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Wrecking ball a City Hall option



The 35-year-old City Hall on Ford near Carlson could be torn down and replaced, following a study session of city council members Monday. A new study points out numerous problems with the current building.

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In a momentous step, Westland council members appear to be reaching a consensus for tearing down City Hall and building a new one.

The estimated price tag: \$13.8 million.

During a landmark study session

Monday, no opposition surfaced as council members weighed the need to replace City Hall - a deteriorating, 35-year-old building on Ford Road near Carlson.

"I don't think the old building is as salvageable as we'd like it to be," Councilman Glenn Anderson said.

A new study, unveiled Monday by TMP Architects, points out glaring City

Hall problems. A sampling:

■ Fire exits don't meet modern standards.

■ The building isn't as accessible to disabled people as it should be under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

■ A leaky basement poses persistent problems due to the underground water table.

It would cost \$12.5 million to renovate and expand City Hall, TMP senior associate James Mumby said, "and about the only thing that would remain would be the structural frame."

Even as council members appear united on knocking down City Hall, they remain sharply divided on where

a new, bigger building should go.

Tax factor

Mayor Robert Thomas warned against any plan that would require a tax increase, which he said he opposes.

Some council members believe a new City Hall should remain near the southwest corner of Ford and Carlson - where residents are used to it.

"I believe this site is the best site in town, period," Councilman Richard LeBlanc said. He pointed out that TMP's report also called the Ford Road site "ideal."

Councilwoman Sharon Scott, in her

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Fun for all: Walking/riding-in the rain at the St. Joe block party are Debbie Bledsoe and her 2-year-old son, Jacob. Both St. Joe and Lonnie Drive in Westland held block parties this past Saturday. "It went really well, even though it rained a little bit," said Lonnie Drive organizer Jean Pachota.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Party: fun day

Neighbors getting together for a good time sounds great, and Saturday was such an occasion for St. Joe neighbors in Westland.

They held their third annual block party 3-11 p.m. "All three years it's rained on us," said organizer Kim Niece. The party was moved to avoid a conflict with the Woodward Dream Cruise.

"We move it up two weeks and it still rains," she said. "It's just part of our tradition."

The day included food and games. "The fire department came out. We had a clown." There were twist, Hula-Hoop and limbo contests.

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Phar-Mor building will house fabric superstore

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Jo-Ann etc, a fabrics and crafts superstore, will open for business this fall in a long-vacant building near Warren and Central City Parkway, city and company officials confirmed this week.

The 45,360-square-foot store will occupy two-thirds of a building that a retail drugstore chain, Phar-Mor, built in 1992 and never used.

"It's a very positive step forward..." Westland Planning Director Tod Kilroy said. "It will bring jobs to the community."

Jo-Ann etc (which stands for "experience the creativity," not et cetera) is expected to open for business in October in a large vacant building southwest of Warren and Central City Parkway.

It will become the fourth Jo-Ann etc superstore in Michigan. Others are in

Saginaw, Roseville and Shelby.

However, parent company Jo-Ann Stores Inc. has 64 of its smaller, traditional fabrics and crafts stores - about 15,000 square feet each - in Michigan.

The company - the nation's largest fabric and craft retailer - will lease the Westland building from Schotten Stein Cos. of Columbus, Ohio.

"We're real excited about it," Schotten Stein developer Jeff Gould said Monday.

Jo-Ann spokeswoman Schuyler Kidd said the new store will create 75 to 80 new jobs, including 25 to 30 full-time positions. She said five or six jobs will be in management.

The company will occupy the bulk of the former Phar-Mor building, but Gould said other "possible" tenants may use some of the space.

He declined to name potential tenants.

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McDonald's seeking city break on development

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McDonald's Corp. has disclosed plans to redevelop a dilapidated corner in Westland, but city officials may balk unless the company cleans up another site it abandoned.

McDonald's wants to demolish one of its existing restaurants and a vacant bank on the northeast corner of Palmer and Wayne - then build new golden arches on the site.

The restaurant would move closer to the Palmer-Wayne intersection, and the company would seek a suitable tenant for a second, newly planned building

directly to the north.

"I believe it will definitely improve that corner," Councilman Richard LeBlanc said Monday during talks between city officials and McDonald's representatives.

But city officials strongly suggested they will snub the plans unless McDonald's cleans up another Westland site it abandoned on Merriman Road north of Van Born.

"It looks trashy," LeBlanc said of a deteriorating building that still stands on the site.

Councilman David Cox said he would "really want that building on Merriman taken down" before he would seriously consider the company's plans for Palmer and Wayne.

McDonald's real estate representative Johnny Adkins pledged to discuss the issue with corporate officials and report back to the city.

Councilman Glenn Anderson warned that the new project may hinge on McDonald's willingness to cooperate.

All agreed that the company's plans for the Palmer-Wayne area would remove an eyesore by demolishing a former NBD branch.

LeBlanc said the former bank "looks like garbage." McDonald's has bought the property.

The company would build a 3,900-square-foot restaurant, and it wouldn't include a children's play

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Library fights vandalism with \$200 reward

The Public Library of Westland is offering a \$200 reward for information that will identify and apprehend the person or persons who vandalized the Faust Reading Room. The upholstery on a sectional couch and three armchairs was apparently slashed with a razor blade or razor knife between 5-9 p.m. Monday.

"We're concerned," said Joe Burchill, assistant to the library director. "This is the second time this year that someone has vandalized the library furniture." The previous incident cost the library about \$1,500, but this time it will cost more.

"Not only is it a matter of finding and purchasing

replacement fabric, but also one of staff time in reporting the incident and overseeing the reupholstery and replacement," Burchill added. "This is money that could have been spent purchasing books, CDs or cassettes."

The library will continue to try to thwart any vandalism, he said. "This is the age of technology and we are considering several options." In the meantime, all patrons are asked to inform library staff if they should see anything suspicious.

Individuals with information regarding the vandalism should contact Burchill at the library. (734)326-6123.

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but called the woman on April 20 and asked for money to buy roofing materials. He allegedly told her that he already spent the \$1,600.

Rather than give more money, the woman agreed to order materials, have them delivered to her home and deduct the cost from the project's overall tab.

The materials arrived April 23 and Johnson showed up for work three days later, laboring for an hour on the garage. The woman told police he never returned.

The victim "believes that he never had any intention of doing the work for her, and just took her money because she is an old woman who can't fight back," according to police documents.

The woman hired another contractor to fix her roof and pursued charges against Johnson.

"I really do have strong feelings about these cases," Judge Bokos said Tuesday.

"There are so many of these incidents where people are coming to people's houses and taking money for landscaping and repairs and not showing up. A lot of unsuspecting people have fallen victim to these kinds of scams."

The retiree on Alberta "probably gave the money trusting (the roofer) to complete the work," the judge said. "Not only did he not have a license to do that kind of work, but he also had been convicted before of obtaining money under false pretenses."

It wasn't clear whether Johnson had served jail time on these earlier charges.

Bokos said residents, particularly elderly people, should be alert to possible home-repair scam artists.

Sgt. Ramsden offered this advice:

- Get more than one estimate for work.

- Call the Better Business Bureau to see if it has information on the contractor.

- Ask contractors for references and phone numbers.

"If they won't do that, they're not reputable," Ramsden said.

Police Lt. Marc Stobbe also said residents, when possible, should hire contractors who will complete their work before seeking payment.

"A lot of contractors will allow you to pay when the work is completed," Stobbe said.

Council from page A1

first public statement supporting a south-of-Ford site, said, "I think I'd like to keep this as the center of the city."

But others want a new City Hall built somewhere north of Ford Road where special tax revenues, already in place, would pay for construction.

"I think it's time to go off this site," Councilwoman Justine Barns said.

She compared a move to a homeowner buying a better house, and she said city officials can't keep spending money on "patch jobs" for an old City Hall.

Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin missed Monday's session, but he also has voiced strong support for using Tax Increment Finance Authority dollars - already in place - to build a north-of-Ford City Hall.

A new building north of Ford would likely be more expensive. Mumby said the higher price tag of \$14.3 million for construction also doesn't include the cost of buying 10 to 12 acres of land.

Whither Bailey?

To further complicate matters, council members remain vehemently divided on whether they should spruce up the 20-year-old Bailey Recreation Center, behind the current City Hall, or build a new, multimillion-dollar center elsewhere.

"The Bailey Center is kind of in the same canoe that City Hall is in," Councilman David Cox said.

A recreation center decision, officials concede, would have far-reaching implications on possible

city development plans south of Ford.

"That will kind of drive what we do with City Hall," Mayor Thomas said.

LeBlanc said Tuesday that he envisions a plan for upgrading the Bailey Center and building a new City Hall near what is now the site of Westland's central fire station at Ford and Carlson.

Officials agree the fire station needs work. LeBlanc said a new station could be built west of the police station, on Ford Road property the city already owns.

Mumby, meanwhile, said a new City Hall would accommodate some departments that are now housed away from City Hall, specifically in buildings on Marquette near Newburgh.

Mumby estimated that a new City Hall should be 54,700 square feet - much larger than the existing 21,631-square-foot building.

But many questions are unresolved: Would City Hall remain in use during construction if a new building were to be built south of Ford? Would city offices relocate temporarily and, if so, where?

Officials say it's uncertain when those questions will be answered - or when a specific plan will come up for a vote.

After Monday's meeting, however, city leaders seemed encouraged that they appear to agree - at least - on the need for a new City Hall.

"I think it's a huge step in a direction," LeBlanc said. "I also hope it's a huge step in the right direction."

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Phar-Mor from page A1

Jo-Ann etc - based in Hudson, Ohio - will fill a vacant building that Westland officials have considered an eyesore since Phar-Mor abandoned plans to occupy it in seven years ago.

"It was never finished," Kilroy said. "The shell of the building was put up, but it was never finished."

Jo-Ann etc already has met all city requirements such as getting site plan approval, Kilroy said.

The company has been completing interior improvements and, according to Gould, "is nearly set to move in."

Jo-Ann etc stores are three times larger than the traditional

company stores. They feature expanded fabric and craft products, educational programs and new custom services.

"The Jo-Ann etc concept is designed as an entertainment destination for sewing, craft and home decor enthusiasts through samplings, displays, demonstrations, and classes and workshops for people of all ages and experience levels," Jo-Ann Stores Inc. president Alan Roszkamm said in a statement issued by the company.

"It's an exciting concept for fabric and craft enthusiasts in a megastore setting - a first in this \$10 billion sewing and craft industry," he said.

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Chamber bash teaches

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The weather wasn't necessarily picnic-perfect, but those at the Westland Chamber of Commerce picnic Tuesday didn't mind.

The event at Central City Park, featuring food from Val's Catering, was both fun and

informative. Education came via a Westland Police Department K-9 unit presentation.

"Very informative," said chamber President Nancy Barrons, Standard Federal Bank branch manager, of the police presentation. "Just exciting and very informative."

Officers Grant Allen, with dog

Zeke, and Thad Nelson, with dog Taz, showed chamber members and guests just how police dogs work. At one point, Allen asked for women to volunteer purses. The dogs were able to find another purse (nothing belonging to a chamber participant) which held marijuana.

The dogs come from Europe, Allen said, due to more stringent breeding there. He and Nelson answered a variety of questions about their canine partners.

The food was good at the Tuesday event, and the networking opportunities don't end there. A "Bowling, Networking, Food & Fun" event will be held 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Price is \$8 for the Business After Hours event, said Lori Brist, chamber executive director. Nonmembers who join that evening will get free admission and a gift certificate to a Westland chamber business.

The kickoff program was designed "keeping small business in mind," Brist said. Businesses with one to three employees pay \$145 for a year's cham-



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ber membership, compared to \$195. For information, call the chamber at (734) 326-7222.

Talking during Tuesday's lunch gave participants a chance to get to know each other. "Just the networking, visiting with people and networking" are terrific, said Barrons.

Attentive audience: Westland police K-9 Officer Thad Nelson demonstrates the attack tactics at the picnic. Above Zeke, who works with Officer Grant Allen (not pictured), attacks Nelson. At left, Robin Cooke, Starfish Family Services (left to right), Peggy Ellenwood, Westland Convalescent Center, and Loretta Johnson, also with the center, go through the buffet line.



Man charged with assault in Aug. 5 shooting at woman

A domestic fight that erupted into gunfire Aug. 5 on McDonald has resulted in felonious assault and felony firearms charges against a 50-year-old Belleville man. The suspect was charged over the weekend and jailed in lieu of a \$10,000/10 percent bond.

He is accused of firing a .22-caliber revolver at a woman who spurned him because she no longer wanted to be romantically involved with him because he is married, police said. The woman wasn't injured during the incident that occurred at 9:45 a.m. Aug. 5 in a front yard on McDonald, a residential street near Middlebelt and Annapolis.

Indecent man

A 33-year-old woman reporting seeing a nude man standing near 6-foot shrubs when she left her apartment in the 6600 area of Yale at 3 a.m. Friday. She told police the same man exposed himself when she saw him about two weeks ago. She described him as white, 25 to 35 years old, 5-foot-9 to 5-foot-11, and 150 pounds. She said he had light brown hair and wore a dark material over his face. Police searched the area near the woman's apartment but didn't find a suspect. Any similar incidents should be reported to Westland police.

Dog attack

A 52-year-old man told police he was attacked by a Rottweiler

CRIME WATCH

while walking his two dogs in the 30600 block of Mackenzie at 7:30 p.m. Friday. A police report said the Rottweiler "charged and attacked him, biting his left hand, causing a laceration on a finger and scratching his left leg." The Rottweiler owner phoned for help, and Westland firefighters took the injured man to Garden City Hospital for treatment. The dog owner, a Westland woman, was cited for having an unconfined, dangerous dog.

Apartment break-in

A Westland woman told police that her Fountain Park apartment was broken into between 6:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Friday while she was at work. She said she came home to find her bedroom window had been smashed out.

Missing items included a \$200 VCR and \$1,500 in necklaces and bracelets.

Residential break-in

A Westland man told police his residence in the 32500 block of Mackinac was broken into between 4 p.m. Wednesday and 4 a.m. Thursday of last week.

He returned home to find a door ajar and a window screen pushed in. Missing items included a \$65 cordless phone, a \$300 television, a \$200 cable box and a \$500 tool box and tools.

Man's death investigated

A 42-year-old Westland man died in the early morning hours of Aug. 5 while driving on southbound I-275.

According to Canton police reports, Dorian Sabbath was pronounced dead shortly before 4 a.m. at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne.

His Lincoln Mark VIII was found by police resting against the east guard rail of northbound I-275 just north of Van Born Road. Police found Sabbath slouched over his wheel unconscious.

Officers and later Canton

paramedics performed CPR on him but were unable to revive him, reports said. Police believe Sabbath was driving southbound I-275 when he lost control of the vehicle.

The vehicle crossed a grass median and struck the guard rail before coming to rest a short distance away. There were no witnesses to the accident, reports said.

Police said Sabbath didn't die of injuries from the accident. An exact cause of death hasn't been determined, according to police.

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area that council members labeled gaudy.

McDonald's also offered to build a 5,700-square-foot commercial building directly to the north, but attorney Kevin Kohls said the company would rather wait until a suitable tenant is found to start construction.

"We do not have a user for that site," he said, adding that company officials "don't want to build a building and not have anybody come."

Council members agreed that

— until a tenant is found — they'd likely rather see eye-pleasing landscaping than another empty building in an area already plagued by vacancies.

"I would rather see (landscaping) sitting there than another empty building," Anderson said.

McDonald's will need council approval for a special land use to proceed with its redevelopment plan.

It wasn't known when the council might vote on the proposal.

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Fun from page A1

The event at its peak drew some 75 people of all ages. "We just all like getting together," said Niece, who worked with committee members Lisa Dest, Joclyn Kollar and others. "It's just a good neighborhood to be in."

Organizers appreciated city cooperation with the roadblocks and the fire department. Next year, they're aiming for a magician, Drug Abuse Resistance Education program participation and more for the kids. One neighbor mentioned a pony ride or an inflatable "bounce ride."

"We thank our sponsors for

helping us out with this," Niece said. Organizers are hoping for sunshine this year, but know good neighbors can share time together regardless of the weather.

"We all still had fun." Another fun event, the sixth annual Lonnie Drive block party, also took place Saturday in Westland. The theme was "Christmas in August."

"It went really well even though it rained a little bit," said Jean Pachota, a Lonnie Drive party organizer. There were some 200-300 for dinner. "It just

turned out to be a lot of fun." They rented a tent to cover the food. "It was needed, obviously," Pachota said. Some houses had Christmas lights, in keeping with the theme. Those lights came down after, rather than staying up through the holidays.

A fire truck visit and Santa visit were part of the fun, along with a disc jockey and raffle. Five or six families do most of the organizing, Pachota said, with a couple of new people joining in. Much-appreciated sponsors also contribute to the Lonnie Drive block party.

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Yes, it's summer: Above, Jenna Kollar runs in a "wet sweats" relay race at the St. Joe party. Two teams of kids would dunk a large pair of sweat pants in water, put them on, run around a chair, then come back taking off the sweats so the next kid could put them on. At the same rainy party, Apples the clown entertains the kids.



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Judge will hear about storm water clean-up plans

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State and county environmental officials are expected to inform U.S. District Judge John Feikens on Monday about progress on the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

The court hearing generally packs Feikens' courtroom with observers, as many of the 48 communities in the Rouge River watershed send representatives to hear Feikens' inquiries about the project.

Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw county officials, the state Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency report to Feikens.

Feikens schedules court hearings every two months. Feikens is overseeing a lawsuit filed by the EPA against the communities to clean up storm water flowing from communities into the Rouge.

Roy Schrameck, district director of the DEQ's surface water quality division, expects state DEQ officials will update Feikens on the status of stormwater permits, sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) and river data.

The permits, issued by the state, are required for the stormwater discharges into the river, but are "voluntary" in that communities have a hand in writing their own programs about how they will clean up the discharges and illicit connections of sewage to storm sewers.

Discharges also contain fertilizer and pesticides from lawns, and small amounts of oil and grease from parking lots.

As of this week, the state has issued 29 certificates of coverage under the stormwater permits. Two others are ready to go, while

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two more have issued final comments to the DEQ.

Ten other permits are being negotiated with other communities.

"This is a voluntary stormwater program," Schrameck said. "We don't have one similar to this in Michigan, and there's not one in the United States. We're treading on 'untrod' ground with this program. We're making this program, and we're also designing it, so it's taking a lot longer."

The permit also outlines a public education plan.

Oakland County commissioners recently approved money for a study on the cost of a septic tank inspection program. A county drain official expressed concerns about the expense of such a program at a Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council meeting in June. Oakland County officials learned of a \$15 million grant available for local communities there to address environmental concerns.

Washtenaw County has approved a septic tank inspection

ordinance.

Wayne County commissioners are considering a similar ordinance that would require an inspection at any home at the point of sale.

Progress is slow on the river's cleanup as regulatory agencies don't want to appear heavy-handed in enforcement.

"If we get dictatorial, then people can walk and we don't want that to happen, because we want a program to improve the Rouge," Schrameck said.

The nine communities and one agency in negotiations on per-

mits are: Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Bloomfield Hills, Commerce Township, Lyon Township, Melvindale, Southfield Township, Van Buren Township, Ypsilanti Township and the Washtenaw County Road Commission.

The DEQ is reviewing Birmingham's proposed stormwater program. It outlined a program instead of applying for a permit. Schrameck did not know whether it would be approved.

About 45 locations of SSOs also have been discovered that illegally discharge in the Rouge watershed. The DEQ is working with

these communities to correct the problems, Schrameck said.

Some of the problems stem from internal hydraulic problems within municipal collection systems and/or the inability of the communities to discharge their contract capacity to the North Huron/Rouge Valley interceptor system, according to a state report given to Feikens two months ago.

Schrameck believes a pump station will address that problem and engineering consultants hired by communities will check on municipal collection systems.

Bird-watchers meet Sunday

Bird-watchers can enjoy the view at Crosswinds Marsh in Sumpter Township from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Sunday.

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Wonderland hits big 40

BY MATT JACHMAN
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Wonderland Mall, the shopping destination in western Wayne County in its early years, has taken on a new role as the leader in the redevelopment of Plymouth Road.

And with new stores, a new look and an active, energetic new manager, the 40-year-old mall is starting to reap the rewards of its own redevelopment, shoppers and local observers say.

"We're very, very pleased to see it improve or change, because for a long time there it

seemed to be going backward, you know," said Stan Anderson, who lives about a half-mile from Wonderland and is a member of the Plymouth Road Development Authority. "Stores were moving out and the number of shoppers was declining."

"It was kind of going down," said Violet Janowski of Westland, who has shopped at Wonderland regularly since it opened in 1959. "It was seedy."

'It's beautiful'

Many say there's a new attitude toward the aging shopping center and it's been sparked by a

number of changes: A steady campaign of improvements by mall owners Schostak Bros. & Co.; major changes at anchor stores Target and Montgomery Ward; this week's opening of the Old Navy store; and efforts to make the mall available to businesses and community groups.

Shoppers, even those who probably wouldn't be drawn by the youth appeal of many mall newcomers, welcome the new stores and the revamped food court and say the mall is noticeably cleaner.

"I think it's wonderful. It's beautiful," said Sherri Reed of Detroit, who said she visits Wonderland three times a month or more and has been shopping there for about 30 years.

Reed said she's seen steady improvements since the mall was enclosed, which took place in the mid-1980s.

"I think it's a big lift," for Plymouth Road's commercial corridor, said Maryann Huhta of Redford Township. "I think it looks great."

Wonderland stores continue to offer goods at prices that are reasonable for middle-income people, said Ester Labbe of Livonia.

"It's good for people to find a place they can shop at" affordably, said Labbe, who, like Janowski, has been visiting Wonderland since the beginning.



Local folk: Violet and Edward Janowski of Westland have been Wonderland shoppers for years. The center, managed by Reinhard Lemke (photo at left), is celebrating its 40th anniversary.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Upscale trend

That affordability, combined with a brighter, more polished atmosphere, is one of the keys to a Wonderland comeback, said Reinhard Lemke, mall manager since December.

"We do not want to be a Somerset Collection here, but we do want to be not less the quality," said Lemke, a native of Germany, in clipped, accented English.

Wonderland's new look, and new attitude, contradicts the image that only dumps offer rea-

sonably priced goods, Lemke said. The trend now is for stores with moderate prices to adopt an appealing, upscale look, he said.

Community involvement in the mall, Lemke said, is another key to its success. Wonderland has invited businesses and local groups to use its community room, booked local performers to entertain shoppers and even reached out to the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, scheduling an LSO fund-raising concert there for Sunday, Oct. 3. Last fall, after Livonia Mall dropped plans for the city's annual holiday

parade, Wonderland hosted the event after a march down Plymouth Road.

"Whatever we do should tie in with the community," Lemke said.

'Very dynamic person'

Changes at Wonderland were long under way before he was hired, but many credit Lemke's enthusiasm for much of the turnaround.

Livonia Police Chief Pete Kunst illustrates Lemke's get-it-

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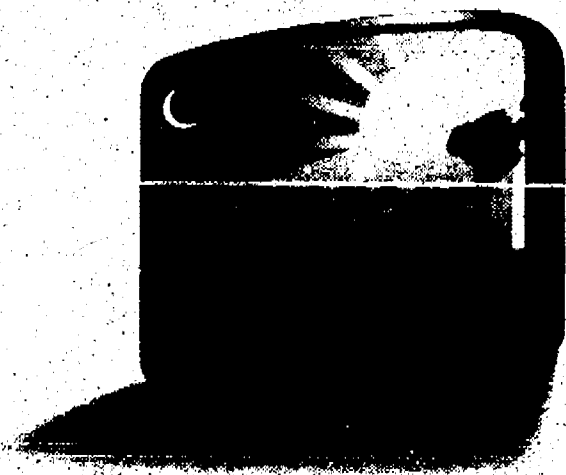
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Juvenile justice program will use tethers, education

The following story is the first in a series of articles on the Wayne County budget. The Wayne County Commission conducted budget hearings in July with county officials from each department, then commissioners began budget deliberations this week.

Commissioners are expected to approve a new budget by Sept. 1.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Starting Oct. 1, Wayne County will administer the juvenile justice block grant, a major change in this year's budget for the Department of Community Justice.

Wayne County will receive about \$55 million to \$60 million from the state to finance juvenile delinquency services for more than 3,000 youths. Another \$55 million will come from the county's general fund.

State legislation called for the state to have exclusive responsibility for "abused and neglected" children and the county to have jurisdiction over the youth delinquency population, instead of the old 50/50 split.

Wayne County expects to use care management organizations and juvenile assessment centers to help juvenile delinquents with drug or alcohol problems, according to Greg Roberts, executive assistant with county Executive Edward McNamara, who met with Conference of Western Wayne officials in May.

"When we look at what happened in Colorado and what happens in Wayne County, a lot of people asked what we can do to stem the tide of violence and crime," Roberts said. "We believe Wayne County has the answer."

The Department of Community Justice also is responsible for the administration and coordination of the detention, intervention and prevention programs related to juvenile and adult offenders. It will monitor and evaluate its programs related to adult and juvenile justice services.

Approximately 35 new positions have been budgeted in the juvenile justice division for the



Sheriff Robert Ficano

new \$47 million juvenile detention facility near Greektown in downtown Detroit.

The adult probation services expect to increase community sanction services for offenders such as tethering, supervision, special alternative incarceration at boot camp and at the detention facility.

"There has been a significant increase in the use of these sanctions and continued emphasis on the monitoring and enforcement of recommendations to the court will result in a continued upward trend," states one of the goals from Jeriel Heard, director of the Department of Community Justice.

Probation services will increase computer access for probation officers to communicate with each other, the regional office and with central administrators in Lansing. Community justice officials hope agents can better supervise clients and monitor their behavior. For juveniles, the Benjamin Carson Academy, housed inside the juvenile facility, is expected to provide juveniles with classes in English, language arts, math, science, social studies, physical education, art and technology.

The juvenile detention facility will house 196 beds within 12 units and cost an estimated \$135 million to operate.

■ COUNTY NEWS

Internet unit started

Next year's budget is \$26.4 million for Sheriff Robert Ficano's office, court and field services, and marine and parks patrol, and secondary roads. Another \$74.3 million is budgeted for the county jail.

About 1,300 employees work in the Wayne County Sheriff Department.

Ficano said he has asked county commissioners to consider an ordinance to establish the Internet Crime Unit as permanent positions. The unit of four officers has investigated the illegal use of the Internet by sexual predators.

Staffing at the jail also remains a top budget priority along with narcotics investigations, Ficano said. In 1998, 855 people were arrested on drug charges by the sheriff's department.

This year's budget maintains the status quo. Ficano also encouraged a technology partnership with the county's Information Processing Department on the transition into Y2K.

Prosecutor seeks funds

Prosecutor John O'Hair appeared before the county commission in July, wanting a \$500,000 budget increase to pay for five additional prosecutors.

One of the prosecutors' goals is to solve 25 unsolved homicides by March 31, 2000, and develop cooperative programs to reduce the homicide rate in Detroit by 20 percent.

