), 45:14; 37. Scott Harrison (Canton), 47:22; 39. Jeff Wagaman (Westland), 47:40; 43. Steve Bez (Livonia), 52:57.

35-39 (female): 1. Anne Marie Phillips (Northville), 34:12; 2. Ruth Lara (Grand Blanc), 38:12; 3. Kristi Malone (Northville), 38:43; 4. Jodie Condon (Novi), 41:19; 5. Lynn Houston (Farmington Hills), 41:46; 14. Patricia Adkins (Plymouth), 44:58; 17. Corinne Gill (Livonia), 50:06; 19. Darlene Pierson (Wayne), 51:12.

40-44 (male): 1. David Walch (Novi), 29:02; 2. Roger Lara (Grand Blanc), 29:08; 3. Udis Vitins (Canton), 29:47; 4. Scott Handley (Grosse Pointe Park), 33:32; 5. Kevin Naughton (Walled Lake), 33:48; 7. Brad Emmons (Plymouth), 34:06; 8. Bill Wilson (Livonia), 34:31; 10. Patrick Kolodziejczak (Livonia), 35:34; 12. Bennett Yu (Plymouth), 35:53; 14. David Vance (Redford), 36:13; 15. Curt Bastianelli (Westland), 36:29; 18. Greg Gagner (Farmington), 36:51; 20. Dane Ward (Plymouth), 37:14; 21. Rick Newsom (Plymouth), 37:17; 28. Mark Hickson (Canton), 40:54; 29. Keith Mach (Westland), 40:58; 30. Randy Dolney (Canton), 41:31; 31. Mike Carpenter (Farmington Hills), 42:34; 32. Jerome Solomon (Livonia), 42:36; 38. Ed Green (Livonia), 44:20; 39. Keith Oliveres (Canton), 44:31; 42. Mark Hayhoe (Canton), 45:21.

40-44 (female): 1. Patricia Ball (Ann Arbor), 36:00; 2. Lisa Weyer (Canton),

40:52; 3. Marjorie Donovan (Livonia), 42:00; 4. Denise Kutchins (Royal Oak), 42:17; 5. Mary Schwarz (Detroit), 43:08; 13. Diane Dore (Livonia), 56:54; 14. Kathy Varitone (Livonia), 57:20.

45-49 (male): 1. John Tarkowski (Garden City), 29:03; 2. James Scholl (Saline), 31:44; 3. Tony Pauza (West Bloomfield), 33:25; 4. William Preininger (Farmington Hills), 33:53; 5. Timothy Cole (Redford), 34:18; 6. Al Cavaletto (Westland), 35:13; 8. William Tomlin (Plymouth), 36:00; 17. Dick Heilmann (Farmington), 39:47; 22. Larry Matherly (Farmington Hills), 42:20; 26. Tony Fanelli (Farmington Hills), 44:46; 32. James Devlin (Livonia), 47:23; 34. Dave Dobry (Plymouth), 49:28; 35. Steve Lewis (Livonia), 50:04.

45-49 (female): 1. Cheong-Hee Chang (Ann Arbor), 35:56; 2. Joanie Rogucki (Pinckney), 36:12; 3. Kitty Cole (Milford), 39:37; 4. Kim Voigt (Dearborn Heights), 40:20; 5. Debra Paige (Farmington Hills), 40:53; 7. Carol Sutton (Farmington), 43:09; 9. Beverly Gollec (Farmington Hills), 46:43; 13. Christine Devlin (Livonia), 57:26.

50-54 (male): 1. Alan Glovack (Bloomfield Hills), 31:38; 2. Victor Barkoski (Northville), 31:53; 3. Lauri Mendenhall (Ann Arbor), 32:49; 4. Ed Clayton (East Lansing), 33:21; 5. Thomas Gray (Whitmore Lake), 33:47; 10. Jack Hamilton (Canton), 36:09; 11. Dave Medley (Canton), 36:25; 12. Brad Behrman (Plymouth), 37:32; 15. Craig Smith (Livonia), 39:50; 16. Jerry Norquist (Canton), 40:17; 17. Stephen Nyquist (Canton), 40:32; 18. Gary

Haf (Livonia), 41:53; 19. Donald Kelm (Canton), 42:31; 21. Alex Wilson (Canton), 43:04; 22. Dennis Bokor (Canton), 43:35; 25. Don Afferbaugh (Farmington Hills), 46:07; 28. Thomas Woods (Livonia), 49:11; 29. Arthur Plewinski (Westland), 49:34; 30. Dan Neibauer (Livonia), 51:25; 31. Harold Bennett (Wayne), 52:10; 32. Barry Tatom (Livonia), 52:27; 33. Alexander Johnston (Livonia), 52:35.

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55-59 (male): 1. Donald Litzsey (Grand Rapids), 34:22; 2. Bill Hill (Pinckney), 34:29; 3. Ron Exelby (Ann Arbor), 35:49; 4. Michael Sutton (Farmington Hills), 36:52; 5. David Scarin (Redford), 37:04; 10. Paul Leece (Livonia), 45:15.

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60-64 (male): 1. Ralph Judd (Redford), 35:13; 2. Jerry White (Dearborn), 40:09; 3. Ken Isherwood (Harper Woods), 44:16.

65-69 (male): 1. Alex Novitzsky (Berkeley), 1:08:21.

65-69 (female): 1. Claudia Novitzsky (Berkeley), 58:20.

70-89 (male): 1. Jim Forshee (Ann Arbor), 38:00; 2. Joseph Sedgewick (Northville), 45:14; 3. Bill Kelley (Metemora), 50:48.

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Tough to beat: Catholic Central graduate Nick Brzezinski (left) spent most of Saturday's game blocking, but the all-state tight end did latch on to one pass.

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out of Genord's hands and all that was between him and the end zone was about 40 yards of turf.

"I was going to the flat and the ball came right to me," said Genord, an Indiana University signee. "I had my hands up and dropped it. I wish I had it over."

The two teams practiced three times a day, starting with a 7 a.m. wake-up call, Genord said. Tougher than the practice and games were the sleeping arrangements in the dorms, but the experience was well worth it. "Fans were blowing hot air at ya (in the dorms)," Genord said. "The practices were a lot harder than expected. They worked your butt off. Everyone was surprised."

"This was a lot better than a high school football game. Everyone is good. You get found slacking in this game and you pay the price."

Ragland made a name for himself in high school as a running back but he played weak-side cornerback as an All-Star.

"It was a big deal, I wanted to have a good time and win, but there's nothing you can do," said Ragland, who will continue his career at Adrian College. "It's sad to see (the final score) but you have to move on now. Going from a lower class school (Class C) and to get a chance to play against these guys, all-stars, is a great feeling."

Greg Hudkins, the new head

coach at Clarenceville, was an assistant coach for the East. Hudkins is a former assistant coach for Monroe coach Ralph Carducci, the East's head coach.

•Brzezinski's older brother, Doug, signed a multi-year contract with the Philadelphia Eagles last week. Brzezinski, a third-round draft pick by the Eagles, missed rookie camp but signed in time to join the team's veterans in camp.

Nick Brzezinski was asked if he expects any extra generosity from Doug. "I don't want any," Nick said. "He's worked hard for his own money."

But he might find something nicer under the Christmas Tree this year, however.

•Gerry Cullin, a former coach at Livonia Franklin, and Michael Henry, a former coach at Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn, are among 19 inductees into the MHSFCA Hall of Fame.

Henry coached in the All-Star Game for the East in 1987 and was named an assistant coach of the year in 1994. The teams he helped guide had a combined record of 176-82.

Cullin coached for 21 seasons at Marshall and Franklin high schools. He was an assistant coach for the East Team in the 1983 All-Star Game.

The teams at Franklin and Marshall which Cullin helped guide had a combined 114-63

record.

•Steve Robb, a 1973 Plymouth Salem graduate and currently the head coach at Milan High School, was an assistant coach for the West team.

He has coached high school football for 20 years, including stops at Albion, Redford Thurston and Dearborn Divine Child. He is 89-36 in 13 seasons at Milan, winning four Southeastern Conference championships and making five state playoff appearances.

DC won a Class B state championship in 1984 while he was one of the Falcons' assistant coaches.

The players, coaches and administrators at Divine Child and Milan have "been a great influence in my life and I am indebted to those football communities for making my job enjoyable," he said.

His wife, Ann, is the former girls basketball coach at Wyandotte Roosevelt. They have a daughter, Kylie, 3.

•Plymouth Salem assistant coach David Schantz, an 18-year veteran, was recognized by the MHSFCA as an Assistant Coach of the Year.

•Farmington Hills Harrison's David Pesci was an honorable mention Academic All-State honoree. Earning Special Mention for Academic All-State was Livonia Franklin's Dave Fischer.

MSHL final from page C1

field Hills) and Brandon Hothem (Troy) for the Lakers; with Hothem taking over for Jardine midway through the period (Jardine started the game, Hothem finished it), the Wildcats scored just one goal, registered by Kass. That failure to take greater advantage of the Laker's scoring lapse (they went 24:29 without a goal) was costly.

Indeed, the 'Cats inability to get scoring from more sources proved pivotal. Kass finished with three goals and an assist, and Thomas scored twice as the

pair accounted for all five Wildcat goals. Daryl Schimelpfenneg (Canton) contributed two assists.

The Lakers got goals from five players, with Libbett (two goals and two assists) and Sutherland (two goals and one assist) leading the attack. Anselm added a goal and two assists, Mike Vigilante had a goal and an assist, Jeremy Majsak (Canton) had two assists and Eric Dolesh (Farmington Hills) had a goal. Libbett's two third-period

goals and one by Dolesh were the difference. The first of Libbett's goals, with 8:08 left to play, increased the Laker lead to 5-3; after Thomas scored for the second time for the 'Cats to narrow the margin to 5-4 with seven minutes still remaining, Dolesh and Libbett iced it for the Lakers. Dolesh scored with 6:45 to go, and Libbett netted his second of the game four minutes later to make it 7-4.

