

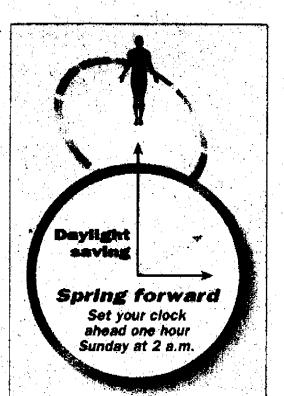
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Spring Ball: Council President Charles "Trav" Griffin (left) shares a laugh with wife Margaret and Sgt. Ed Hosmer of the Westland Fire Department.

Spring Ball offers fun for all

By Julie Brown Staff Writer jbrown@oe.homecomm.net

he daffodils were starting to bloom, so the timing was perfect last Friday for the fourth annual Spring Ball.

The Westland Community Foundation event was held at the Hellenic Cultural Center and attracted some

300 revelers, said Glenn Shaw, foundation president. The highlight of the evening? Donations of \$5,000 to the Empty Bowls anti-hunger program of the Family Resource Center and \$6,000 to the Wayne-Westland YMCA, to be used to send needy kids

The Spring Ball was expected to bring in \$20,000 profit, Shaw said, with many volunteers, including business people, donating their expertise.

Shaw mentioned the foundation's Christmas in July, which also helps to raise money for such efforts as student scholarships. He and wife Patty were busy greeting Spring Ball

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Arena costs vexing

■ Cost could hold back plans to expand ice surfaces available to local hockey players and figure skaters. A discussion took place Monday at City Hall.

By Darrell Clem STAFF WRITER delem@oe.homecomm.net

A second ice surface is in question even though Westland hockey and figure-skating clubs say they could easily double their membership if they had more space.

The big problem: paying for a project that could approach \$7 million.

Mayor Robert Thomas already has ahandoned his earlier vision of building a multimillion-dollar recreation center that could have included two ice rinks.

Now, he said, he isn't sure the city can afford to add a second ice surface to Westland Sports Arena, on Wildwood near Hunter.

The city could face long-term bond payments as high as \$700,000 a year to renovate and expand the sports arena. Thomas said

Tiis statements came during a Monday evening Westland City Council study session as architects and consultants unveiled proposals for a larger sports arena with two National Hockey

League-size rinks. "If it's not profitable," resident Larry Fowler warned, "the citizens will have to subsidize it."

Architect Scott Sherman said the existing ice arena "is hasically paying for itself," and he predicted that a big-

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Council prayer controversy comes to city

BY DARRELL CLEM

STAFF WRITER delem@oc.homecomm.net

Add prayer to the list of controversies engulfing Westland City Hall.

Council members are considering a proposal to start all their meetings with prayer, even though some elected officials and residents fear that Satanists, witches and fringe groups

could demand their turn. "I could see that it has the potential

for some problems or to create controversy," City Attorney Angelo Plakas said.

The issue arose after Bishop Jack Wallace of Detroit World Outreach opened the March 20 council session with a prayer after discussing the idea with Councilman David James

James had earlier voiced concern about "hatred" that he said some residents seem to feel toward council members who fired former Clerk Patricia

Gibbons on Jan. 18

Now, Westland senior citizen Cecilia Elbanowski has been given permission by council President Charles "Trav" Griffin to start Monday's 7 p.m. meeting with a prayer.

What's more, a three-member council committee will study the possibility of starting every council meeting with prayer, potentially rotating among members of the clergy.

Griffin, who said he believes in sepa-

ration of church and state, indicated during a Monday evening study session that any such practice would have to be

nondenominational. Councilman Richard LeBlanc labeled

himself a Christian who believes in prayer, but he voiced concerns that Satanists and groups deemed by many as "offensive" might demand inclusion.

"I agree that prayer is good. I disagree that it's good at our meetings,'

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Recall effort proceeding

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER delem@oe.homecomm.net

Westland authorities won't quash a

Monday protest outside City Hall as long as demonstrators remain peaceful while they circulate recall petitions against Councilwoman Sharon Scott, officials said. Some protesters plan to march and

carry placards while others intend to set up tables and chairs to collect recall petition signatures against Scott. "If they want to turn this into a witch

hunt, let-them do it." Scott said. "But I still believe people are going to see through it.'

Protesters plan to start their activities about 90 minutes prior to a 7 p.m. Westland City Council meeting, amid

hopes of boosting their recall campaign outside the same building where a council majority voted to fire former Clerk Patricia Gibbons on Jan. 18.

The council decision led to one of Westland's most impassioned and sustained public backlashes in years.

Police Chief Emery Price said authorities won't interfere with Monday's protest as long as it doesn't block sidewalks and become overly disrup-

"As long as it doesn't block the flow of traffic, and as long as everything is peaceful, then we're not going to have a

problem with it," Price said. The protest will come 11 days after the Wayne County Elections Commis-

sion approved recall petition language Please see RECALL, A5 Remember our names



STAFF PROTO BY TOM BAWLEY

Mother of the Year: Family comes first

(Mayor Robert Thomas will honor Westland's top teacher, high school senior, father and mother during his April 12 State of the City address. The Observer today continues a four-part series about the winners.)

BY JULIE BROWN STAPP WRITER jbrown@oo.bomo

It's not surprising that Mother of the Year Nancy Deschaine is proud of her

Deschaine, a longtime Westland resident, didn't expect to be named Westland's Mother of the Year.

"Typical shock," she said of her reaction. "I don't do awards well. Just surprise, I guess."

She was nominated by husband. Tom, a teacher at John Glenn High School. Education runs in the family, with Nancy Deschaine teaching eighth grade at St. Mel School in Dearborn Heights.

Tom and Nancy Deschaine have been Showing a photo of the family, she married since 1968. "My children are telling me we're an oddity," she said

during an interview of their marriage's longevity. "They do notice."

The children are son Mark and daughters Karen Hernandez and Laura Deschaine Mark is director of technology for the Albion school system. Karen is a lieutenant in the U.S. Army serving with husband Manuel in Korea Laura a registered nurse in Kalamazoo, is engaged to Kevin O'Con-

Nancy Deschaine will be honored during the mayor's State of the City address 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at

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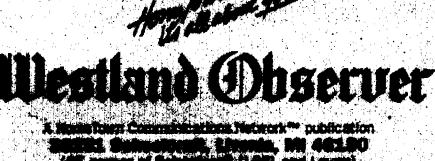


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Robbery reported at Westland store

BY DARRELL CLEM

A gun-wielding bandit Tuesday morning robbed a Wayne Road business and tied the store manager's hands behind her back, police said.

The robber escaped with an undisclosed amount of money from Family Dollar Store, in a strip center near the southwest corner of Wayne and Cherry Hill roads, police Lt. Marc Stobbe said.

The bandit fired no shots and injured no one.

The incident occurred about

9:05 a.m. Tuesday, just minutes after the store opened for business, Stobbe said.

The manager told police that a black male, approximately 6foot-2 and 250 pounds, entered the store and revealed what was described as a stainless steel semi-automatic handgun.

The manager said she was taken to a store office, where the robber filled a bag with money before he tied her hands behind her back and took her to a stock

The victim told police that the bandit tied her hands loosely enough so that she could free

she said he warned her not to try to escape for five minutes. The robber then left the store. The manager told police that she had seen the suspect outside

door around 9 a.m. to start the business day, She described him as being in his late 20s or early 30s, wearing a black knit cap and a black

when she unlocked the front

She said he appeared to have arrived in a mid-sized, dullgreen sedan driven by a white male in his late 20s or early 30s.

The driver had what was

described as shoulder length, herself within a few minutes, but dirty blond hair.

Another store employee reported that some men who appeared to be acting suspiciously had been in Family Dollar Store on the night before the robbery occurred, although it wasn't known if they were involved in

Tuesday's incident. Stobbe is asking anyone with information about the incident to call the Westland police department at (734) 722-9600.

Anonymous tips for possible cash rewards may be made to Crime Stoppers of Michigan at (800) 831-3111.

Nankin Hardware gets DDA recognition

The Westland Downtown Development Authority has chosen Gary Wrigley, owner of Nankin Hardware, as its service award winner for April.

Wrigley bought Nankin Hardware in 1980, but the store has been at its current location since 1958. Under Wrigley, Nankin Hardware is currently undergoing a building expansion.

"We are committed to Westland and the revitalization that is developing in the downtown area," Wrigley said. "We need

the extra room to better serve our customers in Westland and the surrounding areas."

Wrigley has been a Westland businessman for more than 23 years. Nankin Hardware, at 35101 Ford Road, includes a hobby shop and is recognized as the largest independent Boy Scout merchandise distributor in the Midwest.

"We felt many of the people and businesses in the area are going above and beyond the call of duty when it comes to the

community and their customers," said Steve Guile, executive director of the DDA. "We created the award to show our appreciation.

Wrigley will be presented with the award April 6 at the Westland Economic Growth Center.

The general public nominates businesses. Nominations can be made by calling the DDA offices at (734) 641-6572, faxing (734) 641-8512, or e-mailing at westlanddda1@excite.com.

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Businesses must be within the DDA to qualify. In addition, they must meet several criteria, including outstanding renovations to the establishment. exceptional customer service, a record of outstanding contributions to the community and/or charity, and recognition for professional achievement.

OBITUARIES

Services for Brent Green, 68, of Westland were March 27 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. James

Mr. Green was born Aug. 9, 1931, and died March 23 in Dearborn. He was a custodian for Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Surviving are his wife, Florine; son, Brent (Kelly) Green; daughter, Kimber Emmons: brothers Howard Green Tom Green Garv Green and Bill Green; sisters, Audrey Powers and Deanna Bradford; and five grand-

Mr. Green was preceded in death by his daughter. Kelly Pouch.

Memorials may be made to the Brent Green Memorial Fund.

JANET L NOVAKOVICH

Services for Janet Novakovich, 64, of Wayne were March 15 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating were the Rev. Dave Owen and the Rev. Ron Vanderbeek.

Mrs. Novakovich was born April 21, 1935, and died March 12. She was a housekeeper. Surviving are her sons, James (Rosemary). Fred and Edward (Marykaye) of Westland; daughters, Lenore (Jim) Moore and Bobbie (Tony) Dichert; mother, Evelyn Marshall; brothers, Jerry, Thomas and Richard; and six grandchildren.

Mrs. Novakovich was preceded in death by her husband. Steve.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of

Southeastern Michigan or the First Presbyterian Church of Wayne.

LAWRENCE J. CAMERON

Services for Lawrence Cameron, 77, of Westland were March 25 in Vermeulen Funeral Home. Westland, with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West, Westland, Officiating was the Rev. Linda W. Maconochie from Dearborn Woods Presbyterian Church.

Mr Cameron was born Nov 6 1922 in Detroit and died March 22 in Westland. He was a boiler operator with Ford Motor Co. for 44 years. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth; sons, Lawrence (Debbra), James (Karen), Thomas

(Janis) and Gordon (Heide); daughter, Barbara (Doug) Howell; brother, Arthur (Gail) Cameron; sister, Theresa Sharpe; and 10 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospices of Henry Ford, One Ford Place Suite 5A. Detroit, MI 48202.

DAVID W. STARR

Services for David Starr, 62, of Westland were March 27 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with buriel at Cadillac Mome rial Gardens West, Westland, Officiating was the Rev. Suzanne Walls from Christ United Methodist Church.

Mr. Starr was born Nov. 29, 1937, in Schuylkill Haven, Pa., and died March 23 in Detroit. He was a truck driver.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; sons, Jim (Debbie) May, Don (Michelle) May and David Starr; daughter, Janet (Terry) Stutesman; sisters, Hilda, Esther and Evelyn; and nine grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.

QLADYS M. LANGE

Services for Gladys Lange, 89, of Windsor, Ontario, were March 28 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Fred Cooley.

Mrs. Lange was born Jan. 21, 1911, and died March 24 in Windsor. She was a home-

Surviving are her son, Del (Gail) Healy; daughter, Connie (George) Bleyaert of Westland; brother, James Radcliffe; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Lange was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence: brother, Del Radcliffe: and sister, Evelyn McQuady.

PAUL S. THOMAS

Services for Paul Thomas, 50, of Inkster were March 29 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland, Officiating was Dr. Robert Qah..lea

Mr. Thomas was born May 28, 1949, and died March 24 in Garden City. He was employed in programming and design.

Surviving are his mother, Irene Thomas; brothers, Harold (Sharon), Ralph (Sue) and Donald; sister, Nancy Thomas of Westland; and several nieces and nephews.



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Westland woman wins money in Lottery show Judy Colbert of Westland she plans to share part of her

recently won \$900 on the Michiprogram.

gan Lottery's "Road to Riches" She carried a lucky coin from

Anneliese's Hair Designs said

"a perfect stranger" to the show's taping. The hairstylist at

winnings with her family and use the rest to take a trip to Dis-

Colbert, a mother of one, enjoys golfing, gardening, cooking and creating floral designs.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, April 64, 2000, the Westland Police Department will conduct while Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will in promptly at 10:00 A.M. at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry thand, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be BOUY STYLE YIN.

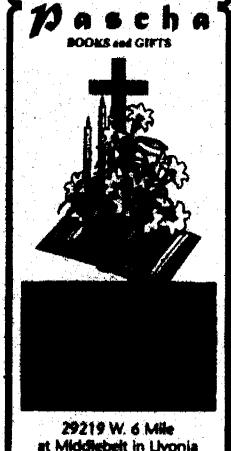
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Army Pfc. William G. Long has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the eight weeks of

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training, the soldier will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history and traditions, and special training in human relations.

Long is the son of Mary A. Long of Westland. His wife, Theresa, is the

daughter of Jerome McCurdy of Dearborn Heights.

Long is a 1994 graduate of John Glenn High School.

Brian Clark, son of Carol Lakin and Roger Clark, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force delayed entry progress in February.

He will graduate from Wayne Memorial High School this year and is scheduled to enlist Aug. 2 Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-weak basic training course in San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training as a nuclear specialist.

Clark will earn credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force.



Mock heart attack: Westland security officers Nicole Reisinger (left front) and Sgt. Darryl Magoon (right front) administer CPR and use their new defibrillator to help senior Roy Hewett of Plymouth at Westland Center. The demonstration was being taped for WLND city cable. Behind is Officer Chris Weiss (left), getting information from wife Shirley Hewett. Friends who worry are Charlotte Bowser (behind, left to right) of Westland, Betty Kowalski of Garden City and Marles Lomas of Westland.

Training, donation make mall safer for shoppers

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER delem@oe.homecomm.net

Westland Shopping Center customers who shop 'til they drop - from a heart attack. that is - will now be more likely to survive, city fire officials

All 21 mail security officers have been trained to jumpstart failing hearts using automated external defibrillators those chest-thumping devices seen on any television hospital drama.

The mall unveiled the program Monday morning with mock heart attack victims, becoming one of the area's first shopping centers to provide the service, said Michael J. Reddy. Westland fire battalion chief and emergency medical services coordinator.

"It's a wonderful program."

he said. Westland fire officials donated four of their older defibrillators to the mall, and a citybased, emergency-education company, Complient, helped provide free training for securi-

ty officers. Security personnel have been certified to use the defibrillators and also have received training in mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, or CPR.

Mall officials have placed two defibrillators in security cars that patrol parking lots, and two others are kept in opposite ends of the shopping



leamwork: Westiana Center security Set. Durryl Magoon (left) gets directions from Westland Fire Department Battalion Chief Michael Reddy (right) during the cable shoot.

center.

"This will allow the security personnel, from the time of discovery of the incident, to arrive with the (defibrillator) in about one or two minutes, with four or six minutes being the crucial time period for survival," Reddy said.

to give care until fire department paramedics arrive and begin providing what are known as advanced life support procedures.

"Starting (Monday), the derful," Reddy said.

chance of a person dying at Westland Shopping Center will lessen dramatically," marketing coordinator Kellie Heppner said in a prepared statement.

The statement touted a "unique partnership" between the city of Westland and the mall in providing medical ser-Security officers will be able vices for shoppers.

> Reddy said he worked with Mark Edwards, mall security manager, to set up the defibrillator program.

"The mall has just been won-

'Fame' takes to stage

By Julie Brown Staff Writer brown@os.bomecomm.net

You'd think it would be easy for teen actors to play high schoolers, but it's actually a challenge.

That's evident from the John Glenn Theatrical Guild production of "Fame," telling the story of a group of teens at a high school for the performing arts in New York City. Director/drama teacher Sheri Smith said playing teens is more of a challenge.

"It's something they can create, whereas they already are high schoolers," she said of playing older characters.

The play's so close to their own lives, Smith said. One classroom scene required her to remind them to talk and act like kids.

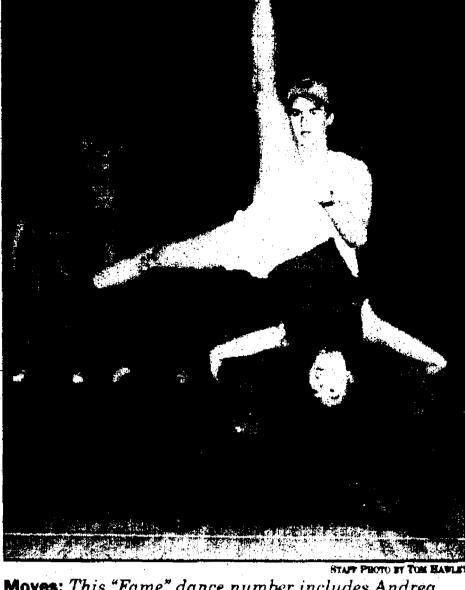
That view was seconded by Corrine Garrett, an assistant director who plays a teacher. "Actually, I think it's harder to play someone your own age." She's found a tendency to turn her back and not project.

"I think it's going great." Garrett said of rehearsals for the upcoming high school show. "Things are finally starting to come together. We've come a long way.

"Fame" will be presented 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 6-8, at the Glenn Auditorium. Ticket prices are \$5 for students, \$7 for adults, and tickets will be sold at the door.

The production involves some 50 students in cast and crew, said Smith, who agreed rehearsals are going well. The students have been rehearsing for about three months and are in grades nine through 12.

They wanted to do something on a larger scale." Smith said of "Fame." The students like the



Moves: This "Fame" dance number includes Andrea Shyu and Scott Clark.

dancing and singing, allowing of high school. them to use all their skills.

They did some editing for language, but Smith advises parents to think about bringing went current-day," a choice

younger children, due to content. Some of the students do New York accents, but the story has them coming from all over. The

action shows them auditioning

acting challenges, along with the and then during their four years

The play is set in modern times. We debated on playing it in the '80s," Smith said, "We which made costuming easier.

Some of the students plan to earn theater degrees in college. and "Fame" is great experience. Smith agreed.

Production at John Glenn highlights talent

The "Fame" cast includes: Debi Kellner, Corrine Wrobbel and Amber Zinger Amy Samland, Amanda Schultz, Andrea Shyu, Carl Vervisch, Kristin Blossom, Cortney Spaulding, Donnie McBride, Lisa Krass, Amber Zinger, Krysten Wrobbel, Bradford Clark, Scott Clark, Amanda Fannin, Joe Quick, Scott Jacobs and Kaylonda Pelto.

The dance company includes: Kelli Clark, Jenny Jendrusik, Lisa Krass, Kaylonda Pelto, Kristina Revels, Andrea Shyu. Cortney Spaulding: Krysten Adam Sweeting and Lucten Tierney

Garrett, Jenny Arquette, Casey Wooley, Martha Production crew members are Allison Bader, Jere-Crofts, Latoya Sealie, Zandile Chirunga, Nick Amad. my Bonka, Sarah Bourgain, Kelly Burns, Meliasa Byrd, Bret Clark, Cherell Coibert, Jennifer Colwell, Christina Cox, Jessica Elderkin, Dan Fowler, Corrine Garrett, Aaron Gierada. Scott Jacobs, Tara Katoch. Debi Kellner, Brian Krass, Ellen Mytty, Carrie Nowaczk, Kaylonda Pelto, Parker Plague, Holly Prokopchak, Sarah Pouzsih, Michelle Powers, Melissa Powers, Joe Quick, Michelle Quick, Erm Summers,





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Seniors not sold on school plans

BY LARRY O'CONNOR loconnor@oc.bomecomm.net

They're a tough sell.

Some seniors, especially those who live on a fixed income, look upon school bond and tax proposals with the scrutiny they would a door-to-door salesman pitching them a vacuum cleaner if they lived on hardwood floors.

Livonia Public Schools request for a .4-mill bond to raise \$28 million for athletic and physical education facilities is no less difficult April 10.