O'Hair's \$25.7 million budget includes about 270 people, with more than 150 prosecutors, in divisions ranging from trials and case dispositions to special operations. That budget increased from \$24.6 million in this year's amended budget.

The Victim Services division is requesting two additional community services specialists through the Victims of Crime Act, stationed at precincts in Detroit.

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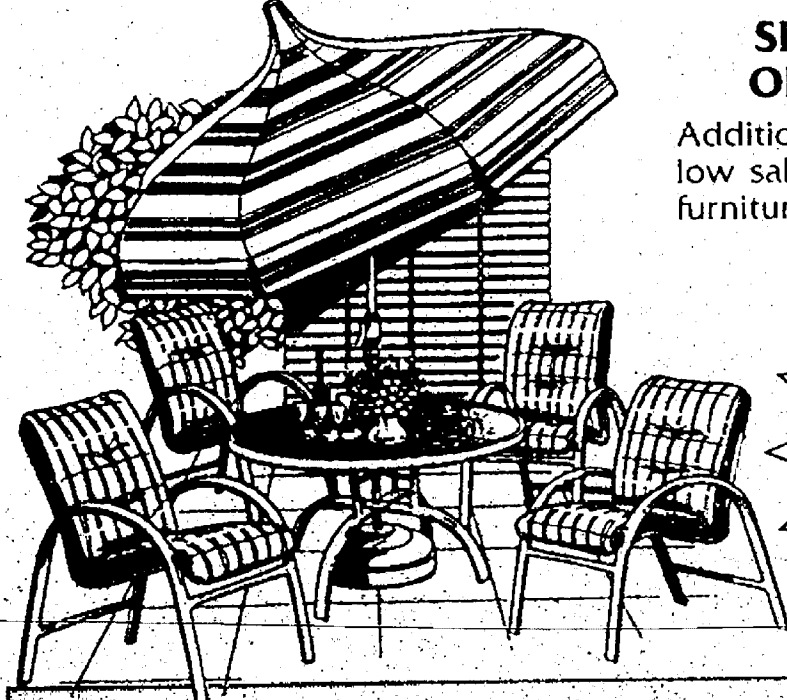
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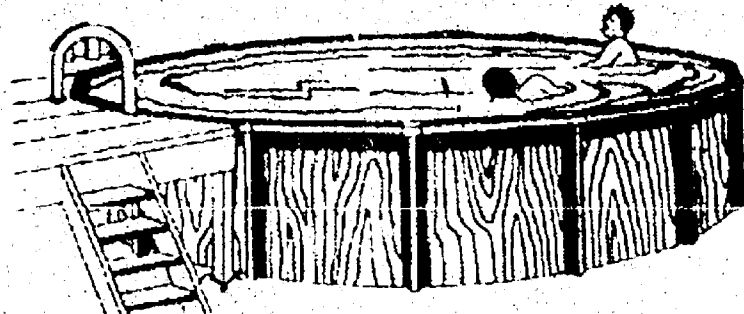
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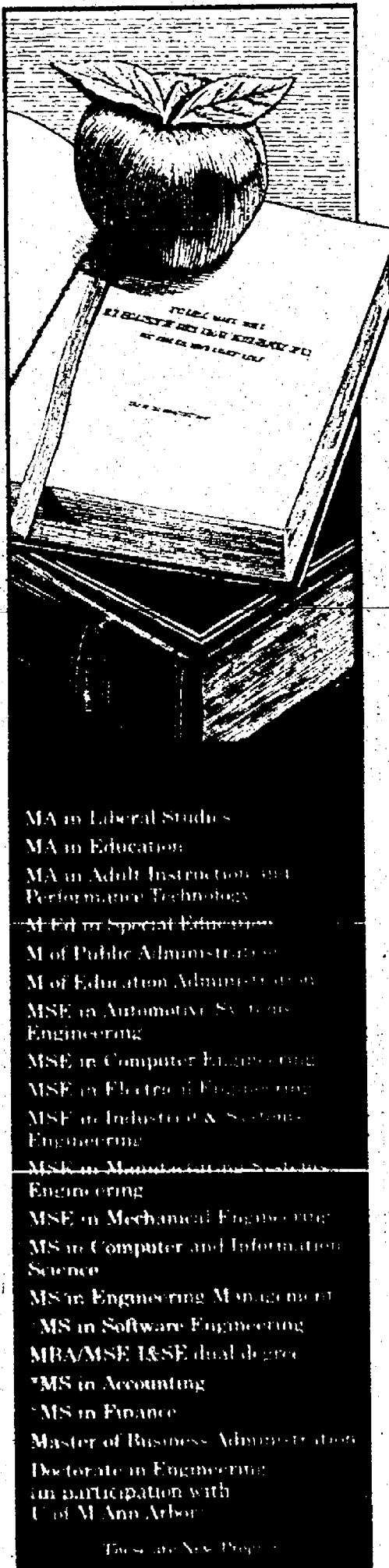
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These are New Programs

Metro Airport budget would create 58 new positions

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COUNTY NEWS

Officials at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport have included 58 new positions for the airport's proposed 1999-2000 budget, ranging from 12 airport operations assistants to two electrical technicians.

Those positions represent the largest increase in personnel out of any of the county departments.

The 58 positions also include eight airport maintenance workers, eight laborers, five airport operations supervisors, five customer service agents, three environmentalists, five department managers, two department supervisors, two division deputy

directors, two electrical technicians, two foremen, two typists and a clerical specialist and a department administrator.

Detroit Metro's operations are budgeted at \$178.9 million, an increase of \$15 million, which includes administration, external relations, concessions and quality assurance, maintenance, noise compatibility, properties, planning and facilities.

A new concessions and quality assurance division will oversee requests for proposals for the midfield terminal for food and beverage service and retail stores by the end of 1999.

The busiest department will probably be the division of properties, planning and facilities.

That department will oversee the five-year capital plan to improve the airport. Those improvements will be financed through Passenger Finance Charges, which is a surcharge on each airline ticket sold, grants from the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Aviation Administration and state of Michigan grants.

A five-year capital plan outlines \$494 million in airport improvements to be completed this year, including south access road projects, such as the Rogell Drive connector and north tunnel and roadway, and construction of the new runway and taxi-

ways, parking garage and power plant.

On Wednesday, work crews building the new Midfield Terminal were scheduled to erect the project's first structural steel, as part of Northwest Airlines' construction of the new facility. The 74-gate terminal is expected to be completed in late 2001.

Susan Kopinski, deputy chief financial officer, responded to several questions last week from

the commission about the airport construction fund, including PFCs.

"There are no changes in PFC activities," Kopinski responded. "The current rate remains at \$3 per enplaned passenger. PFC revenue is budgeted at \$41 million for fiscal year 2000.

"There is legislation pending in Washington, D.C., to increase the PFC but nothing has been settled as of this time."

Kopinski was asked whether security checkpoints were "sufficiently manned."

"Security checkpoints are the responsibility of the airlines," Kopinski said. "However, there is sufficient airport police to patrol the terminals and react quickly in case of a security breach. The manpower for this function was taken care of in this budget."

Parks employee honored for work

A longtime Wayne County parks employee who has advocated the restoration of the historic Nankin Mills site in Westland and preservation of parklands in Wayne County has been honored as Public Servant of the Year.

Wayne County parks chief of design Nancy Darga was honored by the Public Administration Foundation Inc. for her exemplary job dedication, above

and beyond the call of duty, and her notable accomplishments, employment longevity and community service.

The Public Administration Foundation is an affiliate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The award was presented on June 24 at the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments General Assembly.

A landscape architect for 21 years, Darga was an original

member of the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy. Darga also served as grant coordinator and secured the first piece of land purchased through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Darga, a Michigan State University graduate and Detroit native, is the mother of two children, Alex and Anna, and the wife of Wayne County Engineer Michael Darga.

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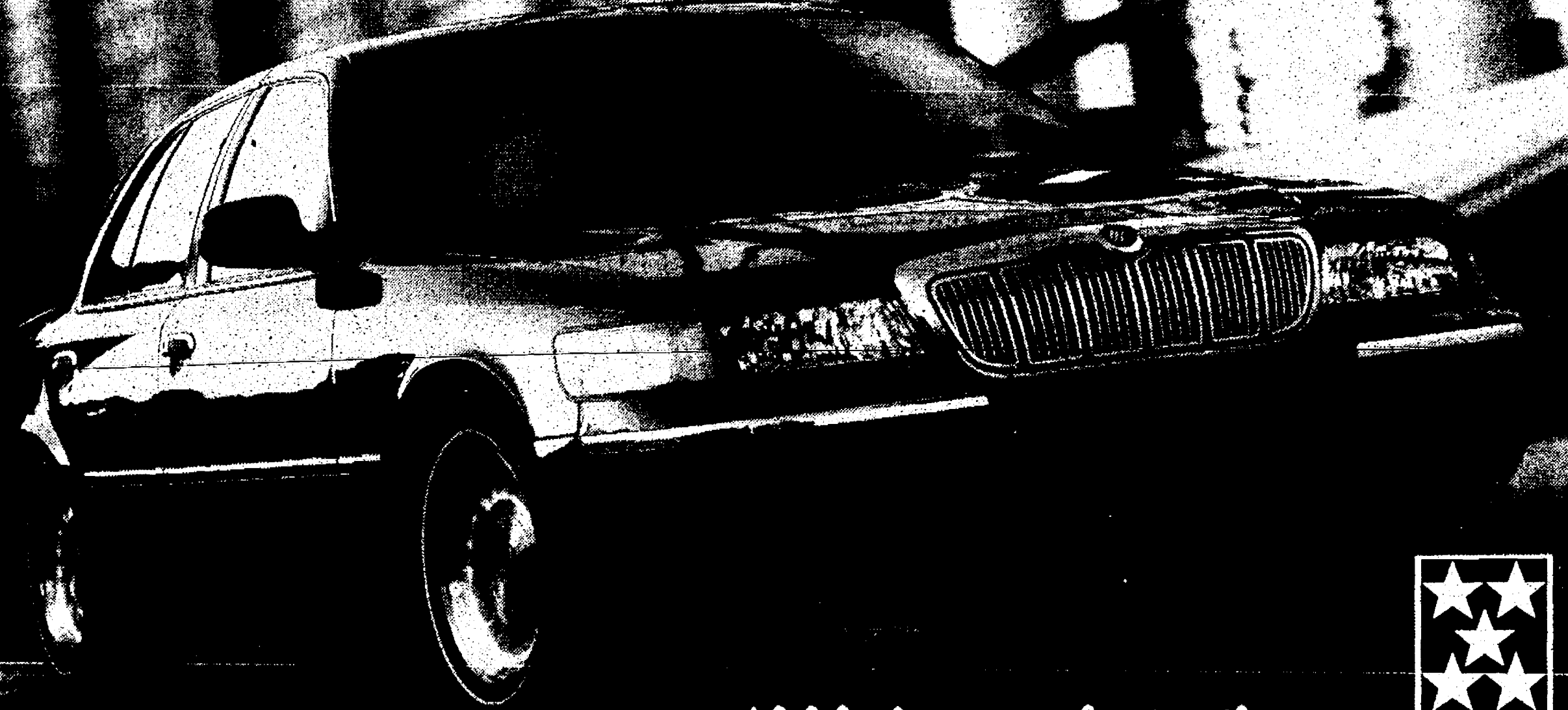
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Wolverine Riders take the big curves on 2 wheels

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER
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Sometimes the clichés are true.

Garden City resident Orman "Pappy" Patterson, 79, has been riding motorcycles since 1936, except for a few years when World War II interfered. "I got a brother named Harley Davidson Patterson," he said.

Not to mention a son and grandson who ride.

Livonia resident Warren Shirey is the owner of 13 motorcycles. A motorcycle rider for 50 years, one day he wished he had all of his old bikes back. "So I quit selling what I had," he said.

Romulus resident Bob Hughes has logged more than 240,000 miles in 29 years of riding, 112,000 of them on a single 1988 Kawasaki Voyager. He also has a Kawasaki Eliminator 600 that he rides to work.

Redford resident Bonnie Andes says the phrase, "If I have to explain it to you, you wouldn't

Wolverine Riders

The Wolverine Riders meet on the first Sunday and third Saturday of each month from April through October at Richard's Restaurant in Livonia, taking in a ride after breakfast and/or a business meeting. The next meeting begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21.

They also take "ice cream rides" every Wednesday and throw in several longer out-of-state rides.

A monthly newsletter is published throughout the year. During winter months, the members meet for dinner at various restaurants and rent a hall for a Christmas party.

Dues are \$30 a year. To inquire about joining the Wolverine Riders, show up at a meeting or call President John Behnke at (734) 522-8246.

like the freedom of it. Now I know I can run away from home."

These are typical members of the Wolverine Riders motorcycle club, whose enjoyment of riding is as much a passion as an artist's desire to paint.

Founded by former Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry (among others) in 1987, the Wolverine Riders currently comprise some 69 two-wheel aficionados, including several women. The club was born, in part, as a receptacle for riders who "were tired of having to have one kind of bike to join an organization," said Westland resident Jim Bowes, a co-founder with Berry.

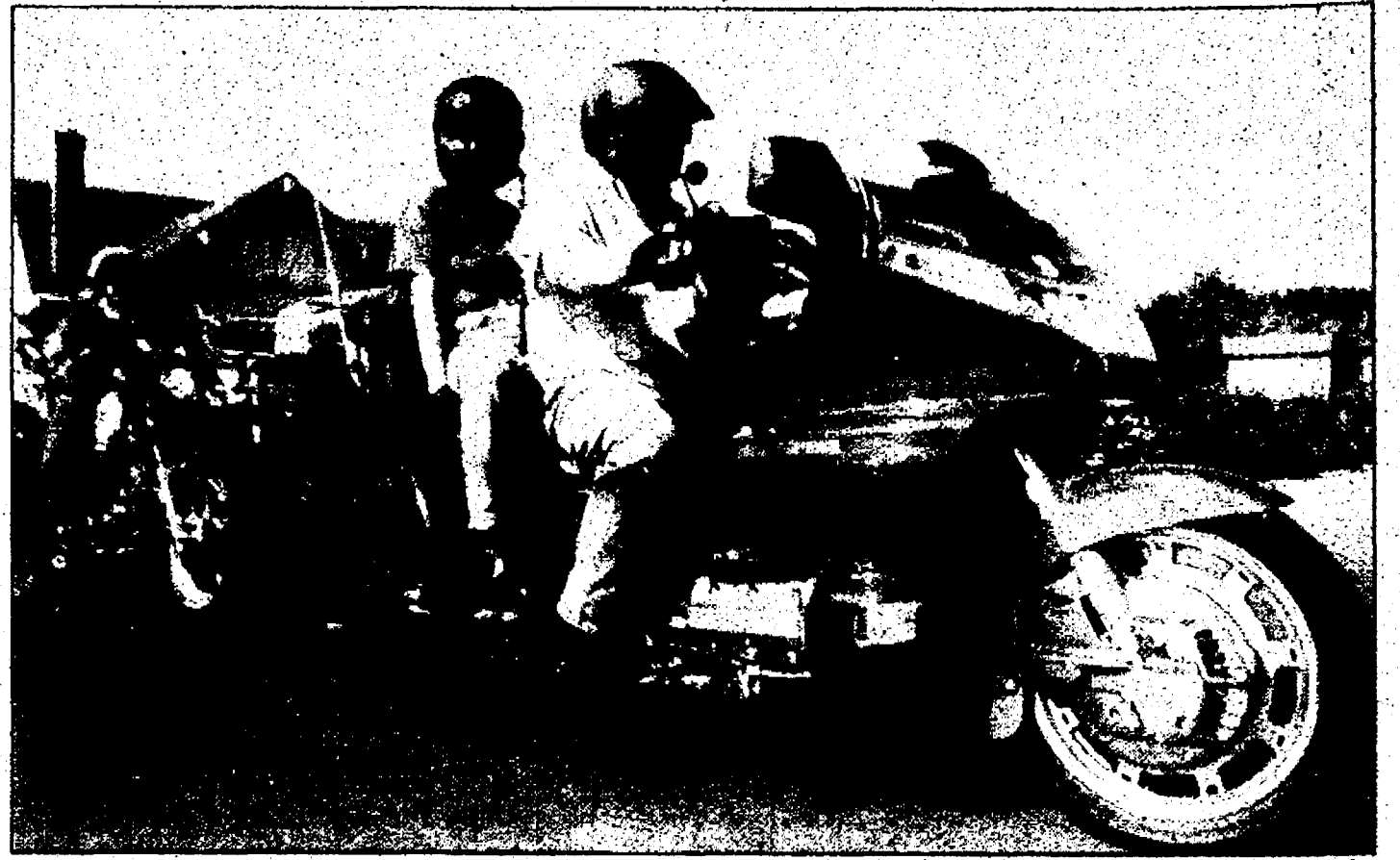
Many of the members have ridden together for years, and they've switched from sport bikes to cruisers to touring bikes as they've gotten older. Most of them are on the backside, of 50, with many of them riding Gold Wings, Voyagers and other comfortable touring bikes. But they get around as much as anyone and more than most. Sit with them a while and you'll hear stories about rides to Florida, California, South Dakota and everywhere in between.

Although the Wolverines are starting to look like an AARP club, President John Behnke is quick to say that young members are welcome. He wasn't even sure this article should mention the average age of members for fear it would discourage younger riders from joining.

It doesn't matter how young you are, how much experience you have or what kind of bike you drive, he said. The Wolverines will be happy to ride with you.

The riders meet twice a month at Richard's Restaurant on Plymouth Road west of Newburgh in Livonia. From there they embark on a ride that sometimes ends with an ice cream lunch in Jackson and other times keeps them away from home until 8 p.m.

On Sunday, Aug. 1, they left



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Follow the leader: John and Ellen Bryant of Hamburg led the second group of six motorcycles on the Sunday ride to Jackson.

understand," illustrates her reasons for riding. "It's wonderful. I

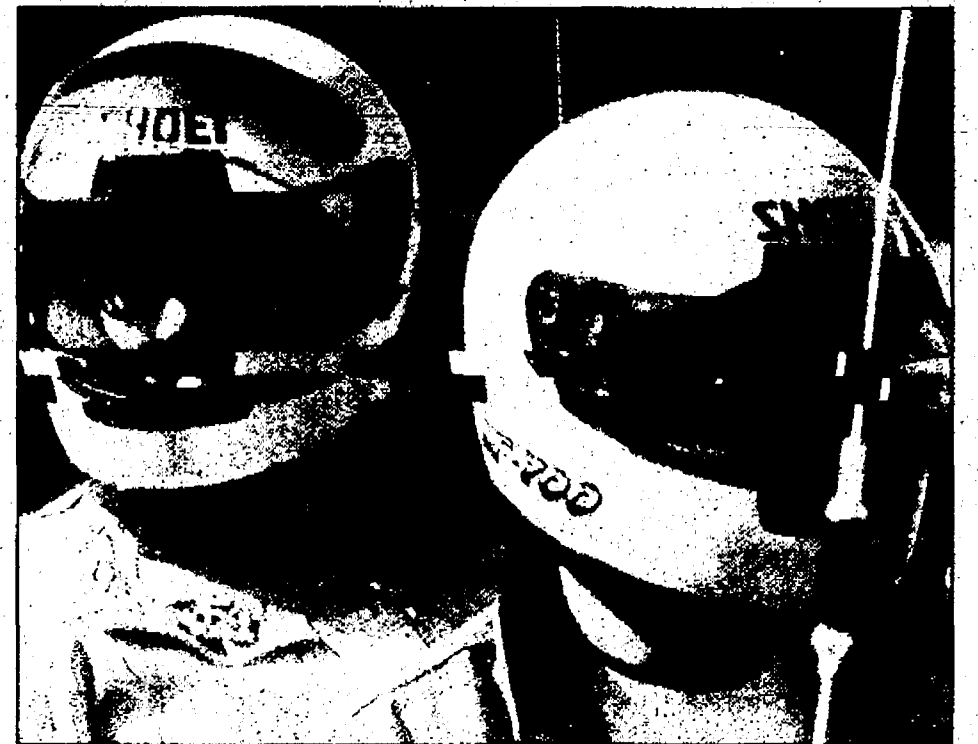
On the road again: Redford resident Bonnie Andes, shown here on the Yamaha Virago 750 at right, didn't start riding until she was 50 years old.



Richard's restaurant at 10:15 a.m. in two groups. Dexter resident Mary Green, a rider with 27 years of experience and no serious accidents (knock wood, as she does when she says that), led the way on her 1982 Honda CB900 Custom. Behind Green were three Gold Wings and this reporter on a Yamaha 535 Virago. The second group, led by John and Ellen Bryant of Hamburg, contained one Gold Wing, two Voyagers, a BMW dresser, a Yamaha 750 Virago and the only sport bike in sight, a Honda 650 Nighthawk ridden by Tim Salowitz.

Although these people ride some of the biggest motorcycles in captivity, they still enjoy curvaceous roads and stayed on them as much as possible. Indeed, this reporter's skills were challenged in keeping up with Green as she cut through

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Hard riders: Bob and Ellen Hughes of Romulus have put more miles on their Kawasaki Voyagers than many people put on their cars.

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done attitude with an anecdote: About two days after he passed along to Lemke a senior citizen's concern about a restroom light switch - the man wanted a key-operated switch so the lights couldn't be turned off by just anyone - the job was done.

"He really strikes me as a manager whose heart is really in providing a nice service to people," Kunst said.

"He's just a positive, energetic, very dynamic person, and I don't think Livonia's seen anybody like him," said Gary Bewersdorf, the owner of Livonia Gold & Silver, a mall tenant since 1984.

Lemke, 41, his wife, Ann, a Detroit-area native and a scholar of the music and literature of the German Romantics, and their daughter, Annabel Sophie, moved to the area from Germany

last year. A native of Offenbach, Germany, near Frankfurt, Lemke had worked for a commercial real estate development and management company in Europe.

'An anchor'

Wonderland's success is vital to the success of Plymouth Road, said John Nagy, a former Livonia planning director and now the director of the PRDA.

"I think it is an anchor. I think it is a big draw for the corridor," Nagy said. Other shops in the area rely on the traffic generated by Wonderland, he added.

The mall started generating that traffic from its opening, longtime patrons said.

"We were certainly pleased when they decided to build it, because that was really our primary shopping spot for things other than groceries," said Anderson, who moved to the neighborhood with his family before Wonderland was built.

"We looked forward to having this mall. ..." said Janowski. "Everybody was really anxious about this place."

Big day



Milestone: Helen Heatlie celebrates her 102nd birthday on Aug. 6. She was born and raised in Scotland and now lives in Westland. She is shown with four generations, son Ken Heatlie of Westland, granddaughter Misty Mitchell and great-granddaughter Stacey Mitchell, a recent John Glenn High School graduate.

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

Publish: August 5 and 12, 1999

CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185-2298, on or before August 25, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. for the following:

ELECTRICAL - INKSTER/ANNAPOLIS PUMP STATION

Complete specifications may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. For questions pertaining to bid specifications, please contact James Zoumbaris, Department of Public Service Water and Sewer Superintendent, at (734) 467-3242. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

JILL B. THOMAS
Purchasing Agent

Bid Item No: 592-082599
Publish: August 12, 1999

CITY OF GARDEN CITY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act Number 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, that a public hearing will be held by the City of Garden City City of Zoning Board of Appeals at 7:30 p.m., August 25, 1999 at the City of Garden City City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments or the proposed Dimensional Variance from 161.039, Fences, of the Zoning Ordinance to erect a privacy fence that extends beyond the rear yard approximately 23 feet on the south side property line, Section 161.039C(1), permits fences in the rear yard only in residential districts. This section further prohibits any fence to extend beyond the rear corners of a house. The property is located at 103 Lathers.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the variance application may be examined at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the Public Hearing. Written comments may be sent to the above address.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS, City Clerk
RANDY TEMPLETON, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

Publish: August 12, 1999

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed Dimensional Variance from Section 161.023 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit the construction of a detached garage that is located approximately six feet from an existing single family house. Detached garages are required to be located at least 10 feet from the principal building on the site. The applicant is requesting a four foot dimensional variance. The property is located at 32195 Maplewood.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the proposed Amendment to the Official Zoning Map application may be examined at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the Public Hearing. Written comments may be sent to the above address.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS, City Clerk
EDWARD KANE, Planning Commission Chairman

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG NO 15-8/2/99

Presiding: Council President Cicirelli
Present: Barns, Cox, Griffin, LeBlanc, Scott
Absent: Anderson

- 170: Approved minutes of regular mtg held 7/19/99
- Approved request from Michigan Metro Girl Scout to conduct annual calendar/nut sale from 10/4/99-12/5/99 & cookie-sale from 12/20/99-4/2/00 within City
- Approved request from John Glenn Instrumental Music Booster Organization to hold a "Tag Day" 8/28/99 & 9/11/99 in Edison School area for purpose of collecting donations to supplement Instrumental Music Program
- Approved request from John Glenn High School to hold its annual Homecoming Parade on 10/8/99 beginning at 6:30 pm from parking lot of Stottmeyer Elementary School
- Adopted Budget Amendment 2000-1, Budget Carry Forward
- Introduced Budget Amendment 2000-2, change in appointed officials pay plan
- Adopted resolution to obtain permit for construction of storm sewer connection, 2307 S Wayne Road
- Adopted resolution from Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone declaring intent to reimburse for expenditures for expansion of Court Building
- Approved design for a CSX railroad warning system project for intersection of Newburgh at Cherry Hill, Palmer, Glenwood & intersections of Wayne at Glenwood & Palmer
- 171: Close public hearing for taxing jurisdictions only, on request from Textron Automotive Company, 16115 Newburgh for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate under Act 198
- 172: Approved recommendation of Administration to accept bids for purchase of listed parcels of property & payment to City of bid amount & \$320 processing fee
- 173 & 174: Appointed J Barns as Delegate & S Scott as Alternate Delegate to Michigan Municipal League Annual Conference to be held in Grand Rapids from 10/6/99-10/8/99
- 175: Approved Check List-\$505,450.83 & Prepaid-\$1,857,211.10
- Mtg adjourned at 8:28 pm
- Minutes available in City Clerk's office

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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD *SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION JULY 6, 1999

*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's organization meeting of July 6, 1999, the full text of the minutes is on file in the office of the superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request.

President Nay convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Kirsten Galka, Frank Kokenakes, Dianne Nay, Kenneth Timmons. Absent: Daniel Lessard, Joanne Morgan, Patrick Nalley (arrived 7:19 p.m.).

Oath of Office: The Honorable Kathleen McCann, Sixteenth District Court Judge, administered the Constitutional Oath of Office to Frank J. Kokenakes and Kirsten M. Galka.