Kass' third goal, with 2:35 to play, came too late to save the 'Cats.



Save made: The Wildcats' Dan Dobrowski was able to turn away this Laker shot, but - despite a solid effort - he couldn't stop them all.

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Roller hockey champs



Canton teams get gold: The Skatin' Station 2 hosted a pair of winners at the Great Lakes Games in Lansing last weekend. Both won gold medals by winning all four of their games. Below is the under-12 team, coached by Jay Pesant. It includes Chris Ziomek, Mark Bores, Chad Lynch and Jeff Brown of Livonia; Nick Pesant, Justin Schroeder and Kyle Kowalski of Canton; Ryan Bond and Kevin Etzel of Northville; Tony Mango of Hartland; and Eric Kuptz of Novi. The 10-and-under team (above) was coached by Randy Kowalski and included Zack Rourke, Brandon Eggesfield, Pesant and Kowalski of Canton; Justin Allen of Plymouth; Mike Hayes of Livonia; Tommie Howe of Westland; Spencer Lineberry of Brighton; and Etzel. Justin Pesant served as team trainer.



Reaching the finals

Runners-up: The Motor City Mold emerged from a difficult Founders' Day Fastpitch Softball Tournament in Waterford last weekend with a second place trophy, capping a successful summer season. The team, made up of Plymouth Canton players, routed the Hartland Eagles 12-4 in the opener, thanks to Jenna Perino's 4-for-4 hitting and the baserunning of Brienne McNicholas, who had three steals, including home plate. The combined pitching of Katie Conton and Gretchen Hudson, and Laura Stewart's 3-for-3 hitting, was enough to hold off the Oakland Merchants in game No. 2, 2-1. In game No. 3, the Roonies ruined the Mold, 9-0, but on Sunday the Mold bounced back with a 9-7 victory over Farmington Hills Mercy's Express, thanks to Stacie Griffin's three runs scored. In the tournament semifinals, with Stewart firing a two-hit shutout. The combination of high heat and a depleted bench, however, doomed the Mold in the final as the Roonies won the gold, 4-0. Pictured below are the Mold players: (front row, from left) Stephanie Haradon, Angela Hundley, Kathy Mohlenko, Brienne McNicholas, Ann Keil and Stacie Griffin; (top row, from left) coach Sue Bertram, Jenna Perino, Laura Stewart, Julie Jastrzebski and head coach Bob Smith. Not pictured are Gretchen Hudson, Katie Conton and coach Ryan Bidwell.



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Defending champ seeks Highland title

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Kurt Pauli of Farmington Hills is the reigning king of athletics competition in the annual Scottish Highland Games, but even he admits his title could be in jeopardy.

Unlike good King Duncan of Shakespeare's MacBeth, he'll be on guard against all challengers Saturday during this year's event at Greenmead in Livonia.

But the organizers of the Detroit games have pulled out all the stops for their 150th anniversary and lined up a formidable group of international stars.

Pauli has won the local games the last four years, but the competition this year includes three-time world champion Ryan Ferie of California, 1998 world runner-up Petur Gundmonsson of Iceland, Scotland's Craig Anderson and five-time Canadian champion Harry MacDonald.

"Of anywhere in the country, it's one of the best fields you'll see," Pauli said, adding he's hoping for third or fourth place this year. "The guy from Iceland is actually a two-time Olympian in the shot put, so he's very good in the stone put."

"You just try to throw the best you can; that's all you can do. A lot of us in North America see each other many times throughout the season, so we're used to it. Except for the guy from Scotland, all the other guys know each other very well."

The 27-year-old Pauli has been a professional Highland Games competitor for nine years. He has done eight of about 20 expected competitions this year, winning at Alma and Edinboro, Pa. A trip to Iceland is planned for later this month.

Pauli has followed in the footsteps of his father, Jim, who competed for 25 years and retired a few years ago. He judges competitions now. Pauli's brother, Jason, will travel from Buffalo, N.Y., to

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compete this weekend.

"(His dad is) probably the top judge in the country right now," Pauli said. "Sometimes we do all three; my dad is judging, and my mom is keeping score."

Each contestant will have to do five events this weekend — the caber toss, stone put, 28-pound weight for distance, hammer toss and 56-pound weight for height. Winning requires more than just brawn, too.

"Technique is pretty much all important," Pauli said. "It takes basic strength and you see big guys out there, because that's what it takes. But it comes down to technique to determine the winner."

"Consistency is the way you win. You want to stay in the top three in each event. It becomes a game of who makes mistakes. If you come in fourth or fifth in any event, you're not going to win."

"It's like the decathlon; you have to be good at everything."

Pauli, who stands 6-foot-2 and weighs 255 pounds, is actually on the small side as Highland Games athletes go, he said. The average weight for an athlete is 285 pounds.

"I haven't been this big all the time," Pauli said. "I was pretty skinny when I graduated from high school."

"My body metabolism slowed down (in his early 20s), and I was able to put on weight that I was never able to. I gained weight specifically for this. The implements being what they are, the athletes have to be bigger to control them."

Pauli's training regimen consists mainly of weight lifting in a neighborhood buddy's garage, mostly in the off season.

"Right now I just did my third (of seven) games in a row," he said. "During that time, I'm basically

resting a lot.

"I do a little lifting and throwing workout during the week, one day of each, and I'm competing every weekend."

"In the winter and spring, I generally do a lot of weight lifting to get strong and stay in shape."

JUST THE FACTS: Kurt Pauli, 27, has lived in Farmington Hills for five years. He grew up in Pennsylvania and attended the University of Pittsburgh. His job as an electrical engineer for GSE Scale Systems brought him to Michigan.

Gates open at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Greenmead, and the athletic competition starts at 9 a.m. The daylong event concludes at 6 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the gate. Children under 12 are admitted free of charge with an adult.

WHAT'S IN A NAME: You don't have to be Scottish to participate in the Highland Games, but Pauli does have some Scottish roots on his mother's side. Her maiden name was MacQueen.

"It seems everybody, if they look far enough back, will find some (Scottish ancestry) in their background," Pauli said. "That's why the games are so popular. If you get in the right area with Scottish and Irish, you get a lot of people."

THE CABER TOSS: Most people are familiar with the caber, a Gaelic word meaning tree trunk, according to Pauli. It can be 17 to 22 feet long and weigh 120 to 180 pounds. One end is smaller than the other, because that's the way the tree is shaped.

The athlete picks up the smaller end, interlaces his fingers and rests the caber against his shoulder. He makes a short run, stops and pulls upward. Momentum takes the caber forward, and the bottom end flips over.

"It's an accuracy event," Pauli said. "The goal is to flip the caber end over end, so the end you're holding lands directly facing away from you in a 12 o'clock position. If you don't put an even amount of power on it, the caber will go up and fall off to one side."

A HEAVY WEIGHT: The stone put requires the athlete to throw an actual stone, usually weighing 23 pounds at the Detroit Games. The 28-pound weight is a round, steel ball

attached to a handle by a chain link.

The hammer toss involves a 16-pound, Scottish hammer, which Pauli describes as a shot put, on the end of a wooden handle. The 56-pound weight has to be thrown one-handed (same as the 28-pound weight) over a bar like a pole vault standard.

Pauli's personal bests are 42 feet in the stone put, 75 feet in the 28-pound weight throw, 135 feet in the hammer toss, and a height of 16 feet, six inches in the 56-pound weight throw. It's hard to gauge a personal best in the caber toss, because the length and width of the caber always differs.

A LITTLE HISTORY: Of the Celtic peoples living in the British Isles 2,000 years ago, the tribe known as the Gaels came to dominate Ireland. Hence, the reference to Gaelic language and culture as the historic underpinnings of Irish society.

Around 500 A.D. another Celtic tribe called the Scotti crossed from the north of Ireland into the western islands and highlands of the land the Romans called Caledonia.

The Scotti brought with them their Gaelic language and culture, as well as Christianity. Though smaller in number, the Scotti and their ways prevailed over the Picts, another group of Celtic people indigenous to the land.

The Scotti eventually gave their name to the nation we know as Scotland, which was later made a part of the United Kingdom (Great Britain) through union with England in 1707.

Following the Reformation, the lowland Scots, having more in common with their Anglo-Norman neighbors and favoring closer ties with Protestant England, came to dominate Scottish society during the Enlightenment period and into the industrial age.

The hopes for an independent and Celtic Scotland were dashed by the defeat of a highland army at the battle of Culloden Moor in 1746.

That was followed by the infamous Highland Clearings (highlanders were cleared off the land) of the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

But the highland Scots, ironically, have prevailed again if only to serve the present age as the most identifiable representatives of historic Scotland and its ancient traditions that are embodied in the Highland Games.

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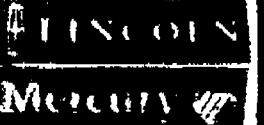
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SATURDAY



Jack Everly conducts the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in a "Tchaikovsky Spectacular" with fireworks, 8 p.m. at Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Gates open 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$8 to \$50, call (313) 576-5111, (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666.

SUNDAY



Learn more about African-American culture and traditions during Celebration of Emancipation at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. The Village is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 seniors age 62 and older, \$7.50 kids ages 5-12, children under 5 and members free. Call (313) 271-1620 for information.



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HOW GRAND



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Let the games begin: Roulette is just one of the games offered at the new MGM Grand Detroit Casino.

Cast members proud of MGM Grand Detroit Casino

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER
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On a media tour of the MGM Grand Detroit Casino, Barrie Borovsky, vice president, food and beverage and property administration apologizes for being hoarse, and unable to speak very loudly.

"We had a pep rally," said Borovsky. But what his voice lacks in volume is made up in enthusiasm. On Tuesday, July 27, just two days before the opening, Borovsky who lived in Redford and moved to West Bloomfield when he was 12, is a man in a hurry. The clock is ticking and he's got a lot to do.