"I have a problem with it." said Bernard Skotzke, 59, a retired Metropolitan Airport employee. "Let them live within their budget." School officials are trying to appeal to the dis-

trict's older residents with simple math. If approved, the 4 mill is the difference between the 1 15 hold-harmless mills voters approved five years ago and the current .75 mill.

Also, seniors who qualify for the state's homestead property tax credit may not see more taxes. said Randy Liepa, assistant superintendent for

"Basically we get phone calls from concerned seniors, and they're legitimate complaints," Liepa said. "They'll say, 'Gosh, I'm on a fixed income. I know you want to help the schools, but we can't

"Depending on your tax situation, it may not cost

to \$45,000 can qualify to have part of their proper-

A person whose annual household income is up ty taxes returned as a reduction in state income taxes, Liepa said.

LIVONIA SCHOOLS

A senior older than 65 with a home worth \$100,000 pays roughly \$1,600 in property taxes. Liepa estimated. If the bond and two renewals pass April 10, that

tax bill will increase by \$20 to \$1,620. The district is also seeking a renewal of .75 mills

(18 mills for non-homestead or businesses) to pay for operations and a 1-mill sinking fund for maintenance April 10. Under the scenario, the homestead exemption

would be \$1,050 (\$30,000 household income multiplied by 3.5 percent of income) for a home worth \$100,000.

The difference between the tax levy and exemption is \$550, which would be the property tax credit. The credit would increase to \$570 if all three school tax proposals pass.

homestead tax credit. He doubts many others would, either Besides, Skotzke already voted against all three proposals by absentce ballot, he said

Skotzke said he doesn't qualify for the state

Not all seniors share Skotzke's views. Josie Smith is president of the Silver Village Association. Smith said she backs all three proposals. She thinks others in her senior housing buildi**ng are with** her.

"So far, they've said yes." Smith said "A lot of grandmothers are here. Some of us still have grandchildren in the Lixonia schools."

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The following Web sites are taken from 250 Great Web Stres for Kids and Perents" from the American Library description. They are recommended for preschool elementary age children and their parents by librarians who work with shildren and the Web every day.

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It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood as you visit the Web site of Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood. Activities, advice to parents and a wonderful section on chil-'dren's books tied to specific program. themes, all in the gentle style of 'America's favorite neighbor.

http://scholastic.com/MagicSchoolin Yes, now you can find out what Ms. Frizzle and her class are doing

E PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Financial Strategies for Retirement 7:8:45 p.m. Monday, April 10, Children's Activity Room. What you need to know about taxes, investments and wise money management to maintain your difestyle after retirement. Learn basic steps in retirement strategies to maxi--mize your returns and minimize taxes.

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for this progress and learn about gardening and nature. In addition to class seesions, students will participate in a practical, "hande on" session in the library garden, to be arranged for a future date. No fee. Registration required.

April Fool's Day Fac

Saturday, April 1, all day, Children's Ares. Do you like jokes? Riddles?

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3.5 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Children's Activity Room. This drop-in program, held each Wednesday, is for all achool-age children, it provides an opportunity to make orafts, play games and unwind after a hard day at school. No fee, No registration required.

TO PERSONAL OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library need a board marriage. If you are interested in helping the Prience provide important programs to the children and adults of Westland. this position may be for you. For more information, call Julie Chwallik, Friends Relation, et (734) 326-6123. The Friends board meets on the second Tuesday of each month to discuss fund-raising and program planning. All are invited to attend. Stop in and find out how you can help in providing quality programs at the library

Next meeting is 2 p.m. Tuesday, April

Oh, dear! Deer on the loose in Livonia area

BY LARRY O'CONNOR STAPF WRITER

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Livonia's at-large deer population grew by five members after an attempt to remove them from a farm went awry Sunday.

Around 11 a.m., Michigan Humane Society and Livonia animal control officers tried to move the deer to a holding shelter. However, six of the seven animals bolted through a fence at the farm on Five Mile Road, between Levan and Farmington.

MHS and Livonia animal control officers contend the deer were not being properly cared for, which the owner denied. The owner's Department of Natural Resources permit to keep the animals also expired.

"Sometimes when you tranquilize one deer the others react," said Sue Neal, Michigan Humane Society wildlife specialist. "That's what happened here.

"When one got hit by a dart, the others freaked out and managed to bust through a weak spot in the fence."

One deer was spotted on the farm Monday, but its whereabouts are unknown, Neal said. Owner Mike Childers couldn't be reached for comment.

The other five remain loose. There have been reported sightings near Rotary Park since Sun-Though penned up most of

their lives, the deer are not believed to be in any danger in the wild, Neal said. "There is going to be enough

stuff - grass and things - to maintain them, especially as we get closer to spring," Neal said.

One fear, though, is the deer becoming frightened and running into traffic. Residents are asked not to chase or approach

the whitetail deer if they see

Instead they should phone Livonia police, officials said.

"Up to this point in time, we're not sure of their whereabouts," said Pat Seleski, city spokeswoman on Tuesday. "There's an assumption they may be in the Bell Creek tributary area.

"We're assuming no news is good news at this point."

A lone deer, a doe, remains at the MHS holding shelter in Rochester Hills. Once ownership is established, the deer will likely be adopted out.

"If we get ownership, we'll be looking to place her in a facility where she won't be bred or used in a canned hunt." Neal said.

Childers said he raised the deer for personal use; he denied they were being sold to be used in confined hunts.

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ger facility would bring in annual revenues of \$747,537 and net a 10 percent surplus.

"The name of the game in recreational facilities is to break even," he said.

An ideal new arena would be 83,950 square feet - more than twice the size of the existing 33,000-square-foot facility, Sher-

man said. Arena officials now have a long waiting list for people wanting to join hockey and figure-skating programs.

"They have no time for girls' hockey," Sherman said, "and there is a need.

"Right now the figure skaters are battling for every minute (of ice time) they can get from the hockey players," Sherman added.

The sports arena also has no meeting rooms, inadequate locker rooms and restrooms, and no fire-suppression system even though city codes require it.

"There really isn't a whole lot to burn inside an ice arena," Sherman said, "but it's still an

Moreover, the facility lacks the space it needs to host national tournaments, he said.

With other communities building or planning new ice facilities, Sherman said the city needs to get a new arena built and operating if it hopes to compete.

Otherwise, he said, local skaters may go elsewhere.

"Their loyalty to Westland may be short-lived when they see these other nice facilities." Sherman said. Consultant Bill Yarger told

local officials Monday that the city may be able to lease the arena property to a private organization that would operate a bigger sports arena.

"There's a lot of different ways: that these deals can get put together," he said.

However, Councilman Richard LeBlanc voiced reservations about the city having no oversight over the arena or the fees charged for ice time.

The Westland facility has maintained rates lower or comparable to other communities.

Councilwoman Sharon Scott indicated that the city's recreation plans "have come to a halt" since the mayor announced he has changed his mind about building a multimillion-dollar facility near Ford Road and Central City Parkway.

She called the situation "sad." Still, some elected officials

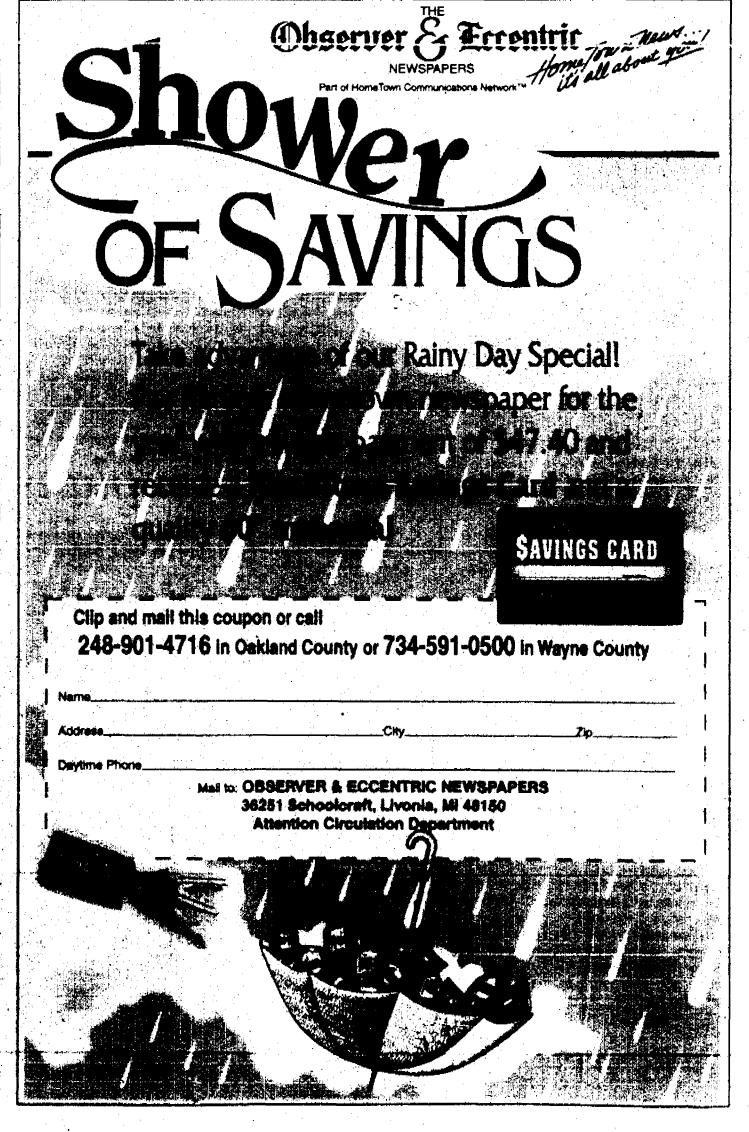
hinted that recreation plans aren't dead and will be discussed during spring budget talks between council members and the administration.

"I'm going to keep an open mind and look at all the alternatives," council President Charles "Tray" Griffin said.

Allowing a private developer to build a recreation center wouldn't mark the first project of its kind for Westland, Griffin

He noted that the city had a private developer build Westland 18th District Court. He said the city then paid off the bonds with revenues from the court.





Prayer

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LeBianc said any practice that encouraged groups such as Satanists "would not be good for Westland."

James, however, said the community at least would learn who belongs to those groups.

LeBlanc spoke against making prayer a controversial issue. "I don't wish to politicize

prayer," he said. Councilwoman Sandra Cicirelli challenged his position.

"Something new isn't necessarily bad," she said. Councilwoman Sharon Scott.

who said she attends church regularly, pointed to possible problems with a prayer policy. "I don't want anything that's going to get out of control, and

there's the potential for that,"

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> Angelo Plakas -city attorney

Scott later said she didn't care whether the council allows prayer.

Plakas indicated that-city officials could face problems if they, welcome prayer from one group and refuse another.

"I don't know where I'm going to look for the answer on that one," he said.

Scott, LeBlanc and Griffin will study the proposal and issue a recommendation to the full coun-

Some residents who attended Monday's study session said they opposed starting council meetings with prayer, even though they described themselves as believers:

Kesident Brenda Gracin said she used to teach Sunday school, but she said prayers at council meetings could cause problems because the sessions may be attended by people of many faiths and nonbelievers, alike.

Her father, Larry Fowler, said. "That's a private thing for citizens if they want to pray or not."

LeBlanc has suggested one possible solution that he said was mentioned to him by a resident. He said council meetings could be started with a moment of silence "to reflect on one's own beliefs without unintentionally infringing on the heliefs of another."

Classesto help parents

The Family Resource Center is offering several parent education classes for busy parents. The lineup includes:

"Parent Plus Program." offered 1-3 p.m. for five weeks. beginning Tuesday, April 4. Participants will learn how to deal with family stress and how it affects a growing child, healthy ways to help a child cope with stress and how to help a child build self-esteem.

Raising a Self-Reliant Child," available in two eightweek sessions - 10 a.m. to noon beginning Wednesday, April 5. or 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday. April 6. The interactive video series by Stephen Glenn teaches parents how to develop a responsible, independent, resourceful

■ "Four Life Changes That Can Benefit Kids" offered in two Saturday sessions, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 8 and 15.

"Parent-to-Parent," a PRIDE series, offered 7-8:30 p.m. for eight weeks, beginning Thursday, April 6. The series is a fun. informative video-based program on how to raise a child of character in this hectic world.

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Discipline," offered 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning Monday, May 1. The classes will be held at the

center, 33800 Grand Traverse. Westland, and cost \$15. To sign up, call (734) 595-2279

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against Scott for her vote to oust agreed to circulate petitions Gibbons.

Scott said she has been receiving support from people who oppose the recall group's efforts.

Recall organizers angered by Gibbons' firing also plan to try to oust three of Scott's colleagues -Charles "Tray" Griffin, David Cox and David James - this summer.

The three started new council terms Jan. 1 and can't be recalled during their first six months in office.

Gracin said 177 volunteers have they've been shut out of second-

against Scott. She said organizers need signatures from 5,401 registered voters to seek a recall election, but they will try to obtain 7,000 to provide a cush-

In another development this week, council members chose not to move their often-overcrowded meetings away from City Hall to an alternate site such as the Bailey Recreation Center or the senior citizen Friendship Center.

Recall supporters and other Recall organizer Brenda citizens have complained that

story council chambers - forced at times to stand downstairs and listen to proceedings on a firstfloor speaker.

"We're hearing that they don't feel like they're allowed to participate," Councilwoman Sandra Cicirelli said during a Monday evening study session.

Price estimated crowds of 200 people at recent council sessions, but the meeting room has a 123person capacity.

Gracin said some senior citizens have been forced to stand for hours to wait their turn to address the council.

Griffin indicated that he will have a first-floor monitor installed to allow citizens to watch the proceedings if they can't get inside council cham-

Some residents said the council also should consider placing chairs downstairs.

The council rejected suggestions to move its meetings partly due to concerns about creating technical problems for city cable station WLND, which tapes and airs the meetings.

"It could be done," WLND director Craig Welkenbach said,

but he conceded, "It won't look as good (on cable), and it won't sound as good."

Welkenbach also said his costs would increase because he would have to hire another worker.

Council members voiced concerns that communication among themselves and with city directors would become difficult in a setting not equipped for their meetings.

Still, Griffin didn't rule out moving meetings if crowds swell even larger than they've been since the council ousted Gibbons on Jan. 18.

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hearing.

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"We encourage kids to apply for acholarships," he said, adding \$13,000 was given last year, some to students with grade points in the 2.2 range who blossom later in their school careers.

"It's starting to get a lot of attention now," Shaw said of the scholarship program. "It's going well."

Helping charity programs in the city, such as Empty Bowls and the YMCA, remains at the core of the foundation. Foundation board member Kim Shunkwiler, a local chiropractor, and wife Peggy were glad to attend. "It's wonderful," Kim Shunkwiler said.

"It's a lot of fun." The event raises money for worthy causes, he added.

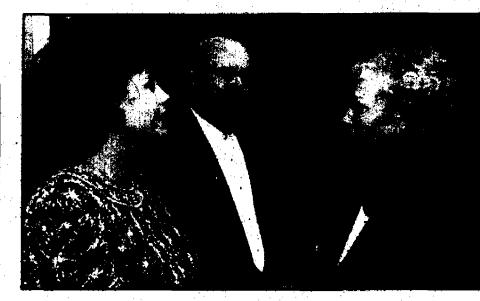
Those thoughts were echoed by Tod Kilroy, Westland's planning director, who attended with wife Paula. The foundation's work allows you to give back to the community, he

"It makes me feel good." Kilroy said. "It does good works."

In agreement was Sally Levay, administrator of Marquette

House assisted living in Westland. "I think we need to honor the commitment individuals make to this community," said Levay, adding she was impressed by the work of the volunteers.

The evening at the Hellenic Cultural Center featured dinner, door prizes, dancing and entertainment. Dinnertime music was by D.L. Turner on harp and Nancy Ruth Holtzman on flute. Dancing was to the music of Family Traditions, featuring Mike Doorn, and to Marty Viers and the Music Doctors.



CITY OF GARDEN CITY

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON PROPOSED BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the public hearing on the proposed

budget for the City of Westland for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001, will be held on Monday, May 1, 2000, at 7:00

p.m., in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNED DEVELOPMENT TEXT AMENDMENT

CITY COUNCIL

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 Planning Commission at 6:45 p.m., April 27, 2000 at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan 48135.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed Text Amendment to Article 18, Section 161 183 H of the Garden City Zoning Ordinance. The Proposed Text Amendment would allow for the location of residential planned developments on local streets. The Planning Commission is considering the following text amendment:

H. Frontage and Access

Non-Residential Planned Development shall front onto a primary major thoroughfare, or secondary major thoroughfare, or collector street, as specified in the adopted Master Plan of the city, except where the Planned Development involves reuse or redevelopment of an existing structure which fronts onto a local street.

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Posted: March 28, 2000

WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS **BID ADVERTISEMENT**

The Wayne-Westland Community School District will receive sealed Request for Quotation (RFQ) Packets until 2:00 p.m. Local Time, Thursday, April 20,

Asbestos Abutement

Adams Middle School, Elliott Elementary School, Hamilton Elementary School, Hicks Elementary School, Madison Element School, Marshall Middle School, Patchin Elementary School and Vandenburg Elementary School

All Request For Quotation Packets must be mailed or delivered to

Wayne-Westland Community School District: All Request for Quotation Packets shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and labeled as outlined below. Mail To: SEALED BID: ASBESTOS

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All Request for Quotation Packets must be received by Wayne-Westland Community School District no later than: Time:

2:00 p.m. Local Time, Thursday, April 20, 2000 Wayne-Westland Community School District 36745 Marquette Street Westland, Michigan 48184

All official hard copy Request for Quotation Packets must be received prior to the date and time specified in order to be

All Request for Quotation Packets will be publicly opened: 2:00 p.m. Local Time, Thursday, April 20, 2000 Time:

Wayne-Westland Community School District At: 36745 Marquette Street Westland, Michigan 48184

Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. Complete Bid Tabulations will be faxed to all plan holders by Friday, April 21, 2000. The Owner and Owner's Representatives request that no Bidders call for bid results prior to Friday, April 21, 2000.

Wayne-Westland Community School District intends to award all projecte at:

Event: Board of Education Meeting - early-May, 2000 Wayne-Westland Community School District At: 36745 Marquette Street Westland, Michigan 48184

A General Pro-Bid Examination will be held to review and answer questions relating to the projects: Time: 11:00 s.m. Local Time on Tuesday, April 4, 2000

Wayne-Westland Community School District's Dyer Center (Administration Building) Beard Room

36745 Marquette Street Westland, Michigan 48184 No project locations will be reviewed during the Pre-Bid Note: section. All Bidders will be required to sign-in during the

initial meeting, which will over general hidding topics.

Directions: The Dyer Configur is insuited on Marquette between Newburgh Road and Wayne found. The Sound Room is secured just topics the main entrance, behind the frust desk. Phones should in with the front deak

Schedule: The fermat of the Pre-Bid Examination will be an initial presentation on the hidding process and the crops of work at each building. An everytee of the sugar of wedt for each building will be presented and the general project requirements and project determile to reviewed. The Pro-Bid Branchasten will last apprecimately I have. Building specific questions will be appreciately tours provided pay the schedule listed bules. A representative of healthAIR last will be at such building for the scheduled two hour paried. The Building specific reviews at the listed times are not required, but get teasourged, and say for informational purposes

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Patchin Elementary School 0.00 p.m. - 0.00 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2000 Madison Elementary School 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, 2000

Adams Middle School Questions Regarding Project Specifications:

All questions regarding the Project Specifications should be addressed to: Mr. Jeff Heydanek, healthAIR, Inc.

Office: (734) 451-0760 Mobile: (734) 678-4771 Mr. Scott Staber, healthAIR, Inc. Office: (734) 451-0760 Mobile: (734) 678-4778

All official changes and interpretations to the Project Specifications will be made via addenda only. Bidders are encouraged to fax all questions regarding the specifications, bidding procedures, etc. to healthAIR, Inc. (734-451-1565).

All Bidders must check in with the building office as soon as they reach the building. Unless noted or allowed by Wayne-Westland Community School District, building/site visits will only be permitted after school hours (after 3:45 p.m.). Buildings are generally open until 10:30 p.m.

Project Specification Documents: Project Specification Documents will be available at the Pre-Bid Examination

on April 4, 2000. Project Specification Documents can also be picked up by visiting healthAIR, Inc.'s office at 496 West Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 102, Plymouth, Michigan, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. starting Thursday, March 30, 2000. Project Specification Documents will also be provided by healthAIR, Inc. to the following advertising agencies: Dodge Daily Reports, Daily Construction Reports and Construction Association of Michigan. Specifications will not be mailed to Bidders unless pre-paid with postage.