Order of Business: It was moved by President Nay and supported by Mr. Kokenakes to amend the agenda and move Item II, Election of Officers to Item VI. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

1999-2000 Meeting Schedule/Bylaws: Motion by Kokenakes and Timmons that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the following resolution to establish 1999-2000 meeting dates, procedures for the calling and posting of board meetings, and authorization to sign contracts and legal documents for the Board.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT 1999-2000

Regular meetings of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District shall be held at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Education offices, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 734-523-8800, on the first and third Mondays of each month, with the following exceptions:

- a. A regular meeting will not be held on July 19, 1999.
- b. A regular meeting will not be held on September 6 or 20, 1999.
- c. A regular meeting will not be held on January 3, 2000.

Therefore, regular Board meetings will be held on the following dates:

July	August	September	October	November	December
6	2	13	4	1	20
	(Tentative)		18	15	(Tentative)
January	February	March	April	May	June
17	7	6	3	1	5
	21	20	17	15	19

In general, the second and fourth Mondays of each month shall be reserved for Board committee meetings or special and/or study meetings as needed.

Special meetings of the Board of Education may be called by the President of the Board, or any two members thereof, by serving on the other members a written notice of the day, time, location and purpose of such meetings. Service of the notices shall be made in accordance with Board Policy BCAC and with the provisions of P.A. 267 and the General School Laws of the State of Michigan, and may be made by a member of the Board or any employee of the Board.

The Secretary of the Board shall cause public notice to be given of all meetings of the Board of Education in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Proposed minutes of Board meetings will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Board of Education offices, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, not more than eight business days after the date of each meeting, and approved minutes of each meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same location not more than five business days after the meeting at which the minutes are approved.

The President and/or Secretary of the Board shall be authorized to sign all contracts and legal documents on behalf of the Board of Education following approval by resolution of the Board unless the Board specifically designates other members of the Board in its resolution to approve the contract or legal document. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

1999-2000 Bank Depositories: Motion by Timmons and Galka that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the following resolution designating Bank One and Michigan National Bank as depositories for the school district during the 1999-2000 school year:

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Livonia Public Schools School District

RESOLVED: That the Bank One and Michigan National Bank, as designated depositories of this School District be and hereby are requested, authorized and directed to honor checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money drawn in the name of this School District against the following accounts:

Bank One Branch 41	General Fund
950-60	General Fund
45788-86	Payroll
154-31	Building Improvement & Technology Fund
155-01	Building & Site Fund
56218-34	Activity Fund
54261-54	Consolidate Debt Fund
54264-94	Community Education Refund
54275-54	

Bank One Branch 42	Lunch Fund Savings
042-4-034909-4	

Michigan National Bank	Community Education Deposit Account
6470-13095-3	

When bearing or purporting to bear the facsimile signature of Kenneth C. Watson, Jr. and Randy A. Liepa or the manual signature of Kenneth C. Watson, Jr. or Randy A. Liepa.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Livonia Public Schools School District

I, _____, Secretary of the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Livonia, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that a meeting of the Board of Education of said School District duly held on the 6th day of July, 1999, the following resolution was adopted and is now in full force and effect.

RESOLVED, That the Bank One as the designated depository of this School District is requested, authorized, and directed to honor checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money drawn in the name of this School District against the following accounts:

(Please see above list)

when bearing or purporting to bear the facsimile signature of Kenneth C. Watson, Jr. and Randy A. Liepa, or the manual signature of Kenneth C. Watson, Jr. or Randy A. Liepa.

Bank One shall be entitled to honor and charge the appropriate account for such checks, drafts, and other orders regardless of whom or by what means any such actual or purported facsimile signature may have been affixed thereto if the same resembles the facsimile specimen duly certified to Bank One by the Secretary of this School District.

Furthermore, that the Board of Education authorize the Livonia Public Schools to utilize the Michigan School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus, Bank One, Comerica, Smith Barney, Standard Federal Bank, First Federal Bank, and Midwest Guaranty Bank for investment purposes within the guidelines established by state law and Board policy as it relates to investing excess funds.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of July, 1999.

Secretary

Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Nays, Timmons. Nays: None.

Appointment of Election Staff Member: Motion by Kokenakes and Timmons that the Board of Education acknowledge the appointment of Jay Young as the staff member in charge of school elections. This appointment is made by the Board Secretary with formal acknowledgement by the Board of Education. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Appointment of Meeting Notice Administrator: Motion by Galka and Timmons that the Board of Education acknowledge the appointment of Dr. Kenneth Watson as the administrator in charge of posting meeting notices. This appointment is made by the Board Secretary with formal acknowledgement by the Board of Education. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Election of Officers - President: Mr. Kokenakes nominated Mr. Timmons for the office of president. Voting for Mr. Timmons: Galka, Kokenakes, Nay, Timmons. Mr. Timmons was elected president of the Board.

Vice Presidents: Mr. Timmons nominated Mr. Kokenakes for the office of vice president. Voting for Mr. Kokenakes: Galka, Kokenakes, Nay, Timmons. Mr. Kokenakes was elected vice president of the Board.

Secretary: Mr. Timmons nominated Mr. Nalley for the office of secretary. Voting for Mr. Nalley: Galka, Kokenakes, Nay, Timmons. Mr. Nalley was elected secretary of the Board.

Treasurer: Motion by Kokenakes and Galka that Randy A. Liepa be appointed Treasurer of the Livonia Public Schools School District for the 1999-2000 school year. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Adjournment: Motion by Kokenakes and Nalley that the organization meeting of July 6, 1999 be adjourned. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

President Nay adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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Report shows area roads are safer

The roads of southeast Michigan are getting to be a safer place to drive your car.

The number of traffic accidents in the seven county region decreased by 13,000 in 1998 when compared to the previous year, according to a report issued last week by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

The total number of crashes in the region last year was 186,693, according to the report titled "1998 Southeast Michigan Crash Summary Statistics." The report is compiled annually by SEMCOG from accident reports filled out by local police, sheriffs departments and the Michigan State Police.

The regional total in 1997 was 199,638.

"The crash rate - the number of traffic crashes per vehicle

miles traveled - decreased in the region as well. The overall crash rate in southeast Michigan was 4.39 crashes per million vehicle miles traveled in 1998, down from 4.79 crashes per million in 1997, despite the fact that vehicle miles traveled increased from 41,679 million in 1997 to 42,512 million in 1998," SEMCOG concluded in the report.

Other conclusions reached in the report:

■ Injuries occurred in 25.3 percent of all accidents in the region. That's a decline for the third year in a row. Overall, southeast Michigan accounts for 51.8 percent of all injury crashes in the state.

■ Alcohol-related accidents are on the decline. There were 8,153 crashes in the region involving alcohol, a drop in the

number for the fifth year in a row. But alcohol-related accidents are more severe. In accidents not involving alcohol, injury results about a quarter of the time. In alcohol-related accidents, injury results 46.6 percent of the time.

■ Injuries also occurred more frequently when seat belts were not used. Only 14 percent of drivers overall are injured in accidents. But when belts are not used, the injury rate jumps to 42.9 percent. Some 7,100 men were not wearing belts when they got into an accident, twice the number of women who failed to wear restraints.

■ Younger drivers were involved in more accidents. Drivers age 21-34 were involved in 27.9 percent of accidents, compared to 24.2 percent for drivers between the ages of 35

and 49. ■ The number of elderly drivers involved in accidents dropped in 1998, from 22,653 in 1997 to 21,523 in 1998. But the proportion of crashes involving the elderly was slightly higher, 11.5 percent versus 11.1 the previous year. Nonetheless, the statistics showed elderly drivers were more likely to be hurt in an accident, 16.6 percent were hurt or killed in accidents compared to a percentage of 13.9 for all drivers.

Monroe County is the safest place to drive. The accident rate per million vehicle miles traveled there is only 2.5. Livingston County had the second lowest rate, 3.11. Oakland ranked fifth with a rate of 4.01 per million miles traveled. Wayne County was in last place, with a rate of 4.99.

Attorney General takes on 'jabbertalk' solicitors

Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm issued a Consumer Alert Monday regarding charitable fund-raisers.

"The smooth-talking, fast-acting caller who interrupts your dinner hour or your family time wants you to believe everything they tell you, but sometimes what they tell you is false. Jabbertalks, better known today as telephone solicitors, will actually lie to get you to give money, maybe because their job depends on how much money they collect in an evening of calling," Granholm said.

"Michigan has many charities that do wonderful work in our communities and around the world. Unfortunately there are many others who jabber and talk about their wonderful

work but do little or nothing that is worthwhile... The donor must beware."

Those who receive calls from charities are advised to ask a number of questions: Is the caller a volunteer or a paid fund-raiser? Does the caller work for a professional fund-raiser or the charity? Where is the organization located? How much of the donation will go for the charitable cause?

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the big sweepers. In the old days, she said, there might be only four riders on the trip and they'd "laugh at you if you didn't go twice the speed limit," but now they keep it under 15 over the posted limit.

The destination this day was an ice cream parlor in Jackson where everyone had a dish of something they'd regret the next time they put on a pair of pants. Norm Patterson's banana split was nearly a foot high.

Andes explained that she has only been riding motorcycles for three years. "I got started because I turned 50 and I was single and the kids were grown,"

she said. The activity didn't strike her as particularly dangerous because she was once an avid horse rider and perhaps had more experience than she cares to admit in falling off of them.

Andes dumped her Virago when it had just 388 miles on the odometer and walked away from it. She even rode the bike home. Yet she once broke her foot falling off a horse.

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Andrea Galindo, 19, daughter of Joe and Candy Galindo, recently won the title of Miss Junior Westland. She will compete for the title of Miss Junior Michigan Feb. 26.

The state winner will travel to New Jersey in July to compete for the national title of Miss Junior America.

She is a pre-med student at Wayne State University, majoring in Spanish, and hopes to become a neurosurgeon. She is a Presidential Scholar and an honors student. She is also involved in the Delta Zeta sorority and Phi Eta Sigma honor society, The Student Alumni Association and volunteers at Harper Hospital.

Her sponsors are Paula Reiche and Barbara Vance.



Andrea Galindo
Miss Junior Westland

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 48135-2499, (734) 523-6814 on or before **September 3, 1999 at 4:00 p.m.**, for the following items:

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ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act Number 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, that a public hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Zoning Board of Appeals at 7:30 p.m., August 25, 1999 at the City of Garden City City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed Dimensional Variance from 161.039, Fences, of the Zoning Ordinance to erect a privacy fence that extends beyond the rear yard approximately 20 feet on the north side property line. Section 161.039C(1), permits fences in the rear yard only in residential districts. This section further prohibits any fence to extend beyond the rear corners of a house. The property is located at 1660 Deering.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the variance application may be examined at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the Public Hearing. Written comments may be sent to the above address.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS, City Clerk
RANDY TEMPLETON, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

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On Tuesday, August 17, 1999, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicle. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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85 MERC	4DR TOPAZ	BLACK	2MEBP75X2FB645418
89 CHEV	2DR BERETTA	BLACK	1G1LW14W2KY200178
89 FORD	VAN	WHITE	1FTEE14Y8KH005485

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 AM at Westland Car Care, 6376 Hix Road, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

84 PLYM	VOYAGER VAN	WHITE	2P4FH21G1ER63162
77 PLYM	VOYAGER VAN	ORANGE	RS23U0A176737
89 FORD	ESCORT 4DR	BLUE	1FAPP9596KW189712
78 MERC	COUGAR 2DR	GRAY	8H193H846305
86 PONT	4DR SUNBIRD	GRAY	1G2JB6904G7612774
81 CHEV	2DR MONTECARLO	WHITE	2G1AZ37K6B1413986
84 VW	2DR SICROCCO	GRAY	VWVCA0538FK002765
77 OLDS	2DR DELTA88	MAROON	3N37K7M424581
77 MERC	4DR MONARCH	WHITE	7E34F657734
82 PONT	2DR GRAND AM	WHITE	1G2NE11U7HC761623
87 CHEVY	CAVLIER 2DR	BLUE	1G1JE5119HJ123062
85 CHEVY	BERETTA 2DR	RED	1G1LV141XJY601712

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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OBITUARIES

LEORA I. THRASHER

Services for Leora "Tim" Thrasher, 87, of Wayne were Aug. 9 in Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West in Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Robert Joy.

Mrs. Thrasher was born March 18, 1912, in Nankin Township and died Aug. 6 in Wayne. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, Robert (Agnes) Talaga of Westland and Stephen (Marilyn) Talaga of Negaunee, Mich.; daughter, Geraldine (Paul) Thomas of Westland; and brother, Frank (Beth) Cordts of Morenci, Mich.

Mrs. Thrasher was preceded in death by her son, Eugene Talaga.

Memorials may be made to First Congregational Church, 2 Towne Square, Wayne, MI 48184.

DOROTHY LEE ALLEN

Services for Dorothy Allen, 78, of Westland were Aug. 9 in Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Jimmy Lawson.

Mrs. Allen was born Sept. 26, 1920, in Cadiz, Ky., and died Aug. 6 in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, James; daughters, Imogene (James) Pfau of Galesburg,

Mich., Rita Barkman of Westland and June Bechtol of Inkster; brothers, John (Laverne) Mart of Roseville and Shelby (Betty) Mart of Cadiz, Ky.; sisters, Margaret (Alex) McAllister of Cadiz, Ky., Laura (Jolly) Jones of Cadiz, Ky., and Ann Kenneda of Battle Creek.

Memorials may be made to American Lung Association, 18860 W. 10 Mile, Southfield, MI 48075-2689.

SAAD MOSES SAAD

Services for Saad Saad, 74, of Westland were Aug. 11 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Officiating was David-Palmer, chaplain, Providence Hospital

Mr. Saad was born March 7, 1925, in Detroit and died Aug. 9 in Southfield. He was a machine operator.

Surviving are his daughters, Karen (Leon) Rousseau and Mary (Terry) Winstead; brothers, Mike, Hank and Anthony; and five grandchildren

Memorials may be made to St. Maron Parish.

ANTONINA M. KUZMICH

Services for Antonina Kuzmich, 84, of Westland were Aug. 10 in Fred Wood Funeral Home in Livonia with burial at Holy Sepul-

chre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Kuzmich was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., and died Aug. 7 at her residence in Westland. She did quality control in the manufacturing industry.

Surviving are her son, Lawrence Kuzmich; one brother; two sisters; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

ALICE H. HANNAH

Services for Alice Hannah, 60, of Westland were Aug. 11 in Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West in Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Gary D. Headapohl.

Mrs. Hannah was born May 18, 1939, in Ann Arbor and died Aug. 7 in Dearborn. She was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church. She was employed as a retail manager.

Surviving are her husband, Frank O'Hara of Westland; son, John Hannah of Candler, N.C.; brother, Irving Kemp of Michigan; sisters, Ellsie (Harold) Knight-Petrosky of Wayne, Dorothy Kamine of Southgate and Beatrice Cooley of Pennsylvania.

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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD *SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION JULY 6, 1999

*The following is a summary in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of July 6, 1999; the full text of the minutes is on file in the office of the superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request.

President Timmons convened the meeting at 7:29 p.m., in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Kirsten Galka, Frank Kokenakes, Patrick Nalley, Dianne Nay, Kenneth Timmons. Absent: Daniel Lessard, Joanne Morgan.

Audience Communications: Karen Click, 35441 Parkdale; Dave Gornall, 35721 Minton; Laurie Carse, 35314 Richland; Karin Danke, 35108 Leon; Jim Brachulis, 35221 Pinetree; Cathey Brachulis, 35221 Pinetree; Carol Rossow, 35600 Parkdale; Ann Hassell, 9912 Hambleton; Julie Van, 35220 Pinetree; Michael Woynick, 35511 Richland; addressed the Board regarding looking at the possibilities of boundary changes for Garfield in order to keep the school small. Barbara Strong, 8010 Newburgh, Westland; Dawn Beier, 35725 Joy, Westland; Kerri Stephenson, 7241 Wilderness Park No. 201, Westland; Kevin Whitehead, 35656 Minton; addressed the Board in favor of adding the four additional rooms to Garfield for specials, such as the instrumental program and foreign languages that will be initiated this school year. Without these rooms Garfield will not be able to incorporate these programs into their curriculum.

Secretary Nalley asked that the Garfield Additions be brought back to a study committee. It was agreed that the item would be put on a committee agenda.

William Fried, 16009 Riverside, addressed the Board regarding the Bentley property and a land swap with the City of Livonia.

Recess: President Timmons recessed the meeting at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:16 p.m.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Nay and Kokenakes that the following consent agenda items be approved as recommended by the superintendent: I.V.A Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 21, 1999. I.V.B Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of June 21, 1999. I.V.C Minutes of the Closed Session of June 21, 1999. I.V.D Minutes of the Closed Session of June 28, 1999. I.V.A Approval of general fund checks in the amount of \$1,912,965.00. Approval of general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$1,394,831.48. V.I.B Authorization of the purchase of 60 mobile radios from Allen Electronics, Inc., for \$27,000 to be used by fleet maintenance. V.I.C Authorization of the low bid of \$134,960 from H&J Engineering to replace cafeteria tables at Buchanan, Garfield, Hoover, and Kennedy schools. V.I.D Authorization of the low bid of \$20,150 from Great Lakes Power Lift to purchase a Hyster hi-bo for the warehouse. V.I.E Authorization of the low bid of \$482,271.33 from Cadillac Asphalt to repair asphalt at ten sites. V.I.F Acknowledged receipt of the results of the canvass of the June 14 regular school board election for Livonia Public Schools School District, which was certified unanimously by the Board of Canvassers at a meeting on June 17, 1999. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Textbook Purchase: Motion by Nay and Galka that the Board of Education purchase the following textbooks for secondary courses: The New A.C. Certified Training Guide, 1998, Marcraft International Corporation for \$1,798.50 and The Dynamics of Fashion, 1999, Fairchild Books, for \$2,065. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Purchase of Computers: Motion by Nalley and Kokenakes that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 80 iMac computers from Apple Computer, Inc., the sole supplier, for a total purchase price of \$93,040. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Purchase of Portable Keyboards: Motion by Galka and Nalley that the Board of Education approve the purchase of AlphaSmart portable keyboards for a total price of \$22,259.77 from The Learning Center, the 1999 Michigan REMC Bid List vendor. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Purchase of File Servers: Motion by Nay and Kokenakes that the Board of Education approve the purchase of three Hewlett Packard File Servers from the low bidder, Sehi Computer, for a total purchase price of \$32,172. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Deferring Land Swap: Motion by Nay and Galka that the Board of Education approve delegating to the superintendent or his designee the authority to take either no action on any land swap proposed by the City until the year 2000 or to offer the City a one-year option to make an acceptable land swap offer for the Bentley site as per the following letter of intent and option format.

The Honorable Jack E. Kirksey
Mayor, City of Livonia
Department of Law
Attention: Mr. Sean Kavanagh
33000 Civic Center Drive
Livonia, MI 48154-3097

RE: Land Swap Between the District and City of Livonia for the Bentley Site and Lands to be Designated by the City.

Dear Mayor Kirksey:

This will confirm that the Livonia Public Schools School District will likely resolve on July 6, 1999 to agree to extend to the City of Livonia an Option to propose an acceptable land swap for purchase of the district's Bentley Site for one year from the date referenced below provided, the City first approves this letter agreement and authorizes it to be signed where indicated below.

This Option will, however, terminate upon the District's rejection of any timely offer made by the City and the City has, in any event, until 5:00 p.m. on the 15th day of September, 2000 to make any such offer or its option will expire. While this option is in force, the District will not transfer title to the Bentley Site to anyone other than a successor District and any such conveyance will be subject to this option.

Should any offer be made by the City to the District, the District agrees to accept or reject or make a counteroffer to same within 60 days of the District's receipt of any such offer.

The District hereby withdraws all prior offers and this letter supercedes all prior offers made by and discussions had between the City and/or the District.

If this letter is recorded anywhere, the option granted herein shall become immediately null and void and of no further force or effect.

Finally, the parties signing below warrant and represent that they were authorized to bind the entities on whose behalf they have signed and that said authority was the subject of a duly made resolution of the controlling board of each said entity.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Kenneth C. Watson
Superintendent

Agreed on behalf of the City of Livonia:

is:

KCW:kl

79455 Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Teachers for Approval: Motion by Nalley and Kokenakes that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer of employment for the 1999-2000 school year to the following teachers: Laura Alcala-Hernandez, Shannon Berlin, Cindy Canning, Christine Daly-Damiani, Tiffany Deffibaugh, Lori Delany, Marilyn Eriebel, Julie Garrison, Dawn Langston, William Lanspeary, Lori Morgan, Lynn Parker, Marilyn Ponto, Kristen Prosser, Heidi Richardson, Stephanie Sealbolt, Charles Steffes, Diane Terrenault and Kristie Wells. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Teacher Recall: Motion by Kokenakes and Nay that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and recall to district employment as a teacher for the 1999-2000 school year: Victor Porreca, dated July 6, 1999. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Retirements: Motion by Galka and Nay that the Board of Education adopt resolutions of appreciation for the services rendered by Andrew Javonavich and Marianne Sinclair. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Resignation: The Board of Education accepted the resignation of Kathleen Guntzwiller, effective June 24, 1999.

Reports from the Superintendents: Dr. Watson acknowledged Terry Herdman for his new title of Assistant Director of Data Management Services. Read a resolution sent by Lyn Banks, Wayne County Commissioner, which recognized James Watters for his years on the Board of Education and his community involvement. Dr. Watters received the MEAP results and stated the district did exceedingly well.

Honoring from Board Members: The Board discussed the MEAP scores, congratulated the newly elected Board members, and congratulated the newly elected officers of the Board.

Adjournment: Motion by Nalley and Nay that the regular meeting of July 6, 1999 be adjourned. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

President Timmons adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

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Task force on violence turns to schools for ideas

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School violence is a problem that "almost defies solutions," according to state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton.

"Usually, those of us in the legislature think we have the good ideas. We come up with our one or two concepts and say, 'OK, now everyone is going to do this.' When it comes to an issue like school violence, it would be foolish thinking to believe we could solve the problem that way," he said.

Instead, the Michigan Senate's S.A.F.E. Schools Task Force wanted to create a "clearing-house" for ideas about programs designed to address violence. The final report of the task force, issued last week, serves primarily as that.

Having surveyed school districts across the state about the school violence and conflict resolution programs they already have in operation, the report outlines the programs as described by local schools.

Among the area school districts whose programs are detailed in the report are Rochester Schools, Farmington Public Schools, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Along with compiling the program information, the task force created a website - at www.gop.senate.state.mi.us/senator/emmons/ - where the report and later updates will be posted.

Task force assigned

In the wake of the shooting this spring at Columbine High School in Colorado, State Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, assigned the 17-member task force to review the subject of violence in the schools.



State Rep. Loren Bennett

erly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, Dale Shugars, R-Portage, Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, and Robert Emerson, D-Flint. Also serving on the task force were Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard, Okemos School Superintendent Dr. Dan Wertz and Hazel Park School District Administrator Jon Archibald.

"I was very intrigued," Emmons said. "We heard about some programs that deal with children in ways that I didn't know children could be dealt with."

Emmons said she was most intrigued with a program being operated by the Allegan County Intermediate School District. The program views parents as the child's first teacher. So it provides mentors to assist parents in teaching skills to their youngsters, from birth to age 5, that will improve reading and learning skills later on.

Task force staff aide Patty Hertich said she expected reaction to the report to be somewhat "mixed."

"A lot of school districts have been working on this issue and for them, they may look at the report and say, 'Been there, done that,'" she explained. "But for any school district that is just getting started, this should be a really wonderful tool."

The task force did make several recommendations for new legislation. The panel recommended that the Legislature should take up a bill to allow for the sharing of information between mental health agencies, schools, and law enforcement regarding the conduct of students. It also called for a bill stating that any child who commits an act of cruelty to animals or an arson should be "guaranteed intervention services."

Recommendations

The panel also recommended that individual school districts should:

- Develop crisis response plans.
- Work with law enforcement agencies to develop the crisis plan.
- Contact the Michigan Psychological Association for more information on potential violent behavior warning signs.
- Participate in training seminars offered around the state on violence prevention.

The task force called for the Office of Safe Schools, which is set to begin operations in October, to:

- Maintain and update the violence prevention website.
- Consider a hotline for students to report suspected acts or threats of violence.
- Categorize and dispense crisis plans and S.A.F.E. Schools' plans to districts which request them.
- Create an advisory committee to ensure that violence prevention programs are credible.
- Develop "best practice guidelines," based on research to advise school districts which prevention plans are the most effective to put in place.

Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, said she has been working on a proposal with Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, to toughen penalties for threats made against schools. At present, such threats count only as misdemeanors. Johnson and McCotter plan to introduce the bill shortly.

School ideas

Local programs noted in the report included:

- The Peer Mediation Hotline in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. An anonymous tip line.
- The Character Counts program in Plymouth-Canton

Schools. This program is based on the core ethical values which comprise the "six pillars of character" - trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

■ Community Circle, for grades K-5, in Rochester Community Schools. The program uses role playing, videos and other instructional techniques to teach conflict resolution and decision-making skills.

■ The Elementary Student Assistance Program in Farmington Public Schools. The program is a community-based effort designed to provide education, early identification, referral and support services to "at risk" students.

■ The Crisis Management Pol-

icy in Farmington Schools. Crisis response teams have five sub-committees covering areas of responsibility such as emergency items, general security, communication and trauma.

■ Positive Peer Intervention in Walled Lake Consolidated Schools for grades 7-12. Two separate classes of boys and girls, each containing 15 students, learn to deal with conflict.


■ The Options Room in Walled Lake Schools. Students are sent to an "Options Room" when they have committed a minor infraction. The room is designed to help students understand the choices they made that caused the situation and provides them with the skills to avoid further conflict.

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For the greater good Festival requires cooperation

It's high time to be grown-up for the adults involved in this year's Westland Summer Festival.

The event was held June 30 through July 4 and included a parade, classic car show, rides, entertainment, booths, fireworks and other fun. Festival committee members say they need more cooperation from the city.

City officials, including Mayor Robert Thomas, counter that they were treated rudely at festival events. Clearly, there's room for improvement on both sides of the fence if the event is to continue and thrive. We appreciate the efforts of all involved, but that's not to say it couldn't be a more cooperative venture.

Some event organizers and city officials are longtime political enemies, and that seems to have spilled over into the festival.

"This animosity ... has got to stop," festival Chairman Kenneth Mehl said last week during a Westland City Council meeting.

We agree. The summer fest brings a lot of fun to the city, and it's time for festival organizers and city officials to stop their petty squabbling before damage is done to this popular event.

Festival organizers already have started planning next summer's festival, and we would encourage an amicable approach from all concerned.

Some city leaders said they've never been

SUMMER FESTIVAL

asked to help with the festival. Maybe they should offer their services rather than waiting for an invitation.

At the same time, we would hope that festival organizers would make a heartfelt attempt to treat city officials with respect - including those volunteers who don't like Mayor Thomas and his political supporters.

Festival volunteer Sam Corrado told council members, "This festival, ladies and gentlemen, is a jewel of your city."

We concur that the festival is an asset to the community and should continue. It provided enjoyment for many area families this summer and we hope that will continue in the summer of 2000 and beyond.

Burying the hatchet sounds like a good idea to us - an idea whose time has come. Let's all work together to see that the 2000 Westland Summer Festival is the best ever, an event that has people talking about what a great place Westland is.