Details are important to him, even something as seemingly small as an MGM sticker on a waste basket. He takes a minute to look at the just attached sticker, nodding his approval, pleased with how it looks.

He's excited about the casino, and walks quickly as he leads reporters through five kitchens and three restaurants, proudly pointing out many state-of-the-art features that will allow the staff, called "cast members" to feed up to 8,000 guests a day.

Bob Strom, executive chef, and a resident of West Bloomfield, follows and sometimes takes the lead.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, not only for the people who are such an important part of our team but for guests who will, I promise you, be absolutely delighted," said Strom. "Even those who aren't here to enjoy the experience of gaming at one of the best facilities in the world will be drawn to the MGM Grand Detroit Casino. It will be one of the best places to

enjoy fine dining in Detroit. That's a fact."

Borovsky grew up in the hospitality industry, working at a family-owned business, Schaefer Lanes in Dearborn. He's home after being away for 15 years working as assistant vice president of food and beverage at MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

This isn't Strom's first casino opening. He helped open the Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort in Atlantic City and the Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut.

"I've sampled every buffet in Atlantic City and Las Vegas and

MGM Grand Detroit

WHERE: 1300 John C. Lodge service drive at Abbott, one block south of Michigan Ave. From southbound Lodge Freeway (U.S. 10) exit Bagley St. Casino entrances on Third St. and Abbott.

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none of them comes close to what we will have here," he said. "In three months, the competition will be flying in from Las Vegas and Atlantic City to copy what we have here."

Glamor

Glamorous is a word used frequently to describe the MGM Grand Detroit casino. The former IRS office building at the Lodge Freeway, between Michigan Avenue and Abbott, was completely gutted to create a magnificent Art Deco-inspired interior that mirrors the great movie palaces of the 1930s.

Lights from 2,351 slot machines flash inviting guests to try their luck at Monopoly, Wheel of Fortune and Elvis. You can play the 5 cent slots or gamble on one of the \$500 slot machines. Beneath your feet is a wild geometric patterned carpet that reflects the honey-gold color scheme throughout the casino.

It's easy to lose track of time; there aren't any clocks around. Dealers take bets at 83 gaming tables including blackjack, craps, roulette and baccarat. Care is taken to make sure guests have "a Grand time." After awhile it gets a little annoying. How many ways can you put the word "Grand" into a greeting? You'll be surprised.

The elegant lobby is your gateway to two floors of games. Take the escalator to the second floor where you'll find most of the games and slot machines. Three restaurants — Neyla A Mediterranean Grill, The Hollywood Brown Derby, the MGM Grand Buffet, more slot machines and table games can be

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Weird Al Yankovic

Yankovic normally a funny guy

Weird Al Yankovic performs 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at the Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Tickets \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. Call (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com on the Web. Visit Weird Al Yankovic's Web site www.weirdal.com

BY ARA TOPOUZIAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Believe it or not, talking with "Weird Al" Yankovic is like speaking to any other person. During a telephone interview with this well-known comedian/songwriter who will be performing Aug. 13 at the Meadow Brook Music Festival, the same question kept coming up in the back of my mind. Why would anyone want to be called "weird?"

"I live in Hollywood. My name is like an oxymoron because they are more weird than I am!" said Al. To friends and fans Yankovic is known as "Weird Al," a name he adopted in college.

Yankovic looks a little bit different these days. He had laser surgery and ditched his glasses. The mustache is gone, and he styled his frizzy hair.

"I am the new AL2K!"

— *Weird Al Yankovic*

"If Madonna's allowed to reinvent herself every 15 minutes, I figure I should be good for a change at least once every couple of decades," said Yankovic. "I am the new AL2K!"

Yankovic, who follows a long line of comics including Spike Jones, Stan Freberg, and Allan Sherman, has never disappointed audiences. His concerts are filled with new surprises and feature material from past recordings and his new album.

Yankovic's recently released 10th album, "Running With Scissors," is already 16 on the Billboard charts. On the album, Yankovic capitalizes on some major musical and motion picture releases.

His first track is a parody of "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace." "The Saga Begins" is to the tune of "American Pie," and it's hilarious. Yankovic searched the Internet and found hundreds of "Star Wars" Web sites where he obtained information about the latest trilogy.

He had enough information to write "The Saga Begins," released six weeks after the movie was in theaters.

"I suppose I could've done 'Pretty Fly For A Jedi,' but this movie is an instant classic and I just felt it needed to be paired with a classic rock

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WORLD MUSIC

Festival showcases 'African Rhythms' at Orchestra Hall

African Rhythms Summer Festival

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 6-7 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12

WHERE: Orchestra Hall 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit

TICKETS: \$15 to \$25, call (313) 576-5111.

Schedule

- Sam Mangwana and Abdullah Ibrahim Friday, Aug. 6
- Ladysmith Black Mambazo Saturday, Aug. 7
- Africa Fete featuring Baaba Maal, Oliver Mtshkuzi, the group Kulajan, with Taj Mahal and Toumani Diabate Thursday, Aug. 12

BY ARA TOPOUZIAN
SPECIAL WRITER

On a break from a sound check where he is getting ready to present a concert in New York City, Congolese singer Sam Mangwana calls from his manager's cell phone.

He speaks in a tense, monotone voice until the conversation turns to the meaning of his music. Then, he opens up a little, but the tension is there. For Mangwana, music is an expression of his heritage and the struggle for liberation in Africa.

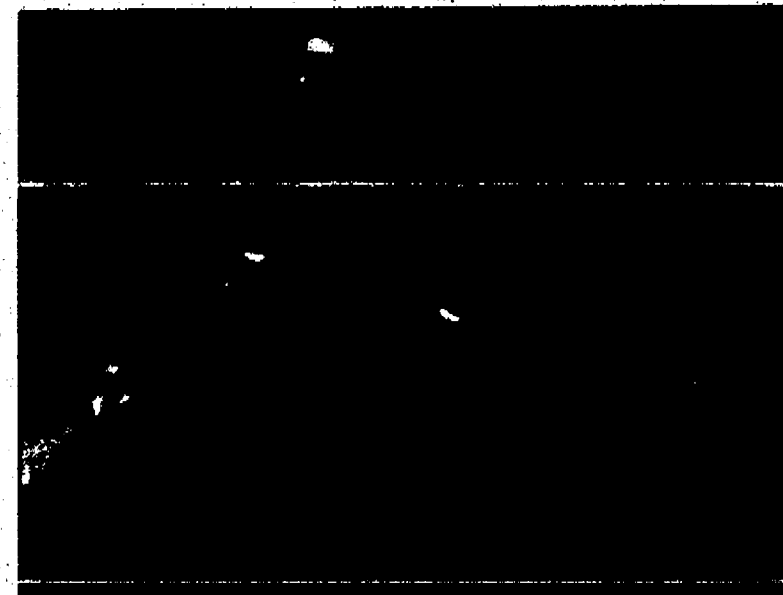
"World music is a stage where musicians can explain their feelings," said Mangwana who is

one of the featured artists at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's second annual African Rhythms Summer Festival, Aug. 6-7, and Aug. 12 at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. "As an artist, I am waking up Africa with my music. We want peace, without peace we'll never move forward as a nation."

Also performing is pianist Abdullah Ibrahim, and Ladysmith Black Mambazo, a 10-piece a capella group from South Africa.

Deciding which African musicians from around the world to feature at the festival was no

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Ladysmith Black Mambazo

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found on the third floor.

Plan to wait if you want to eat at the casino. Waits of an hour to an hour-and-a-half are expected at the MGM Grand Buffet during the opening. Check in to make a reservation. They'll let you know when your table is ready. Neyla and the Hollywood Brown Derby were filled the first week of operation. See dining stories on page 8E for more information about the restaurants.

It's hard to believe, but this 425,000 square foot facility, which cost approximately \$210 million, is just an "introductory" casino. The permanent one on the riverfront is scheduled to open in about four years. That facility will also include a hotel. MGM Grand, Inc. has also announced plans to develop a hotel and casino resort in Atlantic City, N.J.

The seven MGM Grand Detroit Casino investment partners include Myzell Sowell of Southfield, an attorney and senior partner in the law firm

Sowell & Evelyn. Partners will receive, on average, 11 to 16 percent of annual profits. The partners are owners of Partners Detroit, LLC, a separate corporation in partnership with MGM Grand Detroit Casino.

Casinos to open soon

Two more casinos are scheduled to open in downtown Detroit this fall. The Greektown and MotorCity casinos.

The Greektown Casino is on Monroe Street in Trappers Alley. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe owns 50 percent of the casino and Monroe Partners LLC owns 50 percent. It will offer 75,000 square feet of casino space on two levels with a Greek theme and decor. Gaming facilities will include 2,300 slot machines and 90 tables. For more information visit the Web site www.greektowncasino.com.

MotorCity Casino, a Circus Circus Enterprises, Inc. and Atwater Casino Group joint venture, will open in the former Wonder Bread Building and the

adjacent area bordered by Grand River, Elm, Trumbull, Spruce and the Lodge Freeway service drive. It will offer 75,000 square feet of casino space over two levels with a buffet on the third floor and upscale restaurant on the fourth floor. The permanent facility will be on the Detroit riverfront. For more information visit the Web site www.detroitentertainment.com.

We'd like to hear about your experiences at the MGM Grand Detroit Casino. What did you think of the casino? Is it what you expected? Were you lucky or unlucky? Did it meet your expectations? Please include your name, what city you live in and a daytime phone number where you can be reached.

Send your comments to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspaper, Inc., 35251 Schoelcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Fax comments to Wygonik at (313) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Have a "Grand" time at the casino

Here's an overview of how some of the games work at the MGM Grand Detroit Casino

■ **Blackjack** — Everyone plays against the dealer, who gets two cards and gives two cards to each player. The object is to draw cards that total 21 or as close to 21 as possible without going over (for busting). If the player does not go over 21 and the dealer does, the player wins.