There is a non-refundable \$75.00 charge for the Project Specification Documents. All checks should be made payable to "healthAIR, Inc.". Bidders desiring more than one (1) set of documents may obtain additional sets for the amount noted above up to a maximum of three (3) sets. Specifications will be mailed to Bidders upon receipt of pre-payment of the non-refundable charge plus \$10.00 for shipping and handling.

Bonding Requirements

Wayne-Westland Community School District requires that all bidders aubmit a Bid Bond in accordance with the requirements summarized below and that all selected Contractors submit Performance and Labor and Materials Bonds in accordance with the requirements summarized below **Bid Bond**

Amount:

Requirements: The Bidder shall submit the required Bid Security in the form of a Bid Bond by a Treasury approved surety licensed to do business in the State of Michigan, a Cashier's Check, or a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid price. The Bid Security shall be submitted with the understanding that if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will enter into a formal contract with the Owner and that the required Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds (as listed below and fully detailed in the General Conditions section) will be provided by the Contractor. The Bid Security oblige is Wayne-Westland Community School District. Bidders shall agree not to withdraw proposals for a period of forty-five (45) days after the bid due date.

Performance Bond & Labor and Material Payment Bonds 100%

Requirements:

The accepted Contractor will be required to furnish, in the amount of 190% of the Contract Price, satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond by a Treasury approved surety licensed to do business in the State of Michigan

Additional Information for Bidders

All applicable insurance policies (including asbestos specific) will be required of seek accepted Bidder. Bidders quat submit copies of the Contractor's current State of Michigan Asbestos Abstement License. This project is not tax exempt from State Sales Tax and/or Use Tax. All materials and supplies struction and decoming a permanent project will not be exempt from State Sales Tax and/or Use Tax. Prevailing wages are required for this project.

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Good time: YMCA director Christy Nolan (top right) and his wife, Terra, (center) attended the Westland Community Foundation Spring Ball last Friday night at the Hellenic Cultural Center. Also attending (left) is Louise Steinhauer.

Heliol Patty and Glenn Shaw (photo at left) welcome Carol Houfley of Westland and other guests at the annual Westland Community Foundation Spring Ball.



Musicians: Nancy Ruth Holtzman (left) and D.L. Turner perform.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PHASE IV REROOFING AT VARIOUS GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Garden City Board of Education requests sealed bid proposals for Phase IV Recooling at various schools in the School District of Garden City. Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after Monday, March 20, 2000. Examination may be made at the Office of the Architect, TMP Associates, 1191 W. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302; the F. W. Dodge Corp. Plan room, Southfield, MI; the Der Plan Room, Madison Heights, MI or the Construction Assoc. of MI., Bloomfield Hills, MI.

Qualified Invited Bidders, may obtain bidding documents from the Office of the Architect, consisting of 1 set of Drawings and Specifications.

Bid proposals shall be on forms furnished by the Architect, accompanied by a satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check for 5% of the Base Bid Sum maximum possible amount.

Bidder shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposal for 60 days after receipt of

The right to reject any or all Bid Proposals, either in whole or part, or to waive any informality therein is reserved by the Owner.

Bid Proposals will be received until the time and place as follows, where and when the opening of bid proposals will be conducted by the Owner: April 4, 2000 et 2:00 p.m. - EST at Garden City Board Office, Garden City Public Schools, 1333 Radcliff, Garden City, MI 48135. Attn: Gary Marchel Publish March 26 and 30, 2000

*SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES **BOARD OF EDUCATION** Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road March 6, 2000

*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of March 6, 2000; 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 Pro Tem Kokenakes convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia Present: Kirsten Galka, Frank Kokenakes, Joanne Morgan, Patrick Nalley, Dianne Nay. Absent: Daniel Lessard, Kenneth Timmons.

Golden Apple Award: Trustee Joanne Morgan presented the Golden Apple Award to Judith Sinning, Churchill PTSA, parent volunteer, and part-time employee, for her outstanding dedication and work in the PTA at the local and council levels. John Gotsis Recognized: Motion by Morgan and Galka that the Board

approve a resolution expressing appreciation to John Gotais, owner of the Golden Lantern Restaurant, for his generous offer of financial assistance to seven Livonia elementary schools. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Morgan, Nalley, Nay. Nays: None. Audience Communications: Melissa Peckham, Dayna Petroskey,

Heather Petres, Churchill High School students, addressed the Board regarding the inadequate and overcrowding athletic facilities at all three high schools. They urged everyone to vote for the bond issue in order to make the athletic facilities safe and adequate for all athletic events. Dr. Watson took a moment to commend the three girls on their presentation and also congratulated them and the other 25 dedicated girls from the CHS Pom Pon Squad for winning the State Championship. A video was shown of their winning routine. Consent Agenda: Motion by Morgan and Nay that the Board approve the

following consent agenda items as recommended by the superintendent: IV. Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2000. VI.A. Move that general fund check nos. 331501 through 332495 in the amount of \$2,138,701.14 be approved for payment. Also move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$1,732,180.35 be approved. VI.B move that the Board approve the leases of space to the Garfield Co-op Nursery, VI.C Move that the Board approve the lease of the Bentley baseball field to Madonna University, Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Nays: None.

Gift-Marshall PTA: Motion by Nay and Galka that the Board accept the generous gift of \$1,480 from the Marshall Elementary School PTA for the purchase of a 27" laminator. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Morgan, Nalley, Nay. Nays: None. Presentation-Tyler School Improvement Plan: Tim Daniel, principal,

along with Barbara Stadtmiller, Sally Erickson, Kimberly Colassi. Mary Derwich, and Edward Urbanski presented the Tyler School Improvement Plan through a PowerPoint and student presentation. Leaves: Motion by Galka and Morgan that the Board accept the

recommendation of the superintendent and approve the requests for leaves of absence for Christine Bonk, Keily Roupes, Katherine Seflic, for extension of child care leave for the 2000-01 school year. Ayes: Galka, Koksnakes, Morgan, Nalley, Nay. Nays: None.

Resignation: The Board accepted the resignation of Coriane Oh, effective 3/2/2000.

Reports from the Superintendent: Dr. Watson congratulated Marcia Kreger, staff, and students at Hoover school for the acceptance of their North Central Outcomes Endorsement goals, and thanked Fred Mack at Randolph school for his invitation to winter camp held near Lapser and also thanked the staff and parents for their involvement.

June 12 School Election Resolution: Motion by Morgan and Galks that the Board adopt the following legal resolution to establish key dates for the annual school election to be held on Monday, June 12, 2000. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Morgan, Nalley, Nay. Naye: None.

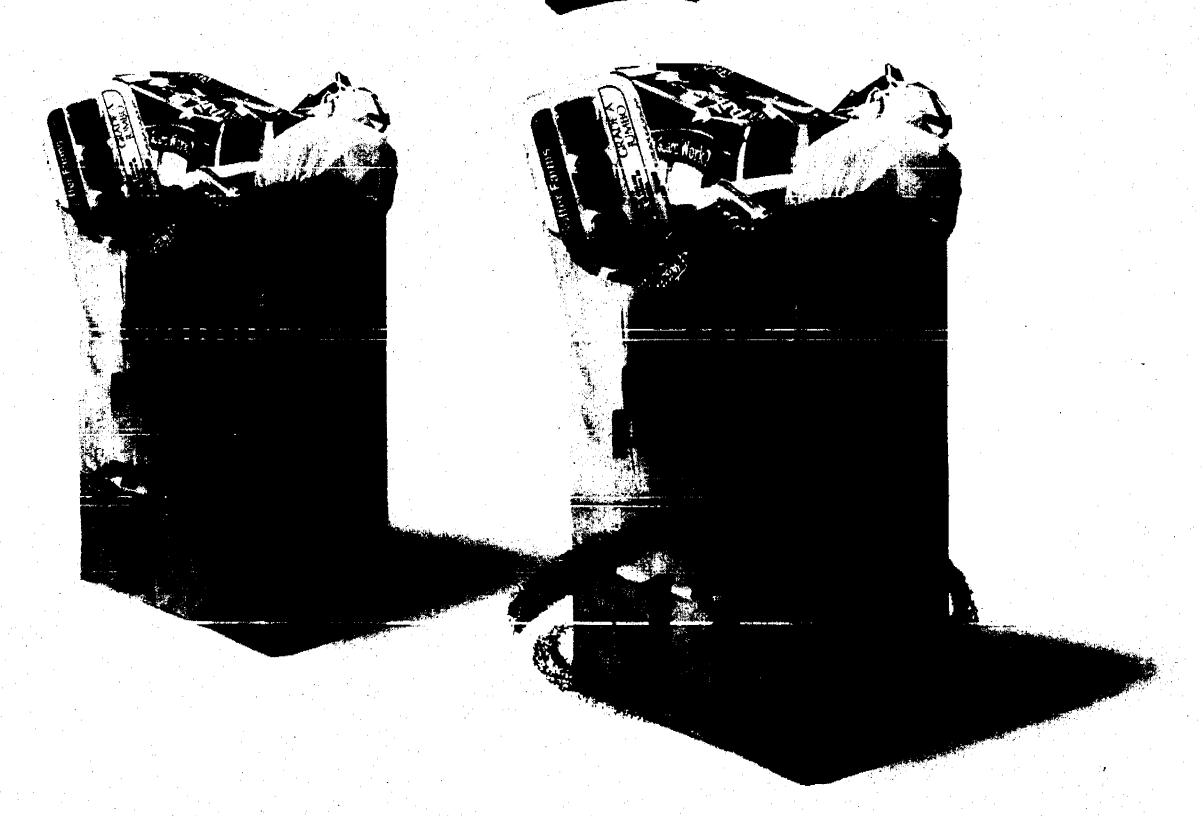
Hearing from the Board Members: The Board thanked the Tyler school staff for their SIP presentation; thanked Mr. Gotsis for his generous donation; congratulated Judy Sinning on her Golden Apple Award; spoke on the DARE program; and congratulated the CHS pum pon squad for winning the State Championship

Adjournments Motion by Morgan and Nalley that the regular meeting of March 6, 2000 be adjourned. Ayes. Galka, Kokemakes, Morgan, Nalley, Nay. Nays: None

President Pro Tem Kokenakes adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Publish: March 30, 2000

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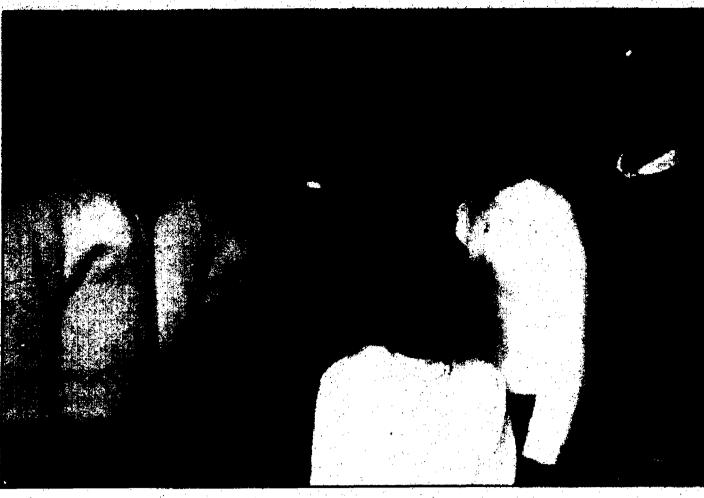


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Close-knit: The Deschaine family includes parents Tom and Nancy and (left to right) son-in-law Manuel Hernandez, daughter Karen Hernandez, son Mark Deschaine, daughter Laura Deschaine and her fiance, Kevin O'Connor. Nancy Deschaine is this year's Westland Mother of the Year, chosen from 407 nominees.

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO BE HELD

APRIL 10, 2000

Please Take Notice that a special election of Livonia Public Schools School

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE

TAKE NOTICE that the following propositions will be submitted at the

MILLAGE RENEWAL

PROPOSAL

This millage will allow the school district to continue to

levy not more than the number of mills necessary and

required to be levied on all property to ensure combined

state and local revenue per membership pupil to equal the

school district's foundation allowances as certified by the

Department of Treasury under Section 1211a of the School

Shall 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1.000.00 on taxable valuation) on

the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all non-

homestead and non-qualified agricultural property and .75 mill

(\$0.75 on each \$1,000.00 on taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all homestead and qualified

agricultural property as defined by law, in Livonia Public Schools

School District, Wayne County, Michigan, which millage will

expire with the 2000 tax levy, be renewed for 5 years, 2001 to 2005, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue of school district will collect from such

District, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held in the school district, on

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Code of 1976, as amended

MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

Monday, April 10, 2000.

special election:

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Mother from page A1

the Helienic Cultural Center on Joy Road. The public is invited; there will be a 6 p.m. social hour.

She attributes their family life to steady values, consistency and discipline which benefited the children, who range in age from 23 to 28. The children are also determined to have happy, lasting marriages. "They all have those same values," said Deschaine, a member of St. Richard's Catholic Church.

Their home may be modest. she said, but is happy.

She was home with her children for 10 years when they were younger, and supplemented the family income with baby-sitting. "I enjoyed all my children as they were growing up. Every stage is different."

She chose education in part because she wanted to have a family, earning a bachelor's degree in education from Central Michigan University. She taught in Wayne-Westland until the birth of the couple's second child.

Deschaine shares common values with this year's Teacher of the Year, Chuck Gordon of John Glenn High, who said "Our district gets knocked from time to time, but I'm a big fan of Wayne-Westland schools. My daughters went here, and they got a great education. This district has been very good to me and my family, and I'm proud to be a part of it."

The Gordon and Deschaine families know each other, with the men teaching together.

The work with eighth-graders at St. Mel (where she's taught since 1986) is rewarding for Nancy Deschaine, but she's glad she had the years with her children. "My kids always came first, always."

The Deschaines were involved in the creation of the Mom and Dad's Club at their church, in which she held offices. Many

friends come from that time. Nancy Deschaine also taught religious education at St. Richard's, and was involved in many of her children's activities while they were growing up.

She sums up her philosophy: When people talk to me about parenting, I have one bit of advice I give. I believe that communication with children at every stage of their life is of utmost importance. I believe that I am their mother and not their friend. I have never had a hard time giving advice, solicited or not. I always made time to be with each of my children in situations that allowed us time to talk, for instance, in the car with the radio off, or at the dinner table with the TV off. My soap box' is 'You can't have quality time without quantity time.

WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The District will receive sealed bids for:

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AT 17 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDINGS

WAYNE/WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Deliver three (3) copies of the Bid Proposal Form in a sealed envelope

Owner in public meeting: Time: April 14, 2000, 2:00 p.m. EST Delivery of bids. Bid opening shall be

Board of Education Wayne-Westland Community Schools

36745 Marquette

Board of Education

Wayne-Westland Community Schools

Attn: Barb Evanson, Supervisor of Purchasing

after March 28, 2000 at TMP Associates.

Examination may be made at the Office of the Architect, TMP ASSOCIATES, INC., Architects - Engineers - Planners, 1191 West Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; F. W. Dodge Corporation Plan Room Detroit, Michigan; or the Construction Association of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan, or Daily Construction Report Plan Room, Madison Heights, Michigan.

a satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check for five percent (50) of the Base Bid Sum maximum possible proposal amount.

days after date for receipt of bids

Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Publish, March 30 and April 2, 2000

Presiding: Council President Griffin

Present: Anderson, Cicirelli, Cox, James, LeBlanc, Scott

various intersections within City from 5/11/00-5/13/00

carnival from 5/31/00 to 6/4/00 on their property

84: Approved: minutes of regular mtg held 3/6/2000 as corrected

marked with the Name of Bidder and Project. Bid Proposals will be received until the time and the place, as follows, where and when the opening of bid proposals will be conducted by the

2:00 p.m. EST

Westland, MI 48185 If delivering prior to Public Bid Opening or mailing your Proposal, send to

36745 Marquette Westland, MI 48185

Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or

Bid Proposals shall be on form's furnished by the Architect, accompanied by

Bidder shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposal for a period of sixty (60)

Accepted Bidder shall be required to furnished satisfactory Performance

The right to reject any or all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, or to waive any informalities therein is reserved by the Board of Education.

WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL

Synorsis of minutes

MTG NO 6-3/20/2000

-Approved request from Wayne Ford Civic League conduct its annual

-Approved the request from VFW Post 3323 to sell "Buddy Poppies" at

-Approved the request from Moslem Shrine Temple solicit funds to provide

for free medical care for children from 6/16/00-6/17/00 at various

Adopted Joint Resolution proclaiming the month of May as "Better Hearing

taxes if the millage is approved and levied in the 2001 calendar year is approximately \$32,900,000? MILLAGE PROPOSAL, BUILDING AND SITE

SINKING FUND TAX LEVY Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2000 to 2004, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the construction of repair of school buildings and developing and improving sites (this is a renewal of millage which expired with the 1999 tax levy); the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2000 calendar year is approximately \$4,100,000?

BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Eight Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$28,660,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefore, for the purpose

- erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to, and partially remodeling Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson High Schools for athletics, physical education instruction and community use; relocating, constructing and equipping outdoor physical education/athletic facilities; and developing and improving the
- erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to, and partially remodeling Emerson, Frost and Riley Middle Schools; constructing and equipping outdoor track and field facilities at Emerson and Holmes Middle Schools for athletics, physical education instruction and community use; relocating, constructing and equipping outdoor physical education/athletic facilities; and developing and improving the sites therefore?
- The bonds are expected to be outstanding for a maximum of 25 years, exclusive of refunding. It is estimated that .40 mill (\$0.40 - for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) will be levied for the bonds in the first year. The estimated simple average debt millage rate for the life of the bond issue is .39 mill (\$0.39 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or minimienance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE electors at this election, well be general obligation UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS POLLOWS

PERCENCT NO. 1A
Coolidge School, 30509 Curtis, Livenia. Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 8A
Tyler School, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia, Michigan
PRINCINCT NO. 8B
Tyler School, 32401 Pembroke, Livenia, Michigan
PRECENCT NO. 4A
Tyler School, 32401 Pembroke, Livenia, Michigan
PRECENCT NO. 7A
Taylor School, 36611 Curtle, Livenia, Michigan
PRINCENCY NO. 8A
Inylor School, 86611 Curtis, Livenia, Michigan
PRINCIPACT NO. 68
Taylor School, 86611 Curtis, Livenia, Michigan
PERCENCT NO. SA
Marshall School, 33801 Curtis, Livonia, Michigan
PRECENCT NO. 16A
Bryant School, 18000 Merriman, Livonia, Michiga
PRISCENCT NO. 11A
Coolidge School, 30500 Curtie, Livonia, Michigan
PRINCINCT NO. 12A
Coolidge School, 30500 Curtis, Livenia, Michigan

Voting Place:	Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia, Michigan. PRECINCT NO. 15A	
Voting Place	Buchanan School, 16400 Hubbard, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 16A	
Voting Place	Cass School, 34633 Munger, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 16B	
Voting Place.	Hoover School, 15900 Levan, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 17A	
Voting Place	Holmes Middle School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 17B	
Voting Place	Hoover School, 15900 Levan, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 18A	
Voting Place:	Holmes Middle School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 19A	
Voting Place:	Randolph School, 14470 Norman, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 19B	
Voting Place:	Webster School, 37855 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 20A	
Voting Place:	Hull School, 34715 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 21A	
Voting Place		
Voting Place:	Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 22B	
Voting Place:	Kennedy School, 14201 Hubbard, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 23A	
Voting Place:	Roosevelt School, 30200 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 28B	
Voting Place:	Roosevelt School, 30200 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 24A	
Voting Place:	Adams School, 28201 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 24B	
Voting Place:	Adams School, 28201 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 25A	
Voting Place,	Emerson Middle School, 291100 W. Chicago, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 31A	
Voting Place:	Washington School, 9449 Hix, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 31B	
Voting Place:	Washington School, 9449 Hix, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 32A	
Voting Place:	Garfield School, 10218 Arthur, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 33A	
Voting Place:	Garfield School, 10218 Arthur, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 34A	
Voting Place:	Rosedale School, 9825 Cranston, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 34B	
Voting Place:	Grant School, 9300 Hubbard, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 34C	
Voting Place:	Grant School, 9300 Hubbard, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 35A	
Voting Place:	Jefferson School, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 35B	
Voting Place:	McKinley School, 9101, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 36A	
Voting Place:	Emerson Middle School, 29100 W. Chicago, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 36B	
Voting Place:	Cleveland School, 28030 Cathedral, Livonia, Michigan PRECINCT NO. W12	
Voting Place:	Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Michigan PRECINCT NO. W15	
Voting Place:	Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Court, Westland, Michigan PRECINCT NO. W16	
Voting Place:	Holiday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain, Westland, Michigan PRECINCT NO. W21	
Voting Place:	Lowell Junior High School, 8400 Hix, Westland, Michigan PRECINCT NO. W25	
Voting Place:	Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Michigan PRECINCT NO. W27	
Voting Place:	Perrinville School, 33344 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Michigan PRECINCT NO. W30	
Voting Place	Hayes School, 30600 Louise, Westland, Michigan PRECINCT NO. W35	
Voting Place:	Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Michigan PRECINCT NO. W38	
Voting Place.	Nankin Mills School, 8100 Hubbard, Westland, Michigan PRECINCT NO. W40	
Voting Place:	Divine Saviour, 39375 Joy Road, Westland, Michigan PRECINCT NO. W41	
Voting Place:	Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Court, Westland, Michigan	
All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.		
STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964		
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act I, RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of March 24, 2000, the total of all voted increases in excess of the Constitutional fifteen mill tax limitation and the years such increases are effective are as follows affecting the taxable property of Local Unit:		

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Cities of Livonia and Westland

Wayne County, Michigan

Date of Election

August 6, 1974

August 4, 1998

April 10, 1995

April 10, 1995

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Livonia Public

None

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Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan

November 3, 1998

November 5, 1988

Local Unit

Wayne County Regional

Wayne County Jail

City of Livonia

City of Westland

Livonia Public Schools

Date: March 27, 2000

Publish, March 30 and April 2; 2000

Educational Service Agency

Effective County of Wayne Voted

1 mill

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1 mill

None

None

18 mills

1.15 mills 2000

Signed: RAYMOND If WOJITOWICZ

increases

Years

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Wayne County Trensurer.