Working together is always better than bickering, so let's make cooperation - and courtesy - the goal here and now.

Let's not let political differences spoil the fun for everyone.

Development has a price tag

There is a stretch of M-14 between Plymouth Township and Ann Arbor that's a visual oasis from our urban clutter of housing developments, mega-malls and office complexes.

In summer, the groves of trees are thick, deep green. Between the trees, you can see a few aging farm buildings and in the open areas you're likely to see cattle, sheep and horses grazing. In the fall, the trees turn brilliant - fiery reds, glowing yellows, deep umbers. And when winter comes and the stiff winds blow across the highway, the landscape after a fresh snow has a stark beauty.

In September, Salem Township officials will consider a proposal for bringing water and sewer services to this area. Mall developer Al Taubman recently bought 200 acres at the M-14-Gotfredson interchange as a possible site for a new shopping center. Others also have designs on developing that area. For many this rush to development is inevitable, the onward march of progress.

It is hard for a newspaper to argue against development. We benefit in many ways. More housing means more circulation. More stores mean potentially more advertising.

We understand that new construction means jobs. We know that as the population grows, we need new housing.

We understand that land owners expect and deserve a fair market return on the land they own.

But we also know that once green land is lost, it's lost forever. We know that we pay a high price as a society when we take away that greenbelt.

Al Taubman has been a generous steward of his fortune. He has recently been a major benefactor to the Detroit Institute of Arts and the University of Michigan, where his donations will particularly strengthen their architecture program.

The paintings at the DIA are spectacular, but the greatest landscape painting pales

beside that stretch of M-14 in all its autumn glory.

And sometimes the best architecture in the world is no architecture at all - as many forward-thinking architects have argued for decades. We need open spaces, trees to reinvigorate the air, farmland to separate urban areas, parks that are left natural. Some cities, such as Portland, Ore., have even factored greenbelts into their regional planning.

Do we really need yet another unattractive shopping mall with acres of blacktopped parking, surrounded, as inevitably it would be, by one lookalike housing development after another. Briarwood, Laurel Park, Westland, Wonderland, Twelve Oaks and a seemingly endless string of strip malls seem to provide more shopping than we really need, though we're sure that the Taubman company has marketing studies that show otherwise. They're the most successful mall developers in the world, and they know where the profits are. But at what a cost, to the greenbelt and to the urban areas left behind.

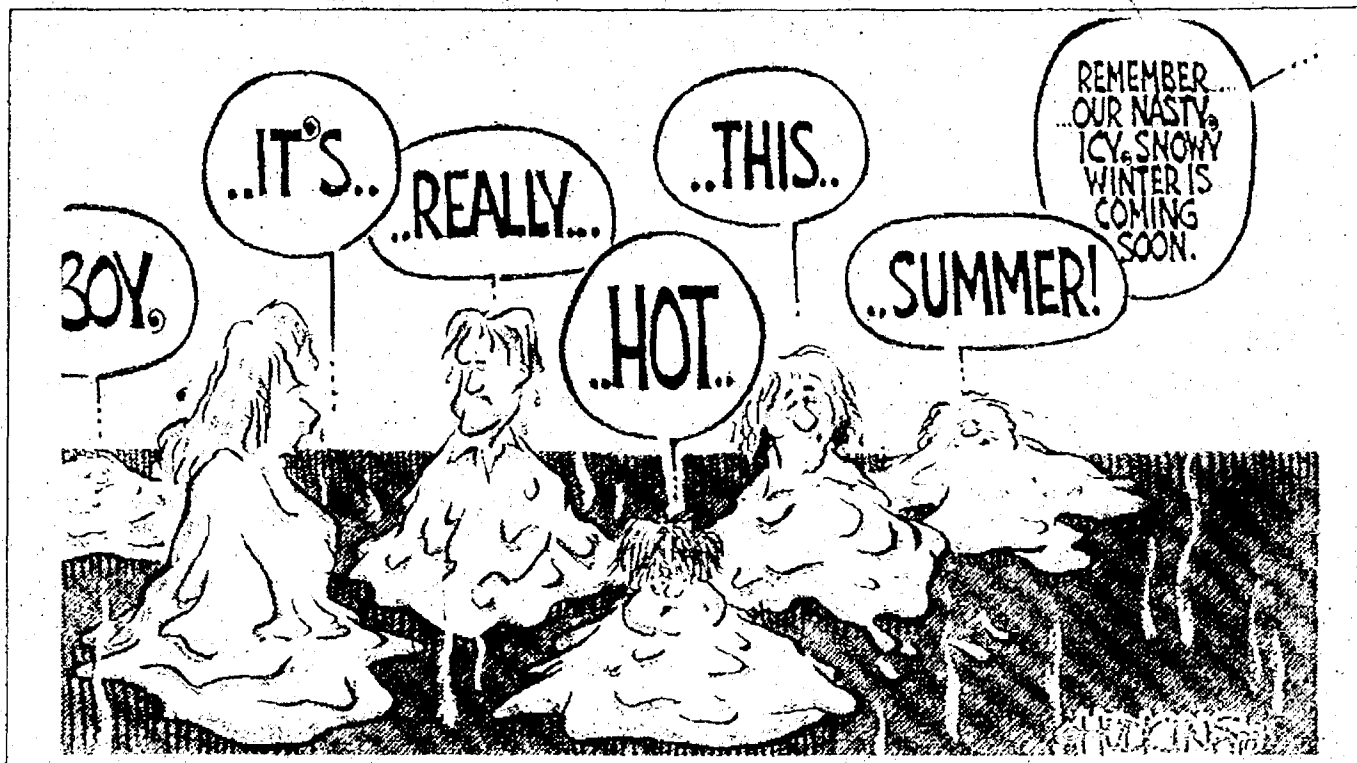
While we move ever westward and northward, the central city and the older suburbs are being left to decline. There are still areas in these cities for development and redevelopment. There is a great opportunity for designing and building new urban centers, not over farm and parkland but within the older cities themselves.

Perhaps development is inevitable, perhaps we can never escape the famous Joni Mitchell line in "The Big Yellow Taxi": "They've paved paradise and put up a parking lot."

But we ask the Salem Township officials to consider all the ramifications of what they are, almost certainly, about to do. We ask that they consider the lifestyle they now enjoy for themselves and the special quality enhancement their rural area provides for those who are lucky enough to drive through.

Understand clearly what you and we are about to lose.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

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Smoking concerns

To Philip Morris Inc.:

I just wanted to commend you folks on what a marvelous marketing job you are doing. In the Livonia school system, all kids go through the City of Livonia or City of Westland DARE program. In spite of all the DARE programs, the Surgeon General's warnings, the parental advice and example, even in spite of physical evidence that my 14-year-old son could not run as fast at the end of the school year as he could at the beginning, you can see teenagers smoking all around the Livonia Franklin High School area.

In spite of the laws forbidding minors to purchase tobacco and stores to sell tobacco to minors, teenagers are still smoking. In the city of Westland, teenagers can buy tobacco products ... and these kids are walking around in public smoking. Outrageous prices don't deter them. Even television ads depicting the disgusting effects of smoking have had no effect on my son and his many friends. You have the power of peer pressure on your side and what a wonderful tool it is. Your people should be very proud of themselves for the continued success of your business. I hope they are rewarded with a lucrative profit sharing program.

I was also thinking that maybe another clever marketing tool you could use is to give out coupons with each purchase worth \$1 toward funeral expense. Maybe you could get the gum and LifeSaver people to go in on it with you because the kids always try to mask the smell of smoke on their breath with their products. The kids could just store the coupons in one of their Airwalk shoeboxes someplace where their families can find them when they are needed in the not too distant future.

Say, do the children of Philip Morris employees get a discount on cigarettes?

C. Furman
Westland mother

Hold industry responsible

Many will recall President Clinton's pledge during his State of the Union address to pursue a lawsuit against the tobacco industry. This lawsuit would seek to recover billions of federal taxpayer dollars spent to treat tobacco-related illnesses.

In the president's annual budget, he requested \$20 million for the Department of Justice to pursue the lawsuit, but Congress has balked. In a key appropriations bill, language was added to say that no funds would

be provided for tobacco litigation.

The American Heart Association believes that the Department of Justice has a duty to recover these costs based upon the tobacco industry's deliberate misconduct and long history of deceit. Tobacco has not only ravaged the health of Americans, it has also sapped our financial resources.

Every year, taxpayers pay over \$34 billion at the state and federal levels to care for people who get sick from tobacco use. This is money that should be returned to the taxpayer's pocket. Yet the tobacco industry continues to aggressively market its products, especially to our children, indifferent to the costs levied on every American. They continue to lie about the harm their products cause and they continue to try to hide their business practices from the eyes of Americans. They do all this for the bottom line - profit.

The tobacco industry must be held accountable for their lies, their deceit, and for the harm their products cause. A lawsuit to recover tobacco-related health costs would do just that. Two senators, Bob Graham and Richard Durbin, are working together to remove barriers to this suit. The American Heart Association urges all members of Congress to support their efforts and work to keep taxpayer dollars in the taxpayers' pocket.

Frank J. Borovsky
chairman, American Heart Association
Midwest Affiliate

Protect freedoms

Immediately following high-profile crimes committed by gun-toting vermin, emotional clamoring for more gun restrictions drown out reason and liberals attack pro-liberty individuals as "gun nuts."

In response, our government willingly passes laws trampling on personal freedoms. This scenario has played out many times in the last 20 years, turning guns into the most regulated product in the United States. Today, it is harder to acquire a gun legally than at any other point in our country's history and law-abiding citizens are at the mercy of armed criminals wandering our streets. When will this perpetual cycle of failed laws end?

If insanity is the act of doing the same thing over and over but expecting a different result, perhaps we need to re-evaluate who the "nuts" are in this debate.

Steve Sutton
Farmington

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QUESTION:

Who's your best friend?



"Kevin Mahoney."
Norm Carver
Westland



"My classmate. My best friend is in China: Yang Zhao."
Haijun Guo
Canton



"Christine Zaa. We went to high school together."
Jade Carrel
Canton



"Darren (fiancé). He's very caring, loving. He'll do anything for me."
Patrice Reaves
Westland

We asked this question at Westland's public library.

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--- Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Good newspaper starts with ideas from good readers

It's been great learning all about Westland, although there's still much I don't know. My appointment last week as Westland editor got me thinking about all the great stories just waiting out there. Of course, Westland wasn't entirely new. I'd done a fill-in stint in August through October of 1997 and filled in since May of this year when then-editor Beth Sundria Jachman left to have a baby. Still, there's something about the assignment becoming permanent.

Reporter Darrell Clem and others at the paper have been a big help with story ideas. My first week on the permanent job found me doing a story on "Teen Scene," a new Westland cable show for teens done through WLND,

the city's cable station. Other stories have followed and with each I'm learning the ropes, finding my way around town and putting names with faces. Tuesday's Westland Chamber of Commerce picnic at Central City Park was another opportunity to meet people and learn about their concerns.

That's where you come in. I'd appreciate knowing what kinds of stories you'd like to see in the Observer. My phone number is (734) 953-2126, e-mail is jbrown@oe.homecomm.net and the address for the paper is 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. If you have an idea for something you think your neighbors would like to read about, please let me know. My husband and I had shopped for



JULIE BROWN

years at Westland Center, with purchases ranging from relatively small (running shoes) to large (living room sofa). On our last trip, I was still interim editor, but took note of storefront changes. A call to Westland Cen-

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ter during the business week and a front page story soon followed. That's the kind of editor I aim to be, out on the beat as much as possible, learning about potential stories. I hope there won't be any gaffes in these early months, or later, but will do my best to get the facts right. If you have concerns about the content of this newspaper, I'd appreciate knowing those, too. Compliments are

always appreciated, but it's unrealistic to think that all will be happy at all times. We aim to please, but can't really do that without your help. Thanks again for your help, and I look forward to hearing from more of you. Julie Brown is community editor for the Westland Observer and a resident of Plymouth Township.

Ban fertilizer around lakes to keep the bottom sandy

I've been to Michigan before and I love yer Great Lakes," a guy named Jack Murphy told me in a slow Texan drawl. This visitor from San Antonio, located in the heart of one of the famed "Sunbelt" states, was telling me why he liked to travel to a "Rust-belt" state like Michigan. I had to know more.

"We've got the Gulf, a course, and I like go swimmin' there. But, as soon as you jump in the water, you have to do this ..." Murphy made a comical face, scrunching it up to clamp his eyes and mouth tightly shut. It's the salt water, he explained. "It makes yer eyes sting. It tastes nasty."

"Ya don't have to do that in the Great Lakes. They are so much nicer to swim in."

I met Murphy in Dearborn just one day before I, my wife, our three kids and two dogs were scheduled to jump in the family van and head off on our annual pilgrimage to Michigan's great northern forests. Each year we make the trek to an old-log cabin on the north shore of Higgins Lake.

If Murphy likes the Great Lakes,



MIKE MALOTT

when he put it there. It's crystal clear. The lake bottom, nearly all sand, is quite shallow, waist to chest deep, for about 100 yards off the shoreline before it drops off. The result is a huge area where young and old can wade out and do a bit of splashing around.

But I'd be lying if I told you all was well with Michigan lakes, even Higgins. In the past few years, I've noticed signs of stress even in that great northern lake.

Few people would even notice the little clumps of seaweed that are beginning to take hold on the bottom but it's a sure sign nutrients are mak-

ing their way into the lake. And if it's happening way up north, imagine what the problem is like in southeast Michigan.

Well, in this area, in fact, it is nothing new. Lakefront homeowners in the Detroit metro area have been battling with excessive weed and algae growth in their swimming holes for years. It has long since reached the point that many area lakes are suffering from "eutrophication," that is accelerated aging.

Much of the problem is due to runoff from development, carrying with it the nutrients that spur the weed and algae growth. There are also natural sources. Bird droppings around the lake, for instance, certainly add to the nutrients in the water.

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, told me recently that 80 percent of pollution in lakes in this area is from humans, mainly the result of sewer overflows and failing septic systems.

I know the Department of Environmental Quality thinks that's the primary problem at Higgins Lake. It has been pressuring the cabin owners

there to install sewers to replace all the old septic systems crowded around the lake. I'm in favor of that, but most other cabin owners there object to the costs. And I can appreciate that. The expense of sewers would be hard on some people's pocketbooks.

Still, there is one source of pollution that could be eliminated today and would not cost anyone a penny. In fact, it would save homeowners money.

It's lawn fertilizer. I can't figure out exactly why people drive three hours to spend their time at a cabin in the northern woods manicuring a tiny patch of grass. But some do. And it seems that more of them are doing it these days.

In southeast Michigan, where most of the landowners live on the lake year-round, the problem is worse. For some reason, many feel the need to coiffure their lawns right to the edge of the lake. I don't get the point. Isn't a shoreline lot supposed to be a little sandy with relatively sparse vegetation ... like a beach?

When it rains, much of the fertilizer - if not most of it - ends up in the

lake, fertilizing seaweed and algae rather than the lawn. For some reason, the state has yet to ban the use of lawn fertilizer near lakes, although clearly it should. There should be a 100-yard, or perhaps even a 200-yard, no-fertilizer zone around all lakes, streams, rivers and watercourses in the state.

Lawmakers may argue such a ban would be hard to enforce, but I can't see why it would be any more difficult than enforcing the state's ban on burning leaves, enacted in part for the same reason: to keep rain runoff from flushing ashes and partially burned leaves into the lakes.

Some homeowners would howl over such a restriction, just as they did with the burning ban. But whose interests does it serve, really, to have a pool-table-like yard right to the water's edge?

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GM tech center will stay here with or without tax abatement

I don't get it. I've been reporting numerous disputes for the Observer Newspapers about city council members feuding on whether they should approve a property tax break for a company planning to build a new structure. Frankly, my dear, most others don't care. In nearly all cases, the planned development or expansion may mean a shorter or slightly longer commute for the employees of that specific company.

For those who are job-hunting or looking for professional advancement, the developments may mean new career opportunities. But the opportunities would be there anyway - unless the company intends to move from southeast Michigan to northeast Ohio.

What generates this discussion is the ongoing dispute between the cities of Warren and Troy on a planned General Motors expansion of its sprawling tech center in Warren.

The Troy City Council has repeatedly refused to approve a waiver for GM to expand its Warren facility - a waiver that is required under a 1974 state law providing property tax breaks for businesses.

The state policy, which may have made sense then but now is clearly outdated in this age of global competition, was to encourage businesses to locate in Michigan instead of another state. The tax break, if approved by the local city officials, would allow the company to cut its property tax bill for a maximum of 12 years if it created new jobs.

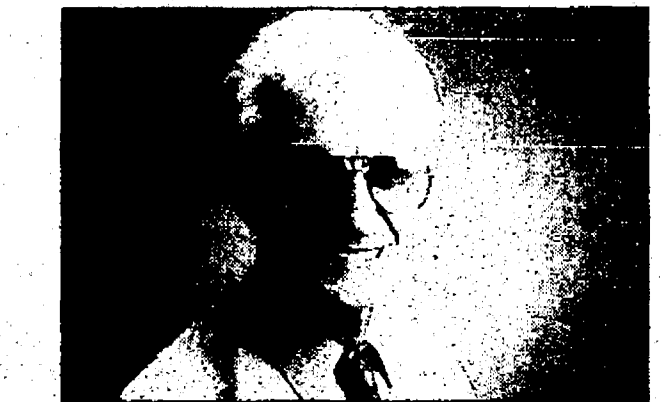
But if a company received the break in Community A, for example, and years later wanted to move 10 minutes away to Community B, the latter had to obtain a waiver from the former.

The Troy-Warren feud reminds me of the silliness of the policy. Some 22 years ago, the Livonia City Council was caught in a political vise when Ford Motor Co. asked for the tax break to help pay for a \$313 million addition to its transmission plant.

Remember, the addition was nearly the same cost of the just-opened Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit.

Several officials questioned the need for the tax break since Ford had already started construction on the addition.

What would the company do if the council



LEONARD POGER

If GM is serious about expanding its sprawling tech center, built in the mid-1950s, let the company proceed without the tax break. After all, what else will it do? Build a new tech center in southeast Asia?

refused to approve the tax break? It would fill the holes already drilled in preparation for the expansion and move the transmission work to an existing plant in southern Ohio, said a councilman who, by a nice coincidence, was a Ford engineer.

The squeeze was put on the council by the plant's UAW officials who wanted to create new jobs in western Wayne County.

The company, with the union's help, prevailed, and the tax break was approved.

Let's face it. The tax abatement issue is one for the politicians to argue over, but it rarely does anything for most of their residents.

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It's time for the state Legislature to drop the tax abatement law and let a company locate in Warren, Livonia or Garden City because it's a good business decision - not because the company can blackmail a city council for a tax break on a building it was going to build there anyway.

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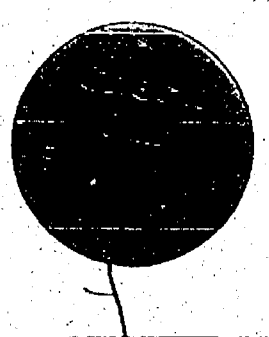
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Sticky wicket of obligation, commitment

You hear about a great job, right up your alley, so you apply for it. During the interview, the employer tells you that he would like you to sign a two-year work contract with them.

You have no problem with that because you think highly of this company. They are paying you big bucks and are giving you four weeks vacation per year.

But after a few months on the job, things change and you begin to feel like the boss doesn't listen to your ideas. Your enthusiasm wanes. You come home one night and tell your spouse, "I feel like breaking the contract with these jerks. They just don't know how to run a business."

But you are surprised by your spouse's response.

"But honey, you are obligated to stay with this company. You signed on knowing you were going to commit to two years. Don't you feel any responsibility to them?"

You start to feel sick. How obligated are you to stick it out? Guilt sets in. Then you start to rationalize.

"Hey, Barry Sanders of the Detroit Lions broke his contract with management. And he stands to lose \$7 million. I'm not losing anything."

Your spouse over hears you mumbling.

"And what do you propose to tell your children about people's responsibility to their obligations?"

This is a very sticky wicket — obligations and commitment.

A friend of mine once told me about a situation in which a man and a woman were having an adulterous affair.

The man was assured daily by her that the woman was going to leave her husband "any minute" to join him.

When the day of reckoning arrived, the man, who had waited patiently for her to serve papers for divorce on her husband, found out that she decided at the last minute to return to her marriage and try to make it work.

Why, he wondered. She loved me. She was going to leave the husband. How could she stay with him?

The reason was her commitment. She had made a promise and a vow to stay in the marriage no matter what, and when the rubber met the road, she fell back on the commitment she had made.

Do you notice how quickly we break commitments that we make? Do our children pick up on this and do the same? You bet.

Maybe we need to think about things that we commit to longer and harder before we say, "Yes, I'll do that." We can help our children to fulfill commitments by sharing with them in advance about what will happen if they attempt to weasel out of something before completing it.

I heard where a daughter wanted to drop out of karate in the middle of a semester, after the mom had spent \$75 on the lessons and bought a \$115 uniform for her.

The mom knew the commitment was an important lesson to teach, so she said, "Well, honey, you'll need to go to three-quarters of the lessons, and then you will have to pay me back for the uniform."

Her child not only fulfilled that part of the bargain, but found a "buyer" for the uniform! A nice ending to the dilemma of how accountable are we.

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At the top: Lyn Smith of Dearborn (back row, from left), Frank Wright of Monroe, Steve Hoffman of Southfield, Sue Braun of Plymouth (second row, from left), Bev Sudds of Novi, Carol Bender of Livonia and Barb Turgyan of Canton (front row) see eye-to-eye with fellow members of the Tip Toppers Club of Detroit.

Height has its share of tall tales

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

When you see a tall person walking down the street, resist the urge to ask, "How's the weather up there?" Or "Do you play basketball?"

The responses could range from saying "It's raining," and spitting to the weather question or "No, do you play miniature golf?" to the basketball question.

For people who have been nicknamed "Tree," "Jolly Green Giant" "Big Bird" or "Stretch," those are the most annoying questions a person can ask them.

There's also a social club for those people who have hit their heads on hanging plants, struggled with short kitchen counters, crouched to fit their legs inside the back seat of a compact car or bought a more-expensive plane ticket just to get extra leg room.

The Tip Toppers Club of Detroit is

for tall men and women 21 and older. Females must be 5-foot-10 and males must be 6-foot-2.

"I've enjoyed making friends from all over the place," said Barbara Turgyan from Canton, who is jokingly called a "squeaker" by club mates because she just barely meets the height requirement.

Area members say they've met a lot of people they can see eye-to-eye with — and many people they see eye-to-shoulders with.

The club's tallest male is Jeff Wurst of Ann Arbor at 6-foot-10. Mardelle Young from Mt. Clemens is the tallest female at 6-foot-3. The tallest members nationally are David Rasmussen at 7-foot-3 and Kathleen McIntyre at 6-foot-9, according to the TCI Web site.

The Tip Toppers are part of Tall Clubs International, encompassing 65 clubs in the United States and Canada. Club activities include trav-

eling to tall conventions out of state, "theme" parties, movie nights, camping trips and picnics. The club recently held a picnic at Bell Creek Park in Redford.

Formed in 1941, the Detroit club also publishes a bimonthly newsletter called "The High Topic."

School memories

Tall people, like others who are "different," tend to get teased in school.

When Turgyan attended Mary Magdalene Catholic School in Melvindale, the nuns lined up all the students according to height. That meant she always went into Mass last.

"When I was in the first grade, I was the only student whose feet touched the floor (when sitting at a desk)," Turgyan said. "I had the biggest feet."

Her height prompted classmates to

call her names like "Stretch" and "Beanpole."

Turgyan was selected Miss Tall Detroit in 1993, following a family tradition. Her aunt was selected Miss Tall Texas in 1952, the year Turgyan was born.

Tall Clubs International selects a "Miss Tall International" annually. The reigning queen is Janet Hughes, a "squeaker" at 5-foot-10.

Carol Bender of Livonia, who is 6-foot-1, said the most unusual nickname she ever had was "Gji" — short for "girl giant." The name, inspired by "Gidget" was given to her by a classmate at a Detroit school.

"My last name is a nickname in itself," she added.

Clothes shopping is a challenge for Tip Toppers. Their longer-than-average arms, legs, fingers and feet send them to specialty stores, catalogs and

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Frustration leads to start of Tip Toppers Club

The first official tall club in the United States was formed in 1938 in Los Angeles by artist Kaë Sumner Einfeldt.

At 6-foot-2, she had become frustrated with banging her legs on desks and with the difficulties of crouching to paint the dwarfs from "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" for Disney Studios.

She died in her sleep in 1996 at age 80.

She started the movement by writing and illustrating a Los Angeles Times column about the problems of being tall. Under the pseudonym "Kae Kryslar," she invited other tall readers to contact her.

On May 1, 1938, she opened her home to eight others and the California Tip Toppers Club was formed. Within nine years, 15 clubs, under the collective name American Affiliation of Tall Clubs, had sprouted up all over the United States and the first "queen," Miss Tip Topper 1947, was crowned.

One of the club's biggest success stories was in persuading Mattress Inc., a California bedding manufacturer, to produce a king-sized bed. A Los Angeles newspaper ad pronounced: "Here it is, Tip Toppers. You asked for it! The King-sized Mattress!"

Other extended length mattress sizes followed,

and some hospitals also began offering extra long beds for tall patients, according to the TCI home page. By 1974, the collective club name became "Tall Clubs International" and its queen "Miss Tall International."

A recent TCI convention held in Green Tree, Pa. drew Sandy Allen, listed as the world's tallest woman at 7-foot-7 3/4 in the Guinness Book of World Records.

A New York Times article reported she had to exit an airplane via a catering cart after being scooped out on her back. She uses a wheelchair

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Young Variety chapter has fun raising funds

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Kelli Sonquist was a student in Philadelphia when a friend took her on a boat cruise planned by Young Variety.

The 25-year-old Livonia resident enjoyed her participation so much that she decided to start a similar group when she returned to Michigan.

Sonquist, who works as a graphics designer in Bloomfield Hills, said she was particularly moved by programs that included the children with special needs that the charity serves.

"It was pretty special," she recalls of one trip to an amusement park. "There was one boy in a wheelchair who came up to me and held my hand and wouldn't let go."

Sonquist is now president of the fledgling Young Variety program of the metro Detroit chapter of Variety — The Children's Charity.

Young Variety is a group of professionals, ages 21 and older, within Variety — The Children's Charity, an international group that helps children with special needs to better their lives.

Young Variety members help raise money for children with disabilities through social events while lending support to Variety's existing programs by volunteering their time and services.

Something positive

The chapter met for the first time in January at the home of Sandi Pape, who is Young Variety adviser and Variety board member. Pape said she is thrilled by the formation of the new group.

"I know young people who are just out of college are looking for ways to do something positive and get involved," said Pape.

Meetings are at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Bad Frog

Brewery in the 555 Building on Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham. For more information, call Sonquist at (248) 334-0835, Ext. 149.