■ **Baccarat** — There are three betting options: Betting that the player's hand will win, that the banker's hand will win, or that both hands will tie.

■ **Let it Ride/Stud Poker** — Players try to get a good five card poker hand by using three cards and the dealer's two cards. Players cannot show their hands to other players.

■ **Pai Gow** — Game from the Orient played with three-dimensional cards or dominos. In Pai Gow "Card of Nine" the house/player odds are nearly even. Because the game is so even, the house charges a five percent commission on all winning bets.

■ **Roulette** — Action is quick and intense as

you wait for the ball to drop in red or black, even or odd. Bets are placed with casino chips or special colored roulette chips. The player determines the value of the roulette chips at the time of the buy-in. Payoff is determined by how many numbers the player's winning chips have covered.

■ **Pai Gow Poker** — Hybrid game derived from American poker and the Chinese domino game Pai Gow. A traditional deck of 52 playing cards is used, plus one joker. After a randomly-generated number or roll of the dice determines which player receives the first set of cards, the dealer delivers the cards by counting counter-clockwise. Each player receives seven cards. Payoffs are even money and the house collects a five percent commission on all winning wagers.

■ **Craps** — A crew of three dealers works on the crap table, which uses the roll of dice to determine the winners. There are a wide variety of bets that can be made and guests are welcome to participate in as many or as few different bets as they choose.

Dealers are available to help with the rules of the games and assist guests in how to play.

*Information from the MGM Grand Detroit Casino

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easy task. Hours of research went into preparing for the festival.

"We listen to a lot of CDs. Decisions are based on the popularity of the musicians and their repertoire of traditional and contemporary African sounds," said John MacElwee, vice president of marketing and communications for the DSO.

Mangwana and his eight-piece band will perform music from his native Congo. Mangwana began his musical career performing with several African jazz and rumba groups. As one of the innovators of Congolese rumba music, known as soukous, Mangwana's sounds are a combination of swinging rhythms, guitars, and vocals to create music that is popular throughout Africa and the West.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo is known world-wide mainly due to the collaboration of Paul Simon's

album "Graceland." Joseph Shabalala formed the group in 1964 after recruiting musical friends and family members.

To date they have recorded close to 40 albums and sold over three million records worldwide making them the number one recording group in Africa.

Shabalala's first musical experience was with a choral group The Blacks. Shabalala eventually took over leadership of the group and became its main composer.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo is known for traditional Zulu singing. Their first album, "Shaka Zulu," released in the U.S., earned them a Grammy Award in 1987.

"In Zulu singing there are three major sounds," said Shabalala. "A high keening ululation; a grunting, puffing sound that we make when we stomp our feet; and a certain way of

singing melody. Before Ladysmith Black Mambazo you didn't hear these three sounds in the same songs. So it is new to combine them, although it is still done in a traditional style. We are just asking God to allow us to polish it, to help keep our voices in order so we can praise him and uplift the people."

Abdullah Ibrahim started playing piano at the age of 7, and became a member of the Jazz Apostles, which recorded South Africa's first jazz album in 1960. Ibrahim went into self-imposed exile from South Africa because of apartheid in 1962, and moved to U.S. Duke Ellington heard him perform and arranged recording sessions. Ibrahim was also sponsored by Ellington at the 1965 Newport Jazz Festival.

A diversified musician, Ibrahim has recorded for many labels ranging from being a piano soloist and head of a large

band to his septet Ekaya. Ibrahim, who visited South Africa in 1976, has returned home several times since its liberation from apartheid. He is recognized as the dean of South African jazz. "African Symphony" which Ibrahim recorded with the Munich Radio Orchestra, is scheduled for release this year.

The African Rhythms Summer Festival concludes Aug. 12 with the inaugural performance of Africa Fête, a national tour featuring Baaba Maal of Senegal, Oliver Mtukudzi of Zimbabwe, the group Kulajan with Taj Mahal, and Toumani Diabate of Mali.

In recent years Orchestra Hall has filled the slow days of summer with jazz and world music performances.

"We want to bring more people to Orchestra Hall and the summer is the perfect opportunity to try new events," said MacElwee.

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song," said Yankovic. "Besides, both the song and the movie begin with 'a long, long time ago.' It just seemed custom-made."

Before he bought a laptop computer, Yankovic said he used to carry a notebook everywhere. When an idea came to him he wrote it down. He tries to record his original material first, then the parodies. Yankovic obtains permission from the original writers of the songs he parodies.

The law is on his side, and he is not required to ask for permission, but Yankovic said he feels it is important to maintain a good relationship between himself and the artists and writers. He also does not believe that, in order to be funny, one must be vulgar or insulting.

Yankovic has come a long way since 1979 when he recorded "My Bologna," a spoof of "My

Sharona" by the Knack, in a radio station bathroom. The song became an instant hit after it was featured on the "Dr. Demento" show where Yankovic recorded a live version of "Another One Rides The Bus" to Queen's "Another One Bites The Dust."

Classic Yankovic hits include "Eat It," "Yoda," and "Like A Surgeon."

"There's always the pressure and challenge of trying to top myself each time out," said Yankovic. "I feel like I'm making a comeback with every album I do."

Any chance that he'll produce serious music? "No. I love what I do," said Yankovic. "There are enough serious musicians out there. It never ceases to amaze me that I get to be 'Weird Al' full-time."




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The six Walker sisters of Memphis are talkative ladies. Which, in itself, is not highly unusual. The fact that they do so entirely on the telephone in Mark Dunn's comedy, "Belles" provides plenty of oddball fun in SRO Productions splendid show. The title, of course, is reference to the incessant ringing of phones and the notion that we are about to listen in on the lives of some charming Southern beauties.

Charming they are not. Borderline chaotic is a more apt description. And no wonder, as the play progresses we learn their dead father was alcoholic and abusive. Most every family has a skeleton or two hidden away, of course. What playwright Dunn has done is rattle the bones about for comic effect — with serious overtones of how families bond together to work out their problems.

The mother is still alive and well (with assorted ailments). One daughter, Peggy, played effectively by Paula Myers, dotes after her — and sets off the evening's fun with a call to her sisters about their sick mother. As one sister notes, "Peggy can make a hangnail sound urgent." When they finally settle down, it turns out to be nothing more than bad tuna.

In the course of calls to each other, we learn the daughters have a few problems of their own. Margaret Gilkes is terrific as a middle-aged, new-age, spacy, poetic type. She calls herself "Dust" because she is, "but a particle floating in a shaft of light."

She goes through men like a gambler in a casino on a losing streak. She even is about to hit on sister Roseanne's husband.

Kathy Booker, as Roseanne, creates a riveting characterization of a harried, hyper, desperate soccer mom in the midst of a troubled marriage. She says, "It's no use going to my minister, he won't consul me — I'm his wife! Then, there is Audrey, played mirthfully by Janet Ginis. Her husband is a good ol' boy who spends most of his time hunting. But he is good at woodworking. In lieu of a son, he has carved Audrey a wooden dummy (she is a ventriloquist) which she has somehow lost in a seedy bar. Paige, played nicely by Nicole Ludwig is the youngest. She is having "man" problems of her own — mainly trying to decide which one to date.

Tamara Gries gives a solid performance as Aneece, who has run away to Philadelphia to get away from the family. Single, alcoholic and in analysis, she finally resolves her bitterness toward her mother (for the pain caused by her dad) a moving,



On-stage: SRO Productions presents (left to right) Janet Ginis, Nicole Ludwig, Tamara Gries, Margaret Gilkes, Kathy Booker and (sitting) Paula Myers star in "Belles."

mesmerizing scene. Director Dennis Broadhead and crew do a good job of staging six acting areas on a relatively small stage.

Though a bit choppy at times (to some degree, it's inherent in the style of the play) we come to see that no matter their problems,

this indeed is a family — at least if the phone bills account for anything.

Send us your theater schedules

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

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The curtain will soon be rising on the 1999-2000 theater season. If you participate in a local community theater group, we'd like to hear from you.

Over the next couple of months we'll be behind the scenes interviewing people who are involved in community theater in the cities our newspaper serves. We want to know what shows you'll be presenting so that we can share this information with our readers.

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"Forbidden Hollywood," the smash hit musical spoof of the movies continues through Dec. 31, 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Century Theatre, 333 Madison Avenue, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

PERFORMANCE NETWORK

RAH/KIVA Productions presents the hilarious "Strange Love and Unusual Sex," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, Aug. 5-7 and 12-14, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 8 and 15, at the Performance Network, 408 W. Washington, west of Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$9 students/seniors. (734) 663-0681

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HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

"When You Coming Back, Red Ryder?" 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, Aug. 12-14 and 19-21, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 15 and 22, in Adray Auditorium, Mackenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. \$8, \$6. (313) 317-6594

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS

"The Flowering Young Belle of St. Petersburg" or (Stop Acting You're Killing Me), a musical murder mystery by Andrew Lark, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$10, available at box office on day of performance. Proceeds benefit the Avon Players Building Fund. (248) 608-9077

ELLIPSIS THEATRE ENSEMBLE

"The Caucasian Chalk Circle" by Bertolt Aug. 12-29, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, gala performance 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 (refreshments served at Zanzibar Restaurant 5-6:30 p.m.); at the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$9. (734) 975-0417

JACK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIONS

Neil Simon's "Jake's Women," 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 at the University of Michigan Quad Auditorium, off East University between Hill and Willard, Ann Arbor; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 20-21, at the University of Michigan-DeARBORN's School of Management Building, off Evergreen, between Ford Road and Michigan Ave., and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. \$10, \$7 seniors/students. (734) 797-JACK

OPUS MIME

"Shadow Play," Aug. 13-29, 11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 7 p.m. Sundays, gala performance 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 (refreshments served at Zanzibar Restaurant 5-6:30 p.m.); at the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$9. (734) 975-0417

SRO PRODUCTIONS

"Belles," through 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

YOUTH

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Rumpelstiltskin," 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, Aug. 3-6, 10-13 and 17-20, 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Sept. 11, 18 and 25, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 29 and Sept. 12, 19 and 26, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. \$6. (248) 349-8110

SPECIAL EVENTS

LAUREL PARK PLACE MALL

Tenth anniversary celebration features Disney Spectacular, shows from Disney, 1:5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Aug. 6-8. Offerings include "Mickey's Rock-a-Robics," hourly 1-4 p.m. each day, "Disney Doodles," hourly 1-4:30 p.m. each day; Mickey and Minnie Mouse Meet & Greet 1-5 p.m.; and "Belle and Beast Meet & Greet" 1-5 p.m. The mall is in Livonia at Six Mile Road, one-quarter mile east of I-275. Sweet Lorraine's restaurant will be giving away samples of their cuisine.