PATRICK D. NALLEY

Secretary, Board of Education

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2000 thru 2001

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PRECINCT NO. 18A

PRECINCT NO. 14A

Voting Place: Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia, Michigan

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budget for 5/1/2000

intersections within City

& Speech Month" in City

-Approved public hearing date on Mayor's 2000-2001 fiscal year proposed -Approved public hearing held to be held 5/1/2000 to vacate 20' wide alley adjacent to Lots 147-153 & 154 of Re-Sub of Dearman Park, E of Cavell, N of

-Approved public hearing to be held 5/1/2000 to vacate 1'x40' portion of utility easement at rear of 8344 Hugh, E side of Hugh, W of Middlebelt,

Approved traffic control signs: 99-08 - install 1 "STOP" sign on northbound

Rahn at Easley & 1 on northbound Denise at Easley -Approved contract with Wausau Insurance Company for life insurance

coverage for City personnel for 3 yr period effective 4/1/2000 -Introduced Ordinance 248-A-16, rezoning from Two Family Residential to Shopping Center Commercial, SW corner of Venoy & Palmer

-introduced Ordinance 248-A-17, rezoning from general commercial

business to vehicle service, 35050 Ford -Approved contract between the City & Michigan Department of

Transportation for Inkster Road Rehabilitation Project, and \$12.184 -Approved contract between City & Michigan Department of Transportation

for Cherry Hill Rehabilitation & Resurfacing Project, amt \$74,102 Approved bid for Calcium Chloride to Pollard Highway Products for total

bid price, \$0.325 per gallon for 2 yr period, expires 2/28/2002 Accepted bids for the purchases of listed parcels of properties & bidders

must pay bid amount & \$320 processing fee -Approved request from Administration to go into closed study session on

4/3/2000 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. 85: Closed public hearing on request to vacate & abandon existing sidewalks in Norwayne Sub # 2, 3, 4, 6 & 7, N of Glenwood, S of Palmer

86; Closed public hearing on the request to vacate 5 ft of road right of way

in Alaska & Alamo Cts, W of Venoy, N of Glenwood 87: Confirmed the appointment of J Kazaleh to Westland Cable Commission

for 4 yr term, expires 3/18/2004

88 Approved sale of used automatic defibrillator units to Westland Mall.

89 Granted request of G Martin, Wayne-Westland Schools to split thitlot

Sal Norwayne Sub #6, S side of Palmer, W of Venoy

90 Approved request for Special Land Use Approval for proposed pharmacy 1956 Venoy with contingency

91 Granted final Site Plan Approval for proposed Planned Unit

Development, N side of Van Born, W of Middlebelt

92. Closed nominations to Westland Zoning Board of Appeals for an alternate member to fill unexpired term, expires 5/12/2001.

93. Rescinded Resolution #2000-2-56 adopted on 2/7/2000 to schedule Special Election for 5/9/2000 for the purpose of placing a charter amendment on the hallot to renew Central Wavne County Samuelton Authority Debt millage

94. Confirmed appointment of J Seaberg as City Clerk for the City effective.

95. Approved Check Last \$2,308,036 49 & Prepaid \$2,108,357 12

Mtg adjourned at 11.37 pm Minutes available in City Clerk's Office.

CHARLES T TRAVEGRIFFIN

Council President Poblad March 30 2000 JOANN M SEABERG Carrie teach

Kid power Younger set has a good time at Olympic event

It wasn't Sydney, but youngsters competing in the Nursery School Olympics Saturday certainly showed their best.

"We had a wonderful time," said Margaret Martin, therapeutic and program supervisor for Westland Parks and Recreation. A total of 68

children ages 2-5 participated at the Bailey Center in Westland, bringing along various family members.

"We had fun," Martin said. "It's a great activity for families with small children to do together on a Saturday morning."

This is the fourth year for the youngsters going from one station to time," said Martin.

event. The sponsors included Westland Parks and Recreation, the Dad's Athletic Club of Westland, the Westland Civitan Club, Jump-A-Rama and Westland Explorers. Kroger donated hats for the children.

The noncompetitive event had

another for activities. "Events" included the marshmallow shotput Sahara treasure hunt, Dad's Club obstacle course and others. The children decorated their hats and marched in a parade with Mr. Bear.

"Everyone seemed to have a good

聞 'It's a great activity for families with small

> Margaret Martin -Westland Parks and

> > Recreation



Some guldance: Anthony Migliori, 18 months, (left) gets help from big brother A.J. Migliori, 4 2, at the Saturday event.



Giddyup: Heather Shoats, 4, of Westland loses her hat riding her horse in the toddler trot.

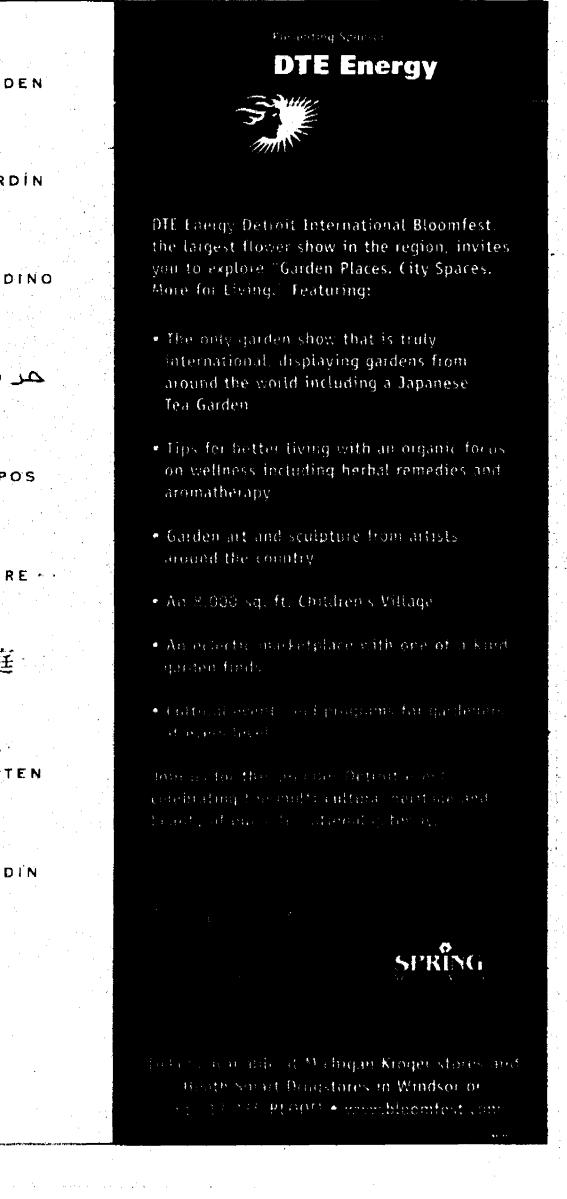


Sunday, April 9 10 am - 6 pm

STAFF PROTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Blg fish: Anthony Dobson, 31/2 of Westland

caught a big fish at the Nursery School Olympics at the Bailey Center last Saturday. Plans are to hold the event again next



Waterman project to benefit computer, culinary programs

BY RICHARD PRABL STAFF WRITER

Work on a \$20-million project that will both expand Schoolcraft College's flagship culinary arts program and boost the college's role as a provider of informationtechnology training is expected to begin late next spring.

The project, forwarded March 22 by the community college's board of trustees to the state legislature and governor for final approval and funding assistance, will see the Waterman Campus Center expanded to include a new culinary arts kitchen and also a business and industry maining center.

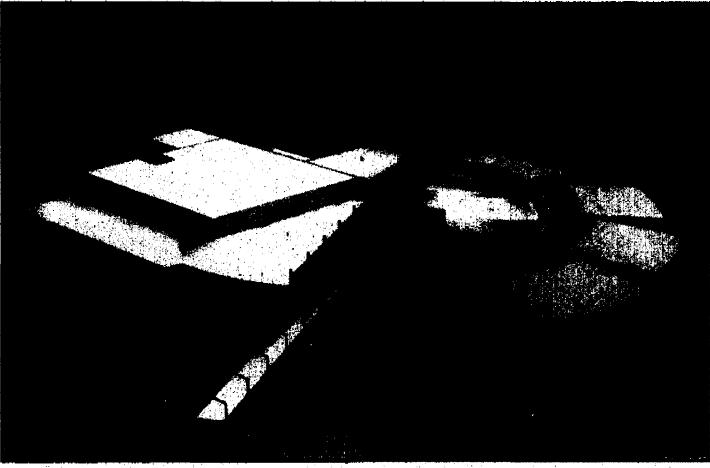
Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell said the project will libly the college provide trained personnel for what he called Two of the fastest-growing areas, both in Michigan and the U.S.": computers and information technology and the hospitalily business.

People in the food service industry can't find enough qualifind people to hire and people in Musiness and industry can't find people with computer skills," McDowell said.

Of all the space needs we have, we thought these two were the most important."

The business and industry center will feature classrooms for state-of-the-art computer and technology training and large meeting rooms which can be used for teaching, lectures and bleconferencing and also for musical productions by various Schoolcraft groups, McDowell

He said there also is "a need for a variety of types of food service, including upscale head chefs, and for people who provide that quality of food service" as



Something's cooking: A new culinary arts kitchen, restaurant and multi-purpose room (light area to left of walkway), plus a new business and industry training center (light area to right of walkway) are scheduled to be built onto the existing Waterman Center (dark gray) at Schoolcraft College beginning in Spring 2001.

'Our flagship'

"Since our culinary program is our flagship," he said, "we want to maintain the quality of the program and expand the number of students" it can train.

The new culinary arts kitchen, when built, will permit remodeling of the existing one for use in an expanded food service program, he said.

When the Waterman opened in 1982 as home to the culinary arts program, it boosted food service enrollment from 30 to well over 200 full- and part-time stu-

But the program's popularity -

it has produced six of the world's 60 master chefs - has since outstripped enrollment capacity.

The Waterman project is the largest portion of the college's \$26-million, 10-year facilities expansion and renovation master plan first approved by trustees in 1997.

Half the estimated \$20 million for the Waterman project will come from the state's Michigan Capital Outlay program, once the legislature and the governor have approved construction

McDowell said the school hopes to receive that approval by December.

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The college expects to accumulate \$6.8 million toward the project by this June 30 and raise the remainder through the Schoolcraft Development Authority, interest on other funds and through either contributions or a bond.

New roof

Other renovations approved March 23 by trustees include installation of a complete new roof on the college's 34-year-old liberal arts building and reconstruction of the college's 12 tennis courts, which were built 30 years ago.

Trustees unanimously award-

E 'People in the feed service industry can't find enough qualified people to hire and people in business and industry can't find people with computer skills. Of all the space needs we have, we thought these two were the most important."

Richard McDowell Schoolcraft president

ed Barton Malow Co. of Southfield the \$1-million construction management contract to oversee the culinary arts and trainingcenter project.

The Waterman Campus Cen-Iter expansion and renovation is "the largest (project) dollar-wise" and probably size-wise since it was built for \$1.5 million 18 years ago, said Butch Raby, Schoolcraft's vice president for business services.

It also is the first to utilize construction management, in which the hired team oversees a project from the design phase.

The new facilities will extend north and west from the existing Waterman building, running toward Haggerty and the north campus parking lot.

The team of Ghafari Associates Inc. and E. F. Whitney Inc. designed the project so that when it's completed, "It will look like 'part of the house," Raby said.

New construction is expected to take 12-15 months and the renovation of existing facilities another six to nine months, he

The high-tech facility will have a million dollars in computer equipment, Raby said.

This also is the first project in which Schoolcraft has utilized a project manager, he said. Barton Malow and the George W. Auch Co. of Pontiac were finalists in a field of 13 bidders.

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Low bidder on the liberal arts roof project was Custom Architectural Sheetmetal Specialists of Detroit at \$508,000.

Raby said the new roof "should be the last major job to bring" the building "up to par." It has been plagued by leaks.

Age and poor drainage were blamed for deterioration of the tennis courts, which will be rebuilt by Nagle Paving Co. of Farmington Hills at a cost of \$246,500.

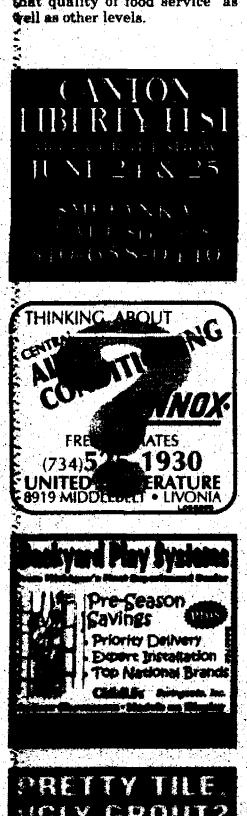
Raby said work will begin as soon as weather permits."

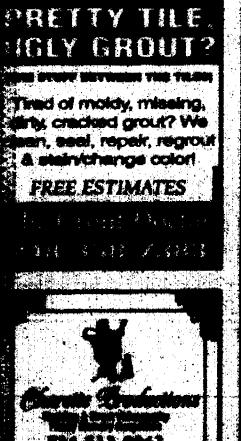
Book sale set for April 13-16

The League of Women Voters annual used book sale is Thursday-Sunday, April 13-16 at Wonderland Mall, Middlebelt and Plymouth Roads, Livonia.

Books are available for \$1 for hardcover books, 50 cents for paperbacks and 25 cents for romance novels. Special collector books will be individually priced.

Hours are 6-9 p.m. Thursday. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.







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SEMCOG seeks public comment on transportation plans

BY RICHARD PEARL STATE WRITER rpearidos homecomus net

Would you like to see the Jeffries and Telegraph Road resurfaced?

How about having such roads as Seven Mile, Haggerty, Warren and the rest of Canton Center widened to five lanes?

What do you think about providing rail transportation between Metro Airport and downtown Detroit, or enhancing and upgrading the People Mover. other mass transit vehicles and facilities and non-motorized (read "bicycling/hiking") pathways?

The first of six opportunities to express your views about these and other transportation issues and plans - some of which are already in the works - will be today, Thursday, when the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) holds its spring general assembly at 5 p.m. at the Centre for the Arts in Southfield.

That's when SEMCOG unveils the latest draft of its 2025 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), a 25-year proposal for the region which includes over \$104 million in projects for western Wayne County.

Public comments about the 2025 RTP will be welcomed at the beginning of today's G.A. and at the five other area meetings slated for various sites April 26 and 28, May 19 and 24 and June

At that final meeting, SEM-COG delegates and alternates will vote on adopting the RTP.

A draft of the RTP is available from SEMCOG by calling (313) 961-4266.

Comments on the plan also may be made by calling (800) 961-3334 extension 303; by fax (313) 961-4869; or by e-mail (Comment2025

@semcog.org). In addition, SEMCOG officials will be "more than willing" to discuss the RTP with community service groups, said Carmine Palombo, SEMCOG director of transportation. Call him at (313) 961-4266.

"While we have received broad input on the RTP, our job reaching out to the region isn't done," said Paul Tait, SEMCOG executive director.

"We actively seek input from other people in our southeast Michigan community, both for this version of the transportation plan and for future refinements.

Input needed

"We need input from the public to help us shape our region's transportation future," he said.

Major projects planned for 2001-05 in western Wayne County include the \$14-million concrete patching and asphalt overlaying of the Jeffries/Interstate 96 from Newburgh Road to US-24/Telegraph and the nearly \$10-million reconstruction of 1.25 miles of the eastern interchange of I-275/I-96.

Also planned during that period is \$8 million in repairs to the bridges over I-96 and the \$11.6million reconstruction and asphalt paving of Telegraph/US 24 from Grand River Avenue/M-5 to the Jeffries.

As for local roads, the first five years likely will see various roads widened from two or four lanes to five, such as:

■ Beck in Plymouth Township between M-14 and Five Mile; Canton Center Road in Can-

ton Township from Palmer Road to Cherry Hill; Haggerty Road in Canton

from Cherry Hill to Ford/M-153; ■ Merriman Road in Livonia,

from Seven Mile to Base Line/Eight Mile; Seven Mile in Livonia, from

Middlebelt to Inkster:

■ Warren Road in Westland. from Hix to Newburgh.

Over 2.5 miles of Ann Arbor Road (old M-14) between Lilley in the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township to Newburgh in Livonia will be rebuilt in a \$10million undertaking and the segment from Napier Road - the western Wayne County line - to Canton Center will be milled and resurfaced.

The first five years also is expected to see construction of the CSX Railroad bridge over Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

But that's not all.

A \$1-million study of the feasibility of expanding the People Mover along the Detroit River and toward New Center and another \$600,000 study into the feasibility of making the People Mover two-way in downtown Detroit also are planned in the first five years

Light rail studies

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> Paul Tait SEMCOG Executive Director

A third study will examine the feasibility of light rail from Metro to downtown and a fourth will look at rail transport along the Woodward Avenue corridor in Detroit.

Projects proposed for the years 2006-25 include the widening of Farmington Road in Livonia to five lanes from Joy Road to Ply-

mouth: the widening to five lanes of Joy from Middlebelt in Livonia to Beech Daly in Redford Township/Dearborn Heights and the widening of Seven Mile in Livonia to five lanes from Newburgh to Merriman.

Also planned in Wayne County during those 15 years are projects ranging from improvements

to various intersections and railroad crossings to some \$28 million in enhancements for various non-motorized routes.

The 2025 RT Plan, which foresees the resurfacing or rebuilding of 6,800 miles of road in southeast Michigan, is a collaborative effort by SEMCOG withinput from a variety of local and state transportation planners, transit agencies, special-interest organizations and the public.

It concentrates on preserving and, where possible, enhancing existing transportation infrastructure, including roadways, bridges, airports, non-motorized

pathways and transit vehicles and facilities.

Tait said the plan "strives for balance in supporting economic vitality and the movement of freight and improving traveler safety, while at the same time considering environmental and quality-of-life issues."

Although the plan will spend \$17 billion over 25 years in the seven-county SEMCOG region, it won't fix everything, he said

Only 417 of the 22,576 miles of public roads in southeast Michigan will be widened and only 13 miles will be newly constructed. Some 88 percent of the projects

will be in the region's existing urbanizēd area.

The plan also calls for an approach to public transit that would help it grow beyond its present status.

Four of the other five meetings will be held at SEMCOG offices on the 19th floor of the Edison Plaza Building in Detroit: 9:30 a.m. April 26, 1 p.m. April 28, 1 p.m. May 19 and 9:30 a.m. May

The final meeting, at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, will be at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle.

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A better way

Use vote, rather than recall

t's certainly easy to understand recall organizers' frustration.

This past January, four Westland City Council members voted to oust City Clerk Patricia Gibbons, a 23-year city employee. The foursome's actions raised questions about a possible Open Meetings Act violation, with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office later clearing the four of any wrongdoing.

After a couple of denials of recall petition language, language was approved March 23 seeking to recall Councilwoman Sharon Scott. Her colleagues - President Charles "Trav" Griffin, David Cox and David James - are also recall targets, but currently protected due to being within the first six months of office.

City council meetings have been rancorous, and it's easy to understand why organizers feel their interests aren't being represented. The most recent regular council meeting was less confrontational, but still questions linger about adequate representation.