The group's social events will be more casual than the black-tie affairs held by the parent group, Sonquist said.

"People in my age group, their budget is not a \$200 event," said Sonquist. Happy-hour socials, volleyball games at the beach and group trips to Tigers games will be on the schedule.

The chapter is planning an "informal social gathering" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Bad Frog, with food and a live band. The charge will be \$10 to cover the cost of the event. The gathering will be an opportunity to meet informally and get to know those involved in Young Variety, she said.

Sonquist hopes the social will help draw more participants. Currently,

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Kelli Sonquist

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Young Variety has a core group of 16 people.

"We are looking for members and volunteers, anyone who is interested in coming to the meetings, or the social part of it," she said. "That's basically what we need to do... build up our group."

Reviving the group

A local Young Variety group used to be active, but as the members got older, it dissolved, Pape said. That group had been established in 1932. Coincidentally, Pape had been looking into ways to resurrect the group when Sonquist called the local Variety office to inquire about

forming one.

Pape said she had started thinking about reviving the group after attending an international convention of Variety, where the average age seemed to be 60.

"I thought 'what happens when everyone retires and does not have the energy to do the work,'" she said. "You have to keep bringing youth in and involving them in the organization."

When Sonquist called, "she was just perfect" to lead the new group, Pape said.

Among those attending the

first meeting at Pape's house were Pape's son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Heather Pape of Utica and niece Jennifer Knight. The youngest member there was Pape's one-month-old granddaughter.

Pape has also helped start another group within Variety - "Singles Variety," geared to those in the over-40 age group.

It's rewarding to be a volunteer with a group like Variety, Sonquist said.

"I believe children with disabilities are some of the most spiritual people in the world," she said. "The group draws people with good energy."

There is a \$25 annual membership fee, with all proceeds going directly to Variety - The Children's Charity.

Variety - The Children's Charity has 50 chapters and more than 15,000 members. Locally, 1,000 volunteers support the efforts of Variety.

Money raised in the metro Detroit area supports a host of local children's programs, including the Variety Myoelectric Center at the Rehabilitation Institute, Variety Cardiology Center at Children's Hospital, SCAMP, and The Orchard's Inner City Baseball League.

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itself," she added.

"Clothes shopping is a challenge for Tip Toppers. Their longer-than-average arms, legs, fingers and feet send them to specialty stores, catalogs and tailors - often out of state.

Tall Clubs International members, including the Tip Toppers, have lobbied to get tailors and custom shoe makers to lower their prices. They haven't had much luck, said Lyn Smith of Dearborn, who is 5-foot-11.

"You're always paying extra for length," Smith said.

Retailers such as J.C. Penney cater to both tall men and women with specialty catalogs. Other clothing manufacturers have risen to the tall fashions challenge by offering "tall" and "long" women's jeans sizes.

Tip Toppers say it's become easier over the years to find clothes that fit. They remember places where they find clothes and shoes that fit and will return - even if it means driving to Bay City or Sharon, Pa., near

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Frank Wright
who is 6-foot-3

Pittsburgh. The Tall Clubs International home page (www.tall.org) allows users to click on "links" to see a long list of extended-size clothing and shoe manufacturers. The site also allows them to access their sites directly.

Acceptance improving

Not only has shopping gotten easier, but it's gotten easier to be tall. Tall children and teens aren't getting teased as much as they used to be, Tip Toppers members say.

"There's no shame in being tall any longer," said Frank Wright of Monroe, who is 6-foot-3. "It's a lot more acceptable from a social standpoint."

He credits the change to professional basketball's increased

popularity and with fashion models, who are unofficially required to be tall.

The height questions are a reality for many Tip Toppers. Questions like "Do you play basketball" offend some tall people, but don't faze others. If someone asked Smith if she played basketball, she would tell them she was a tri-sport athlete in high school - basketball, volleyball and softball.

"I came from a very sports-oriented family," she said, adding that her tall brothers were also athletic.

Other tall people dislike the question, whether they are athletes or not.

"(People) make an assumption that because a person is tall they're on a sports team," said Wright, who played basketball in high school.

There is a dark side to being tall. It's Marfan syndrome, an inheritable disorder of connective tissue. Main symptoms include height, a long, thin face, slight build, disproportionately long limbs and loose joints as well as spine curvature.

The disorder also affects the eyes, making the lens dislocated or off-center and the cardiovascular system. The related heart problems can lead to aneurysms,

heart failure and eventually death.

There is no cure, no matter how early the disease is detected. An estimated one person out of 10,000 is afflicted.

The National Marfan Foundation is the official charity of TCI. It can be reached by calling (800) 8-MARFAN.

According to Bender, club mate Sue Tranchida, a Mt. Clemens resident who was 6-foot-1, died of complications of Marfan in March.

Clothes shopping, Marfan syndrome and name-calling aside, Tip Toppers say they wouldn't trade their height for anything.

"You can reach all the top shelves," Turgyan said.

Sue Braun of Plymouth said the height advantage helps in crowded locations.

"I like getting a bird's eye view," she said.

Some said their height has helped their careers. Bender said being tall helped when she was a nurse and had to move elderly patients off their beds. She now works for a Livonia auto parts manufacturer.

"Height can be an advantage in the interview process," she said, adding that taller people are sometimes viewed as being more capable than shorter people.

But it helps to have the inner strength to back up the inches, Smith said.

"You can go into interviews with an air of confidence," she said.

Most important, when people meet a tall person, they tend to remember that person.

"We make real lasting first impressions," Smith said.

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 sma-son@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. Sept. 18 at the church, 26431 W. Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads. Call Kathy at (313) 937-2880.

SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart Church will have a craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. There will be free admission and bake sale. Call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

ST. DAMIAN

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

ST. THEODORE

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

ST. AIDAN

Crafters are needed for St. Aidan Catholic Church's 16th annual craft show Oct. 16 in the Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (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. Oct. 23, at the church, West Chicago at Inkster roads, Redford. Table rental is \$25. Call Joanne at (313) 937-0226 or Josie at (734) 522-2963.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Crafters are needed for the 13th annual Delta Kappa Gamma juried show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at West Middle School, 44401 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. A single space is \$70 with table rental available and electricity free of charge. Call (734) 453-5145.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA is accepting applications for its eighth annual fall craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at the school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. 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. Nov. 6 at the high school, 33500 Six Mile Road, Livonia. A single space (booth) costs \$60. A limited number of spaces with electricity are available at no extra charge. 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. 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. 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. 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 purchase up to three spaces. Call (734) 432-5603.

ST. EDITH

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

Crafters are wanted for St. Paul Lutheran Church's 12th annual holiday craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the church, 20805 Middlebelt Road at Eight Mile Road. Table rental and/or space is \$25 (no charge for electricity, if available when application is received). Call (248) 476-0841 or (734) 591-0224.

ST. VALENTINE

Applications are being accepted for Redford St. Valentine Parent Teacher's Club's eighth annual holiday Crafts Shoppe Nov. 20 at the school, 25800 Dow, Redford. Call (313) 255-0654 or (313) 255-6825.

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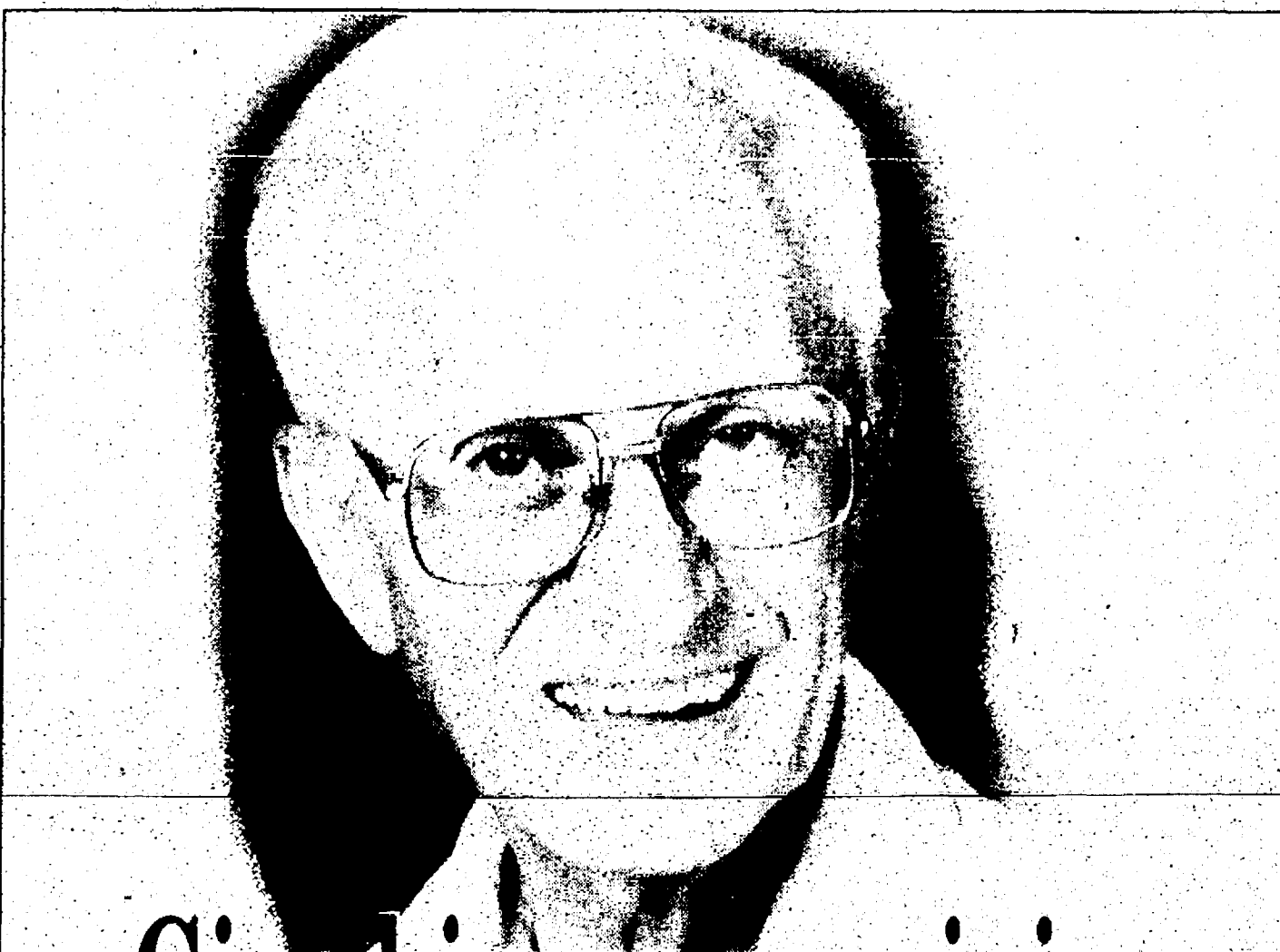
and suffers from poor circulation and atrophied leg muscles.

A pituitary tumor removed age 21 caused her phenomenal growth. She is 44 years old and lives in Indianapolis.

Tall college-bound students can vie for scholarships offered through local tall clubs, and there are also programs specifi-

cally for tall children and teens.

For more information about tall clubs or membership information, contact Tall Clubs International at (800) 521-2512 or the Tip Toppers Club of Detroit at (734) 458-7887. The TCI Web address is <http://www.tall.org>. The Detroit Tip Toppers' home page is under construction.



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Westland Center and Cotton Incorporated are teaming up for "Cotton Rules for Back-to-School," a gift-with-purchase program now through Aug. 22.

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Teen Freeze modeling will take place 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, with the adult version

slated for 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29.

Shoppers will be able to donate their old jeans to charity between Monday, Aug. 30, and Sunday, Sept. 5.

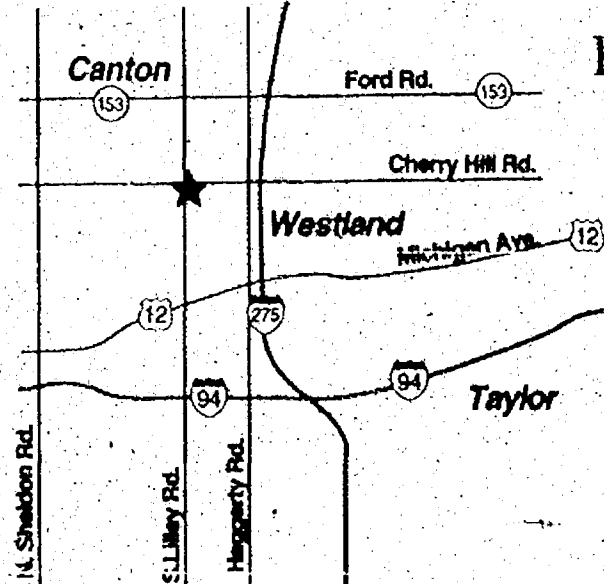
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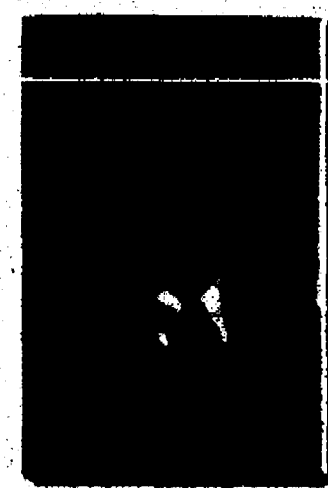
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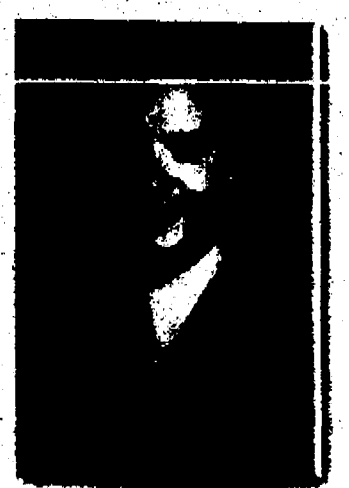


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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Marion-Tomé

Denise Tomé and Omer Marion were married May 17 at St. Joseph Husband of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of Loretta and Orlando Bruni and the late Rudy Tomé. The groom is the son of Lee Holland and Don Cerutti.

The bride and groom are employed at the New York New York Hotel in Las Vegas.

The bride asked Loretta Bruni to serve as matron of honor. The groom asked Michael Koniski to serve as best man.

A reception was held at Ferraro's Restaurant. They are



making their home in Las Vegas.

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 Johnston.

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

The groom asked James Johnston to serve as best man with Joseph Madaffer, Gregory Tomé and Derek Attard as groomsmen.

A dinner reception was held at Club Venetian. The couple hon-



eymooned in Anaheim, Calif. They are making their home in Livonia.

Baron-Najjar

An August wedding is planned at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington for Kimberly Ann Baron of West Bloomfield and Sean William Najjar, also of West Bloomfield.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late Elliot and Christine Baron, is a 1987 graduate of Redford Thurston High School. She is employed as an office manager and claims representative for LandAmerica Financial Group Inc.

Her fiancé, the son of Shirley and John Najjar of Farmington Hills, is a 1989 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School in Redford. He is co-



owner of Vitamart in Farmington.

Schilk-Miloser

Tim and Linda Schilk of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Anne, to Marc Alan Miller, the son of Jody Jolliffe of Holly and Daniel Miloser of Port Huron.

The bride-to-be is attending Schoolcraft College. She is employed by Meadowbrook Insurance Group.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is a social studies teacher at Belleville High School.

A September wedding is planned at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.



Mytyk-Brachulis

Sharon Mytyk of Novi announces the engagement of her daughter, Katherine Jean, to Michael Paul Brachulis of Livonia, the son of Albert and Marion Brachulis of Detroit.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Farmington High School.

Her fiancé is employed as a computer systems analyst with American Natural Resources in Detroit.

A November wedding is planned at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.



Berkowitz-Pelczar

David Berkowitz of Kingwood, Texas, announces the engagement of his daughter, Lynne, to Chris Pelczar, the son of Ted and Shirley Cuda of Livonia and Ed and Marilyn Pelczar of Ray, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Kingwood High School in Kingwood and a 1997 graduate of Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in meteorology. She is a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and is stationed at Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base in North Carolina as a staff weather officer.

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1997 graduate of Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in meteorology. He is a



second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and is stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., as a special operations weather officer.

An October wedding is planned on Cass Lake.

Steinhilb-Juris

Walter and Karen Steinhilb of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Leigh, to Stephen Joseph Juris, the son of Raymond and Janice Juris of West Haven, Conn.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry. She is a graduate student, studying biological chemistry at the University of Michigan.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Boston College with a bachelor of science degree in biochemistry. He also is a graduate student, studying biological chemistry at the U-M.



A September wedding is planned at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland.

Richmond-Stewart

Don and Mary Ellen Richmond of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelly Ann, to John Stephen Stewart, the son of Dick and Jan Stewart of Troy.

The bride-to-be is student in the master's program for fine arts at Wayne State University. She will graduate in December 2000.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University with bachelor's in turf/grass management. He is employed as an operations manager at Turf Partners.

A May wedding is planned at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic



Church in Redford.

VanDerHaven-Santia

Candy VanDerHaven of Northville announces the forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Jennifer, to Richard Santia, the son of Marina Santia of Troy.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University.

She is a sales coordinator at Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center in Livonia.

Her fiancé also is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is the director of purchasing for Palmer Paint Products.

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

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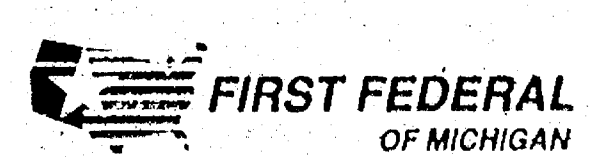
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The Dearborn Animal Shelter will have an Adoption Showcase 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Pet Supplies Plus, 2621 Telegraph, Dearborn. For information, call (313) 943-2697.

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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.

FINGERPRINTING, SCREENING

AAA Michigan and Henry Ford OptiEyes will present free child I.D. fingerprinting and vision screening 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at locations including 35184 Westland City Parkway in Westland. A packet of safety information will also be provided. For information, call (734) 427-5200.

CONCERT SERIES

Remaining dates for the Westland Cultural Society summer concert series are Sundays, Aug. 15 and 22. 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 held the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. Call (734) 722-7620.

FIGURE SKATING

Figure skaters interested in USFSA Synchronized (Precision) Skating to build Novi FSC and Westland FSC joint venture teams. Prior team experience not necessary. This is an opportunity to build skating and team skills while having fun. For information, call Cheryl Gutowski at (734) 427-0305.

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 res-

ident child, \$3 for a resident adult, \$3 for a nonresident child, \$4 for a nonresident adult. Season passes are \$50.

BELLY DANCE

Learn basic technique and cultural aspects of Middle Eastern dance in Introduction to Belly Dance. Both traditional and modern technique will be covered. All ages and skill levels welcome. Classes begin Monday, Aug. 30, in Westland and last one hour. Contact Cedena at The Navel Academy, (734) 422-1246.

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 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 NEWBURGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ON ANN ARBOR TRAIL BETWEEN WAYNE AND NEWBURGH. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL APRIL AT (734) 522-8469.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a pre-primary impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660.

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-



Special award: Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek, director of Westland's senior citizen Friendship Center, receives a national award from Saul Ramirez Jr., deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, during a convention in Kansas City, Mo. Westland's program won HUD's 1999 Best Practices Award and ranked among the top 10 percent of more than 3,000 programs nominated nationwide for HUD awards.

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

GARDEN CITY CO-OP

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

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL

St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Avenue in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. Registration has begun. Call (313) 274-6270.

YWCA READINESS

The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is at 26279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (313) 561-4110.

CHARTER SCHOOL

The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves kindergarten through seventh grade. The school emphasizes a basic education with business and entrepreneurial skills. The school offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with access to the Internet. Call (734) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

LITTLE PEOPLES

Livonia Little Peoples Co-op Preschool is now enrolling for the fall in programs for 3- and 4-year-olds. For more information, call (734) 422-1176.

LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is accepting registration for the school year. Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. Call (248) 471-2077.

GARFIELD CO-OP

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

FRANKLIN PTSA

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

TUTORIAL PROGRAM

A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, is for students ages 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. It will resume Sept. 22. For information on participating or volunteering, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

ADULT LITERACY

An Adult Literacy program is being offered free at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center starting Sept. 22. Volunteers are being sought who are interested in tutoring children and adults 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. For Adult Literacy enrollment or additional information,

call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

MOM'S MORNING OUT

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

HISTORIC

PERRINSVILLE

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

WESTLAND MUSEUM

The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill. Call (734) 326-1110.

FRIENDS MEET

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

FOR SENIORS

HEARING CHECKS

Every third Tuesday of each month, a representative from Personalized Hearing Care of Westland will check and clean hearing aids free from 2-3 p.m.

by appointment only. Call (734) 722-7632 for more information.

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 nonmembers. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to Big Band music and door prizes. Call (734) 728-5010.

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. 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 Center. Call John Elbo at (734) 326-5419.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

ALZHEIMER'S

The Marquette House Alzheimer's Support Group will hold its initial meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at 36000 Campus Drive, Westland. The group is open to families and friends of those with Alzheimer's disease. For information, call Sally Levay at (734) 328-6685.

CALENDAR FORM	
The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or by fax to 734-591-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.	
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Everyday words and expressions connect us to our past

HOOKED ON HISTORY



VIRGINIA PARKER

Here's a riddle for you:

This week you may do several things: jury-rig a broken item, participate in a first-rate rummage sale, clean your windows with a squeegee, go to the doctor and get a clean bill of health, attend a posh event and stay to the bitter end.

How do all these activities connect you to the past?

Answer: They all involve everyday words and expressions that come to us by way of a seafaring vernacular that is hundreds of years old.

Our term "jury-rig," referring to a stopgap fix, is borrowed from the term sailors used for

temporary repairs. They improvised, for example, a jury-rudder, a jury-mast, or — the term that has stuck — a jury-rig.

"First rate," meaning excellent, derives from the British Royal Navy's practice of ranking their wooden ships according to the length and weight of ordnance on board. Ships that mounted the largest number of heavy guns were first-rate ships of the line.

"Rummage" referred to cargo. Unclaimed or damaged goods, or those that had not been paid for, were sold at "rummage sales" in warehouses along the docks. One might also "rummage" through the goods to find what they wanted to buy.

Sailors used a squeegee — a board attached to a long handle — to scoop water off the deck. Not much has changed in design, except that we traded a board for

metal and attached a strip of rubber.

Port authorities issued a document, called a "clean bill of health," if a ship was free of contagious diseases. A "foul bill of health" was issued if there were any infections on board, but that phrase didn't find a place in everyday speech as a "clean bill of health" has.

There is more than one explanation for the word "posh." One is that it dates back to steamships that sailed from England to India and the Orient.

According to this legend, the best staterooms were on the cooler side of the ship as it traveled — port outboard and starboard homebound — creating the acronym, "POSH."

The bitter-end was not, as we might think, a painful conclusion. A sailing ship had a bitter oak post to which a mooring line

(rope) was attached. Thus, the inboard end of the line was called the "bitter-end."

Part of language

Many old seafaring terms have become part of our daily language. "Son of a gun" is another of these, but I've heard both sailors and soldiers claim this expression. An interpreter at Fort Michilimackinac said it referred to the progeny of soldiers because, historically, births in local populations followed wherever men-at-arms went.

Naval historians say it goes back to the Royal Navy's former custom of allowing wives and women of ill repute on board ships in port or even at sea. Makeshift compartments for women giving birth were improvised by stretching canvas between two cannons.

If you've heard any scuttlebutt

around the water cooler lately, you should know that sailors did much the same thing. They gathered around a scuttle — a cask for water or other beverages — to exchange gossip and rumors.

Speaking of beverages, a "bootlegger" was a smuggler, a term that did not originate with Prohibition. Sailors were known before that to hide goods in their sea boots to sneak them ashore.

We never stop to analyze expressions like these. They creep in an out of our daily conversations, taking on different shades of meaning. For some, the origins are lost in the mists of time until someone says, "That doesn't make sense. Wherever did it come from?" We may only guess at the derivation and wonder how close we've come.

Evolutionary process

Language continues to evolve

as we coin new expressions to reflect day-to-day life. "Prairie-dogging," for example, refers to people popping their heads above office cubicles to check out what's going on. And, of course, we all know what "channel-surfing" is. This particular use of a remote control to flip through TV stations is a habit that tests the limits of many a marriage!

A hundred years from now, I dare say, fewer people will work in office cubbyholes. Instead, they'll communicate from home, or the field, on networked, computerized systems. And people won't have TV channels. They'll probably select programs on demand via voice commands.

However, while traditional offices and channels may disappear, the terms "prairie-dogging" and "channel surfing" may hang on. The first may come to mean anyone who jumps up quickly. The latter could one day mean an indecisive or antsy person.

"Wherever did they come from?" an inquisitive person will ask.

Perhaps it will take some historian writing a column about the distant past to explain the subtle ways you and I have contoured our language.

Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation. She lives in Canton Township.

NEW VOICES

Tim and Jill Gorman Jr. of Redford announce the birth of Alec James Jan. 25. He joins a brother, Joshua Allen. Grandparents are Joyce Trombly of Novi, Richard Trombly of Munising and Tim and Judy Gorman of Westland. Great-grandparents are Bill LaBelle of Westland and Bernie Gootee of Plymouth.

Mark and Colleen Rehling of Garden City announce the birth of Morgan Kelly March 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Matthias, 4. Grandparents are Lloyd and Pat Spalding of Saline and Frank and Fran Rehling of Garden City.

Brian and Jacquelyn Victor of Canton announce the birth of Brian Michael Feb. 12 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Oakland. Grandparents are Nicholas and Antoinette Palise of Dearborn Heights and Robert and MaryAnn Victor of Canton.

Archie and Patricia Davenport Jr. of Westland announce the birth of Kaila Marie March

29 at the Birthing Center of Garden City. She joins a brother, Justin Miller, 4. Grandparents are Joseph and Ora Miller and Archie and Sharon Davenport Sr., all of Wayne.

Mike and Debbie Stevenson of Canton announce the birth of Michael Paul March 10 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He joins sisters Julie Michelle, 3 1/2 and Jessica Lynn, 2. Grandparents are Paul and Lynn DeJohn of Plymouth and Tom and Esther Stevenson of Salisbury, Md., formerly of Canton.

David and Kimberly Tranchida of Garden City announce the birth of Joyce Jean March 29 at the Birthing Center of Garden City. She joins two brothers, Mark, 9, and Austin, 7. Grandparents are Frank and Karal Tilley of Westland and Joe and Shirley Tranchida of Livonia.

Vicki Meyers of Westland announces the birth of Andrew Vincent March 31 at the Birthing Center of Garden City

Hospital. Grandparents are Jackie (Bousse) Meyers of Westland and Larry Meyers of Dailville, Ind.

Rob and Cindy Wight of Garden City announce the birth of Allissa Lynn March 20 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Jerry and Theresa Keene of Harrison and Dan and Diane Wight of Garden City.