"ALL BEANIE BABY SHOW"

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. \$5, \$2 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

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



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Bagpiper: Mike Jacobi plays the bagpipes at the Highland Games hosted by the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. The bagpipe competition begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7. Massed pipes and drums will be featured at the noon welcoming ceremony, and 6 p.m. closing ceremony.

St. Andrew's Society hosts Highland Games

Sponsored by the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, a group formed on Nov. 30, 1849 by 35 Scottish immigrants to "help those less fortunate and promote Scottish heritage," the Highland Games have been held in metro Detroit for the past 150 years. Detroit's Highland Games is the longest running festival of its kind in North America. This year, the games will be on Saturday, Aug. 7.

Event proceeds are used to fund gift-giving throughout the year. Think of the games as a showcase of all things Scottish — music, dance, history, and food. The games will feature three stages of entertainers including 20 bagpipe bands, pipers, drummers, and over 200 Highland dancers.

150th Annual Highland Games

When: Saturday, Aug. 7. Gates open 8:30 a.m., closing ceremonies 6 p.m.
Where: Greenmead Historical Village, Newburgh at 8 Mile Road, Livonia.
Admission: \$10 at the gate,

\$8 in advance. Children under age 12 free with adult. Patron tickets \$35 (individual), \$60 (couple) or \$100 (family of four), call (313) 886-4703. Information available online at www.highlandgames.com

Parking: Patron, handicapped and limited general parking in the main lot at Greenmead off Newburgh Road. There is a \$5 charge for non-patron parking in the Main Lot, which is expected to be full by 10 a.m.

Shuttle: General parking in the Shuttle Lot at Schoolcraft College, south of 7 Mile Road on Haggerty Road, and at the Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church on 6 Mile Road, just west of Haggerty Road. There is no charge for parking in these lots, and complimentary shuttle buses will run every 5 to 10 minutes throughout the day beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The buses are handicap accessible and will drop off

and pick up passengers at the main gate of the Greenmead.

Special event: Old-fashioned Ceilidh (kale-ee) — 7:30-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, just north of 7 Mile Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$10 in advance, call (248) 593-5064.

Schedule

8:30 a.m. — Gates open for the public

9 a.m. — Competitions begin, piping, Highland dance, heavy athletics

Noon — Welcoming ceremonies, includes massed pipes and drums, parade of the clans

6 p.m. — Closing ceremonies, includes massed pipes and drums, major competitive awards

Ongoing throughout the day — Scottish arts and entertainment, children's events, vendors of Scottish goods.

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FIESTA MEXICANA

Authentic food, cultural exhibit, merchandise, pageants, entertainment by Ballet Folklorics and Mariachis, Friday-Sunday, Aug. 6-8, at Hart Plaza, Detroit. Free. (313) 843-2940

JAZZ AND ALL THAT POETRY

Featuring Jeh Meets Jesus with Marc Maurus, M.L. Liebler and The Magic Poetry Trio, Spoke; Ann Holdreith, Fariq Z. Bey, Jim Brailif, and Juxtaposition with Cindl St. Germain, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$10. (313) 831-1250

LIVONIA WOODCARVERS SHOW

Features more than 100 carvers, also supplies and books, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 7-8, at Eddie Edgar Sports Arena, 33841 Lyndon at Farmington Road, Livonia. \$1, \$ per family. (734) 421-9310

MICHIGAN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Featuring performances of "Hamlet" and "Twelfth Night," Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 5-8, in Jackson. \$12, \$8 ages 12 and younger. (517) 788-5032 or <http://www.michshakespeare.org> or the-bard@michshakespeare.org

NOVI ART FESTIVAL

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 7-8 at the Novi Town Center. Free. Call (248) 347-3830

"PENNYROYAL TO PENNY WHISTLES"

The garden tea party features the Scottish/Irish music of Finvarra's Wren; 3:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, Cohn Amphitheatre, adjacent to the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$3 includes admission to the tea party if tickets are purchased

in advance. (248) 625-6473/(248) 858-1684 (TTY) or <http://www.co.oakland.mi.us>

REDFORD THEATRE

Film "Red River," with guest organists Lance Luce and Gil Francis, 7:30 p.m. organ overture followed by 8 p.m. film Friday, Aug. 6, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. overtures with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. films, Saturday, Aug. 7, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 537-2560 or <http://theatreorgans.com/ml/redford>

SUMMER ASTROLOGY PSYCHIC FAIR

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Clawson Legion Hall, 655 Main St., between 13 and 14 Mile Road. \$5, \$20 readings. (248) 528-2610

SUMMER EVENING SERIES

Using Garden Herbs, 7 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 5; Nature Folklore, Aug. 12, and Bats of Michigan, Aug. 19, at Maybury Farm Demonstration Building, in Maybury State Park, on Eight Mile, west of Beck Road, Northville Twp. Free with state park motor vehicle permit. (248) 349-8390

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, 3/400 East Jefferson Avenue, Harrison Twp. \$25. Great Lakes Chorus was formerly called the Macomb County Chapter, Uwca Rochester Chapter and The Charmioners. (810) 790-0008/(810) 566-5965

WWF

WWF's "Sunday Night Heat," with The Rock, Stone Cold Steve Austin, Mankind, Kane, The Undertaker, The McMahon Family, The Corporate Ministry, X-Pac, Triple H, Road Dogg,

and The Lovely Debra scheduled to appear, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$15, \$20, \$25 and \$30. (248) 645-6666/(313) 983-6606

BENEFITS

ARK BENEFIT CONCERT

Featuring Guy Clark, Christine Lavin, Chris Smither, Danny Britt, John McCutcheon, Matt Watroba and others, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, at the Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$25, to benefit The Ark. (734) 761-1800

CRANBROOK HOUSE AND GARDENS

6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147

"SUMMER BOUNTY JAZZ PICNIC"

3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, ethnic dishes, performance by Mike Karoub's Cello Jazz Trio; in gardens of 1999 Detroit Symphony Designer Showhouse, Palmer Woods. \$50, a portion of proceeds benefit Detroit Symphony Orchestra education and outreach programs. (313) 576-5154

FAMILY EVENTS

BROWNSTOWN SUMMER FESTIVAL

Featuring the Marvelettes and Platters, Friday, Aug. 13, and Shangri-Las and The Drifters, Saturday, Aug. 14, Thorn Park, Telegraph and King roads, Brownstown Township. Free. (734) 453-9157 or <http://www.wattsupinc.com>

FARM STORIES

"Crazy Cows," storytelling for kids, 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, at Maybury Farm Demonstration Building, in Maybury State Park, on Eight Mile, west of Beck Road, Northville Twp. Free with state park motor vehicle permit. (248) 349-8390

STORYTELLING

With LaRon Williams 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at the Art Factory, 220 Felch Street, Ann Arbor. \$5, advance registration recommended. Appropriate for ages 14 and older. Enhances the Invitational exhibit "Identity" continuing through Aug. 29 at the Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004, ext. 101

MR. WIZARD'S WORKSHOP

SCIENCE SHOW
1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. \$4, \$3 children. City residents receive \$1 off. (734) 455-6620

WACKY WATER WEEKEND

Pool party, Dragon Dash 8K run/walk, beach party, outdoor movie, fishing derby, paddle boat races, Friday-Sunday, Aug. 6-8, in Lake Orion. (248) 391-0304

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

CLOCK CONCERTS

Schoolcraft Collega Wind Ensemble, 7:30 Friday, Aug. 6, at the bandshell, Northville. (248) 349-7640

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Alberta Adams with R.J.'s Blues Crew, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at the Detroit Zoo, northwest corner of Woodward and 10 Mile, Royal Oak. Free with zoo admission. (248) 398-0903

CONCERTS ON THE COURT

Music series featuring Tony Russo and his orchestra, 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays Aug. 10, 17, 24 and 31, at the Wynwood and Hamilton House, Troy. Proceeds from refreshments will go to the Alzheimer's Association. (248) 952-5533

CONCERTS ON THE LAWN

Robert Penn performs blues music, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen Road, at Civic Center Drive north of 10 Mile. (248) 424-9022

DEARBORN SUMMER MUSIC

Dearborn Big Band, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, in Crowley Park. Free. (313) 943-2360

EVENING UNDER THE STARS

Henry Ford Community College Big Band with guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Ford Field, Dearborn. (313) 943-3095

GAZEBO CONCERTS

Sheila Landis Quartet, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Burgh Historical Park, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, east of Telegraph, Southfield. (248) 424-9022

"IN THE PARK"

3 Men & a Tenor, family oriented comedy, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, Shain Park, Birmingham.

"MUSIC IN THE PARK"

Noon Wednesday, Aug. 11, magician Gordon Russ, 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"

Guy Lewis and the Chautauqua Express, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Wilson Barr, Middlebelt and W. Chicago, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia; Steve King & the Dittlies 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, Civic Center Park, Farmington Road and Five Mile, Livonia. (734) 466-2540

NINE MILE MUSIC FEST

Features Radium, Jazzodity, Susan Carloway, 60 Second Crush, The Articles, Jill Jack, Gangster Fun, and Boots X, noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the corner of Nine Mile and Allen, Ferndale. Free. (248) 546-1632