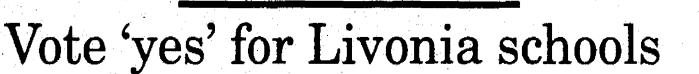
Having said that, the Observer believes the recall against Scott is unjustified. Her actions may have sparked strong dissent, but don't mark the gross negligence of duty calling for a recall.

Turnout was low, with the mostly senior absentee ballots deciding the race.

That's not to say we agree with Gibbons' firing, in which it was subsequently revealed she had received mostly positive performance evaluations for her work as city clerk. It's just that all this energy would have been better spent last year - at the ballot box and in the months leading up to the city council election.

Turnout was low, with the mostly senior absentee ballots deciding the race. The Westland Jaycees sponsored a candidate debate shortly before the election, with all candidates participating but relatively few residents attending.

This newspaper has traditionally not supported recalls, other than those involving malfeasance. We don't intend to support this recall against Scott, but will continue to report on the work of the recall. We respect the right of recall organizers to remove politicians from office - but wish more of that energy would go into local elections.



ivonia voters are invited to reinvest in the school district to upgrate and improve the facilities by voting yes on Proposals A, B and

The first two are really pretty easy sells. Proposal A renews 18 mills of taxes for businesses and 0.75 mill of "hold harmless" millage for homesteads for five years. This generates more than \$31 million a year for operating revenues and is a necessary chunk of Livonia's public education system.

Proposal B renews a \$4 million "sinking fund" millage for five years to ensure things like boilers and water heaters, doors, lights, floors, ceilings and furniture are continually upgraded - a very prudent way to ensure repairs and renovations happen yearly.

Proposal C is the tough one. It might be easy for some voters to be angry about this Livonia Public Schools' gymnasiums bond issue request going before voters April 10.

Many residents didn't know this was coming when they went to the polls and a majority approved the city recreation center millage just six months ago. Many residents also believe that hosting a special election in April isn't the most cost-effective way to get this before the voters, since an election was scheduled for the school board in June anyway. Plus, many see the end of student population growth in Livonia and figure that fewer students should be able to make do with current facilities that once held thousands more.

But those first two complaints don't focus on the question of whether these new gymnasiums/fieldhouses are needed, and the last one deserves an answer.

First off, the city's planned Community Recreation Center won't specifically help kids in schools. Students take gym classes during the day, and practice and play sports after school and in the evenings. The recreation center will serve a population of 100,000 city residents of all ages on nearly every day and night it's open; if it was reserved for students or sports teams, residents would certainly be

As for the election timing, the district set the April date to allow a second election request in June, in case voters said no to Proposals A and B. Putting these issues on the June hallot for the first time, then going back to voters in, say, August would have meant not being able to use the sinking fund (Propos-

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al B) money during the next tax year.

While student numbers will be declining, student participation in sports has increased dramatically from years ago when district enrollment was much larger. For instance, in 1972 each Livonia high school had 13 teams with 330 participants. Today, there are three times as many teams (38) and about 890 students participating.

That means some teams practice in hallways, cafeterias or away from the school athletic support systems. In some cases, they work out in cramped facilities. It also means some practices go until 9 or 10 p.m. These new fieldhouses would allow high school sports teams to practice in adequate facilities and do it right after school, getting them home by 6:30 p.m. or so, to provide time for family dinners and kids doing homework.

Another important consideration is that Livonia's secondary schools are old, with the youngest being Churchill at 32 years and most in their 40s. Keeping up with new facilities in neighboring school districts - Northville, Novi, etc. - requires Livonia to invest in and expand its physical education space. It's a challenge unique to an aging community trying to remain attractive to prospective homeowners.

The new space will also provide the chance for more students in gym classes to actually participate or become "actively engaged" in playing the sport or doing the athletic event during their 45-minute class period, rather than sitting out waiting. That way they can better learn these lifelong sports skills and get a good workout, too.

As a cost, this 25-year bond issue in Proposal C adds only 0.4 mill in taxes - that's \$30 a year for the owner of a house with a market value of \$150,000 and \$40 for the owner of a \$200,000 house. It's also got the endorsement of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. Viewed as an investment in our community's facilities and our youth, Proposal C looks worthwhile.

We urge voters to say yes on Proposals A, B



Full house: Girls play dodge ball in half of the gym at Emerson Middie School. School officials say they need Anancial help to ease overcrowd. ing of facilities. We agree.



LETTERS

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas; that's why we offer this space for your opinions. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity, we ask that you provide a contact telephone number and if mailing or faxing a letter, please sign it. Letters can be mailed to: Julie Brown, Westland editor, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, faxed to her at (734) 591-7279 or e-mailed to jbrown@oe.homecomm.net.

Gibbons good choice

am astounded to hear that a certain city council member is considering a run for state rep! How can she even consider a run for state rep when she may even be fighting a recall effort for her seat on city council? If Sharon Scott thinks she has a good shot at being elected state rep for the city of Westland, then we should talk Pat Gibbons into running for the seat!

Pat has shown time and again that she has the character, discipline and ability to do the will of the people. Her focus has always been on the job at hand, and meeting the needs of the citizens of Westland, unlike some current city council members. As citizens of Westland, let's show our support for Pat Gibbons and encourage her to run.

Let's hope she does run. Then we can show our city council what we think of their backhanded dealings!

Jim Tharp

Gibbons for House

As citizens of Westland, we have seen the worst aspects of elected officials – abuse of power, cronvism and general deceitfulness.

We have seen a personnel director, who was once an assistant city attorney, intentionally mislead concerned citizens of Westland. Amazingly, he has not even been reprimanded for his behavior. That's wrong.

We have seen a senior director waste city taxpayer money by going to the casinos on city time, using city vehicles. She was suspended without pay for two weeks. That's better, but still wrong.

We have seen Pat Gibbons, former city clerk, fired for filing an election grievance against two councilmen for their use of city clerk stationery on their campaign mailers. That's just flat out wrong!

Pat Gibbons did the right thing. She reported an activity that is considered illegal by election law. Unfortunately for her, hers was an at-will position - at the will of the two councilmen and their council friends.

Here is an individual in city government who blew the whistle on the illegal use of taxpayer-funded resources and she pays for it with her job! Pat should be commended for her honesty and integrity of character.

If you feel that we should have people like Pat Gibbons in government, join with me in asking her to consider a run for state representative. Pat running for state rep would give us the opportunity to put into office an individual of honesty and personal integrity. We need more individuals like her in office.

Robert Arbour Westland

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hard-working city Clerk is fired for political purposes, the senior director is caught on television going to the casino. on city time and gets only a two-week suspension, the personnel director deliberately misleads concerned citizens of Westland and no discipline is forthcoming.

What is happening with the city of Westland?

This appears to be business as usual in Westland. In fact, some city council members are looking to run for state

representative for this city. One voted to get rid of a qualified clerk and another condoned the "punishment" that the senior director was given. How can they even begin to think that we would trust them in Lansing after what they have done in Westland? Their behavior on city council is deplorable!

We need to send someone to Lansing that knows how to cooperate and work with others, not consistently stir the pot for their own political advantage.

Pat Gibbons is the one Westland should send to Lansing.

To Pat, please consider making a run for state representative. We need your loyalty, hard work and commitment to represent us in the state Legislature. You would give the citizens of Westland an elected official we can be proud of to have representing us. A marked difference from the people we have at City

> Barbara Lee Westland

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- Philip Power

LETTERS

Get expert advice

it's over. Cancel the millage renewal election for the sanitation authority, that seemed odd since Mayor Thomas so recently reinforced his stand of favoring incineration regardless of the cost to residents.

But now what I'm hearing is that a movement is underfoot, to what? Get out of the waste-to-energy project, if possible. Am I hearing correctly? What do the mayor and Mr. Dittmar and council members know that we don't know? Could it actually be that this foolhardy project that our city signed onto is NOT the wonderful thing we were all promised?

Say "I told you so?" GLOAT? You're darn right I'm gonna gloat. I did warn you. And others warned you as well. We didn't want our city to go bankrupt over this deal, but we were ignored!

Oh, this will be a black eye on Westland, bigger than the Patricia Gibbons, Keith Madden and Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek scandals put together. We are talking millions of dollars! How delicately will they explain this one to the taxpayers? Blame it on CEI from Baltimore? Blame it on yourselves?

Worried about the TIFA money going for the incinerator? Just wait and see how many other money sources are going to be redirected to the costs we will have to pay. That is, IF our city wants us to see such things. Beyond the debt, there are likely to be penalties for all of those lovely contracts we are strapped to. Let the juggling begin.

I KNEW the day would come — but I didn't know it would only take one year within the reopening of our refurbished incinerator, that talks would start about pulling out of this stupid scheme.

My gosh, citizens tried in vain to warn council members and the mayor starting in 1994 up until the final votes in 1997. And had the proper public meetings taken place in 1991 or before, when the wheels were beginning to be greased, citizens might have prevented it from going through at all.

Myself, my husband, Chuck and Kathie Pare, also of Westland, worked tirelessly doing research, attending meetings, writing testimony, lobbying in Lansing, all of the same dedicated efforts that this city honored us for when we worked on the Cooper school landfill. Yet council members Griffin, Cox and Scott remain steadfast in their support of the incinerator. (In my mind, that is reason enough to recall them.) Oh, yes, and former council member Tom Brown too was in support, He now admits things don't look good.

We brought experienced people in from neighboring communities that had knowledge of the absurdness of the waste-to-energy proposal. Some had science backgrounds, some with engineering backgrounds who actually read the contracts involved, some were experts on recycling and others had dealt with incinerators before.

ALL, that's A-L-L (to quote attorney C. Brian James, who supported this plan) the people we brought to speak were and still are highly respected in the southeast Michigan environmental community.

On the contrary, the people the supporters chose to listen to were not from around here (unless they had a financial interest), but the "suits" from Constellation and Energy Inc., a subsidiary of Baltimore Gas & Electric.

The time is overdue for us to seek expert environmental law advice from outside our city. I believe Mr. Plakas' previous counsel did not serve us well in this matter. I mean no disrespect, but we should have had an environmental lawyer reviewing the entire process. If nothing else, there should have been some type of an "out-clause" to protect our community from financial ruin.

I wish you well, Mr. Mayor, council members Griffin, Scott and Cox, in digging yourselves out of this one.

Cheryl Graunstadt Westland

Save our city

The city of Westland is hemorrhaging BIG TIME and if we don't apply a HUGE BAND-AID right away, it may never recover.

Lately, every Observer Newspaper issue is filled with the battles raging among our leaders. Each story seems worse than the one before. The residents' reaction is just as disgraceful as those in office. At the rate we are going, we may push all the other horrible news stories off the front pages, become the main story covered by the whole world. That isn't where I would like to be, do YOU?

First came the story about the firing of the city clerk. Not knowing ALL of the facts. I don't know if it was necessary or not, but I believe there was a better way to handle it. Even the right thing raises questions when done the wrong way. The residents' reaction has been just as bad with the name-calling, e-mail invasion, threats and criticism from every direction. Neighbor against neighbor and friend against triand.

Next comes the mess with the director of the Friendship Center and two employees who used very stupid judgment. This is like a very had movie that has everyone wondering what will happen next and to whom.

The most sickening part of this whole mess is

adults who are acting like children. Speaking of children, has anyone thought about what all of this infighting is saying to our children?

Kids have so much to deal with these days. At every turn, they see violence and sex scenes on TV, in videos, movies. They play violent computer games, read tragedies in the newspapers and magazines. Westland's adults are saying to them DO WHAT I SAY, NOT WHAT I DO, then are amazed when they do what they see us do. Talk about giving mixed signals.

No one can condone these terrible events, but I agree with the people who suggest that we SETTLE IT AT THE NEXT ELECTION. If everyone will take the time to vote when given the opportunity, there can be change. Otherwise, the same old same old will go on and on.

Like many others, I have lived in this area longer than there has been a Westland. I cannot recall any other administration so personally involved with the residents and their concerns. The city council and Mayor Thomas are everywhere, meeting and listening to the people. Most of what I've seen has been positive and, of course, some has not. That is only natural in any city. If we put aside all this bickering, we can again move our city forward.

Everyone makes mistakes. Most of us are able to keep them private. Those in public office do not have that opportunity. They live in a fish bowl for all to see and comment on. This has got to be very difficult and I have to wonder who would ever want such a job.

Lately, it seems as if we have taken a giant step backwards when everything was settled with violence. Words like: RECALL! FIRE THEM! IMPEACH THEM! Where does all this rage come from?

Let's work together to stop this horror show. Show our children and other people that calm heads can prevail and Westland is still THE PLACE TO BE!

Lafern E. Porter Westland

Supporters not negative

porters do not "hate." Recall supporters love their city, but do believe it's time that some who do NOT listen to the voters, those who disregard the voices of the people who pay their salaries, should be removed.

They have nothing to fear IF they have enough support, go to the polls and vote to keep them in office. Recall supporters are not "negative," and frankly we are tired of the words hate and negative being used. It is a positive thing for citizens to become involved in the political process.

Yes, there are those who wish citizens would sit quietly and not try to be part of that process while they continue doing as they will, but that isn't going to happen this time. It is not the recall supporters who have made threatening phone calls, sent letters, pulled pranks, called names or made whispered attacks within the halls of council. We have put our purpose to the people of this community, without shame, and will proceed on our course until we have removed these people from office. The letters from the mayor are only meant to stir the pot, not calm it, by portraying us as people who would ruin someone's special night at his State of the City address. Not so. We never intended, nor do we intend, to be present. Rowdy meetings are a direct result of the way the council president handles the "open meetings."

People are closed out, people are removed, citizens have the microphone turned off as they speak, time limits are bent at will, especially for supporters of the four or the mayor. Meetings are adjourned in violation of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Yet we remain convinced that in the future, regardless of such tactics, we will be the "positive" people. The only negative people at the last meeting were those sent on purpose to try and provoke. Seats have been taken at 4 p.m. through the last three council meetings, the latest being a group of young people who attend church at Telegraph and West Chicago. Things of this nature must stop. It's up to the citizens to voice their concerns, and that is what we are doing.

Finally, we are organizing another demonstration now that recall petition language on Sharon Scott has been approved. It will be Monday, April 3, at 6 p.m., just before the council meeting. A meeting to make signs will be held at the Oddfellow Temple on Glenwood just west of Venoy, Saturday, April 1, at noon. If you didn't have an opportunity to pick up your petition packet as of that date, or you would simply like to sign the recall petition, please know that you are welcome to drop in, pick them up, or sign!

Thank you.

Brenda Gracin

Please return photos

To the person who stole my wallet from my place of employment, Goody's Pet Supply, on March 22, 2000:

I don't care that you took my cash, even though I have bills to pay and kids to feed.

I don't care that you used my charge card and I have to pay for your purchases, because you used my card before I called and reported my card stolen

I don't know yet if you wrote any of my checks to purchase things, but at least my bank

won't honor them if you did.

What I do care about, and what has broken my heart, is that you stole pictures of my son

who died a year ago. I don't have the negatives. Please, please, if you still have my pictures, mail them to Goody's Pet Supply. No questions asked.

Never forget: "What goes around comes around."

Lynn Robertson Westland

Council thoughts

On the Sunday before the council meeting, I caught a slight cold so I missed going to the meeting.

I watched the last few council meetings and I thought I should respond to a few of them.

Let's start with the last one; responding to a question, Sharon Scott said she would not seek another term on the council ... but she had not yet made up her mind as to if she would seek the 18th District rep seat or not, but she should know shortly ... "HELLO, SHARON." At the council meeting on Feb. 23 when you weren't there, Dave Cox ... while going after Glenn Anderson, said he knew for a fact you were running, he said you told him so ... I still have that meeting on tape ... and I had a letter in the papers March 9, Sharon.

So. Sharon, quit beating that dead horse for dramatic effect, I wrote about it March 9 ... nice but lame try.

Another one that I have to respond to is little Stevie Johnson who at the council meeting on March 6 when talking about Pat Gibbons said if you have to fly and there are two planes, one with a pilot "who" on scoring zero to five got a three and the other with a pilot who scored five; which one would you fly on??

Well, let me tell you something, little Stevie

The next to last thing I want to address is the last council meeting when we had a minister and some of his flock come in at 4 p.m. to tie up seats.

Charlie (Griffin) had the minister open the meeting with a prayer (let's wrap ourselves in religion, that should help us), then we had the kids lead with the pledge ... some years back, a thinker thought using kids to lead in the pledge would make them look better than they are

What's next, Charlie? ... a bathtub of water so you can baptize people "OR" maybe you can get the Pope to move to Westland ... shame on you.

On the track you're on, Charlie, I won't call you Mr. President but rather Kaiser Charlie since that's how you and your other three cronies seem to see yourselves.

For that reason, Kaiser Charlie, I will wear colors that (if you know your history) will make you feel warm and at home!

At least there is one good service you do at each council meeting ... and that's when after the kide lead the pledge you and Dave Con walk up ... smile and shake their hands ... "SO" if everyone understands ... that when kide are going to "or" coming from school and someone comes up to you ... smiles and tries to shake your hand, "RUN," don't walk, and get away from them!!

James R. Davis

Voicing objections

Well, it sure has been interesting reading the letters to the editor column in the past several weeks. From my initial (Livonia) letter regarding the attempts to shove two tax increases before the voters within a six-month time frame for the sports complex and school gym improvements issues, to the latest regarding the school millage renewals and increase, and school elections being held two months apart.

Doesn't this strike everyone of the voting/property owning public of Livonia as very bad practices going on in our city government? Did you notice the majority of those in favor of the school gym issue are teachers/instructors working for the schools? Did you know that these individuals do not have to reside in Livonia? Hence, they may not be paying those taxes? And for those opposed (I am NOT opposed to the school gym tax, only the way in which it was "presented" to me, causing me to have to voice my objections by voting NO) we hear from those on fixed incomes, those who do not approve of the way things are handled, and those of us, if you haven't looked at your tax bill yet, already seeing a nearly 2 percent increase in our property taxes this year alone.

> Brad Wolkan Livonia

Gun talk hollow

The administration was presented a gun bill with all the requests that President Clinton wanted. Provisions to close the (so-called loophole at gun shows) the 72-hour waiting period, the large capacity clips, instant check and gun trigger locks.

So why was it rejected? Because it was proposed by the NRA.

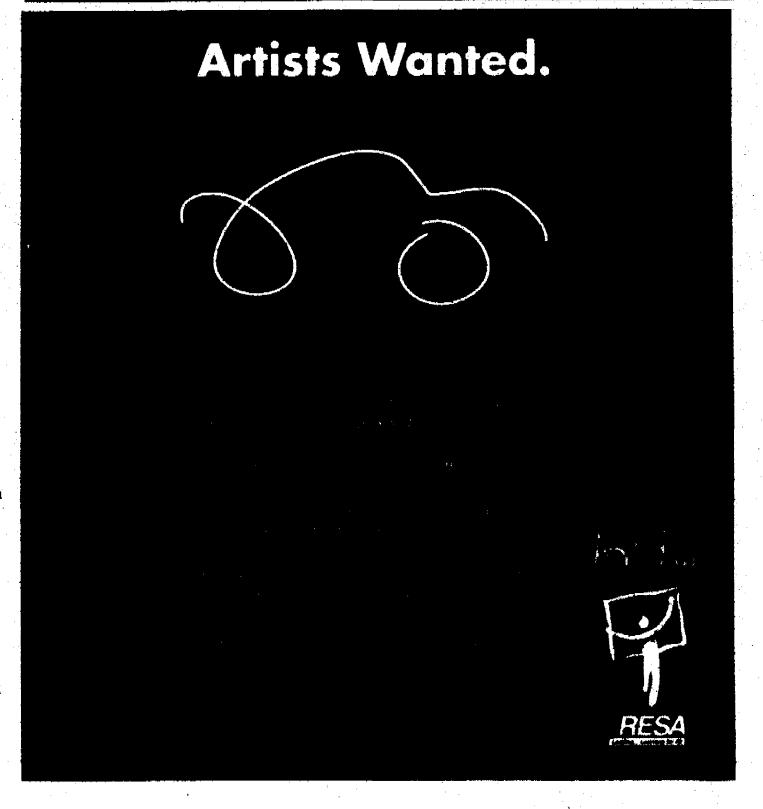
Bill Clinton's elitist group says it is their way or no way. Since Clinton has been in office, there have been more civilian deaths than ever before. Ruby Ridge. The Randy Weaver family, Waco, Vince Foster, Ron Brown, etc. What other president uses tragedies to further his existence.

We do not live in an armed society, we live in a society in which violent criminals, and agents of the state habitually carry firearms, and in which many law-abiding citizens own firearms but do not go about armed. Essentially, although tens of millions own firearms, we are an unarmed society. The Clinton administration reveals its totalitarian nature by its tacit admission that the disorganized random havoc created by criminals is far less a threat than are men and women who believe themselves free and independent, and act accordingly.