John and Lynnette Jankowski of Canton Township announce the birth of Lauren Michelle March 23 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Julia, 4. Grandparents are Angela Jankowski of Wayne and Mr. and Mrs. William Roo of Sault Ste. Marie.

Jeff and Kim Mussen of Livonia, formerly of Garden City, announce the birth of Joshua Kurt Dec. 7 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. Grandparents are Bruce and Sandie Benz of Livonia and Herb and Nancy Mussen of Palm Harbor, Fla.

Laura Combs and Salah Abogilal of Westland announce the birth of Nicholas Faris Abogilal Combs Nov. 13 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Rex and Linda Combs of Van Buren Township. Great-grandparents are James and Virginia Saylor of Westland, and great, great-

grandmother is Josephine Sowa of Jonesville.

Terry and Jessica May of Canton Township announce the birth of Alyssa Marie March 24 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Linda May-Long and Terry May and Bonnie and Larry Livingston.

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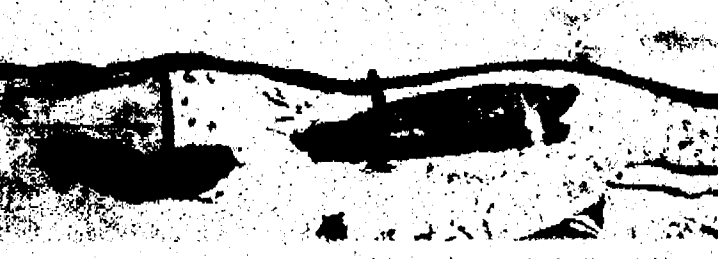
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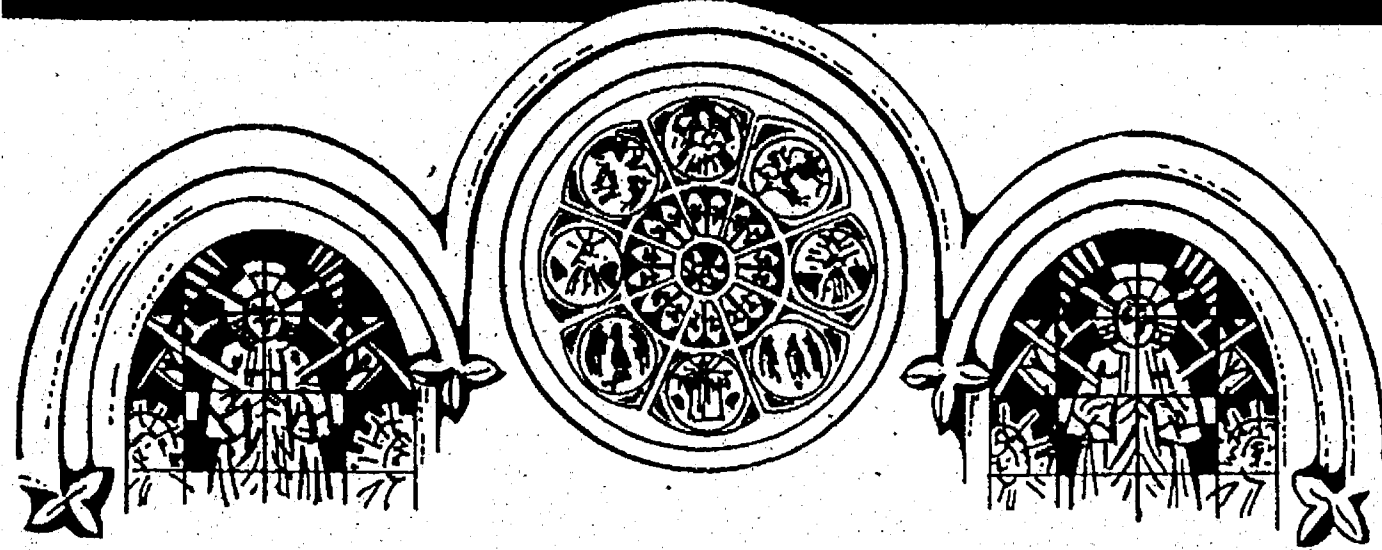


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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Skinner takes new job

Livonia Clarenceville is seeking a varsity wrestling coach after the resignation of Todd Skinner, who recently took a similar position at Linden High School.

Skinner's dual-meet record over the past two seasons was 27-17-1, including a Metro Conference title co-share and Division IV team dual district championship (both in 1999).

Clarenceville athletic director Chuck Sorentino is also in search of a varsity cheerleading coach.

Those interested should call Sorentino at (248) 473-8926.

Wayne guard transfers

Brian Williams, a 6-foot-1 guard from Wayne Memorial who earned first-team All-Observer boys basketball honors during the 1997-98 season after averaging 18 points per game, has transferred to Schoolcraft Community College, according to coach Carlos Briggs.

Williams spent last season at Kalamazoo Valley CC with former Wayne teammate LaVelle Guess.

Williams will join SC recruits Dwight Windom (Dearborn Heights Robichaud), Mike Williams (Detroit City), Rob Brown (Central Michigan/Oak Park) and Tony Jancevski (Plymouth Salem).

DiBasio signs letter

Livonian Carrie DiBasio, who attend Academy of Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills, has signed a national letter of intent to play lacrosse at Gannon University in Erie, Pa.

DiBasio was a two-time first-team All-State selection in lacrosse as well as field hockey.

In lacrosse, DiBasio earned Midwest All-Tournament honors twice.

She also was named Sacred Heart's outstanding athlete for 1999.

As a senior, DiBasio earned All-Region and All-League honors in volleyball. The team captain played four years of varsity volleyball.

Stevenson golf outing

Single spots or foursomes remain available for the ninth annual Friends of Livonia Stevenson High School golf outing Sunday, Sept. 12 at Fellows Creek.

The \$90 cost includes golf, dinner and prizes.

Continental breakfast is at 7:15 a.m. and tee off for the four-person scramble starts at 8:15 a.m.

For more information, call Stevenson athletic director Roger Frayer at (734) 523-9417.

Schoolcraft hoop camp

Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs encourages Observerland-area players to participate in a camp from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday, Aug. 16-19 at the school's gym.

The camp will emphasize skill drills and team play for grades 8-12.

The cost is \$100. Registration is at 8 a.m. Monday.

For more information, call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5254.

Glenn basketball tryouts

Westland John Glenn varsity girls basketball coach Joel Lloyd announced that tryouts will begin at noon Monday, Aug. 16 at the school's gym.

Run Like the Wind 10K

The first-ever Run Like the Wind 10-kilometer race will start at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4 at Nankin Mills Picnic Area in Hines Park (located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail).

The pre-registration fee (received by Aug. 25) is \$15 (includes T-shirt). Late registration is \$18. Fees (without T-shirt) are \$6 (pre-registration) and \$8 (late).

Trophies will be awarded to age-group winners, along with the top male and female (open and masters). Medals will go to the second- and third-place finishers.

Proceeds will go to the Michigan Running Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting youth running in Michigan.

For more information, call Chuck Block at (248) 478-3596.

Livonia DCI goes 0-2 in AAABA

BASEBALL

Two and out.

That's the line on Decision Consultants, Inc. at the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

The strong upper bracket of the 16-team double-elimination draw for teams 20-and-under was not kind to the Livonia squad.

After making a strong run last season with a 4-2 record in the nationals, DCI, representing the Collegiate Division of the Adray Metro Baseball Association, dropped its opening two games of the 1999 tourney including a 7-2 loss Monday to New Orleans (NORD Boosters) and a 3-0 defeat Tuesday to Brooklyn, N.Y.

DCI had a total of just 10 hits in the two games.

In Tuesday's game at Franklin Field, Brooklyn remained alive in the loser's bracket behind the pitching of Richard Scalomandre. The right-hander worked 8½ innings, allowing four hits, three walks and two hit-batsmen while striking out eight.

Adam Pace came on to get the final two outs and gain the save.

Livonia DCI squandered an opportunity in the third inning, failing to score with the bases loaded and one out.

DCI let one offensive opportunity slip away early in the game.

Chris McCustion and Troy Bergman each singled.

Matt Pike then was hit by a Kaplan pitch to load the bases. But cleanup hitter Eric Hardin, who struck out four times, fanned and Rick Court's drive down the right field line was snared by Brooklyn's Michael Wilson.

In the ninth, DCI threatened again, but a base running mistake sealed Livonia's fate.

Dan Watchowski walked and Dan Hyott singled to put runners on first and second for DCI.

Zack Cornwell, a Farmington Hills Harrison product now playing for Central Michigan University, then fouled out and Greg Anglin was fanned on three pitches by Pace.

McQuistion then singled, but Watchowski was held up at third by third base coach Mike George and Hyott continued onto the bag from first, causing a rundown at third.

Hyott was tagged out on a play that was officially scored 8-5-2.

"We scored two runs in 18 innings and it's tough to win when you do that," George told the Johnstown (Pa.) Tribune-Democrat. "We had our chances early."

"We had the bases loaded and one-out and did not score in the third. The base running error with two on and two-out in the ninth was my fault."

Losing pitcher Jason Popham turned in a worthy performance, scattering seven hits and one walk over eight innings. He struck out four.

The game took just 2 hours and 2

minutes.

Brooklyn jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the third on Joseph Curro's solo homer; J.T. Martin followed with another solo shot in the fourth.

Brooklyn scored its third run in the eighth when Anglin misplayed a ball in right field off the bat of Justin Pagan for a three-base error. Eric Donelan followed with an RBI sacrifice fly.

In Monday's 7-2 loss to New Orleans at the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown, left-handed pitcher Josh Kaplan hurled a complete game five-hitter.

The Delgado Junior College product is headed to Southeastern Louisiana, an NCAA Division I school.

Right-hander Tim Miller, the Livonia Franklin High grad who went 8-2 this spring for Wayne State University, lasted four innings in taking the loss.

McCustion scored on a wild pitch to give DCI a 1-0 lead, but the Livonia squad wound up leaving 12 runners on base.

Pike went 3-for-5 in the loss.

Hearing-impaired golfer inspiration

Livonia wins Midwest Deaf tourney

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Lauri Ponikiewski is a perfect example of what people can do when they put their mind to it.

Ponikiewski took up the game of golf just four years ago and reached a personal milestone Aug. 5 when she won the Midwest Deaf Ladies Golf Association tournament in Hinckley, Minn.

Ponikiewski, of Livonia, shot a 281 to capture individual honors by "about 20 strokes" and teamed with Beth Ayleworth of Rochester Hills to win the team title, 609-612, over a team from Illinois.

The Senior Designer at the General Motors Technical Center in Warren enjoys the thought of being an inspiration for others like herself.

Ponikiewski, who went to high school at Redford Union rather than Livonia because of RU's programs for the hearing impaired, is classified as profoundly deaf.

She reads lips and recently learned to sign.

Deafness is "a hidden handicap," said Lauri's mother, Henrietta. "A lot of deaf people just sit back and do nothing. They should (do something)."

"Deaf people can do it!" Ponikiewski exclaimed.

Ponikiewski was the first woman from Michigan to win the 35th Midwest Deaf Ladies Golf Association tournament, which will be held next

August near Des Moines, Iowa. Ponikiewski hopes to defend her title.

"This was my second try," she said. "Last year the tournament was held in Battle Creek." She finished third.

The bad weather which rumbled through the Metro Detroit area last week watered down Minnesota first.

In fact, Ponikiewski's scheduled tee time was pushed back an hour to 8 o'clock "because it was soaking wet all over. There was water everywhere."

Her opening hole of the tournament was the 12th. Things went well until she knocked her tee shot into the woods on the 16th.

"Fortunately, I was able to find it."

Or unfortunately, as you prefer.

"My ball was in a little clearing and I had a straight shot to the green," she said. "But it was right next to a tree. I had to hit it low in order to get it out of the woods."

She swung and drilled a nice shot just short of the green. That was the good news.

The bad news was that the 6-iron she was using "broke in half" as her follow-through was stopped by the trunk of the tree.

"I was all shook up," Ponikiewski said. "It was, like, 'Where's the rest of my club?'"

"I asked them to call the clubhouse and have them call my mom and ask her to find somebody and have them ship me out another 6-iron."



Midwest champion: Lauri Ponikiewski (right) of Livonia became the first golfer from Michigan to win the title in the 35-year event.

Doesn't work that way. Henrietta Ponikiewski was told if she wanted another 6-iron, she'd have to buy the rest of the irons, too.

So Lauri played the rest of the tournament using a 7-iron, or occasionally a 5-iron, where she normally would have used the broken club.

Last week she took the club's two pieces to Bavarian Village in Novi and the first thing they said was, 'What'd you do, hit a tree?'"

Ponikiewski wound up shooting a 96 that first day, "which I thought was pretty good in all that rain," she said. She followed with a 92 and then a 93 "in beautiful weather," to win by so many strokes she couldn't remember the margin.

Ponikiewski didn't play golf at Redford Union. Nor at Macomb Community College as she was a GM-sponsored co-op student. Nor at Lawrence Tech as she was getting her bachelor's degree in engineering technology.

She bowled and skied for recreation and finally decided to check out this golf thing because her co-workers, mostly male, were into it in a big way.

"I didn't know if golf was going to be it. But all the people at work played golf," Ponikiewski said. "So it was golf, golf, golf, golf all day long. I had golf coming out of my ears."

"So I said, 'I've got to try it out, see if I like it or not.' Now it's coming out of

Please see INSPIRATION, C4

Livonia fitness representatives



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Finest in city: Six of Livonia's seven winners in this year's Detroit Metropolitan Youth Fitness Meet show off their athletic style at Ford Field. Pictured from left are Heidi Haller (second place, standing long jump), Matthew Bessesen (second place, chinning), Ken Riley (third place, agility course), Amy Bodnar (third place, running broad jump), Eric Baumgardner (first place, standing long jump), and Andrew Weaver (third place, standing long jump). Not pictured is Kate Howe, who won a first place in chinning. The seven Livonia winners were among about 3,500 children, ages 7-14, from 38 area communities who competed in the 42nd annual meet July 22 at Metro Beach Metropark. They and nearly 30 others from Livonia qualified for the regional meet during a Livonia meet July 7 at Rotary Park. Competitors were divided into four age brackets.

SANDLOT BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Michigan Lake Area Rams 6th in NABF 20-and-under region

The Michigan Lake Area Rams placed sixth at the National Amateur Baseball Federation 20-and-under regional in Baltimore, Md.

The Rams finished with a 2-2 record in the 11-team double-elimination tournament and were eliminated, 9-7, by the Bethesda (Md.) Big Train on Saturday.

The Rams overcame injuries to beat the Louisville Diamonds 21-14 in a game on Friday. Try as they might, they couldn't overcome them on Saturday.

The Rams finished the year with a 22-20 record. "It was about what we expected," Berryman said. "Our goal was to finish first or second (in the Collegiate Division of the Adray Metro Baseball Association) and go to post-season play, and we did that. This was by far one of the guttier groups we've taken. It was quite an effort considering the injuries we had."

The Rams' afternoon game on Friday against Louisville lasted into the evening, making them miss a Baltimore Orioles' game, but the seven-run win was satisfying, nonetheless.

"We scored a touchdown in the late stages and kept them out of the red zone," Berryman quipped about the 21-run outburst. "One of the dads came up with 24 tickets (to the Orioles' game) and we couldn't do anything with them. How did we know it we were going to be getting in a slugfest? We ate the tickets."

Phil Kommer, who lasted 5¹/₂ innings as a starter, earned the pitching victory. He received relief help from Chris Norton, Tom Gallus and Shawn Morrison.

Ben Rush, Nick Dedeluk (Redford Thurston) and Mike Patterson each finished 3-for-5. Rush scored four runs and had an RBI. Patterson scored three

runs with four RBI. Dedeluk scored twice while hitting a single, double and a home run.

Peter Varon contributed three runs and two RBI while going 3-for-3. Joel Halliday (Redford Union) was 2-for-3, scoring three runs.

Lance Siegwald went 1-for-1 with two RBI before suffering a pulled hamstring. Chet Rees (Westland John Glenn) was 1-4 with a homer.

Popham, a pickup from Livonia Decision Consultants Inc., was moved to shortstop in place of Siegwald. Popham was picked up from DCI for his pitching but became an important contributor in the field.

Rickey Green, normally a leftfielder, was moved to second base in place of Don Watchkowski, another pick-up from DCI who turned an ankle earlier in the tournament.

Jerry Stevens was the losing pitcher in the Rams' final game, a 9-7 loss to the Big Train of Bethesda.

The Bethesda team is nicknamed Big Train because that's where baseball hall of famer Walter Johnson is from and that was his nickname.

Stevens has primarily been a closer for the Rams but he pitched 7¹/₂ innings in a courageous effort. Siegwald, unable to field or hit because of the hamstring, could pitch and got the final out for the Rams.

"Siegwald couldn't bend over to field a ball or run to bat but was able to come in and get the final out, and it was also a very gutsy effort by Jeremy," Berryman said.

Rush finished 2-4 with three RBI and Varon was 3-3 with three runs scored. Rees and Popham each collected two hits in four at-bats and Dave Kwiatkowski (Plymouth CANT) was 1-2, scoring twice.

Concealed finishes 5-3 in CABA World Series

12-and-under team winds up 71-16 overall

Concealed Security's 12-and-under travel baseball team had a 5-3 record at the Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series in Omaha, Neb., finishing among the final eight.

Concealed was trying for two consecutive World Series title, winning the National Amateur Baseball Federation crown last month.

Concealed lost its first game, 4-2, to the defending CABA 11-and-under champion San Diego before winning its next four games and taking second place in its division in round-robin play.

That put Concealed in the double-elimination action where it finished with a 1-2 record. The results left Concealed with a 71-16 final record under coach Lou Pirronello, who was proud of the effort.

Ryan Shay (Garden City) batted a team-high .467 and also had some solid starts on the mound. Pickup Brian Rowland pitched solidly and also batted .462. Alan Hagedon (Westland) had a .375 average and pickup Steve Karchefsky batted .350.

Concealed enjoyed a 4-1 record in round-robin play and won its first game in the double-elimination round. It had the lead through the middle innings of the next two games, but both ended in losses to finish a glorious season.

"As a whole, we were 71-16, which is not too shabby," Pirronello said. "After winning the NABF our expectations were very high and our goal was to win this whole thing. We knew darn well we'd have to be lucky besides good. We

got great pitching like we hoped we would and Rowland came through as a plus."

Following is a recap of each game, from the start:

ROUND ROBIN PLAY

San Diego 4, Concealed 2, Thursday, July 29: Chris Rusin (Canton) pitched a gem, striking out 12 and throwing a four-hitter, but Concealed stranded 11 runners and couldn't muster more runs than San Diego.

Concealed outhit San Diego 10-4, led by Shay, Jeff Richard and Scott Szpyrka with two hits each.

Concealed 10, Iowa 0, Saturday, July 31: Rowland threw a two-hitter and struck out 15, not once allowing the count to reach three balls.

Shay had two hits and Mark Pirronello (Livonia) was 2-for-3 with two RBI.

Concealed 3, Mexico 2, Saturday, July 31: Concealed scored a run in the bottom of the seventh to break a 2-2 tie and win.

Karchefsky led off with a walk and runners were on first and second after Hagedon legged out a bunt. Pirronello laid down a sacrifice bunt and the throw to third was wild, allowing the winning run to score with no outs.

Eric Drieselman (Garden City) ran his record to 12-1, tossing a three-hitter.

Concealed 9, Nebraska 2, Sunday, Aug. 1: Richard scattered five hits, allowed no runs and struck out two in remaining undefeated in seven decisions.

Shay hit a grand slam to put Concealed ahead to stay in the fourth. He finished 3-for-4 with five RBI.

Concealed 11, Kansas City 3, Sunday, Aug. 1: Concealed played its way into the double-elimination round with an impressive win behind the combined pitching of Karchefsky and Shay.

Karchefsky allowed one run on three hits, striking out four in three innings. Shay pitched two innings of scoreless relief and also went 3-for-4. Rowland was 2-for-3 and Szpyrka highlighted a nine-run first inning with a three-run triple.

DOUBLE ELIMINATION

Concealed 3, Cleveland 2, Tuesday, Aug. 3: Drieselman earned his second pitching victory of the tournament, throwing an eight-hitter with no walks and two strikeouts. Rowland earned the save.

Concealed broke a 1-1 tie with a pair of runs in the seventh.

Richard started things with a single. He advanced to third and came home on Hagedon's sacrifice fly. Rowland, who walked, came home on a suicide squeeze bunt by Pirronello.

Miami, Fla., 7, Concealed 4, Tuesday, Aug. 3: Concealed led 4-1 before Miami rallied with six unanswered runs. Rusin was the hard-luck losing pitcher, lasting through 4 2/3 innings.

Errors hurt Concealed's cause. Szpyrka led Concealed with two hits.

Colorado 8, Concealed 5, Wednesday, Aug. 4: Concealed led 4-0 at one point but a seven-run fifth inning helped Colorado come back.

Rowland, batting leadoff, went 4-for-4 to lead Concealed. Shay was the losing pitcher, most of the runs being unearned.

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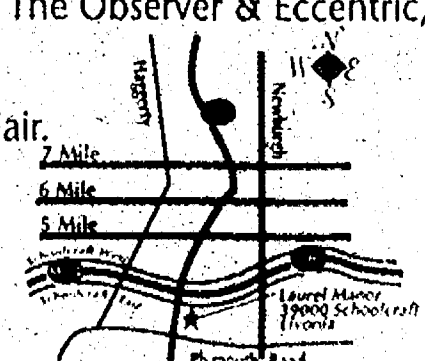
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Marathon cut

UD-Mercy coach Murray going to 2000 U.S. Olympic qualifier

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Guy Murray has been running races for nearly three decades, and he's been a competitive runner during most of that time.

But the biggest challenge of his career is arguably still ahead for the 32-year-old Farmington Hills resident.

Murray, who finished second in the recent Heart of the Hills race in Bloomfield Hills, will participate in the U.S. Olympic Trials in the marathon next May.

"Todd Williams from Monroe is planning on running, and he'll probably be the favorite," Murray said. "There will be about a hundred guys in it, and I'd say it will be close to the top 100 distance runners in the U.S."

Murray, who has been the head coach for men's and women's cross country and track at the University of Detroit-Mercy the last seven years, qualified for the Olympic Trials in June based on his finish in the Grandma's Marathon in Duluth, Minn.

Murray ran his best-ever time for a full marathon at two hours, 21 minutes and 18 seconds. The qualifying standard was 2:22.0.

He finished 19th overall; the top 20 made the cut, but the first

RUNNING

13 were foreign runners.

"I very happy with that time, because I've been chasing it for a long time in a marathon," Murray said.

"The course was very favorable. It was kind of a net downhill, a straight shot. They drive you 25 miles out of town and tell you to 'Hurry back.'

"It was a well-organized race, and they have great competitive weather (in the high 50s). The course runs right along Lake Superior, so there was a nice breeze.

"To run a marathon in that weather was such an overriding factor. Doug Kurtis suggested it and it turned out to be everything he said it was."

The Olympic Trials will take place in Pittsburgh on the same day as and just prior to the Pittsburgh Marathon.

Murray maintains a realistic approach to the likelihood of making the U.S. Olympic team, however. Only the top three will make it.

"It's kind of a longshot," he said. "I just want to run the best I can and see what happens. It's kinda fun to be in a competition like that and to see where you

place. There will be a hundred guys in it, and that will tell you where you rank."

Murray has never run the Boston Marathon, but he "definitely would like to while I'm still fairly competitive. The Olympic Trial race is two weeks after Boston, so that wouldn't work too well."

Murray, who won the Heart of the Hills race in the mid '90s and was second several times, used this year's event for workout purposes following the Grandma's Marathon.

"I'm just now getting things back together and training hard," Murray said. "This is a hard race. It's always a good, hard, training effort."

"It's always hot and just better for training than pointing toward it, because it's going to beat you up no matter what."

Murray finished the race in 33:07, beating another 32-year-old, Jeff Merkowitz of Ann Arbor, by eight seconds. Ann Arbor's Todd Snyder, 22, won the race in 32:19.

"Todd is a cross country All-American from (the University of) Michigan and is in pretty good shape," Murray said. "He had it pretty easily. After 3 1/2 miles he pulled away."

"It's hard to make up ground

on that course. A group of us train on the hills when we want to do a specific hill run. Actually, we found it might be a little too hard for training."

"That course is pretty tough, especially on a hot day. I've been fortunate to be up there most years. (His run) was pretty good, considering the heat and everything. I felt better than I thought I would. I had a pretty good week of training."

Murray plans to run the Detroit Free Press Marathon later this year and will take a break after that before starting his training for the Olympic Trial.

"I try to keep the miles rolling," he said. "That's the key to marathon running, putting in the miles."

Murray, who averages 80 to 100 miles per week, grew up in Niles and ran cross country and track for Detroit-Mercy, graduating in 1989. He became a U-D assistant coach in 1991.

"My father was a track coach, so I grew up around the sport, and I can't seem to get rid of it," he said. "Or, it can't get rid of me."

"I ran my first race in 1973. It was a fun run in Dowagiac; I was 6 years old; I got youngest-to-finish."



BILL HANSEN

Marathon Guy: University of Detroit Mercy track coach Guy Murray is headed to the U.S. Olympic marathon trials.

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The 60th Anniversary Friendship Festival Run/Walk is slated for Saturday, Sept. 11 at Central City Park in Westland. There will be a 5-kilometer run/walk starting at 5 p.m. The one-mile run/walk is set for 3 p.m.

The events are sponsored by St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

Cost to participate in either is \$10, which includes a T-shirt

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way) in Southfield.

Race applications are also available at the Birmingham YMCA, The Varsity Shop, Oakland Athletic Club, CMI, and The Birmingham Community House.

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my ears." After playing on her own following an introductory lesson, Ponikiewski turned to PGA professional Dick Gray at the Golden Bear Golf Center at Oasis. He's been instructing her on a regular basis for the last two years. "After she won," her mother said, "he was so proud of her." Ponikiewski has been playing in a women's golf league at St. John's the last three years, where she hopes to get her handicap into single digits soon. "I learned fast, believe me," she said. "Every-

body tells me I have a natural swing." "She's always watching the events on television," her mother said, "and she's always buying new clubs." Ponikiewski recently defeated her father, Joe, over nine holes up north "and he said he'll never play with her again," her mother said jokingly. "I'd like to thank my friends, my family and my pro for helping me," Ponikiewski said. "It's a great challenge, a great sport. Golf is a hard sport to play." Inspirational, too.

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Innovative program designed for golf

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So you'd like to improve your golf game. What golfer wouldn't? Ron Austin believes he has developed a program to help you do just that.

Austin's brainchild is called Golf Chi, which combines the ancient art of Tai Chi with the game of golf to produce a better player with enhanced mechanics and mental focus.

"I think I've nailed it on this one," said Austin, 42, who was raised in Garden City and lives in the Oakland County village of Franklin.

Austin has never been more than a recreational golfer, but he's certainly no stranger to physical-fitness training and avant-garde techniques.

His scrapbook is filled with newspaper and magazine stories and photos about his various athletic endeavors.