SECOND FRIDAY CABARET

Ju Serrapere, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at Muirhead Plaza at Bryant Library, Dearborn. Free. (313) 943-3095 (jazz/blues)

"SUMMER IN THE CITY"

Gemini, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, Birmingham City Hall, Pierce and Martin, west of S. Old Woodward. www.imaginationtheatre.com

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS CONCERT

Straight Ahead, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Hines Park, Nankin Mills area, Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Tr., Westland. (734) 261-1990

WESTLAND CULTURAL SOCIETY

Waco Country Band with Dean Stacy, 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, 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 held inside Bailey Recreation Center. (734) 722-7620/(734) 522-3918

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Tchaikovsky Spectacular," with fireworks, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 6-7; "Hollywood By Starlight," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, all at Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$13-\$50. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Summer inspired programs by pianist Sanjay Mody 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9,

and pianist Anthony Bonamici 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, in the Forum Building Recital Hall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. Free. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218

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7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$45 and \$29.50, pavilion only. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

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"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

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11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, The Plaza, one block west of the Southfield Civic Center, Southfield. Free. All ages. (248) 354-9540 (western swing)

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MICHIGAN CLASSIC BALLET COMPANY

Auditions for 1999-2000 season 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, bring one teacher recommendation from current dance school and \$15 registration fee, at Geiger Classic Ballet Academy, 782 Denison Ct., Bloomfield Hills. (248) 334-1300

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

Auditions for the musical comedy "Nunsense," 7:30 Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 9-10, at the theater 21730 Madison, Dearborn. For performances Fridays-Sundays, Sept. 17-Oct. 3. (313) 561-TKTS

SHAKESPEARE-IN-THE-PARK

Volunteers needed for West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation's presentation of Midsummer Night's Dream, 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, in Drake Sports Park, Drake Road south of Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 738-2500

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9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 6-7, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$20 advance. (248) 645-6666/(734) 662-8310

BILL HEID QUARTET
8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

HEIDI HEPLER AND MICHELE RAMO
With Todd Curtis, 7-11 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, Too Chee, 27155 Seraton Dr., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 348-5555 (Brazilian jazz/American standards)

JAZZ HEAD
9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 223-1700

"JAZZ ON THE RIVER"
Featuring Gordon Camp Group (2 p.m.), Jango (3:30 p.m.), Tim Bowman (5 p.m.), Eric Marienthal (6:30 p.m.), and Bob James (8 p.m.), Saturday, Aug. 7, and Paul Ventimiglia (2 p.m.), Norma Jean Bell (3:30 p.m.), Brian Hughes (5 p.m.), Alexander Zonjic and Friends (6:30 p.m.), Ramsey Lewis (8 p.m.) Sunday, Aug. 8, Elizabeth Park, Trenton (734) 261-1990

MARK MOULTRUP TRIO
8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

LARRY NOZERO AND FRIENDS
7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, at La Bistecca Italian Grille, at Eckles Road between Newburgh and Haggerty, 39405 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. \$15 minimum charge per person. (734) 254-0400

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO
9 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 7 and 14, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

LOUIS SMITH QUARTET
8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

JANET TENAJ TRIO
Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 351-2925; and at the Shelby Twp. Park Art fair, 2:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14. (810) 731-0300

TYE-KOWALEWSKI TRIO
8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

PAUL VENTIMIGLIA QUINTET
8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

PAUL VORNHAGEN
8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at Borders, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Free. (248) 652-0558

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

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6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Big Rock Chop and Brew House's stone terrace, 245 E. Etoh, Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 647-7774

WORLD MUSIC

JO NAB
9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (reggae)

IMMUNITY
9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (reggae)

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9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

FRANCES BLACK
And the Black Brothers, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 761-1800

JAMES COTTON
8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 761-1800

ANN HONDRIF AND JIM CVETIC
6-10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, The Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Free. All ages. (248) 615-9181

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

M.L. LIEBLER
Adult workshop 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at the Redford Township Public Library, 15159 Norborne. (313) 538-4257

DANCE

CONTRA DANCE
8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, potluck at 6 p.m. (open jam for string musicians of

all levels at 4 p.m., free), at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 332-9024

MICHIGAN CLASSIC BALLET COMPANY
Master class taught by former Bolshoi soloist and teacher Luba Gulyaeva for dancers of an intermediate or advanced level, 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Geiger Classic Ballet Academy, 782 Denison Ct., Bloomfield Hills. \$15. (248) 334-1300

MOON DUSTERS SINGLES DANCE
8 p.m. Saturdays, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$4 member, \$5 guest. (734) 422-3298

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Steve Brewer, Emery Emery and Chrissy Burnes, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 5-7 (\$12); Steve McGrew and Kerry White, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 12-14 (\$15), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Ross Amicucci Wednesday-Sunday, Aug. 4-8 with Horace Sanders; Hood Wednesday-Sunday, Aug. 11-15, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$8). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

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

JOHN WITHERSPOON
With A.J. Johnson, T.K. Kirkland, George Willborn and Coco, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 5, postponed until Saturday, Aug. 7, Chene Park, Detroit. \$20, \$25, \$35, \$45. All ages. (313) 983-6611

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. 27 (\$10); and 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Thursdays a noon lunch is offered only with a house tour and is by reservation for an additional \$10; gardens open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday (\$5), guided garden tour at extra cost by reservation, at Cranbrook, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147

POPULAR MUSIC

THE JOHNNY AWESOME BAND
7 p.m. Tuesdays, Aug. 10, Duggan's Irish Pub, 6722 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. No cover. 21 and over. (248) 625-3900 (roots/rock)

CAREY CARLSON
The WCSX disc jockey will sign "Over Easy" CDs, 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 10, Borders Books, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (classic rock)

CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (blues)

COMPULSIVE GAMBLERS
With Country Teasers, 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (rock)

THE DICKIES
8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, Saint Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (punk)

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS
With Give and Big Sam, 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 13, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6 cover. 21 and over. (248) 544-1991 (rock)

DURAN DURAN
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence. \$29.50 pavilion, \$15.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (pop)

GLEN EDDY
9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

JOHN MAYALL & THE BLUES BREAKERS
8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

EKOOSTIC HOOKAH
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$12, 19 and over. (734) 996-8555

ELECTRIC BOOGALOO
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450

BILL ENGVALL
With Craig Hawksley, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, Clio Area Amphitheater, 301 Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio. \$18.50 reserved, \$15 bleachers. (810) 687-7611 or <http://www.clioamp.org> (country)

JASON FISHER
With Jason Michael Kiernan and Ashley Peacock, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, The Berkley Front, 3087 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. \$3 cover. 21 and older. (248) 547-3331

DAVID FRANKEL
1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. No cover charge. (248) 967-4030 (folk)

G. LOVE AND SPECIAL SAUCE
9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12.50 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (bluesy funk/alternapop)

VINCE GILL
With Chely Wright, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$29.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (country)

HARRINGTON BROTHERS
7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS
10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, The Cavern Club, 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900 (blues)

JAZZODITY
With Chairman Meow, Saturday, Aug. 7, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.blindpigmusic.com>

LUCY HASKINS
With Face, Blind Pig, 205 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. 18 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.blindpigmusic.com>

THE HIPPOS
6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13 at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (punk)

INSANE CLOWN POSSE
With Coal Chamber, Twiztid and Biohazard, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, Cobo Arena, Detroit. \$15 and \$25. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6611 (rap/rock)

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM
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 river-side 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
"Celebration of Emancipation" Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 7-8; "Summer Evenings" continue Saturdays through Aug. 30 (at reduced prices), features cake walk, town ball, herb/food presentation, ice cream social (additional fee), 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 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

THE HIPPOS
6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13 at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (punk)

INSANE CLOWN POSSE
With Coal Chamber, Twiztid and Biohazard, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, Cobo Arena, Detroit. \$15 and \$25. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6611 (rap/rock)

JAZZ IS DEAD
8 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 10, The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale, \$20. (248) 544-1991 (jazz/rock)

JEWEL
With Rusted Root and Steve Poitz, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$35 pavilion, \$20 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (pop)

JURASSIC 5
With Cut Chemist and Dilated People, 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

JILL JACK
With Jason Fisher & The Big Band, 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, Xhodos Cafe, 240 W. 9 Mile Road, Ferndale. \$4 cover. All ages. (248) 399-3946

PATTI LABELLE
With Chaka Khan, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$32.50 pavilion, \$18.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (R&B)

LOS LOBOS
8 p.m., Monday, Aug. 9 at the 7th House is sold out.

BARRY MANLOW
7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$50 pavilion, \$10 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (pop)

JOHN MAYALL & THE BLUES BREAKERS
8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. \$20. (248) 335-8100. (blues)

JOEY MCINTYRE
6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, postponed until Sept. 15, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$25. All ages. (248) 346-7810 (pop)

STEVE MILLER BAND
With George Thorogood and The Destroyers, and Curtis Salgado, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$37.50 pavilion, \$21.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

MISS BLISS
With Sunbarrow, Blind Pig, 205 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$4. 18 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.blindpigmusic.com>

PAUL RANDOLPH AND MUDDUPPY
10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$2 cover charge. 21 and over. (248) 542-9922

STEVE NARDELA
7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 6 and 7, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

NAS
8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$20. All Ages. (248) 645-6666 (rap)

NO KNIFE WITH PIEBALD
8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at the Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7. All ages. (248) 645-6666. (rock/punk)

NO LIMIT ARMY TOUR
Starring Snoop Dogg, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, Cobo Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$37.50 & \$25. (248) 645-6666. (313) 983-6616. (rap)

OPEN SPACES
10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$2 cover charge. 21 and over. (248) 542-9922 (jazz/blues)

ROBIN PEARL
CD Release Party, 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 7, Borders Books, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 652-7932 (pop/rock)

ROBERT PENN
9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Free. All ages. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

PRIME NUMBERS
With The Colonel, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, The Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. \$5.