A government that does not trust its honest, law-abiding, taxpaying citizens with the means of self defense is not itself worthy of trust. A government that abrogates any of the Bill of Rights with or without majority approval, foreyer acts illegitimately, becomes tyrannical and loses its more) right to govern

All deaths are horrible. Clinton's appointed judges haven't upheld current laws, refused evidence against him. Then you wonder why this country is in moral decay.

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George Ward begins his run for prosecutor

BY RICHARD PEARL STAIT WEITER rpearl@oa.bomecomm.net

George Ward, chief assistant prosecutor for Wayne County for 14 years, has made it official. He's seeking the Democratic

nomination



for county prosecutor in the Aug. 8 prima-

That puts the Plymouth Township resident in the race against both Michael Duggan, deputy county executive, and state Sen. Virgil Smith.

Ward, whose unofficial candidacy has been known for some time, claims the support of his boss. Prosecutor John O'Hair. O'Hair isn't seeking re-election.

Stating the "first and most important issue" in the election is experience. Ward said he is the only one with experience in prosecution.

He stated the "whole range of past airport abuses" in contracts at Metro wouldn't have become public if the prosecutor

"had been the alter ego" of the county executive.

If elected, Ward plans to increase "substantially" the number of youths ages 6-16 in Detroit, Highland Park and Hamtramck in adult-supervised sports and recreational activities and also to institute "structure to the prison day."

Regarding prison policy, he said, "It makes no sense" that the time offenders spend in custody "more resembles how they lived before" prison "than how we want them to live when they get out."

A 1963 graduate of the University of Detroit and, in '66, of the University of Michigan Law School. Ward has taught law at Detroit College of Law/Michigan State University since

He was elected president of the Wayne County Charter Commission in 1980, became chief assistant county prosecutor in 1986 and is serving as president of the Irish-American Lawyers of Michigan.

He and wife Margaret have five children.

Ward's campaign office is at 19268 Grand River Ave. in Detroit. Volunteers may call (313) 543-1940.

House passes bills to regulate porn shops

By MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE mmalott@homecomm.net

Owners of pornography shops in Michigan, "adult entertainment establishments," found out they have few friends in the state legislature last week.

Lawmakers passed a series of bills, the main pieces of a 13-bill package, aimed at bringing such shops under control by licensing them. Those licenses could be revoked if inspectors find the business to be a "hazardous site," one with high risk sexual activity going on on the premises, or a public nuisance. It would also give residents who live around such businesses the power to sue on the basis the businesses have become a nuisance and recover attorney fees should they win.

The main bill, House Bill 5124. was approved by representatives in a 92-13 vote last week. Opponents mainly objected that the system would require some businesses to have duplicate licenses, because some already hold Class C liquor licenses.

But sponsor Rep. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, noted that not all adult entertainment businesses have liquor licenses, so his bill would address the remainder.

Other pieces of the package passed 104-1. The sole dissenter, Rep. Clark Bisbee, R-Jackson, felt license fees were too high. perhaps as much as \$13,000 for a single business. But Bisbee supported most of the rest of the package.

He also pointed out that the law as written would allow only residents to recover attorneys' fees against the businesses. That would be unfair, he said, unless businesses were also allowed to recover attorney fees if they prevail. Bishop said he agreed with that last point and will work to amend the bills in the Senate when they are taken up there.

But Bishop felt the license fee amounts were correct. Licensing will be conducted through the Department of Consumer and. Industry Services, and when it is done reviewing applications, issuing licenses and inspecting all the adult bookstores, adult motion picture theaters, adult cabarets, massage establishments, exotic dance studios. encounter studios, sensitivity studios, model studios and escort services in the state, it is expected to have expenditures of \$4 million to \$4.4 million.

The bill simply divides that amount among the businesses to be licensed. As estimated, the price could come to \$13,000 for a license. Bisbee pointed out.

"To an individual, the fees that businesses pay sometimes sound high," Bishop countered. "But when you look at it relative to the industry, to the multi-billion dollar industry it is, to the money these types of businesses

make, it's not that much."

And Bishop argued that taxpayers should not end up paying for the licensing of these busi-

Bishop argued the package is intended to help communities control adult entertainment stores. Communities have found it ineffective to attempt to ban them or to zone them into certain areas. Yet, crimes rates. rape, prostitution and high risk sexual activities often increase in a neighborhood after such businesses open their doors. according to Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

She sponsored the portion of the package that calls for Department of Health inspections of the facilities. Adult entertainment stores can then be ordered to fix health code violations found on their premises within a period of time, or their

licenses may be revoked.

Bishop explained that licensing would not apply to all businesses with adult materials for sale, such as convenience stores that may have a rack of adult magazines. To require a license, a business would have to allocate more than 20 percent of its floor space to adult entertain-

The main portion of the package, which includes HBs 4327, 5124-34 and 5469, now moves to the Senate.

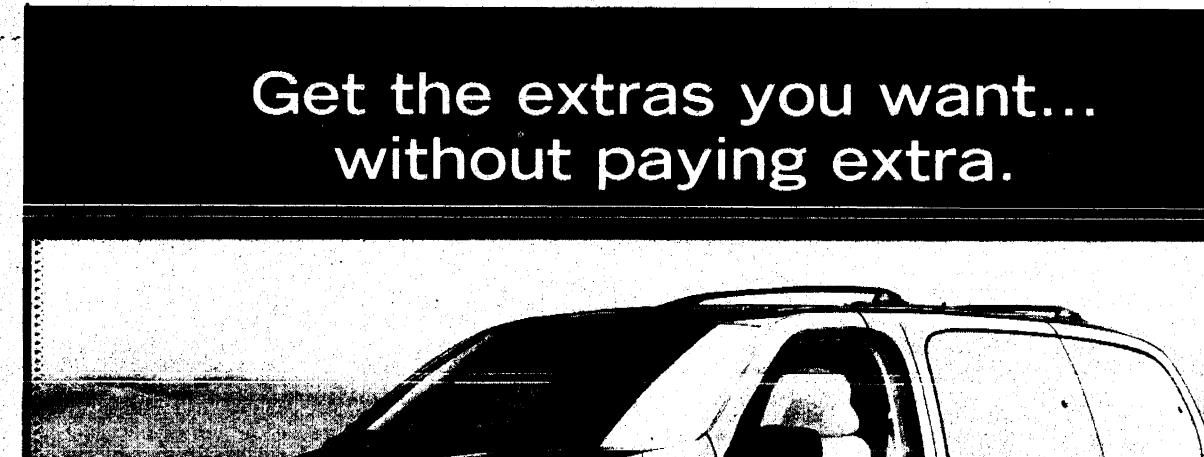
Most of the bills passed in 105-0 votes. On the main bill, 5124 area representatives Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton. Andrew Raczkowski. R-Farmington Hills, and Laura Toy, R-Livonia all voted yes.

Student program needs hosts

Male and female high school students (15-18 years old) from many countries are in need of a Host Family. The students will be arriving in August for the beginning of the school year. Some students will be here for the full school year and others just the first semester. All students have medical insurance. their own spending money, are

proficient in English and have a strict code of conduct to follow. All students are in the top 20 percent of their classes.

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A lot learned from teen focus groups

ecently, I had the opportunity to conduct focus groups with middle and high schoolers in a community in order to gain some insights about kids today.

We talked about their fears and anxieties, what they believe is going well for teens, how they cope with traumatic events that happen in their community, who their role models are, whether they feel substance abuse is a problem for teens, who they find to be trustworthy and programs they would like to see started in their community.

There were distinct differences between the way middle school and high schoolers thought as well as differences between parochial and public students. When asked how students in their community cope with sad or scary things that happen, the high school students commented that they would more frequently turn to their neers before adults if they needed to

Middle schoolers still rely on their parents for support, but reported that they will discriminate as to what they tell them. The parochial students said that prayer services were held as a way to support the students when something bad happens, and that they were very reassured by that kind of support.

When asked what students felt was going well for them, the parochial students' consensus was that private school students had more self-discipline and less stress about their looks because of the dress code.

Middle schoolers from the public schools reported feeling safe in their schools (some attributed it to the Columbine awareness), and much delight over their new freedoms (because they were no longer elementary students). They also appreciated teachers treating them like adults as well as good school counselors. High school students were not as verbal on this question except to say that teens are generally joining in and doing things together.

On the topic of who are their role models, all the focus groups were very forthcoming about the great role models they had in school. These included teachers and coaches. Beyond school, they mentioned parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents. No one commented about sports or high profile media figures, except for injured stars like Mike Utley and Christopher Reeve.

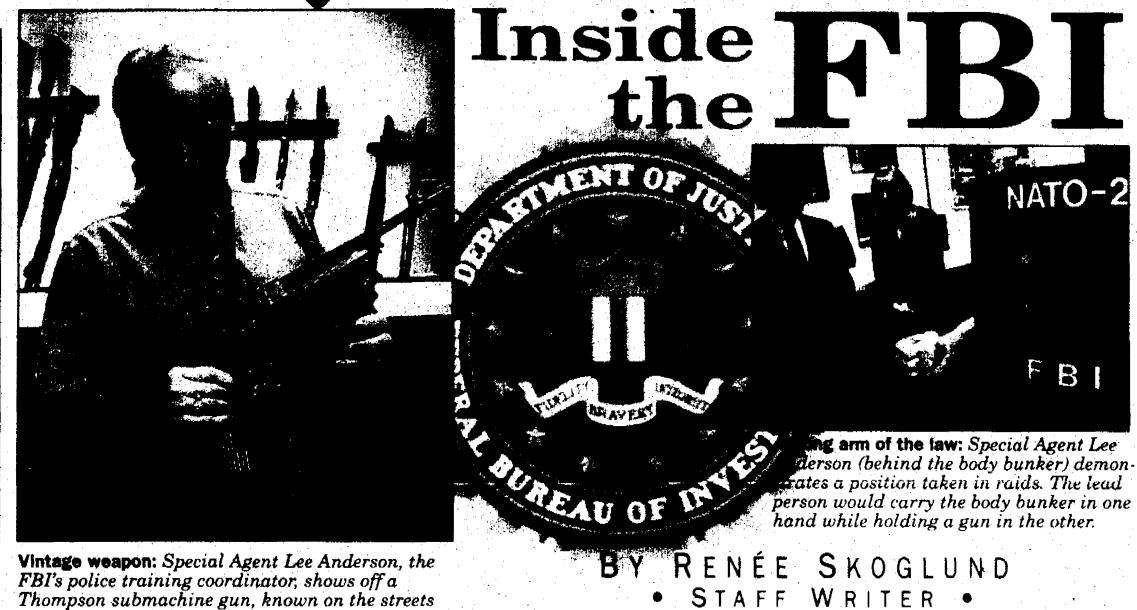
When asked about substance use and abuse in their school, there was a clear difference between public and private responses. The private schools felt that drug and alcohol use wasn't a problem because no one would even think of using it. The females offered that they "tell on" the boys in school when they are doing things that are wrong, yet half the students said they wouldn't tell an adult if someone was experimenting with drinking:

The public school students appeared more complacent about substance use, as if to say, it's the way of the world. The middle schoolers knew that there was smoking in school; they even offered that lots of the parents are using drugs, alcohol and cigarettes, too. They believe that those in charge are not consistent in cracking down on offenders including the party store owners who sell to minors.

Some mentioned that movies are a bad influence for kids. The high school students seemed even more iackadaisical about the use and abuse in their schools. Students brought out that more than half of their school uses illegal substances. No one disagreed. Others commented that it is a source of entertainment to pass the time, while some thought that it counteracts a lot of depression. Everyone from one of the high school focus groups knew more than one depressed person.

Finally, they were asked what pro-

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Jennie Emmons, 30, and Brian

Young, 32, are relatively new agents.

Originally from Princeton Junction,

N.J., Emmons, who has a bachelor's

Most wanted: Special Agent

Jean Wynn explains what it

takes to get on the FBI's "Ten

Most Wanted Fugitives" list.

FBI profile

The FBI was founded in 1908 as the

Bureau of Investigation. J. Edgar Hoover

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became director in 1924. A Congressional

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Bugsy Moran's gang on Feb. 24, 1929, by

The forerunner of the FBI Academy was

the vival Al Capone gang in Chicago spurred

the eventual creation of the FBI Laboratory in

established in 1935 with a class of 23 police officers. The present academy opened in

1972 on the U. S. Marine Base at Quantico.

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--Jennie Emmons

Special Agent

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Special Agents who died in the line of let-proof glass protects the receptionist

squad, one of several squads that make

up the Detroit office. Young, a former Army infantry officer, has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a few semesters of postgraduate school. He also brought eight years experience as a police officer with the Indiana State Police and the University of Indiana police department when he signed on with the bureau in 1996. He serves on the counter-intelli-

Both agents are in top physical condition and excellent marksmen. Special Agent Jean Wynn, who is in charge of recruitment, said Emmons hits her target more than 95 percent of the time. "That's superlative. She's a natural. She's in the stratosphere:

When it comes to hiring Special Agents, the FBI, the principal investigative arm of the United States Department of Justice, seeks - and finds - the best. Although there is no typical hiring year, out of the 9,000 applications received nationwide last year, 700 agents were hired.

"If you look at history, in the case of every great investigator - whether in science, law or criminal justice - they keep the goal in mind in spite of obstacles. To be an FBI agent, you have to have integrity, be tenacious and pay attention to detail," said Wynn.

A challenge

After graduating from college, Emmons sought a non-traditional career for women. She found one in the FBI. Founded in 1908, the FBI first granted the title of Special Agent to a woman in 1972. Today, 16.9 percent of the bureau's 11,604 agents are women.

Eminons spent seven months in San Francisco after graduating from the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va. She was. then transferred to Detroit, where her husband, a fellow agent she met at the academy, already had been assigned. The 16-week training at the FBI Academy was difficult but challenging, she

"For me, this was the top of the line. I wanted to do it so bad. For any kind of pressure they put on me externally. I put double on myself. I really wanted to make it through."

In the academy's defensive tactics class. Emmons put on a pair of boxing gloves and faced a male opponent. "One (punch) hit me, the walls started to close and I started to go down," she recalled. Refusing to give in, she let loose and started fighting back. "The instructor said, 'That's exactly what I wanted to see. I had made progress."

Emmons learned much more in that class than how to defend herself; she learned the meaning of team spirit. FBI style.

She recalled a particular incident that happened within the first few days of class. The class had been divided into opposing teams, and the new and eager recruits were yelling and cheering for their teammates. The instructor told us to stop," said

degree in political science and a mas- Emmons. "He said we had not develand clerks. No one gets beyond this ter's degree in forensic science, joined oped a "sincere affection" for each want to out-show and out-gun who we room unless they have a pass ... or the bureau three years ago. She is other." She remembers his admonish- want to apprehend," said Special Agent have been arrested and are waiting to assigned to the domestic terrorism ment to "conduct yourself with quiet Lee Anderson, the bureau's police professionalism.

> It was that quiet, competent professionalism that eventually convinced Brian Young to apply to the FBI. "I had a desire to get into federal law enforcement, but it wasn't with the FBL," he said.

> His focus changed after he worked with the FBI on a protection detail for Attorney General Janet Reno when she spoke at the University of Indiana's law school in 1995. He developed a close mendship with an older, experienced agent who told him he was FBI material. The agent encouraged Young to apply to the bureau.

> "Just the way these agents treated me as a professional, the whole experience just overwhelmed me. I applied, and about nine months later I was in the academy," said Young.

> In addition to serving on the counterintelligence squad, Young is part of a joint terrorism task force. As a member of the task force, he works with officers from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, U.S. Secret Service and the Michigan State Police.

> FBI work is far different from police work, said Young. There are longer hours, sometimes spent outside in 20degree weather, and less daily regimen. "Nothing is the same two days in a row. You may think you're working 8 to 4, and then you get a page at 6 a.m. Now the 8 to 4 is blown out of the

And then there are the "zany" phone cails, he added. "Ökay, pack your bag. We're sending you to the western part of the state. There's been a kidnap-

Big guns

The Detroit FBI's impressive collection of shotguns and automatic

weapons includes the infamous Thompson (aka "Tommy"), the submachine gun favored by both the bad and the good guys during Prohibition. The FM stopped using it in 1970. They currently use the much lighter MP-5.

Every agent carries a handgun, a 9 mm. semi-automätie but it is often used as a secondary weapon. When we go out on a raid we have shotguns and submachine guns because we always training coordinator.

For raids, the bureau brings in its SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team. Young, a SWAT team member, is modest about his marksmanship. "Most agents are excellent shots," he said. "Let's say to be in SWAT, you must be consistent."

Special Agent Jean Wynn, who currently handles recruitment for the Detroit office, has 19 years of experience with the FBI. She worked on organized crime for several years and truly enjoyed it. "Mob cases go back 100 years or more. There's a lot to it culturally. You have to learn how they think," she said.

She's also had a few "unusual" assignments, including fingerprinting a corpse, a former fugitive, in a casket. "You use a special tool when finger-

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anniversary of its "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" program. Of the 458 fugitives who have appeared on the list since itsinception, 427 have been captured. Of that number, 137 were apprehended because of

There are two criteria for getting on the list, said Special Agent Dawn Clenney: ■ The fugitive must be considered dangerous to the public

There must be the possibility of public assistance in locating the fugitive. Several years ago, a man touring the FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C. spotted his neighbor's picture on the "Top Ten" fist. He reported it, and his neighbor was apprehendeit.

"He (the fugitive) was living in the suburbs with a barbeoue pit," said Clenney. Like they say, you can run, but you just can't hide from the FBI ... at least not



Shop talk: Special Agents Brian Young and Jennic Emmons trade stories about personal career experiences in the FBL

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grams the teens would like to see in the community. The answers were all over the map. Generally, the high school students reported that they would like to see teen hang-outs that included a pool, gym equipment.

pool tables, bumper cars or go carts. They agreed that much of the drinking and smoking stemmed from boredom.

The middle school students were more specific about their "wants list." Many agreed that

sporting venues should be expanded, such as hockey rinks, roller skating parks, basketball courts, swimming pools and baseball fields. A few really unique ideas emerged like having block clubs or block parties.

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printing a corpse. We would pull his hand away,

and it would snap back."

Wynn recalled her very first arrest in 1982. It was unexpected, and she had come to work wearing a skirt and heels. The suspect was a female who put up a fight. The skirt is not the thing to have on when you have to jump over a couch."

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Want to know what happened to Jimmy Hoffa? So does the FBI.

"It's still an open case here," said Special Agent Dawn Clenney, an agent for 21 years who now handles the bureau's media relations. "I get calls every week about Jimmy. We still follow up on leads as they come in. We never close a case. That's one of the famous sayings in the FBI. The

Last summer, the FBI apprehended Harry Joseph Bowman, one of the bureau's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." Bowman is the alleged leader of "The Outlaws," a notorious motorcycle gang with a presence in the Detroit area. He currently is in federál custody in Florida on racketeering

charges, including conspiracy to commit murder and arson. Apprehending a Top Ten fugitive is not a daily

occurrence at the FBI, said Wynn. Agents spend many days interviewing, doing paperwork or pulling long hours on surveillance duty. They're subject to job transfers, and they can be sent anywhere in the state on a moment's notice. And most often, their investigations do not produce immediate results.

However, it's all worth it, said Young. "You have to be adaptable and tenacious. It can be rough. But it's also an opportunity to be a member of one of the most prestigious investigative organizations in the world."

It is against FBI policy to identify where Special Agents live. For information about employment, contact Special Agent Jean Wynn at (313) 965-2323, Ext. 4249. (For employment opportunities



STATE PROTO ST MATTERS TAPLEMEN Focus: Special Agents Jennie Emmons, foreground, and Jean Wynn listen intently during a meeting at the Detroit FBI office.

with the FBI see the Sunday, April 9 edition of the Observer Newspaper.)

Listings for the Raligious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's Issue. They can be mailed to 36251 School-

craft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131 or e-mail kmortson@ oe. homecomm, net

ADVANCED DIRECTIVES

St. Colette Parish Health Ministry presents "Advanced Directives," a free seminar to shed light on end-of-life issues from a Catholic perspective. Make your wishes known prior to a medical crisis. Meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 30, in the church (17600 Newburgh in Livonia) across from Laurel Park Place. Call to reserve a seat: (734) 464-4436.