The former ironman triathlete, military serviceman and YMCA fitness director is best known for creating the innovative concept of Retro Training (running backward).

As with Golf Chi, that was the product of necessity. Austin started retro training to maintain cardiovascular fitness after suffering a hamstring injury.

"I could run a mile backward in seven minutes," he said. "I'm a bit of a maverick when it comes to human locomotion."

Tendinitis in his elbows due to weight training started Austin thinking about how he could otherwise stay in shape the year round for golf.

"Now, this is my new passion," Austin said. "I've always been involved in fitness; now I'm into the mental aspects."

"This happens to be my cup of tee, working the creativity with fitness. Working with golf seems to put it all together."

Golf Chi is for anyone who wants to be a better golfer and is willing to put the time and effort into the program, according to Austin.

"There are no age limits on this," he said. "It's for anyone looking for a straighter ball. If you want to be longer off the tee and have a softer feeling on the green, this is for you. This program will benefit you if you're open-minded."

Golf Chi incorporates balance, proper breathing, rhythm and coordination for the purpose of teaching golfers how to release stored muscle energy that will lead to longer, straighter tee shots.

The program consists of non-weight bearing exercises designed to help participants increase strength and flexibility that will translate into a more



STAFF PHOTO BY SARON LEMIEUX

Creator: Ron Austin has seen great improvement in his own golf game since using the methods of Golf Chi.

efficient golf swing.

"When you hit the ball, everything you have is put into the shot," Austin said. "You've seen martial arts guys break bricks? It's the same thing. You put that energy into your golf swing."

Austin said he has seen vast improvement in his own golf game by employing his own program.

"I've been golfing on and off for a lot of years and was considered a hack," he said. "I'm no longer a hack. I'm finding I have more talent than I ever did for the game of golf."

"My club speed was 90 miles per hour. Now it's 120 and climbing, and I'm in the fairway straight and 300 yards. The skill level is climbing out the roof."

"I'm no Tiger Woods and nobody trained me, but I've unlocked something between the ears."

Some members of the Redford Catholic Central High School golf team used the Golf Chi program last spring.

"It was interesting; it was different," CC sophomore Matt Fix of Dearborn Heights said. "It

helped the rhythm of my swing and my concentration. I shot a couple strokes lower on average."

Besides improving mental focus, Golf Chi also will help with the emotional and oftentimes frustrating aspects of playing golf, according to Austin.

"If you get on the course and start overthinking, that can be disastrous," he said. "The thinking process and the program are done before you get to the course. The mental side of the game of golf is still being opened up."

"It helps maintain an even keel on the course. It keeps you focused, so your emotions don't run off with you, which can be devastating in the game of golf. It teaches you to get back on the horse."

Austin emphasizes participants will get out what they put in to it, and the program won't magically transform a non-golfer into a great player.

"It's a program that optimizes; it doesn't change your game," he said. "It takes what you have and takes it to a higher level."

"It's a discipline, like all

things, that you have to work at. You have to stay positive. I have a feeling the majority of us don't push the envelope. You have to want it."

Developing Golf Chi has virtually become full-time work for Austin, who works part-time at a hardware store.

He has been working on the program for two years while taking classes at Oakland Community College with a goal of earning a degree in journalism.

"My wife (Sheila) believes very much in my dream, and she keeps us focused as we go down the road," Austin said. "There's no way I could do this without my wife, because it takes a lot of time."

Austin, who in his own words was not inclined toward formal education when he was younger, is largely self-taught and said he's had a re-awakening in recent years and a greater desire for advanced learning.

That complements his vast experience in the physical aspects of fitness and has helped in developing Golf Chi from an academic standpoint.

"I have a hunger for a new vocabulary," he said. "I read, read, read! Instead of watching life go by, I've come alive. Now I have a hunger to learn. I'm consuming books on the techniques of golf."

"It's been an ongoing process, talking with people who know more than me in these fields and putting together the program."

Austin doesn't have a video of his program available yet since he's still in the process of perfecting it, he said.

"I said I wouldn't produce anything until it's exactly perfected," Austin said. "That sounds old-fashioned, but if I put something out there with my name on it I want to make sure it works. I'm not going to sell junk."

Austin is available to personally teach the program to groups, however. He plans to do that (twice a week for 45 minutes per session) this fall through the Daimler-Chrysler Wellness Center.

Eventually, he hopes to sell his program to members of the PGA and LPGA. His fee is \$80 for eight weeks. If you'd like to have Austin teach his program to your group, you can call him at (248) 626-7774.

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Caring SWF, 31, 5'7", medium build, blonde/blue, Catholic, N.S., never married, no dependents, enjoys sports, concerts, movies, outdoors. Seeking caring, romantic, honest SWM, 28-38, with similar interests. #2727

BEAUTIFUL & CHARISMATIC
Intelligent, romantic, witty, affectionate SWF, 30, 5'8", honey-blonde hair, 120 lbs, seeking successful, fun-loving, handsome SWM, 45, for LTR. #4358

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SBF, 25, 5'4", full-figured, seeks honest, caring, successful SWM for companionship, fun times and possible LTR. Only serious need to respond. #4916

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Caring, loving, fit-figured woman, 35, never married, seeks successful, fun-loving male, 29-40, must love movies, sports, driving out, travel. Please respond to #4907

SPECIAL INTEREST
SWF, 35, seeks SWM, 35-55, N.S., N.D., who enjoys swimming, movies, dining out, travel, spending much time for friendship. #4909

POET SEES SAKE
SBF, 31, 5'2", outgoing, bright, creative, glasses, loves children. Seeking honest, trusting SWM. #4987

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SBF, 25, 5'2", 165lbs, seeks successful, intelligent, financially secure, 28-35, for travel, shopping, dining, boating, and LTR. #5470

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Adventurous SWF, 35, 5'5", brown/blonde, seeks honest, down-to-earth, N.S. SWM, 30-38, for romance, dining, golfing, fishing, hopefully leading to LTR. #4528

GIVE ME A CALL
SBF, 30-34, 150lbs, N.S., social drinker, seeks SWM, 30-45, with similar interests for dating out, concerts, plays, comedy clubs. #4331

BIG & BEAUTIFUL
SWF, 36, brunette, green eyes, outdoors, seeking, taking baths, and sharing my time with someone special, seeks SWM, 34-44, for a possible LTR. Only serious need apply. #4464

ADOLESCENT MATURE
Educated, healthy, slim DWF, 56', blonde hair, loves music, 5'6", fun conversations, believes in sharing my time with someone special, seeks SWM, 30-40, for a relationship. #4626

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Honest, fun-loving, 40s, 60, 5'1", blonde/blue, N.S. social drinker, financially successful, enjoys dancing, golf, theater, movies. Seeking sincere, honest, motivated SWM, 45-55, N.S., for fun and friendship. #4900

COFFEE, TEA, YOU & ME
I'm tall, former model, strawberry blonde, blue HW, professional, single, social drinker, easy on the eyes, with lots of TLC to share, seeks quality gentleman, 60-66, for romance, theater, conversation, dining, travel. #4319

LET'S STAND TOGETHER
Petite, healthy, professional, financially secure, class, slim, friendly SWF, 5'4", blonde/brown hair, 120 lbs, seeking gentleman, 30-40, who is honest, intelligent, successful, and fun. #4537

WHERE IS MR. RIGHT?
Fun, outgoing SWF, 21, 5'7", 175 lbs, blonde/blue, N.S., enjoys sports, hanging out, having fun, seeking honest, fun, outgoing SWM, 42-49, financially secure with class, integrity. #4225

ADORABLE & AFFECTIONATE
Very attractive, petite blonde, loves being by the water, boating, golf, likes traveling, dancing, movies, romantic dinners, fun, hugs. Seeking attractive, affectionate SWM, 42-49, financially secure with class, integrity. #3587

CAST YOUR FATE TO THE WIND
Attractive, classy DWF, 56', medium build, blonde/brown, N.S., N.D., loves sports, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeking romantic, intelligent man, 45-55, with morals, Medical, law, engineering, or plus. #5899

ELECTIC INTERESTS
Petite, slender, well-educated SWF, 46, blonde/blue, N.S., N.D., no children, enjoys golf, intelligent humor, life, eclectic interests in music, art, entertainment. Seeking handsome, successful, but playful SWM, tall, N.S., LTR. #4555

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IT'S DIFFICULT
To meet and find compatible, I'm outgoing, friendly, youthful, good-looking, slim, 5'3", young lady, believes that chemistry is necessary. Do you like to laugh, take sports, outdoor activities? Opportunity to meet. #4987

DREAMS OF THE FUTURE
DWF, 38, 5'2", 165lbs, blonde hair, sparkling blue, smoker, seeks a man who enjoys the outdoors, romance, water sports, camping, travel, festivals, concerts, and more. #4955

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Ultra feminine, petite, sweet European blonde, 40s, 5'2", who enjoys dancing, swimming, reading, movies, dining. For LTR, serious only. #4866

COMPANION & BEST FRIEND
SWF, 5'4", 150lbs, blonde, N.S., seeks SWM, 45-58, young-looking and energetic, like myself. A little bit country, a little bit rock, can be humorous as well as serious. #4820

CLASSY ACTIVE
Tall, slender, optimistic, attractive, romantic, fun, eclectic, social lady seeks intelligent, secure gentleman, 45-55, N.S., for companionship and more. #4899

YOU SCORPIO TOO?
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ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL
Gorgeous, down-to-earth SWF, 34, blonde hair, 120 lbs, seeks financially secure SWM, 42+, for possible LTR. #4626

LADY LOVES CHIVALRY
DWF, young-looking, 44, 5'2", 125lbs, strawberry blonde, green eyes, fun, outgoing, intelligent, attractive, honest and attentive. I enjoy fishing, camping, dancing, concerts, romantic dinners, and holding hands. For LTR. #4531

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Very pretty, energetic, sporty, social, blonde, 40s, 5'6", 125 lbs, blonde hair, N.S., N.D., loves horses, nature, hiking, traveling, and more. Seeking same and more in handsome, intelligent man. #4164

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Very kind-hearted, honest, easy-going, intelligent, smart, 28, 5'3", brown hair, with sense of humor. Likes the simple things in life. Seeking SWM, 40s, for friendship. #3929

QUALITY SEKS QUALITY
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NEW BEGINNINGS
Artistic, SWF, 43, 5'9", blonde hair, outgoing, enjoys going out, shows and my dog. Seeking marriage-minded SWM, 40+, who is a good person at heart. #4550

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Outgoing DWF, 52, 5'5", blonde hair, medium build, N.S., social drinker, enjoys dancing, movies, outdoors or just hanging out. Seeking SWM, similar interests, for long-term relationship or just for friendship. #3595

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SATURDAY



"Common Man, Mythic Vision: The Paintings of Ben Shahn" are on exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900 for more information.

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SRO Productions presents "Belles," featuring Tamara Gries, 2 p.m. at "The Burgh" on the northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. Tickets \$8, \$7 seniors/children, call (248) 827-0701.

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Judging by the soft, melodic tone of Sinead Lohan's voice over the telephone, she's completely at peace. There was no hint of urgency or anxiety, even though the Irish singer-songwriter was just days away from embarking on a trip to the states to join Lilith Fair.

Lohan is just one of 18 artists performing at Pine Knob Music Theatre during Lilith Fair Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 14-15. Lohan, who plays 4:50 p.m. on Saturday, is no stranger to the tour. She joined in on the acoustic stage for a few dates last summer.

"I'm really glad I'll have my hand with me," said Lohan during a telephone interview from her home in Cork County, Ireland on Aug. 2. "It should be good."

Though the slot on this summer's Lilith Fair marks Lohan's fourth U.S. tour, this engagement will prove different from past travels across the country. A new mother, Lohan will be accompanied by her 4-month-old son Zack. She was just beginning to pack up and prepare when we talked.

Preparations at Pine Knob are also running smoothly, according to staff. Jeff Corey, spokesman for the venue said this is the third summer Pine Knob Music Theatre has hosted Lilith Fair.

"It seems it has always been popular from the beginning," said Corey. "Overall, the festivals we have hosted at Pine Knob have done very well."

Before her involvement in the project, Lohan said she hadn't heard about Lilith Fair. When she found out the tour consisted of all female acts, it was initially cause for some concern.

"I don't feel like I represent women...I represent human beings,"



SARAH MCLACHLAN

ARISTA RECORDS

WHAT: Lilith Fair 1999, A Celebration of Women in Music

WHERE: Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township

WHEN: Doors open 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 14-15. Music on the Main Stage begins at 4:30 p.m. each day

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she said of her music. Once she found out the tour is a celebration of women in music, she said she was more than happy to be a part of it.

Well run event

"It's a well-run, well organized event," added Lohan.

Corey agreed and commented on the way the festival has changed over the past three summers.

"Sarah (McLachlan) seems to have diversified the line-up a little more each year, bringing in a variety of musical genres," he said. "This has

made her crowd a little more diverse and, it seems, you have seen more men in the crowd each year."

Jennifer Knapp, a Christian rock songstress and Kansas native, is one performer who will be new to the festival this year. Just back from a mission trip to the Dominican Republic where she helped build a hospital, Knapp said she was ready to hit the stage at Lilith Fair. She got involved with the festival by showing an interest in performing on the tour.

"It was just one of those quirky things," said Knapp who will be performing on the Second Stage at 6 p.m., after Lohan. "It's an honor to be playing on the same stage with the women that inspired me musically."

Those performers include Sarah McLachlan, Natalie Merchant and Indigo Girls. Knapp also admitted she's never had the opportunity to attend Lilith Fair, but this year she'll be a part of it.

"The biggest challenge will be communicating who I am as an individual, and my connection to God," said Knapp of her role on the tour. "The music really stands for itself."

She said she's honored to be part of the festival.

Accommodating fans

To accommodate fans of Knapp and the rest of the Lilith Fair performers, space is a major consideration every year. The grounds at Pine Knob have to support three separate stages.

"We have hosted a number of different festivals throughout the years so, as a venue, we are very adaptive to what the various types of these events," said Corey. "They have three different stages set up throughout the venue, the main pavilion stage and two smaller ones elsewhere on the grounds, along with various vendors booths and special interest group areas. We've handled it before and we

Please see LILITH, E2

MOVIES

Actress reflects on 'Detroit Rock City'

Editor's note: Lin Shaye stars in "Detroit Rock City," a coming-of-age film that centers around four teenagers who embark on a wild adventure to attend a sold out Kiss concert in Detroit. The film opens Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters. See film review on Page E6. Stephanie Angelyn Casola interviewed Shaye by phone from her home in Los Angeles, Calif.

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O&E: How did you get involved in "Detroit Rock City?"

Lin Shaye: "I auditioned. I'd heard about the story and I'm from Detroit. Knowing the Kiss song, it piqued my imagination and interest. The one thing I didn't know, Barry Levine and Tim Sullivan (producers of the film), they wanted me from the get-go."

O&E: Movie-goers may instantly recognize you as "Magda" from "There's Something About Mary." In this film you play another memorable character. What did you like most about your character, Mrs. Bruce?

Shaye: "I think I like most that she takes this journey and that she comes through it... she really has to let go of her son."

"I had a wonderful time. We rounded her out. She had her realization as well. That became my favorite part of the character... I love the look of the character, the wardrobe too."

O&E: Tell me the truth, do you secretly listen to Kiss' music? What do you think of the band?

Shaye: "Yes, but what happened, I was not really a fan of their music. I was a fan of the theatrics. I love the whole Kabuki thing"

Please see ACTRESS, E2



Rock-solid roots: Sam Huntington (left) and Lin Shaye in a scene from "Detroit Rock City."

Shakespeare in the park a family event

West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission will present "A Midsummer Night's Dream" performed by Repercussion Theatre 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 at Drake Sports Park, on Drake Road, south of Maple Road in West Bloomfield. Tickets \$2.50 in advance and can be purchased at the Parks and Recreation Commission building, 4640 Walnut Lake Road. Tickets \$3 on the day of the event. Free admission for children under age 5. Call (248) 738-2500 for more information.

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When Judy Share-Vine saw an opportunity to present Shakespeare in a way the entire family could enjoy, she jumped at the chance.

As the superintendent for the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission, Share-Vine was instrumental in bringing the Shakespeare-In-The-Park presentation, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," to Drake Sports Park Sunday. William Shakespeare's classic comedy touches on themes of unrequited love and mistaken identities. She said she's sure it will be "interesting to people of all ages."

"This is the very first year we've tried anything like this," said Share-Vine. "We have done outdoor summer concerts, but this is our first time with a comedic performance. We think it'll be a great opportunity for everybody to experience this kind of theater."

The performance will be presented by Repercussion Theater, an outdoor touring theater group from Montreal, Canada.

"It is for people of all ages and varying tastes," said Share-Vine. "There's a kind of shadow that falls over classic theater like this show. Some people think it's not for me. This approach is really going to reach out and give a hand to people who love it, and people who are willing to try it."

She said she would love to see Shakespeare-In-The-Park become an annual event, but the department will take it one step at a time. This year, volunteers are assisting with setting up the show and taking tickets.

Sue Sobeck, assistant to the township supervisor, is one such volunteer. As a member of the Friends of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Sobeck said she is happy to help out with the event. She appreciates seeing Shakespearean productions.

"Years ago I saw an outside performance in Toronto," she said. "It was a glorious thing. At the time they were doing 'Romeo and Juliet' out in the open."

Sobek said the Shakespeare-In-The-Park show will make "A Midsummer Night's Dream" accessible to children. She said the lessons in the stories are timeless, eternal, and just as relevant in the world today.

Big Daddy's Parthenon, 6199 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloom-

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will accommodate them again this summer."

Performing on the Second Stage, Lohan will play several songs from her U.S. debut, "No Mermaid," released last year by Interscope Records. The album is actually Lohan's second effort, a follow-up to her 1995 album "Who Do You Think I Am" which was released in Ireland. On "No Mermaid" Lohan, teamed up with producer Malcolm Burn (known for his work with Peter Gabriel and Shawn Colvin) to record 12 emotionally-stirring tracks at Clouet Street Studio in New Orleans.

"I think he did a great job," she said. "He's someone I wanted to work with." After mixing Burn's signature sound with her songs, Lohan said she's happy with the end result. She said the hot sum-

mer days she spent recording shine through in the music.

"A lot of tracks are laid back, kind of lazy," she added.

Lazy is one word that doesn't seem to fit her vocabulary these days. Hailing from County Cork, Ireland, Lohan has been performing for more than 10 years. She knew she wanted to be a singer in a band by the time she finished school at age 17. Enrolling in a music course, she was given the opportunity to showcase her own songs for the first time.

"I got the bug and I kept playing," she said. Lohan named Van Morrison, Tom Waits, Michael Jackson, and even that other Sinead — O'Connor that is — as some of her favorite musicians. But she feels so many sounds

Lilith Fair Line-up:

(subject to change)

Saturday, Aug. 14

On the Main Stage:

5:30—6 p.m. Liz Phair
6:35—7:10 p.m. Queen Latifah
7:40—8:25 p.m. Dixie Chicks
8:45—9:40 p.m. Sheryl Crow
10—10:55 p.m. Sarah McLachlan

On the Village Stage:

4:15—4:35 p.m. Innocence Mission
3:30—3:50 p.m. Jarah Jane
3:55—4:15 p.m. Badi Assad
4:50—5:10 p.m. Sinead Lohan
6—6:30 p.m. Jennifer Knapp

Sunday, Aug. 15

On the Main Stage:

5:30—6 p.m. Martina McBride
6:35—7:10 p.m. Queen Latifah
7:40—8:25 p.m. Dixie Chicks
8:45—9:40 p.m. Sheryl Crow
10—10:55 p.m. Sarah McLachlan

On the Village Stage:

3:30—3:50 p.m. Kari Newhouse
3:55—4:15 p.m. Nelly Furtado
4:15—4:35 p.m. Wild Strawberries
4:50—5:10 p.m. Morley
5:10—6:30 p.m. Sozzi
6—6:30 p.m. Susan Tedeschi

can influence her music, she said.

"I suppose everything you listen to gets into your head, whatever was popular at the time,"

Lohan said.

Like the other acts at this year's event, Lohan's songs are sure to linger in the minds of this year's Lilith Fair attendees.

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field, is contributing to the program by hosting a cast and crew dinner for theater group members.

"We've been very actively involved in quite a few community affairs," said Artie Ehrlich, restaurant general manager. "We think it's very important."

Ehrlich is expecting 40 people to attend. A surprise to him, Repercussion Theatre offered to perform some vignettes of the show during dinner to entertain the staff and other diners. It's all part of the family-oriented event. Ehrlich said Shakespeare-In-The-Park will attract more families than individuals.

Everyone is welcome to attend Shakespeare-In-The-Park. Program goers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

"It's a good plan," he said of the event. "It offers quality time with the family."

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READER FEEDBACK

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Your opinion is important to us. We want to hear from you.

Here is what readers had to say about the new MGM Grand Detroit Casino.

Sara Tolbert of Southfield thought it was — "super, fantastic!"

"The buffet was better than any other buffet I have gone to in the area," she wrote. "The casino gives you the opportunity to have somewhere to go after midnight. Living in the Detroit area most people complain there is nothing to do after 11 p.m."

The only disappointment is the fact that the ATM machine has a \$100 minimum. I am not a big gambler and there was no way I would have taken \$100 out at the casino. I would prefer increments of \$20, and if I wanted to take \$100 or less I would. Several people in the line for the ATM machine stepped out for this same reason."

Garey L. Ware of Livonia — got his first experience of the MGM Grand Detroit Casino on Monday, Aug. 2. "While I was

impressed by the interior, I was not impressed by their food," he wrote. "At approximately eleven o'clock I decided to go have some breakfast after winning at slots. To be blunt, the food was terrible. The eggs were caked up with added water. The sausages and ham were dry due to the overhead heat lights, which were used to keep the food warm. All of the food was cold. After paying over \$15, I was very upset. Also, I went to get a bagel, only to decide against it finding the bagel hard as a brick. Needless to say, I ended up eating for breakfast, black-eyed peas, greens, macaroni and cheese, and pork chops."

Except for the food, Ware wrote, "for the most part, the casino did meet my expectations."

Tell us what you think about "Detroit Rock City" opening Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters. You can fax your comments to me at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail me at kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Send comments to Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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they do, that primordial blood thing that you don't really know what to do with. I didn't really listen to the music until this movie. I've really gotten into the music. It's still got a beat to it. It's got a form. It's not total chaos.

"Gene Simmons is just the best. All four of the guys are wonderful, giving and kind."

O&E: Tell me about living in the Detroit area?

Shaye: "I was born on Fairfield Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads. I lived there until I went to college. (Having recently visited the house, she recalled fond memories) I dream about that house all the time. (Visiting) it was the biggest blurring of reality and dream I've ever had. The smells were still the same."

"My dad still lives in Farmington Hills, He's a painter. Max Shaye. He's wonderful. I have very, very loving feelings of living in Detroit."

O&E: Having a personal connection to Detroit, do you feel it was correctly represented in the film, even though much of the

movie was shot in Toronto?

Shaye: "I thought the whole thing was in Michigan. (Filming in Toronto proved to be a cheaper alternative, so it was mostly shot in Cleveland and Toronto) They did the exteriors in Detroit. We did see Cobo Hall and the Fox Theatre. There were various landmarks."

"I feel (the movie) is representative of the Midwest in the 70s. Ohio and Detroit had the same feel. It's too bad, I thought it was going to be. I don't see my dad all that often. It would've been fun."

O&E: Is there anything you would like to add?

Shaye: "I enjoyed working with the director, Adam Rifkin. I hope people will see into it — aside from the fact that it's an incredibly entertaining piece of filmmaking — (I hope) that people will take away from it a kind of a sweetness. When that actor...opens his hand (to collect their concert tickets) at the door, it really makes me cry. We all want that hand to open, for us all to be able to go forward."



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MUSIC

No Knife cuts out of California, heads for Detroit

BY STEPHANIE ANGELEYN CASOLA
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Mitch Wilson is trying hard not to laugh.

He's calling from a telephone in a noisy cafe hallway somewhere in Austin Texas, but someone else has caught his attention.

"There's this kid — wearing all camouflage — standing right in front of me, yo-yoing," said Wilson, vocalist for the San Diego-based quartet No Knife. "He's like 'check me out, I'm around the world.'"

For a band whose name was derived from a line in the 1978 film, "The Deer Hunter," which depicted the Vietnam War, the camouflage kid was all too appropriate distraction. While Wilson neglected to elaborate on the exact line in the script which spawned the moniker, he said they were striving for a name that wouldn't conjure up pictures in people's minds. No Knife's music alone would do that.

The band is touring the country in support of their third album, "Fire in the City of Automats," released on May 18.

Playing music was something Wilson always knew he wanted to do. He joined his first band at age 15 as a singer. Every time he tried to pick up a guitar his bandmates would tell him to put it back down. Two years later he grabbed a guitar and never put it down again. By 1993, he had written several songs and needed the right vehicle in which to perform them. That vehicle became No Knife. After two line-up changes, three albums, and almost-constant touring, No Knife established a strong chemistry among its members: singer/guitarist Wilson, guitarist Ryan Ferguson, bassist Brian Desjean and drummer Chris Prescott.

The result of that union can be heard in the band's latest sonic exploration, a collection of 12 songs rich in texture and poetic language.

Wilson said the album was "a



Cutting edge: No Knife (left to right) is Brian Desjean, Ryan Ferguson, Mitch Wilson and Chris Prescott. The band, hailing from San Diego, will perform at the Magic Stick in Detroit on Thursday, Aug. 19.

more collaborative effort," compared to previous albums "Drunk on the Moon" and "Hit Man Dreams." Rather than writing an entire song and sharing it with the other members of the band, the songs were written collectively. With the addition of Chris Prescott, Wilson said the band's sound changed.

"The difference in drumming styles is amazing," he said. "Chris has more of a Jazz influence. It's less bombastic. Now we're trying to layer and create space and notes and arrangements."

No Knife worked with Australian producer Greg Wales to create "Fire in the City of Automats." Fresh off of tour, the band found out that Wales' visa was about to expire. Without wasting a moment, the band and Wales jumped in to write

and record a new set of material.

"It worked out better we were under the gun," said Wilson, who describes some of the songs as experimental, happy accidents. Wales encouraged the band to stay open to the possibilities, to have an idea, but not set it in stone.

"We could be a little more experimental," added Wilson. "As a result I think it breathes a little more. It's got a better energy to it. He's a blast to work with." Some of the songs Wilson likes most on the new album are those that came together quickly, and somewhat on their own.

"Mission Control" didn't have lyrics until about 30 minutes before it was recorded, Wilson said. "Under the Moon" was that way too, all of a sudden."

Eat World on June 10. Wilson remembers it fondly.

"It was awesome, free bowling, they fed us," he said.

No Knife will perform 8 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 19, at the Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$7 at the door. All ages are welcome. Call (313) for information.

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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

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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.