KENNY ROGERS
With Anne Murray, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$29.50 pavilion, \$15.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (country)

KIM RICHEY
9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16 at 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. \$12. All ages. (248) 645-6666. (lyric vocal harmony)

THE REEFERMAN
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450

SAX APPEAL
7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

TERRANCE SIMIEN
10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$2 cover charge. 21 and over. (248) 542-9922

KIM SIMMONS AND SAVOY BROWN
8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$13 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (blues/rock)

SISTER SEED
8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. No cover charge. (714) 662-2770 (folk)

RICK SPRINGFIELD
With Blessid Union of Souls, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, Clio Area Amphitheater, 301 Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio. \$21 reserved, \$17 bleachers. (810) 687-7611 or <http://www.clioamp.org> (pop)

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS CD RELEASE PARTY
With Crown Electric, Brian Holly, Nobody's Business, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6 cover. (248) 544-1991 (rockabilly)

STEVE SOMERS BAND FEAT
With Valerie Barrymore, 9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 13, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8009 (blues)

JACI VELASQUEZ
With Smalltown Poets, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, Clio Area Amphitheater, 301 Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio. \$16 reserved, \$13 bleachers. (810) 687-7611 or <http://www.clioamp.org> (country)

THE VERVE PIPE
The Aug. 5 show at Clutch Cargo's has been cancelled. The Verve Pipe will perform at the Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater in Pontiac, during the Arts, Beals and Eats festival, in September. A date has not yet been determined.

THE WITCH DOCTORS
9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Free. All ages. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

JOHN WITHERSPOON
With A.J. Johnson, T.K. Kirkland, George Willborn and Coco, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, Chene Park. \$45.

BARRY WHITE
With Earth, Wind and Fire, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, Joe Louis Arena. \$60, \$45, \$30, \$20. (313) 983-6606 (soul)

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.com>

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY
Latin dance night, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tuesdays, 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. Sundays at the club, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 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 level four, 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>

Detroit Film Theatre showcases film as artwork

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For Elliot Wilhelm, film is synonymous with artwork.

"We treat the screen and theater as if it were a gallery," said Wilhelm, curator for the Detroit Institute of Art's department of film. "Everything presented is presented for a reason."

Wilhelm considers the Detroit Film Theatre, which begins its silver anniversary season on Friday, to be an integrated part of the museum. The theater was the first of its kind in the U.S. devoted to showing film as a form of art.

Films have been shown in the

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auditorium since it was built in 1927. But it wasn't until the 1970s that a true and lasting connection between film and art was made at the museum. At a time when commercial multiplexes replaced theaters that focused on independent or foreign films, the Detroit Film Theatre opened its doors in 1974 and became a haven for contemporary work, classics, and films from around the world.

According to Wilhelm, Detroit was one city that continued to support such work. With a grant from the Regional Film Centers,

the DIA was able to support a film series that would transform the museum's auditorium into a place for artistic expression through the medium of film.

By the mid-1980s cable television and videocassettes provided easier access to older films and classics. In response, the Detroit Film Theatre concentrated on contemporary, more eclectic films. Embarking on a silver anniversary, the theater's mission remains the same.

The films chosen this season, 43 works shown between August and December, were chosen



Tribute: Catherine Deneuve and Gerard Philipe star in "The Last Metro" one of Francois Truffaut's features which will be shown, as part of a retrospective, this season at The Detroit Film Theatre.

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based upon a filmmaker's passion to bring their stories to life. Wilhelm chose only films which showed evidence that "someone really wanted to make (the) movie," and those that expressed "there was a passion behind it."

"We kind of look at the DFT as an ongoing film festival," said Wilhelm. One of the greatest compliments he has received, he said, occurred when a patron purchased a ticket and then asked "What's playing." Wilhelm said that instance demonstrated that DFT patrons have established a trust in the film series and do recognize it as art.

"The films are all on screen for a reason," he said.

For the 1999 season, the DFT will feature a retrospective of the complete work of Francois Truffaut. Forty years ago, the filmmaker debuted his first feature, "The 400 Blows," which marked a period referred to as the French New Wave. That period was marked by a group of French critics-turned-filmmakers who aimed to show life as it was through the lens of a movie camera. Shooting on location, rather than in a controlled studio environment, the end result spurred a rebirth of foreign films for American audiences. With 21 features and two short films, the DFT honors Truffaut as "one of our greatest filmmakers," said Wilhelm.

"It's great to watch the development through these movies," he added.

All showings at the Detroit Film Theatre are held in the Detroit Institute of Arts 1,150 seat theatre. Films are presented Friday through Monday. Tickets cost \$5.50 and are available both

at the door and in advance. Senior citizens, full-time students and DIA members can purchase tickets for \$4.50 with identification. Films are recommended for adults. Children under 5 will not be admitted. To purchase tickets or receive complete schedule information, call (313) 833-2323.

A few highlights of the 1999 Detroit Film Theatre Series include:

August

Twin Falls Idaho (110 minutes) — 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 20-21; 4 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22

The first feature film from director Michael Polish, "Twin Falls Idaho" is described as a contemporary urban fairy tale about conjoined twins struggling with dependence and loneliness. Wilhelm described it as a combination of suspense and a love story.

September

Stop Making Sense (88 minutes) — 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 17-18; 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19

Jonathan Demme directed this film in 1984 to feature the Talking Heads 1983 tour. Setting a new standard for performance films, the Detroit Film Theatre debuted the film 15 years ago and will now show the anniversary release, which has been remastered under the supervision of Demme and Talking Head's own David Byrne.

"I was quite anxious to see what the reaction to the film would be 15 years later," said Wilhelm. "I've seen the film

recently and it's just as good as ever was."

October

After Life (118 minutes) — 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 22-23; 4 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24

Japanese Director Hirokazu Kore-eda's film introduces 22 people of various ages who have died and are now making the decision of their lives.

"They find themselves at the bureaucratic entrance to the next world and have three days to pick one memory of their lives to spend eternity with," said Wilhelm. The film follows a few characters and how they make that decision.

November

Last Night (93 minutes) — 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13; 4 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14

Don McKellar's directorial debut asks the question: "What would you do if this was the last night on Earth?" The sci-fi feature explores human nature in the present. McKellar wrote, directed and acted in the film that shows how a group of people choose to spend those last hours.

December

The Apple (85 minutes) — 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 3-4; 4 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5

At age 17, Samira Makhmalbaf, takes his audiences into a Teheran with this feature film. He shows life in a neighborhood where one man, denounced by his fellow neighbors, has kept his daughters locked inside their home for their entire lives.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

<p>National Amusements Showcase Cinemas</p> <p>Showcase Auburn Hills 1-14 2150 N. Opdyke Rd. Between University & Walton Blvd 248-373-2660 Bargain Matinee Daily All Shows until 6pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat</p> <p>NP DENOTES NO PASSES</p> <p>NP THE BLAIR WITCH PROJECT (R) NP RUNAWAY BRIDE (PG13) NP DEEP BLUE SEA (R) NP DROP DEAD GORGEIOUS (PG13) NP INSPECTOR GADGET (PG) NP THE HAUNTING (PG13) EYES WIDE SHUT (R) THE WOOD (R) AMERICAN PIE (R) WILD WILD WEST (PG13) BIG DADDY (PG13) THE GENERAL'S DAUGHTER (R)</p> <p>CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES</p> <p>Showcase Dearborn 1-8 Michigan & Telegraph 313-561-3449 Bargain Matinee Daily All Shows until 6pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Fri & Sat & Sun</p> <p>NP DENOTES NO PASSES</p> <p>NP THE BLAIR WITCH PROJECT (R) NP THE HAUNTING (PG13) EYES WIDE SHUT (R) THE WOOD (R) AMERICAN PIE (R) WILD WILD WEST (PG13) BIG DADDY (PG13)</p> <p>CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES</p> <p>Showcase Pontiac 1-5 Telegraph Sq. Lake Rd. 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STREET SCENE

Music has always played an instrumental role in my life

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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I can still picture it. On a warm July night, I gathered with a small collection of close friends in a cozy living room to relive memories of the past. The melodic tones of James Taylor echoed in the background while our conversation turned - as it inevitably would - to musical preferences.

We each took turns admitting what the first album we ever purchased was. The answers gave tell-tale insight into the pasts and personalities of everyone present.

Some seemed to have impeccable musical taste from the formative years, naming Beatles albums with a sense of pride. Others revealed answers with their hands cupped over their faces, giggling furiously.

As my turn came around the circle, I cringed on the inside and admitted that my first purchase was "Hunting High and Low," by the Norway-based trio known as a-ha. I was 8 years old when I got the cassette and I played the

single "Take on Me" until it wore out. Music, whatever the variety, has always played a role in my life. "Take on Me" was only the first song on the soundtrack that makes up my life.

New position

Just weeks after that conversation I landed a new position at the Observer & Eccentric newspapers. I am the newest addition to the entertainment staff. Coming from a position I enjoyed as staff writer for the Clarkston Eccentric where I wrote about police, local government and suburban life, the transition has been a big one. But I am more than up to the challenge of covering popular music in the Detroit area.

My friends responded to my new job with a mixture of cheers and congratulations - most of it came from my musician friends hoping for future coverage. But anyone who has known me for any length of time quickly recognized that an opportunity such as this is something of a dream-come-true.

As the youngest of three daughters, I was stumbled into

the world of popular music with the help of my sisters. My eldest sister, Paula, talked me into learning the name of and instrument played by each member of the band Journey in 1982. She tested me with our Atari video game featuring those band members.

My sister Michelle introduced me to the music video by replaying a videotaped copy of Twisted Sister's "We're Not Gonna Take It" until I knew it by heart. Though I rarely admit it, this was my first taste of popular music.

Just as music has continued to evolve, my listening habits have taken a turn. I grew to appreciate how musicians like Chuck Berry and Elvis Presley revolutionized rock and roll, and how television and film incorporated the sounds and styles of megabands like the Beatles.