FAMILY EARQUET

St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford (13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster road/south of Schoolcraft) will hold its annual family banquet at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 1, in the church's Fellowship Hall. After the catered dinner will be a mime show presented by Gospel chalk artist and ventriloquist Ron Snow. Tickets are \$10, adults: \$5, children 10 and younger; and children 3 and younger, admitted free. Call (313) 538-2660 for ticket information.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Sunday Services for April 2: The Rev. Bob Renjilian presents: "Are you more like a sunroom or an open porch?" Services and Sunday School at 9 and 11 a.m. "Meet the Minster" sessions follow each service this week. 25301 Halsted (between. Grand River and 11 Mile) More info: (248) 478-7272 or www.wwnet.net/~uucf/

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Redeemed Treasures Thrift Shop (sponsored by the Detroit Teen Challenge) is open most Saturday's from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. year round. Located at 20740 Grand River (1.5 miles east of Telegraph). While browsing, have your car washed and detailed for a donation. Call (313) 531-0111 Monday through Friday or Saturday at (313) 535-1359.

SUMMER CAMP

Registration has begun at Christ Our Savior in Livonia for summer camp and fall classes. The camp offers Christian programs for children ages 18 months to kindergarten during the school year and up through age 8 during the summer. Call Wendy at (734) 513-8413.

SPECIAL LENTEN SERES Pastor Gregory Gibbons will present a series of Lenten services based on the theme "What Wondrous Love," at Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Church in Redford (14750 Kinloch - south of Five Mile and west of Beech Daly). Services are held each Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The series will culminate in Holy Week. Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion will be held at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Two Good Friday services will be held at 1 p.m. and then a Tennebree service at 7:30 p.m. The

LENTEN BREAKFAST

Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

St. Maurice Women's Guild will host a "Lenten Breakfast" on Wednesday, April 12. The activi-

celebration of Easter will feature

services at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

ty starts with Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by a full buffet breakfast, Glenda Everett will speak about the "Yellow Ribbon" program to prevent youth suicide. St. Maurice Church is at 32765 Lyndon, east of Farmington Road, in Livonia. Ticket price is \$6.50 per person. Advanced ticket sales only. Call (734) 425-

LIBERTH SORVICES

Lenten services will be held at Good Hope Lutheran Church (28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City) each Wednesday before Holy Week at 7 p.m. preceded by a soup supper at 6 p.m. Other worship services include 7 p.m. Thursday, April 20; 7 p.m. Friday, April 21; vigil of Easter worship at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22 and Easter Sunday worship at 8:20 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 23.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford will hold mid-week worship services on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m. during Lent. Wednesday dates are April 5 and 12. Services will be in the chapel. Thursday services will be preceded by light supper at 6 p.m., with worship at 7 p.m. Dates are March 30; April 6 and 13. All services will include the sacrament of Holy Communion. St. John's Lutheran is at 13542 Mercedes, one

LENTEN SERVICES

(313) 538-2660.

The Stations of the Cross will be observed every Friday night at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church (23310 Joy in Redford, five blocks east of Telegraph), Phone (313) 534-2121. A video tape of one of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's retreats will be shown in the church hall after the stations each week of Lent. Anyone may attend.

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ENGAGEMENTS AND WEDDINGS

Johnston-Brown

Claire Johnston of Garden City announces the engagement of her daughter, Barbara Jean, to Steven Gerard Brown Jr.

The bride-to-be is a student at Pensacola Christian College in Florida and will graduate in May to pursue a career as a legal secretary.

Her fiancé, son of Pastor and Mrs. Steven Brown Sr. of Livonia, is a student at Pensacola Christian College pursuing a degree in criminal justice. He will graduate in May.

An August wedding is planned at Parkview Baptist Church.

Wooliver-Parker

John Wooliver of Trenton and Karen Fear of New Hudson announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Diane Wooliver, to Jamie Keith Parker of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and works as an accountant at the University of Michi-

Her fiancé, son of Robert and Linda Parker of Canton, is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and a 1997 graduate of Wayne State University, where he earned his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He works as an electrical technician at Acromag

DePlanche-Boucher

Jennifer Diane DePlanche of Belleville is engaged to Paul Joseph Boucher of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a Michigan State University graduate and works as a quality assurance manager for Ford Component Sales.

Her fiancé is a Michigan State University graduate who works as a remote technical trainer for Qualex.

An October wedding is planned at St. Michael Church , in Livonia.

Smyth-Latella

Robert and Frances Mrdjenovich announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristyn Ann Smyth, to John Joseph Latella of Southfield

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Garden City High School and works as professional singer. She recently signed a recording contract with Barrister Records and is working on a CD. Olice also the National Anthem singer for the Detroit Tigers.

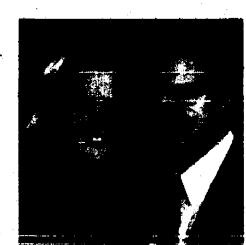
Her fiance, son of Anthony and Victoria Latella of Clinton Township, is a graduate of Chippewa Valley High School. He obtained his masters degree from Walsh





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A June wedding is planned at Walden Woods in Hartland.





College in Troy and a law degree from Michigan State University's Detroit College of Law.

An October wedding is planned at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Brighton

Coletta-Liparoto

Vincent and Christina Coletta of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa to Stefano Liparoto of Ypeilanti.

The bride-to-be is a student at University of Michigan's Mechanical Engineering program. She will graduate in May and work for General Motors.

Her fiancé, son of Philip and Giovanna Liparoto of Rockwood, is a construction engineering student at Eastern Michigan University and will graduate in December.

An August wedding is planned at St. Kenneth Church in Ply-

Roberts-Xvereb

Richard and Karen Roberts of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine, to Steven Xvereb of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Canton High School and attends Madonna University. She works for Community Federal Credit Union in Plymouth.

Her fiancé, son of Frank and Gail Xvereb of Whitmore Lake, is a 1989 graduate of Dexter High School and a 1994 graduate of Northern Michigan University. He works for GMR in Brighton.

Brazin-Mallis

James and Susan Brazin of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristine Nicole, to Robert Joseph Mallis of Ames, Iowa.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1997 graduate of Grand Valley State University, where she obtained a bachelor of science degree in chemistry and biomedical science. She expects to receive her doctorate in biophysics from Iowa State University in May 2001 and works for Iowa State University as an assistant researcher.

Her fiancé, son of Stephen and Charlotte Mallis of Dunmore, Pa., is a 1986 graduate of Dunmore High School and a 1990 graduate of Pennsylvania State University, where he earned his

Johnson-Maurin

Craig and Kim Johnson of Fort. Gratiot announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Matthew Maurin of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a student at Western Michigan University and works at RE/MAX Advantage as an office assistant.

Her fiancé, son of Pete and Charlene Maurin of Livonia, is a Western Michigan University graduate and works at Altair Engineering as a design engi-

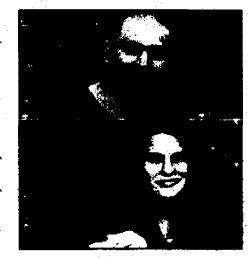
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An August wedding is planned at First Baptist Church of Plymouth.



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Holliday-Fyke

Paul and Mary Holliday of Portage announce the engagement of their daughter, Brandi Lynn, to Mitchell Craig Fyke of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Portage Northern High School and holds a bachelor's and masters degree in speech pathology from Michigan State University. She works as a speech pathologist at Cheshire Speech and Voice Center

Her fiance, son of Russell and Suzanne Fyke of Plymouth, is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and holds a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He works as

Murphy-Thompson

Terri Lee Murphy of Westland is engaged to Mark William Thompson of Dexter

The bride-to-be, daughter of the late Jean Murphy, is a Henry Ford Community College graduate and works as a pulmonary research assistant.

Her fiancé, son of Doug Thompson of Westland and Jonne M. Thompson of Dexter, attended Washtenaw Community College and works for S & H Brake in Ann Arbor.

A September wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Hackworth-Cavin

The Rev. Jack and Patsy Hackworth of Mansfield. Ohio. announce the engagement of their daughter, Kortney Rene' to Aaron Michael Cavin.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri.

Her fiance, son of Dan and Beverly Cavin formerly of Garden City, is a pastoral theology major at Baptist Bible College.

A May wedding is planned at Cook Road Baptist Church in Mansfield.





NEW ARRIVAL

■ Heather Ann and David P. Cadogan announce the birth of their son Connor Thomas born Feb. 4 at Christiana Hospital in Newark, Del., Grandparents are Gene and Lydia Olson of Plymouth. Victor and Gerrie Lötrich of Newark, Great-grandparent is Doris Leinweber of Longmont, Colo.

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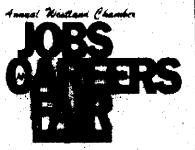
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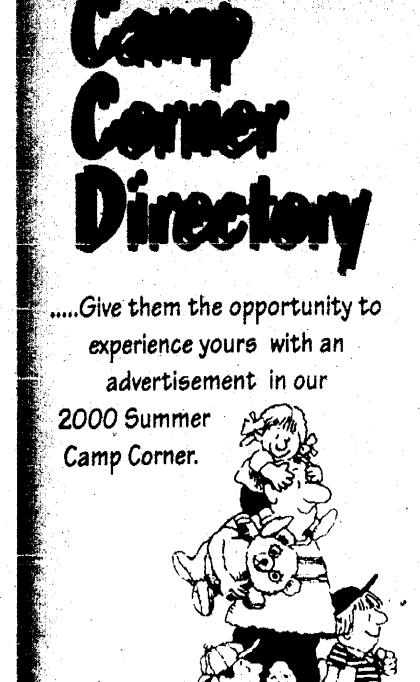
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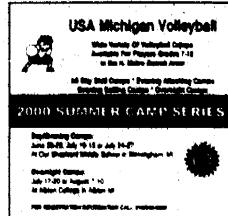
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'OLDIES BUT GOODIES' The Metro Wayne Demo-

cratic Club will hold its "Oldies But Goodies" dinner-dance Saturday, April 15, at UAW Local 735 Hall, 48055 Michigan Ave., west of Belleville Road in Canton. Cocktails will be served 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., followed by dancing 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. For tickets/reservations, call Cliff or Marie, (734) 729-8681, or Al's Friendly Market. (734) 721-4710. Price is \$20, \$35 per couple, or \$15 for seniors/retirees.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Westland Jaycees will present an Easter Egg Hunt 1:30 p.m. (ages newborn-6) and 2:30 p.m. (ages 7-12) Sunday, April 16, at Jaycee Park, Hunter and Wildwood in Westland. The Easter Bunny will be available for photos. Participants should meet at the baseball fields. Parking will be available at the ice arena or park. For information, call (734) 480-4984.

BUNNY FUN

The Grand Court of Westland, a senjor living community, will hold a Brook fast With the Easter. Bunny, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at the facility, 37501 Joy, west of Newburgh. This is for children up to age 8 years. Pictures will be available. Reservations are required and should be made by calling (734) 451-1155 (Char, activities director).

GOLF OUTING

The Westland Rotary Charities Golf Outing will be held Thursday, May 18, at Golden Fox, west of Plymouth. Participants will play 18 holes of golf, with registration 8:30-10:30 a.m. and an 11 a.m. shotgun start. There will be a continental breakfast, lunch and beverages at the turn, and a filet mignon dinner/banquet. Registration forms will be mailed in early April. For information, call Kim Shunkwiler, (734) 728-5533, Tom North, (734) 421-1300, John Tuye, (734) 729-TOYE, Ken V Belanger, (734) 721-1810, or Dick Isham, (734) 729-

AT THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library organization meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (784) 326-6125. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The Priends abor hold a book male during regular library hours at the

Westland Walkers meets the second Wednesday of each month except during

the summer. Westland Center, located at Wayne and Warren roads, opens its doors to walkers beginning at 7 a.m., at Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen. Mall walking ends at 10 a.m.

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 are needed to build Novi FSC and Westland FSC jointventure teams. Prior team experience is not necessary. This is an opportunity to build skating and team skills while having fun. For information, call Cheryl Gutowski at (734) 427-0305.

VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTED LIVING

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

ANGEL CARE

Angel Care is looking for volunteers to sew, crochet or knit blankets and burial gowns to donate to local hospitals for infants who die. Contact Mary Piontek for patterns and information, (313) 534-6496.

VETERAN'S HAVEN

Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are taxdeductible For information, call (734) 728-0527. Starting in April, Veteran's Haven will distribute surplus food noon to I p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The program was implemented to benefit veterans, seniors and others on fixed incomes. The center is two blocks south of Annapolis, on the west side of Wayne

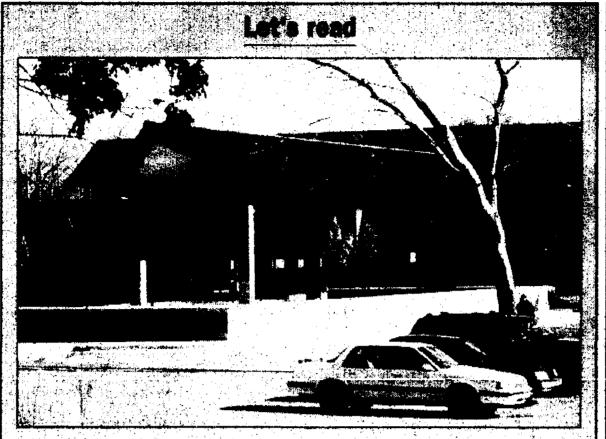
CAMELOT HALL

Camelot Hall Convalescent Center seeks volunteers to spend time with residents, providing an activity or a one-on-one pursuit such as reading to blind people or just talking. The facility is located at 35100 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia. For information, call Esther or Diana in the Activity Department, (734) 522-1444, Ext. 27.

PET-A-PET The Pet-A-Pet animal visi-

tation program provides pet therapy with the help of volunteers. Pets should be friendly, well-behaved, and must have current vaccinations. There is a \$5 membership fee. Volunteer opportunities are available at Hope Nursing Care Center, 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month (Margaret Martin, (734) 721-2821) and Marquette Hopes, 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month (Lorna Johnson, (734) 426-1661). There are also openings at Gerden City Rospital, 3 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (Stacy Suida, (784) 458-

The state of the s will be Wednesday, April 12, at the high school in 5:30 p.m., the concert 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$6 for



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SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in its 2-year-old toddler-parent class on Friday mornings; 3-year-old class Monday and Wednesday mornings; and 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 take place at Newburg United Methodist Church on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. For more information, call April at (734) 207-7889.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

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

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE

The Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool for children ages 3-4, is located at 9601 W. Chicago, Parents learn with their children. Enrollment is limited. For information, call Mary at (734) 522-2967.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-yearolds in morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays, other pupils on Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment clase is also

available. The preschool is located at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. For more information, call (734) 728-3559.

GARDEN CITY CO-OP

The Garden Gity Co-op. nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through age 4. 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 in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. To reg-

ister, call (313) 274-6270. TWCA READINESS The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is located at 26279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (313) 561-

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LITTLE PEOPLES

Livonia Little Peoples Coop Preschool is enrolling in programs for 3- and 4-yearolds. For more information. call (734) 422-1176.

LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is holding registration. Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday. Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds.

Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. For more information, call (248) 471-2077.

GARFIELD CO-OP

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

BUILDING BLOCKS

Building Blocks Preschool in Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia, is offering classes for both 3- and 4-yearolds. A Pre-Kindergarten Readiness class for 5-yearaldo and a Parant/Child Toddler class for 2-yearolds are offered. Call (734) 421-7359 for registration information.

MT. HOPE

Mt. Hope Co-op Preschool, 30330 Schoolcraft, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia, is taking applications for the 2000-01 year. Classes meet 9:15-11:15 a.m. Monday and Wednesday for age 4, Tues day and Thursday for age 3. For information, call Michelle at (734) 762-5255.

FRANKLIN PTSA The Franklin High School PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and the 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, Livonia, MI 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. Wednesdays and Thursdays, is for students ages 9 and older in Wayne,

Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

ADULT LITERACY

An adult literacy program is being offered free Wednesdays at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center. 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 years old and their mothers may attend a Mom's Morning Out 9-11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Newburg United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh, Livonia. Children are grouped together by ages in rooms with two caregivers per room. The program is an optional coop, with parents working once a month. Call (734) 422-0149.

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WESTLAND MUSEUM

The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill. Call (784) 326-1110.

FRIENDS MEET

Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday 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

TIGER GAMES

The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center) will sponsor several trips to Detroit Tigers baseball games this season. Dates are June 9 against the St. Louis Cardinals, July 14 against the Houston Astros, Aug. 18 against the Oakland A's and Sept. 1 against the Texas Rangers. All are Friday night games and will be played at Comerica Park. Those interested should sign up at the center's front desk, on Newburgh at Marquette in Westland. For information, call (734) 722-7632.

HEARING CHECKS

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

SEMOR CHOIR

The 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 program from Jazzercise designed for exercisers older than 40. The program provides a low-to-moderate workout. 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 1 p.m. two Fridays a month in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebrations of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is an \$8 membership fee for Westland residents. Call (734) 722-7632.

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. For more information, call (734) 728-5010.

DYER CENTER The Wayne-Westland

School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center offers activities Monday through Thursday at the center. located 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., binge at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.; a Hawaiian dance exercise class will be held at 1 p.m. every Wednesday in Hall A of the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh. The instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

DYER TRIP

The Wayne-Westland Dyer Senior Adult Center is hosting a 15-day Hawaiian guided tour of four islands, departing Oct. 24. Roundtrip airfare, accommodations, sightseeing, entrance fees, transfers, ground transportation and other expenses are included in the \$1,649 per person price (double occupancy). Reservations are confirmed only with a \$100 per person deposit on a first-come, first-served basis. Fliers and information are available by calling the center at (734) 595-2161 or Sandy Porter at (877) 845-7329. Family and friends are wel-

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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.

CHÁDO 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, parentbased, volunteer organization whose aim is to better the lives of individuals with attention difficulties For more information, call (313) 438-3099,

The Chairves 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 informatten below and mail your form to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livenia, MI. 48150, or by the to 734-861-727% 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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Fashion show benefits scholarship recipients

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER

The Garden City Business and Professional Women will usher in spring at the seventh annual "Parade of Fashions" event Sunday, April at Plymouth Manor.

Fashions will be presented by Unique Accessories, Plymouth: Dress Barn, Livonia; and Nicole's Revival, Westland. According to GCBPW President Beth Csicsila, raffle (tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5) prize winners can look forward to wining items such as a \$200 gift certificate from A-Team Travel and Tours; \$100 gift certificate, Orin Jewelers; and an overnight stay at Munro House in Jonesville, MI.

"People come out to this event every year because they have a great time and it's a lot of fun," said Csicsila. "We have some

wonderful prizes this year and will be showing unique clothing and accessories from three different suppliers.

According to Csicsila, funds raised annually at the fashion show benefit scholarship recipients from Garden City High School and women from the community interested in entering the workforce.

This year, three community members will be honored including Kimberly Allen, Amy Feta and Madonna Bernard. The teen scholarship winner from Garden City High School is Joshua Mor-

The president also noted that for the past four years GCBPW makes a donation to the Garden City High School Sea Camp program. Students travel to Florida



Fine fashlons: Garden City Business and Professional Women's Club First Vice President and Event Chair Carol Bielaniec, left, and President Beth Csicsila model fashions from Unique Accessories in Plymouth as a preview for the show. Carol wears a hand-painted cotton jacket/dress, and Beth a three-piece cotton ensemble from Krakers of Vancouver.

> for a hands-on learning experience focusing on ocean and its unique underwater environment.

Registration begins at noon and the luncheon follows at 12:30 p.m..

To ensure table reservations for your entire party, send all names and payment together. Seating is limited. Requests will be honored in the order received, subject to availability, until

For more information call Beth Csicsila (734) 458-4331 or (313) 277-7742. Make checks payable to: GCBPW, 6039 Ardmore Park Circle, Dearborn Heights, MI 48128. Prepaid reservations are required \$30 per person. Tickets can also be purchased at Orin Jewelers on Ford Road at Middlebelt in Garden City.

St. Agatha Church (19750 Beech Daly Road in Redford) will be the host site of a "Vegas Nights" event from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1. Free admission, Black jack, craps, big wheel, roulette. and 50/50 raffle.

MOM TO MOM SALE

The Tri-County Mothers of Multiples will sponsor a Mom-to-Mom spring/summer clothing, equipment and toy sale from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1 at the William Costick Activities Center (Shannon Hall). Cash only please. No checks.Wm. Costick Center is located at 28600 Eleven Mile Road in Farmington Hills (located east of Middlebelt - enter at Gate 4). \$1 donation. Public welcome.

RUMMHAGE SALE

United of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road) will hold a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 1 and April 2 after morning services to benefit the church. Donated items may be brought

to the church that week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (734) 421-1760.