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"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

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Mystery Dinner Theater production of "A Friendly Game of Death," 8 p.m. Saturdays through Aug. 14, at northeast corner of M-59 and M-53, Utica. \$32.95. (810) 930-1515

YOUTH

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"Rumplestiltskin," 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, Aug. 10-13 and 17-20, 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 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

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Pewabic Pottery's Antique and Contemporary Art Tile Fair, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15,



Opening weekend: Trumpets herald the start of the Michigan Renaissance Festival, weekends through Sunday, Sept. 26. Visit the 15-acre Renaissance village of Hollygrove off I-75, Grand Blanc exit 106, on Dixie Highway between Pontiac and Flint. Village gates open 10 a.m., close 7 p.m. Admission at the gate \$13.95 adults; \$5.95, children ages 5-12; children age four and younger admitted free; seniors age 60 and older; with ID, \$11.75 at the gate. Advance adult tickets \$12.50, children \$5, available at Farmer Jack stores. Season passes \$59.95 adults, \$24.95 children ages 5-12, available at the box office or in advance. Call (248) 634-5552 or (800) 601-4848 for more information. The festival offers entertainment, crafts, food, games and rides. This weekend, Legends & Lore — Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 14-15, features an International Strongman Competition.

at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 15 Lakeshore Dr., Grosse Pointe. \$5. (313) 822-0954 or <http://www.pewabic.com>

BIRD HIKE

8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, Maybury State Park, meet at the riding stable parking area on Beck Road, south of Eight Mile, Northville. Free with state park motor vehicle permit. (248) 349-8390

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Noon to midnight Friday-Sunday, Aug. 13-15 (parade 11 a.m. Saturday from Woodward and Mack Ave.), international performing artists, ethnic gallery, food, dance, children's activities, crafts, music, in Hart Plaza, Detroit. (313) 255-2226

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Nature Folklore, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, and Bats of Michigan, 7 p.m. Thursday, 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

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FAMILY EVENTS

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1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. \$4, \$3 children. City residents receive \$1 off. (734) 455-6620

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The Michigan United Conservation Club show, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, Cohn Amphitheatre, adjacent to the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$2.50. (248) 625-6473/(248) 858-1684 (TTY) or <http://www.co.oakland.mi.us>

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Novi Concert Band, 7:30 Friday, Aug. 13, at the bandshell, Northville. (248) 349-7640

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At Hill and the Love Butlers perform R & B, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen Road, at Civic Center Drive north of 10 Mile. (248) 424-9022

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Black Beauty & Thornetta Davis, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, at the Detroit Zoo, northwest corner of Woodward and 10 Mile, Royal Oak. Free with zoo admission. (248) 398-0903 (blues)

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Dearborn Big Band, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, in Crowley Park. Free. (313) 943-2360

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Bob Duran, 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, 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 (Dixieland)

POPS/SWING

BOSTON POPS ESPLANADE ORCHESTRA

With special guests the Jivin' Lindy Hoppers, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$37.50, \$50 and \$75. (248) 433-1515

JIM PARAVANTES & MERIDIAN

"Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through August, at Adriano Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

AUDITIONS / OPPORTUNITIES

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND

Looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass, and especially percussion players) of all ages for rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, at Groves High School, Birmingham. (248) 474-4997

B.W. PRODUCTIONS

Auditions for male and females for musical/comedy gospel stage play, no past experience necessary but a plus, training will be provided. (313) 865-2375

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

Intensive master classes in advanced ballet and pointe with Jacob Lasco 10 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, Aug. 16-20, at the EDE Center for Dance, 1541 Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850

MARQUIS THEATRE

Auditions for boys and girls ages 8-16 for the musical comedy "Halloween Soup," 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. For performances on weekends beginning Oct. 8 through Oct. 31. (248) 349-8110

MICHIGAN CLASSIC BALLET

The ballet company of Bloomfield Hills holds auditions for the 1999-2000 season at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, Geiger Classic Ballet Academy, 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills. All classically trained dancers ages 10 and older are invited to attend. Dancers are required to bring one teacher recommendation from their current dance school and a registration fee of \$15. (248) 334-1300

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

SPIRIT OF DETROIT CHORUS

Looking for new members of all ages to rehearse and become new members of the ladies group that sings four-part harmony in the barbershop tradition, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile west of Inkster Road, Livonia. (313) 937-2429

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY

Auditions for male and female dancers ages 4-14 (under five-feet) for "The Harlem Nutcracker" by Donald Byrd, 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 (registration at 10 a.m.), at 1526 Broadway, corner of Madison and John R, Detroit. For performances Wednesday, Nov. 24, Friday, Nov. 26 to Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Detroit Opera House. (734) 615-0122

U.S. COMEDY ARTS FESTIVAL

Open call for comedians to showcase their routines later in the day, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth Street, Royal Oak. Finalists perform at 8 p.m. in concert open to the public. (248) 542-9900

JAZZ

FARUQ Z. BEY

The saxophonist performs 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, in deSalle Auditorium at Cranbrook Art Museum, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. \$10, \$8 art museum members/students. (248) 645-3361

TASILIMAH BEY

8:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925 (ragtime piano)

BESS BONNIER

8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, "Suite William" CD release celebration concert at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

FIELDS/HOULE/ROEBKE

8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net (acoustic guitar/clarinet/double bass)

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 Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 348-5555 (Brazilian Jazz/American standards)

AL JARREAU

With Dave Koz and Chris Botti, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, Fox

Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$37.50 and \$30. All ages. (248) 433-1515

"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

SHEILA LANDIS TRIO

Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Brighton Art Fair.

MAINSTREAM

8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at Borders, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Free. (248) 652-0558

FRANK MORGAN QUARTET

9:30 p.m., 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 13-14, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$15 for all three sets. (734) 662-8310

MARK MOULTRUP TRIO

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO

9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, 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

RANDY VOLIN

9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 223-1700

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

THE WARREN COMMISSION

6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Big Rock Chop and Brew House's stone terrace, 245 E. Eton, Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 647-7774

WORLD MUSIC

"AFRICA FETE '99"

With Afro-pop stars Baaba Maal, Oliver Mtukudzi and Kulajan featuring Taj Mahal and Malian kora player Toumani Diabate, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$25 (box seats \$40). (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

PAUL CEBAR AND THE MILWAUKEEANS

8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at The Ark, 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 761-1800 (world-beat rhythms)

CHERISH THE LADIES

8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at The Ark, 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 761-1800 (traditional Irish music)

DONAL LUNNY'S COULFIN

8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, at The Ark, 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 761-1800 (innovative Irish music)

GRATITUDE STEEL BAND

8 days a week

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DANCE

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

8:30 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 McGrew and Kerry White, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 12-14 (\$15); Andre Fernandez and Greg Phelps, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 19-21 (\$10), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Hood Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 12-15; "Road Warrior" night Monday, Aug. 16 and U.S. Comedy Arts Festival, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17 (\$5); Joel Zimmer Wednesday-Sunday, Aug. 18-22, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (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. Mainstage comedy acts: \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

BELLE ISLE ZOO

Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Oct. 31, at the zoo on Central Avenue on Belle Isle, two miles east of downtown Detroit, entrance is on East Jefferson at East Grand Boulevard. \$3, \$2 seniors age 62 and older and students, \$1 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0900/(248) 399-7001

CRANBROOK HOUSE AND GARDENS

Tours 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 27 (\$10); and 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Thursdays a noon lunch is offered only with a house tour and only 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

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND ART MUSEUM

"Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island," at the art museum. (248) 645-3361; "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters," "Our Dynamic Earth," and planetarium and Lasera programs at the science center, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Extended Friday hours, 5-10 p.m., through Aug. 13. 1-877-462-7262

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby). Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

"More than Meets the Eye," an interactive exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution takes visitors through some of the daily experiences of blind and visually impaired people, continues through Aug. 29. (313) 577-8400, ext. 417; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

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 riverside powerhouse, Henry Ford's personal garage and cars, giant generators placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that still operate, and the tunnel to the 56-room mansion with elaborate carved woodwork and personal artifacts, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

"Summer Evenings" continue Saturdays through Aug. (at reduced prices), features cake walk, town ball, herb/food presentation, ice cream social (additional fee), 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

PRESERVATION WAYNE

Annual Detroit Historic Theatre District Tour features the Century Theatre, tours leave every half hour beginning at 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (9:30 a.m. tour is already sold out), from the lobby of the State Theatre, Detroit. \$25, \$20 members. (313) 577-3559

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM

"Something Old, Something New: Wedding Gowns of the 19th and 20th Centuries," on display 14 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Sept. 25, at the museum on Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off of Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. \$3, \$2 seniors and students. (248) 656-4663

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS

9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, Cavern Club, Ann Arbor (734) 332-9900 (blues)

JOHNNY AWESOME BAND

9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at Zim's Irish Tavern, 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467 (roots/rock)

BACKSTREET BOYS

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 for \$38.50 and \$29.50. Fight ticket per person limit. Call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

JEFF BECK

With Johnny Lang, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets now on sale

\$35 pavilion/\$15 lawn at The Palace and Pine Knob Box Offices and Ticketmaster locations. Charge by phone (248) 645-6666 or online www.ticketmaster.com (rock)

BIF NAKED

6:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (grunge)

BLUE ROSE

11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, The Plaza, one block west of the Southfield Civic Center, Southfield. Free. All ages. (248) 354-9540 (blues)

BLUE SUITE FEAT

With Alberta Adams, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BROOKS AND DUNN

With Trace Adkins, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Deryl Dodd is no longer on the bill. \$29.50 pavilion, \$15.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (country)

CHER

With Cyndi Lauper and Julio Iglesias, Jr. Concert rescheduled for 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets from the July 23 show will be honored on Sept. 12. Tickets for an additional show on Sept. 11 are on sale for \$75.25 and \$45.25. Call (248) 645-6666

CHISEL BROS. FEAT

With Chef Cris, 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and over. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

DELTA 88

8 p.m. Aug. 14, Espresso Royale Cafe, Ann Arbor. No cover charge. (734) 622-2770 (country)

DRIFTWEED

With The Neptunes, 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, 313.jac, 624 Brush Street, located upstairs from Jacoby's in Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067 (pop rock)

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)

GEORGE DUKE

With Rachelle Ferrell, Kenny Latimore, 6:30 p.m. Thursday August 12, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$35, \$25, \$20. (313) 961-5451

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS

6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, Harmonie Park, 1435 Randolph, Detroit. (313) 961-0707
9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, Arbor Brewing Company, 116 E. Washington, Ann Arbor (734) 213-1393 (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

ELIZA

10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. 21 and over (248) 543-4300

FACTOR 9

8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 12-14, 19--20, Token Lounge, 28949 Joy Road, Westland. \$3 cover after 10 p.m., 21 and over (734) 513-5030 (rock)

FIGHTING PINHEADS

10 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20, 313.jac, 624 Brush Street, located upstairs from Jacoby's in Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067 (garage rock)

MICHAEL FRANKS

With Norman Brown, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$37.50 and \$30 on sale Saturday, Aug. 7. (248) 433-1515

GENIUS/QZA

9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, Saint Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15. All ages welcome. (313) 961-MELT or <http://961melt.com> (hip hop)

GOO GOO DOLLS

With Sugar Ray and Fastball, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$28.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (alternative rock)

GROOVE COLLECTIVE

With Jazodity, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. (248) 544-1991 (funky jazz)

GUTTERMOUTH

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, postponed from June 15, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (punk)

INSANE CLOWN POSSE

With Krazyie Bone, Inspectah Deck, Mindless Self Indulgence and Biohazard, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$15 and \$25. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6606 (rap/rock)

LENNY KRAVITZ

With Smashmouth and Freestylers, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 (rock)

LARVAL

With The Colonel and The Griffin Shepherd, Friday, Aug. 13, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555

LEN

The Sunday, Aug. 15 show scheduled for Saint Andrews Hall has been postponed.

KIM LENZ AND THE JAGUARS

9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, Mill Street Lounge, lower level at Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$5 cover. 21 and over. (248) 333-2362 (rockabilly)

LIL' ED AND THE BLUES IMPERIALS

10 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 19, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. 21 and over. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

"LILITH FAIR '99"

With Sarah McLachlan, Sheryl Crow, Dixie Chicks, Queen Latifah, Liz Phair, Jennifer Knapp, Sinead Lohan, 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, and Sarah McLachlan, Sheryl Crow, Dixie Chicks, Queen Latifah, Martina McBride, Susan Tedeschi, Morley and Wild Strawberries, 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$79 and \$54 pavilion, \$34 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (variety)

BARRY MANILOW

8 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)

MAXWELL

8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 26-27, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Tickets on sale \$75, \$50 and \$40. Charge by phone (248) 433-1515

JIM MCCARTY & MYSTERY TRAIN

9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609 (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) 546-7610 (pop)

ME'SHELL NDEGECELLO

8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. (734) 996-8555

MUDPUDDY FEATURING PAUL RANDOLPH

9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. No cover. 21 and over. (248) 735-4011

NO KNIFE

With Piebald, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at the Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7 in advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (rock/punk)

NO LIMIT ARMY TOUR STARRING MASTER P AND SNOOP DOGG

With Silk the Shocker, Mystikal, C-Murder, MIA X, Friend, Mercedes, Ghetto, Commission Mac, Magic and Mr. Serx on, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, Cobo Arena, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 567-7444 (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)

PLANETFEST SPONSORED BY 96.3 FM (WPLT)

With Violent Femmes.

Smithereens. Flock of Seagulls. Sister Seed, time to be announced, Saturday Aug. 21, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets \$19.96 pavilion/\$15.96 lawn on sale 10 a.m. Saturday Aug. 7 at all Ticketmaster outlets (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com (rock)

THE PRIME MINISTERS

With The Sights, The Neptunes, Brilliant, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5 cover. 21 and over. (248) 544-1991 (hard-pop)

THE REEFERMAN

10 p.m. Tuesdays in August, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922

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)

THE ROOTS

With Everlast and Macy Gray, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 25, State Theatre. Tickets on sale now. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (rap/hip-hop)

SAX APPEAL

7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

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> (country)

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN

The Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 16-17 shows scheduled for The Palace of Auburn Hills have been rescheduled for Sept. 8-9. Tickets for the Aug. 16 show will be honored Sept. 8 and tickets for the Aug. 17 show will be honored Aug. 16. A limited number of tickets are still available for the Sept. 9 show, \$67.50 and \$37.50. Refunds are available at the point of purchase through Aug. 17. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

THE STALTER BROTHERS

With Tara Lynn, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 20-21, Clio Area Amphitheater, 301 Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio. \$28 reserved, \$23 bleachers. (810) 687-7611 or <http://www.clioamp.org> (country)

THE STILL

With Sky Pilots, Friday, Aug. 20, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 996-8555

STRUT AND HUDDLE CD RELEASE PARTY

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$4 cover. (734) 996-8555

VELOUR 100 CD RELEASE PARTY

With Damien Jurado and Dave Fishhoff, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 996-8555

WHOREMOANS

With Discokids, Broca's Area, Grey Electric, 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, 313.jac, 624 Brush Street, located upstairs from Jacoby's in Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067 (punk)

BARRY WHITE

With Earth, Wind and Fire show scheduled for Friday, Aug. 13 has been canceled due to illness. Refunds are available at the point of purchase. For more information, call (313) 983-6616

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](http://www.alvins.txc.com)

MOVIES

'Detroit Rock City' travels to roots of 70s rock n' roll

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Like the song for which it was named, the New Line Cinema release "Detroit Rock City" captures the youthful energy and disregard for authority expected of any rock and roll comedy.

Directed by Adam Rifkin and produced by Gene Simmons, the film transports viewers back to a time colored by lava lamps, Mad Magazine and Farrah Fawcett posters — a time when, for many, Kiss defined rock and roll. "Detroit Rock City" opens in area theaters on Friday.

Made by and for Kiss fans, "Detroit Rock City" is a throwback to the band's heyday. It celebrates Kiss — costumed in

their trademark makeup and leather suits — by following a group of four teenage boys who idolize the legendary band. On one day in 1978, Hawk (Edward Furlong), Lex (Giuseppe Andrews), Jam (Sam Huntington), and Trip (James DeBello), have but one goal — get from Cleveland to Detroit to see Kiss perform live at Cobo Hall. They will stop at nothing to get there.

Opening with a shot of a woman humming "We've Only Just Begun" by The Carpenters, the film immediately draws lines between genres of music. The character — Mrs. Bruce — is portrayed by Lin Shaye, an actress known for her role as Magda, the snooty, ultra-suntanned neighbor in "There's

Something About Mary." Shaye is a Detroit native.

Her character, "Mrs. Bruce," mistakenly places Kiss' "Love Gun" album on her record player and relaxes back into her recliner just as the music explodes from the speakers, sending her reeling in anger. Her son, Jam, will suffer the consequences.

Exploring the generation gap, the rivalry between rock and disco, teenage rebellion and the eternal quest for freedom, "Detroit Rock City" is a coming-of-age comedy. Accompanying countless Kiss tunes, the film is filled with enough classic rock songs to inspire a sing-a-long. Viewers are treated the sounds of the Ramones, Thin Lizzy, Van Halen, AC/DC and Detroit's own

Ted Nugent.

Without hesitation, the film pokes fun at false perceptions about the band. Carl Dupre's script contains references to the length of Gene Simmons' tongue, and comments about "the devil's music" in a comical manner. Blatantly obvious song references permeate the film — from characters obviously named for popular Kiss songs ("Beth" and "Christine 16"), to scenes punctuated with just the right music. One fight scene appropriately plays out to Black Sabbath's "Iron Man."

While the film was set in Detroit, it was filmed in Toronto. The original "rock city" is marred by references to crime, many of which are sure to evoke laughter. In one scene, Mrs. Bruce chastises her son for buying tickets to the Kiss concert and attempting to sneak off to Detroit.

"Now you wanna see the Devil in the flesh... You wanna reach out and touch pure evil, and in Detroit, no less," she said.

Like the colorful pages of a comic book, the look of the film is bright and flashy. With quick camera movements, split screens, and scenes that send sober heads spinning, "Detroit Rock City" brings back the campy atmosphere associated with such films as the Ramones' "Rock and Roll High School," while adding the sparkle of 70s style, reminiscent of a "Brady Bunch" marathon. The film uses predictable tactics to carry its story: from authoritarian hall monitors, to stolen cars, and a pack of angry guard dogs. "Detroit Rock City" establishes



Kiss Fanatics: (left to right) James DeBello, Edward Furlong, Sam Huntington and Giuseppe Andrews take Detroit by storm in search of their favorite rock band Kiss in "Detroit Rock City."

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itself as a film about teenage angst set appropriately to rock and roll.

Diehard Kiss fans be warned; don't expect to see too much of the band members in the plot of the film. Paul Stanley, Gene Simmons, Ace Frehley and Peter Criss appear as themselves in backstage scenes and in performance, but are mostly confined to the climax and end of the film.

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mons in literature about the film. "I loved the script immediately. It was hilarious, it was heartfelt, but most of all, it was about the fans. And that was important to us, because Kiss has always been about the fans."

"Detroit Rock City" offers a light-hearted cinematic romp through the minds of young rock fans. While Kiss followers are sure to enjoy the film, those who can't cope with a campy-yet-predictable plot should stay away from this one.

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STREET SCENE

Take me back: Music links listeners to past



Stephanie A. Casola

Call it addiction. I'm completely hooked on documentaries, rockumentaries and nostalgic peeks into the pasts of celebrities: The signs of trouble emerged when I found myself curled up on the couch on a Saturday afternoon, unable to pull myself away from the television because VH1 was running a "Behind the Music" marathon, or revisiting teen idols on "Before They Were Stars." I tell myself "I'll turn it off right after Leif Garrett." I can't help it, I hang on every powerfully-narrated word about anyone famous, anyone memorable at all.

With the success and the dura-

tion of such programming I must not be alone. The cable channel A&E has spawned several versions of their show "Biography." There are versions aimed at children, those that cover international interests, "Biography Extra" that focuses on cultural trends. The Web site (www.biography.com) boasts more than 20,000 personalities. What drives this quest for an intimate look into the lives of celebrities?

While becoming acclimated to my new position, this very question has bounced around my brain for some time. Perhaps it's the sense of nostalgia that music creates for listeners.

Nostalgia at its finest

Music can define our memories and with one single note transport our wandering minds to a moment in the past. Steve

Miller's "The Joker" will always take me back to a high school party where a group of my friends played it continuously, singing and dancing in an uncontrollable manner until the sun came up. That was my first real look at the sunrise.

Live's album "Throwing Copper" was my first musical purchase in college, made the day I moved to East Lansing to attend Michigan State University. I can't hear "Selling the Drama" without picturing that tiny dorm room and re-living the tingling sensation that comes with one's first taste of freedom.

Nostalgia plays a part in New Line Cinema's new film "Detroit Rock City," which hits theaters Friday. Kiss fans will find it to be a musical romp into the late 70s. I couldn't help but hum along to a few of the songs in the film, and I

could name almost all of them immediately. From the bell bottoms to the Farrah Fawcett feathered hair, the film plays on that notion of re-living the past.

A curious quest for knowledge

Using a different style, shows like "Behind the Music" and "Before They Were Stars" provide a personal look into the lives of those musicians, actors, and public personalities we admire. They tell that "All American" story, where someone overcomes hardship to triumph in the spotlight — and sometimes fall back into the shadows. These are the stories that allow us to connect to people we've never met, but feel like we know so well. In turn, we reflect on our own past.

Working in the field of journalism, I've come to realize that each

person has a story to tell. In college I would sometimes gaze out of my apartment window and marvel at the life that went on all around me — the loud neighbors spilling drinks from the balcony above, friends tossing a football in the street, students poring over textbooks. We are all shaped by our experiences, our interests, the choices we've made and opportunities we've passed by.

But for a chosen few, those stories unfold under the watchful eye of the media. And those stories are set to music.

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The same could be said of other tracks, especially "Sexy Hypnotist" and "Devotion." Each has a hook that displays the sheer feminine strength that's come to be associated

with Luscious Jackson's music. As suggested by the photographs inside the CD — which show Kate, Jill and Gaby at a much younger stage in life — "Electric Honey" takes on a transformation and shows a growth in the band's music, while retaining that definitive style.

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DINING

Panini Cafe and Grill offers lots of dining options

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Comfortable and casual Panini Cafe and Grill really is "your healthy choice." Open since May 24, the restaurant, formerly a deli, specializes in Middle Eastern cuisine.

You'll find some American-style dishes on the menu, such as Pasta Chicken Parmesan and Battered Fried Fish, and sandwiches too including Grilled Chicken Melt, Ground Round, and N.Y. Grilled Rueben.

"We wanted to be loyal to the deli customers and kept some of the sandwiches," explained owner Adib Yassine who runs the restaurants with help from his wife, Silvana and a dedicated crew. "We took some of the old ideas and gave them a new concept."

An example is the Smoked Turkey Lavash sandwich — thinly sliced turkey breast served with Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, and herb mayonnaise, roll up in lavash bread.

"My mother was a good cook, and taught me a lot of her recipes," said Adib, 34, a product design engineer at Ford Motor Company who always wanted to open his own restaurant. "Engineering is great, but it's kind of an isolated world. I enjoy cooking and entertaining."

Adib applied engineering principles to this job, "quality is job one." He and his staff work to make sure the food is consistently good. "We set standards for freshness, cleanliness and presentation," he said. "We do process checks, and implement changes if necessary."

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The work is hard, seven days a week, but rewarding. He and Silvana met on vacation in Mexico. She's from southern Brazil, he's from southern Lebanon.

"I knew he had his dream. I like to work here," she said. "I enjoy interacting with people." Panini aims to please. "All of the food is made fresh in the morning with fresh ingredients," said Silvana.

Customers have lots of options. If you're in a hurry, check out the daily specials in the former deli case. There are a couple every day, that are ready when you don't have time to wait. "It's a complete meal to go," said Adib.

Or, if you've got a couple of minutes to wait, order something from the carryout menu.

Of course, you could always dine in, the setting is relaxing, and the service friendly.

Start with an appetizer — you'll find the familiar hummus, baba gannouj, falafel, and barbecue chicken wings, grilled Eggplant Parmesan, and Mozzarella sticks.

Salad selections include tabbouli, Greek, and Raspberry-Almond — char-grilled chicken breast served over mixed greens with tomato and toasted almond; tossed with raspberry vinaigrette.

Lunch is served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All entrees are served with house salad or soup of the day.

"Grilled Chicken Tawook (skewers of marinated chicken) is our most popular dish," said Adib. Garden Vegetable Galabab — seasonal vegetables sautéed with garlic, and fresh tomato, served over rice, is another appetizing selection.

Sandwiches are served with choice of soup, salad or fries. You're sure to find something to enjoy from Panini Vegetable Lavash or Panini Falafel to Turkey & Swiss on Rye and Panini Club.

Entrees are also served with house salad or soup of the day. Try the shish kabob, de-boned chicken breast, or char-grilled lamb chops. If you just can't



At your service: Chef Ramzi Habal (left to right), Silvana Yassine, Adib Yassine, and Houssam Kazem welcome customers to Panini Cafe and Grill.

make up your mind, select Panini Vegetarian Platter — an assortment of falafel, vegetarian grape leaves, hummus, and baba gannouj, or Panini Combo Platter — skewers of chicken and beef kabob served with choice of rice, hummus or fries.

Kids 10 and under can pick from grilled chicken strips, chicken with marinara sauce, half turkey sandwich, or moz-

zarella cheese sticks, served with fries and a small pop.

Fresh juice, smoothies, in a variety of flavors, freshly brewed coffee, cappuccino and espresso, round out Panini's menu.

For dessert choose from ice cream with fruit topping, apple pie, and other sweet treats.

"I designed the catering menu," said Adib. "We're very flexible. Whatever your budget

is, we can work around it."

The catering menu includes a sandwich tray with choice of soup or salad; meat and cheese tray; vegetarian tray; hot entree choices such as chicken or beef kabob served with choice of salad and appetizer; and lunch box — sandwich with choice of salad, dessert and beverage.

You can also order a fresh vegetable tray and large salads.

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Here are some restaurants we've recently featured on the Dining Page.

Marco's — 32758 Grand River (in Village Commons Mall) Downtown Farmington (248) 477-7777. Open for lunch 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday; dinner 3:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 3:10-10:30 p.m. Friday; 4:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday. Closed Sunday. Menu: Eclectic collection of classic Italian with innovative dishes and specials that are more "novello" at (new) tables. Cost: Pastas \$12.95 to \$17.95; (main dishes)

\$14.95-\$22.95. Luncheon menu includes fresh salads \$6.95-\$8.95; sandwiches \$4.95-\$5.95; pastas \$6.95 to \$12.95; entrees \$7.95 to \$13.95. Reservations: Recommended on weekends.

Shivers Cafe — 34365 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 421-6090. Open year round. Summer hours are 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday; 1-10 p.m., Saturday; 1-9:30 p.m., Sunday. Menu: Bagel sandwiches, homemade soups, salads, quiche and desserts (brownies, cookies, pies, cakes), ice cream, frozen

yogurt and a selection of coffees, teas and juices. Cost: Inexpensive. The entire restaurant is

smoke-free. Credit cards are not accepted. Everything on the menu is available to go.

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