Heavy metal

I experienced a brief period I refer to as "The Heavy Metal Years," which encouraged me to learn to play guitar. As the mid 1990s grunge era came and went, I entered a phase of alter-

native music appreciation. The works of Jack Kerouac drew me into bop and early jazz. And traveling to Great Britain introduced me to the wonderful world of Brit pop. I can't listen to Blur without reliving at least a little bit of life in London.

Now age 22, I consider the world of music to be wide open. Through entertainment journalism, I hope to get a grasp of it and make it accessible to readers who have the same passion. As the Michigan finally winds its way back on the musical map - thanks these days to such acts as The Verve Pipe, Eminem and Kid Rock - I anticipate my work covering popular music will be a wild ride. And I hope to reach out to local musicians and bands who will make the next wave in this sea of musical styles, as well as bring national acts closer to home.

Keep in touch

If you're a local musician or member of a local band playing in the area, please contact me by e-mail at scasola@oe.homecomm.net, by phone at (734) 953-2130, or send press



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Introducing: Stephanie Angelyn Casola is the new popular music writer for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She's looking forward to working with local clubs, musicians and bands to cover the popular music beat.

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'Phantom Menace to Society' misses Second City standards

The Second City Detroit, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit presents its 16th original live-comedy revue, "Phantom Menace to Society," 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays with additional shows 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cast performs an improvisational comedy set, free of charge, after every performance (Fridays and Saturdays only after the late shows). Ticket \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays; \$17.50 Fridays; and \$19.50 Saturdays. To buy tickets call (313) 965-2222.

BY BOB SADLER
SPECIAL WRITER

The Second City Detroit is celebrating its fifth year in Detroit at the corner of Woodward Ave. and Montcalm. The troupe's 16th revue, "Phantom Menace to Society," opened July 15. While there are some bright spots among the two dozen sketches, the show draws more than a passing comparison to the feature film referenced in its title.

This "Phantom Menace" is a slow-developing, erratically written piece with sharp acting performances interspersed with some characters that are annoying.

Opening with "Salvation," a

song and dance number, all six cast members join in a satirical romp about how the construction of Comerica Park and downtown casinos magically trigger a rebirth for all Detroiters. The lyrics may have been funny, but the sound mix from first-time musical director John Edwartowski rendered the vocals too difficult to hear.

The first true laughs of the night are delivered by a fast-moving sketch called "To Serve and Protect" in which Keegan-Michael Key and Marc Warzecha (acting in his second mainstage revue) bring life to police officers faced with four traffic stop scenarios. This sketch is vintage Second City, with its snap-of-a-finger transitions between four drivers and their varying reactions to similar storylines developing in a parallel universe.

The primary recurring sketch in the show puts a wacky spin on the real-life confrontation between Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and would-be casino developer Don Barden. Key and Antoine McKay, acting in his second mainstage revue, play the clashing titans with great intensity. Dueling through a succes-

COMEDY

sion of sporting events, the two produce the best belly laughs of the night in three sketches. Imagine Archer and Barden log rolling in the Detroit River or playing a climactic game of racquetball to the death. The screen "Phantom Menace" duel with Darth Maul facing off with a Jedi duo never had this level of energy.

Margaret Exner, the wily veteran of the cast, acting in her eighth mainstage revue, joins Warzecha for an interesting take on a pair of refugees from Kosovo who land in Detroit and find the similarities with their homeland quite chilling - "NATO's aim was so bad, they hit Detroit, too!" This dark sketch, which also included references to the downtown Hudson's building and the numerous potholes around town, reflects the long-time Second City commitment to humor with a social conscience.

Now in her third show, Nyima Anise Woods distinguishes herself as a student in a classroom learning first aid with a teacher's aide and Resusci-Annie. The voice she gives to the character of Sheila in this sketch, along with her use of movement,

evokes memories of a Second City legend from the Detroit area - Gilda Radner. Woods also gives a strong performance later in the show as a Meijer store trainee opposite McKay as her over-the-top drill sergeant wanna-be boss.

Marc Evan Jackson, who made the transition from musical director to mainstage performer, proves to be a strong supporting performer in a variety of sketches, playing half of a gay couple opposite Warzecha in a variation on the usual breakup. He opens the second act as a guy facing the clash of his role as a parent vs. being "one of the guys."

Warzecha's characters over the course of the night proved to be annoyingly similar (think of Lenny in "Of Mice and Men"), but his highlight of the night was his take as a less-than-intelligent Al Gore preparing for a debate.

For each of the highlights mentioned, there are also a number of sketches that were simply a swing and a miss. Out of 24 sketches, almost half fall flat. That is just too high a percentage for a Second City show.

Overall, for the price, a night at the movies may be time and money better spent.

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DINING

Andiamo Osteria opens with innovations in Royal Oak

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

In the 10 years since opening his ever-growing succession of popular Andiamo restaurants, CEO Joe Vicari has managed to capture market share on the east, north and west sectors of metro Detroit. With the opening of his second "Andiamo Osteria" in Royal Oak, the most southern location, he's gotcha covered.

Royal Oak is the most innovative of the eateries. First of all, it's Royal Oak. A stretch of three blocks along Main Street, south of 11 Mile Road, has taken on the look of Miami's South Beach. There's no ocean, no sand, no palm trees, but on the weekend, you can't see the pavement for the throngs of people.

Akin to South Beach, yes, but Andiamo Osteria has a stylish New York feel. No neon signs, no head-turning eye candy. Just soothing earth tones that sing a distinguished harmony.

Main Street in Royal Oak is about people having fun. Nowadays, that's mostly eating. What the dining scene lacked was a restaurant with an upscale "look," yet a casualness that puts diners at ease — sleek style, casual tablecloths, wide windows, classy bar and a variety of seating from high-top tables to comfy booths.

Andiamo Osteria has brought this to Royal Oak. You'll feel

comfortable here in jeans and a pressed shirt, although your greeter, operating partner Paul Kelly or Joe Vicari, will be nattier.

You'll quickly pick up the beat that service is professional, food is serious, weekend entertainment is top-drawer and everyone is dialed-in to giving you a great dining experience. To put it in Vicari's words, "we offer upscale dining that's not at all stuffy."

What's amazing is that 75 percent of diners who have "discovered" Andiamo Osteria since its opening in May, are first-timers to an Andiamo.

But herein lies a benefit. It's not yet as crowded as Andiamo West. You can get a table and not stand three-deep at the bar. It's also more casual.

While the theme at an Andiamo is Italian, they are not cookie cutters. Signature dishes are on every menu, but new for Royal Oak are antipasti Gamberi con Melanzana al Forno, fresh shrimp, sauteed over grilled eggplant in a light sauce.

Also inaugural are Insalata al Salmone, mixed greens tossed with raspberry vinaigrette, topped with an array of grilled vegetables and grilled salmon; Capellini al Salmone, fresh seared Atlantic salmon with spinach, mushrooms, tomato fillet and onions in a white wine sauce atop imported angel hair

Andiamo Osteria
Where: 129 S. Main Street (corner of Second Street), Royal Oak (248) 582-9300.
Hours: Lunch 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday; Dinner 4-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and until midnight Friday and Saturday; 4-10 p.m. Sunday.
Menu: Eclectic array of authentic Italian dishes from antipasti through desserts. Housemade pastas, signature sauces and veal dishes are specialties.
Cost: Lunch entrees \$5.95-\$16.95; Dinner entrees \$12-21.
Reservations: Accepted, but only for four or more on Friday and Saturday.
Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Andiamo Uncorked
 Operating partner Paul Kelly suggests pairing these wines with the most popular Andiamo Osteria dishes.
 ■ **Insalata alla Salmone** — 1996 Van Duzer Riesling, Oregon; 1996 Talbott Logan Chardonnay
 ■ **Farfalle con Bocconcini di Pollo** — 1996 Ornellaia Le Voite, 1997 J. Lohr Riverstone Chardonnay
 ■ **Filetto di Manzo alla Andiamo** — 1995 Batasiolo Barolo, 1996 Beaulieu Cabernet Sauvignon
 ■ **Filetto di Vitello alla Fiorentina** — 1997 Veramonte Primus Merlot, Chile, 1994 Produttori Barbaresco
 ■ **Pesce Bianco alla Andiamo** — 1998 Mezza Corona Pinot Grigio, 1997 Farina Frascati.

pasta; and Bucatini alla Vodka, imported bucatini noodles tossed with pancetta, tomato, basil and onion in a vodka sauce.

Debuting too are Petto di Pollo alla Modenese, chicken breast breaded and topped with prosciutto, tomato sauce and fontina cheese and Pesce Bianco alla Andiamo, whitefish baked on a seasoned plank and served with Duchese potatoes.

And catch this! Ribs. Costo-

lette di Maille alla Rosa are marinated baby back ribs, glazed with Osteria B.B.Q. sauce. How do say finger lickin' good in Italian?

Executive chef Steve Kuolo and Master Chef Aldo Ottaviani, Andiamo's corporate executive chef, worked for over four months to create and perfect new dishes. They were offered as specials at other Andiamo locations to get diner opinions.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD
At your service: Executive chef Steve Kuolo (left) and operating partner Paul Kelly present (from left) Linguine Con Verdure di Stagione and Filetto di Vitello alla Fiorentina at Andiamo Osteria.

Once positively reviewed, they made it to the new Royal Oak Andiamo Osteria menu.

Kuolo has worked in an Andiamo since the first, founded by Vicari in 1990. "After attending restaurant management school in Kentucky, I trained under Chef Aldo," he explained. "My mother is Italian and when I first worked as a chef, I phoned her for recipes. Now she calls

me." Matching the stylish ambiance, flavorful signature dishes and new menu items is the wine list, specially selected by Paul Kelly. If you can't decide on a wine, try one of the four flights, two-ounce pours of three different wines. Once you decide on the wine you like, you can either order it by the glass or bottle.

DINING AT THE MGM GRAND DETROIT CASINO

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Reservations: Recommended.

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