SERCOR OPEN

FUNDRAISERS & BENEFITS

United Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Detroit is presenting the first ever INDOOR OPEN to benefit UCP from 12 to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 8. This unique fundraising event is a nine hole indoor miniature golf outing, where each hole is located in one of nine participating businesses located in Downtown Royal Oak. Golfers can pick up

registration forms for the event at any one of the participating businesses or call UCP at (248) 557-5070 or (800) 827-4843. The cost is \$25 per golfer or \$100 per team, Air Touch Collular and Papa John's Pizza are the cosponsors with UCP. Participating businesses include Woodruff's, Lily's Seafood, The Padded Cell, Casual Comfort, Dobie Jewelers, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, Billings Feed & Lawn Equipment, The Royal Oak Farmers' Market and Mag-

Women hold a prominent place in Lutheran history

My assignment was clear. I was to make a presentation highlighting the important Christian thinkers from the first century AD until the present. I worked hard to research and present this assignment. On the day of my presentation I received many "well dones" from my classmates and instructor. I felt very good about what I had done until a voice from the only woman in the class and one of a handful at the seminary asked, gently but firmly, "Where are

the women theologians?" I was shocked! I wanted to say that all my work came from the only textbooks we had available and there was hardly any mention of women at all. But I knew that was a cop-out. I had worked hard in our seminary community to help raise consciousness about the ordination of women issue. How could I have made such a glaring omission?

I did not know what to say at first, but I finally asked the instructor if I could have a week to redo my assignment and I asked my female classmate to help me. If I asked her today if she remembered this event, I'm sure she would not. However, I do. It was one of those watershed moments in life.

The year 2000 marks the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women in the Lutheran church. After many years of struggle with scriptural texts and asking our Lutheran heritage about the office of those set aside to preach the Word of God and administer. the sacraments, the Lutheran church concluded that it was the guidance of the Holy Spirit which led to this new thing.

In 1970, Elizabeth Platz was ordained into the Lutheran Church in America and Barbara Andrews was the first woman in the American Lutheran Church to enter the ordained ministry. In 1976, the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Church ordained its first woman clergy, Jan Otte-Murphy. These three Lutheran church bodies merged

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Since then many women clergy have had significant impact on our church. We have globally, three women bishops and in our Southeastern Michigan Synod we are blessed with 30 women clergy; 17 percent of our active

In the Livonia area we have two fine pastors serving: Carla Thompson-Powell at Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia and Sharon Janot at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Redford. Holy Trinity was privileged to be served by Dana Runestad in the early 90s.

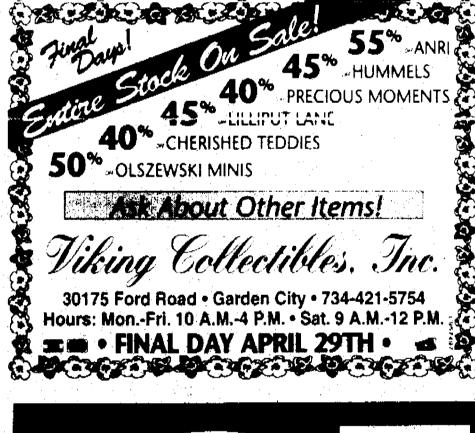
Women, of course, have enriched the life of the church from its very beginnings and their leadership role has been crucial in the Christian movement through the centuries. I personally have been deeply influenced by the writings and insights of such women as Hildegard of Bingen, Dorothy Day,

in 1988 forming the current Phyllis Trible, Elizabeth Johnson and Elsa Tamez. Two of my most significant mentors for fashioning my personal ministry are two sainted laywomen, Dorothy Swanson and Doris Srock.

> The presence of gifts of women has been at the same time both deeply pastoral and restless. Women in the ordained ministry have reminded us all that it is important to "cross" the concrete experiences of real human beings with the scriptures and our faith traditions. At the same time women clergy have thallenged many of our biases so that our symbols, language, consciousness, institutions and structures might better reflect God's gracious, just intentions for all creation.

In light of all this my prayer continues to be: "Thanks be to God."

Pastor Dennis Bux ministers at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia (39020 Five Mile Road)







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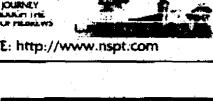
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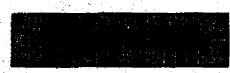
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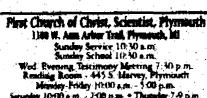
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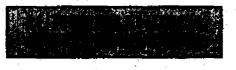
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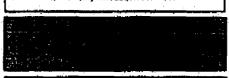
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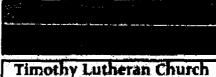
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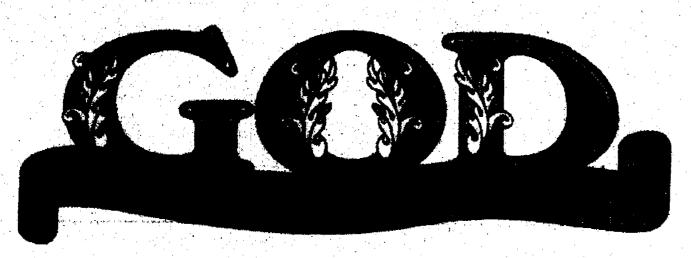


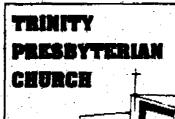
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Monastery renovations won't affect ministry services

BY KINGELY A. MORTSON STAN WHITE

Change is good. That should be the mantra of the Capuchin Friars this week, and for the next 12-18 months, as they pack their personal belongings and relocate temporarily to Harper Woods while their home - the historic St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit - is reno-

Some things, however, remain the same and in this case it will be the daily ministry of Masses. counseling and confession that go on at the 116-year-old church. "We want to assure people

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Wollenweber -Capuchin Friar

always have been.' Wollenweber, the elder Friar at the Franciscan monastery, said the



Landmark: St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit has been home to the Capuchin Friars since 1884.

impacted. However, the renovation of the Monastery interior will ultimately bring about updated and modern living quarters for the 14 Friars that live onsite as well as necessary improvements to heating/cooling, plumbing and electrical systems.

The preservation and restoration is really symbolic of our recommitment to Detroit and our continued service both spiritually and physically. We have felt this was important for so long. It's kind of exciting that we're also a part of the renewal of Detroit," said Wollenweber.

While discussion of the reno-

vation has been in the works for more than a year, Wollenweber said the Friars actual move took place this week.

"Yesterday we did the bulk of the movement and into the evening," said Wollenweber. Last night was the first evening we spent in our new living quar-

The 14 Friars who make up the core community of the monastery will reside at Lady Queen of Peace in Harper Woods and make the nine-mile commute to perform daily ministry of Masses, counseling and confessions at St. Bonaventure Chapel.

the Friars range from the late 30s to 52. The addition of an elevator will improve accessibility for aging and disabled Friars who minister and live at the monastery.

Historic

The land the monastery sits on, originally owned by George Meldrum, was purchased by the Rev. Bonaventure in 1883, for \$5,500. Located at the corner of Mount Elliott and St. Paul, the monastery was established in 1884 as Provincial headquarters for the Province of St. Joseph (a province of the Capuchin Order covering New York to Wiscon-

An architectural exception these days, the 116-year-old Monastery is a well preserved example of German Gothic design.

"The inner appointments are all made of wood ... typical of the Capuchin influence from Europe whose design was followed here," noted Wollenweber.

The 82-year-old Friar said it's not only the physical beauty of the aging structure that makes the monastery unique but the blended parishioners who worship at St. Bonaventure.

"We have people come from throughout the metro area," said Wollenweber, "From the east and west-sides, the Grosse Pointes, Warren, Livonia — all over. We also help people in our

Wollenweber said the ages of soup kitchens and with our social services who come from this neighborhood."

No place like home

Born and raised on Detroit's east side. Wollenweber said he grew up near Jefferson and Chalmers and worked in an advertising studio downtown before joining the Capuchin Friars in 1940. The Detroit native said he has lived at the monastery three different times over the past six decades - a total of 40 years in all.

One of the most exciting developments Wollenweber has witnessed recently has been the designation by the Archdiocese of Detroit as one of 27 area hely sites Catholics are encouraged to visit in celebration of Jubilee 2000. Those who complete the pilgrimage as specified by the Vatican will be able to gain a plenary indulgence - the pardon of temporal punishment of sins that have already been for-

"Jubilee is designed to structure a hope for the future that will be even better than the best of our past - by providing an opportunity for personal renewal, reconciliation and release," explained Father Daniel Fox. O.P.M., Cap., Provincial Minister. "The Monastery's renovation is a symbol of Jubilee hope. By continuing our ministry outreach during the renovation, the Friare wish to be harbingers of hope and promise."

The daily ministry at St. Bonaventure includes: Mass, Monday through Saturday at 7:45 a.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m., confession, Monday through Saturday at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.; blessings for the sick are every Wednesday at 2 p.m. and the fourth Sunday of every month at 2 p.m. St. Bonaventure Monastery is located at 1740 Mount Elliott in Detroit. For information call (313) 579-2100.

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TO THE POINT

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LOVES THE LORD

Outgoing, Born-Again SWCF, 43, full-figured, who enjoys music, swimming, singing, bible study, and more, is seeking a SWCM. 40-50, N/S, without dependents. Ad#.1956

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This friendly, siricere SWF, 47, 5'4", who enjoys meeting new people, dancing, and walks in the park, is looking forward to meeting an upbeat SWM, 44-50, who similar interests. Shares: Ad#.2652

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She's a never-married SBF, 33, 5'9",", N/S, non-drinker, who is : IQI SWM, over 34. Ad#.1980

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IS IT YOU?

This friendly SBF, 39, 5'6", who enjoys movies, dining out, theater and travel, is hoping to meet a loving, family-oriented SM, 33-50, who shares similar interests and has a good sense of humor. Ad#.4581

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Attractive, ambitious, secure DWPC mom, 36, 5'5", with blonde hair and green eyes, loves working out, outdoor activities and reading. She's looking for a SCM physician, 36-48, who will treat her well. Ad#.8888

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This friendly SWF, 47, 5'9", whose interests include gardening, travel, taking walks in the park and camping, is looking to meet an honest, gentle SWM, 35-50, who likes children. Ad#,6561

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SWM, 60-90. Ad#.1049 LETS START ANEW

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

HAVE FAITH

Honest, assertive, happy SWF, 49, 5'6", medium-build, with frosted brown hair and green eyes, enjoys the outdoors, traveling, music, and animals, is looking for a SWCM, 49-59, N/S, with varied interests, for companionship. Ad#.1038

HOPES FOR MORE

Educated SWPF, 49, 5'5", with brown hair and blue eves, who enjoys gardening, snowmobiling, traveling, and watching sports, seeks companionship with a SWM, 45-57. Ad#.1030

SPIRITUAL PARTNER

Pretty SWCF, 45, 5'4", 127lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who likes camping, fishing and canoeing, seeks a SCM, 37-50, who has God in his life. Ad#.1005

READY TO COMMIT

Upbeat SWF, 60, 5'2", 135lbs., with blonde hair and brown eyes, who enjoys art, crafts, travel, and reading, seeks an honest, sup-portive SWM, 58-65. Adg. 1037

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A LITTLE ROMANCE

Ad#.1029

Fun SWF, 22, 5'77, 180lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, who likes watching sports, going to movies and writing poetry, seeks an honest SWM, 25-30, Ad#, 1027

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You'll love getting to know this outgoing SWCF, 39, 5'8", who loves skiing, hiking, canoeing and sunsets. If you're a SWCM, 34-45, who loves nature, give her a call. Ad#.1573

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I'm a pretty fit non-demontional SWF. 45, who believes we are all spirits and knows the lessons of life, God wants us to have, if you are a SM, who shares the same beliefs, call now. Ad#.9872

GIFT FROM GOD

Friendly, kind-hearted and romantic describes this SWCF, 43, 5'1", with brown hair/eyes, whose interests music, quiet times and good conversations, is looking to meet a SCM, 40-50, who loves the Lord, animals and laughter. Ad#.1230

FOR FOREVER

This shy and reserved SWC mom, 37, 5'5", with brown hair and green eyes, is seeking a SWCM, 35-45, to enjoy quiet times at home, great conversations, long park walks, and more with Ad#.4455

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Enter a new dimension of life with this educated DWCF, 52, who enjoys the theater, dining out and vouthful activities. She hopes to spark the interest of an educated SWCM, 52-60, N/S, with similar values. Ad#.1024

GOOD COMPANY

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NEW HORIZONS

Employed, family-oriented SBF, 26, 5'7", who likes long walks, outdoor activities, movies and is seeking a SBM, 23-38, for a longterm relationship: Ad#.2218

JUST US

SWF, 35, 5'4", who enjoys fishing, sports and going to church, is looking forward to meeting a SWM, 29-41, for a possible relationship. Ad#.2814

FOCUS HERE

This friendly SWF, 31, 5'6", who enjoys going to the movies, the outdoors and taking long walks. is seeking a fun-loving SWM, 30-36. who shares similar interests. Ad#.1708

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Outgoing SWF, 59, 5'4", 125lbs.. with aubum hair and green eyes, who enjoys antiques, home reno-SWM, over 55, for con Ad# 1237

INTERESTED

Here's a friendly SWM, 48, 5'7". who likes quiet evenings at home, trying new things and traveling. He's seeking a SWF, under 52, to share life and interests with. Ad#.4374

SOMEONE SPECIAL

Shy and reserved, this never-married, college-educated SBPCM, 36, 5'5", 150lbs., 5'5", is ISO a never-married SCF, 25-39, with no children, who loves the Lord, to have a great time. Ad#,4949

FRIENDSHIP FIRST Never-married SWPM, 37, with

dark hair/eves, who enjoys the

theater, auto shows and music, is seeking a kind, caring SWF, for possible relationship. Ad#.1260 WALK DOWN THE AISLE Romantic, Catholic SWPM, 40, 6'1", who enjoys a wide range of

interests, is seeking a marriage-

minded, family-oriented, slender

SWF who is athletically inclined. Ad#.1515

MARRIAGE MINDED Take a minute to read about this wonderful DWM, 60, if you're a DWCF, 45-55, who enjoys, family times, picnics, country music and more, you're just one step away from meeting him. Ad#.1445

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HAVE YOU SEEN...

My best friend? This shy SWCM 28, 5'11", 160lbs., who enjoys boating, working out and the outdoors, is seeking a SCF, 20-35, who shares similar interests. Ad#.2727

LISTEN TO ME

Outdoor activities and bowling are interests of this menally, outgoing, educated SBPM, 36 He is looking to meet a sincere, loving, tall, attractive SBF, beautiful inside and outside, with a great smile, Ad#.8989

NEVER-MARRIED

SWCM, 26, 6', 165lbs., blond with blue eyes, a N/S, non-drinker, seeks a petite, smart SWCF, 19-26, who has good morals, long hair and likes candlelit dinners, movies and time together. Ad#.1777

SEARCHING

Outgoing, friendly DWCM, 48, 5'7", with long brown hair, who enjoys street rods, the outdoors and concerts, is seeking a sweet, kind-hearted SWCF, 40-50. Ad#.6900

WANT TO HEAR MORE?

Friendly, laid-back SWCM, 27 5'8", who likes beach walks, movies and having fun, seeks a SWCF, 18-35, without children at home. Ad#.4523

A REAL TRUE HEART This friendly SW dad, 35, 5'8",

with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys singing, horseback riding and swimming, is looking for a SWF, 25-40, who has a good sense of humor, Ad#,1514

HEAVEN SENT Delightful, handsome Catholic

DWP dad of one, 38, 6'4", 215lbs., who enjoys boating, family activities, baseball, music, movies and travel, is seeking a similar Catholic SWF, 30-40, height/weight proportionate. Ad#.4324

HIGH MORALS

Athletic, Catholic SWM, 24, 6'3", 250lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who plays a variety of sports and coaches Little League, la secking a romantic, Catholic SWF, 21-30. who likes movies, quiet evenings, dining out and more. Ad#.5150

GREAT PERSONALITY

Don't pass this wonderful SWM. 34, 6'1", with brown hair/eyes, by He likes dinners out, movies, lots of humor and seeks companionship with a SWF, 24-40. Ad# 1048

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This friendly, handsome DWM, 46, 5'11", who enjoys most sports, traveling and comedy clubs, is seeking a fun-loving, attractive SWF, 33-44, who shares similar interests. Ad#.1301

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

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mitment-minded Catholic SWF.

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CHECK HIM OUT

Up for anything, this SWM, 18, 5'9", 210lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports, is searching for an outgoing SF, 26-30, who has a good head on her shoulders. Ad#.1033

MAKE THE TIME

Good-looking, thoughtful SW dad, 40, 5'8", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys camping, cooking and motorcycling, is looking to meet a caring SW mom, 35-42, to have fun with. Ad#.1032 SHARE YOUR FEELINGS

Considerate: SB dad, 30, 6' 210lbs., with short hair, a goatee and brown eyes, who enjoys coaching football, bowling and cooking, seeks an honest, outgoing SAWF, 24-40, to experience life with. Ad#.1028

CALL ME SOON

This friendly DWCM, 52, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and bowling, would like to share companionship and good times with a SWF, who can appreciate a wonderful guy who knows how to treat a ladv. Ad#.8267

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Reserved SWPM, 37, 6'1", 240lbs., with brown hair/eyes. whose interests include working out, reading and comedy, is looking for a shy SF, 20-40, who likes

home life. Ad#.1045 **CONSIDER ME?**

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EVERYTHING BUT YOU. This outgoing SWCPM, 44, 5'8". with light brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys the outdoors, jogging, long walks and music. He's hoping to meet a fit, educated SWCF, 28-40, who's very compassionate.

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VERY LOVING

Laid-back WWCB dad of two, 49, 6'4", who enjoys cooking, reading and movies, is interested in meeting a SBF, 35-50, who puts God first in her life. Ad#.7999

GIVE DAD A CALL

Good-looking, fit, laid-back SWM, 41, 5'8", who enjoys cooking, sports and music, is hoping to spend time with a SWF, 35-42, with similar interests. Ad# 22221

6'1", 165lbs., who enjoys golfing and the outdoors, is hoping to meet a SF, 32-42, for a possible

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Dan Robinson has resigned after four seasons as varsity boys basketball south at Livenia Franklin.

Robinson's departure may be only the start of a rask of area resignations. Impending coaching changes are also rumored for at least three other Observerland schools.

The 33-year-old Robinson, who was 25-58 in four years with the Patriots, cited family considerations and time constraints for stepping down.

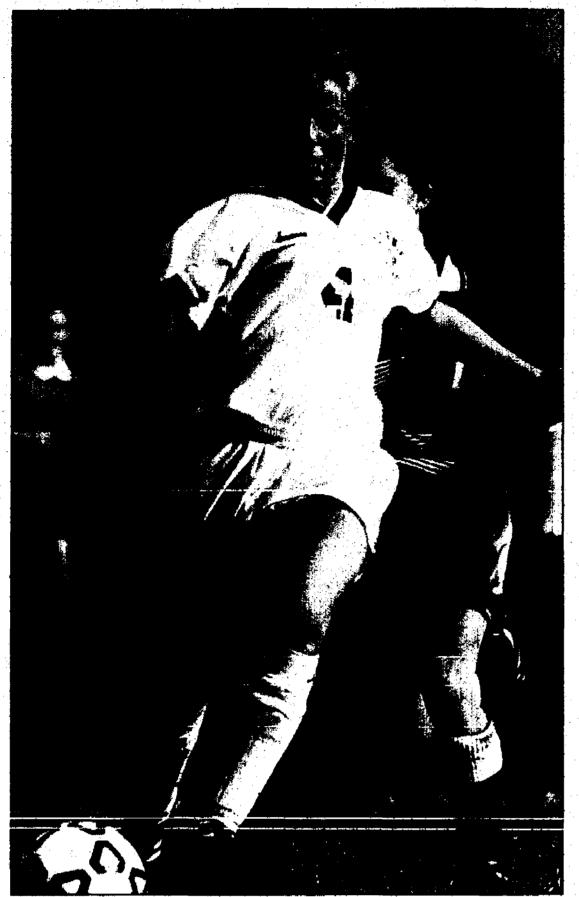
"My wife is expecting our fourth child in the fall and that's definitely a factor," said Rebinson, who is an eighth-grade science teacher at Emerson Middle School. I need to step back because my family is my first priority.

Right now I can't put in the time that is needed. To be successful, as well as meet my personal desires for the program and put it in the right direction, you need more time.

"I'd like to thank Dan Freeman and the administration for their support." Robinson's teams went 10-11, 9-12, 1-19 and 5-16 (this season).

"Imm (Hobinson) has a young, young family and with his wife expecting his fourth child, I just had a feeling," Franklin athletic director Dan Freeman said. "It didn't really catch me by

With him going to team camps and Please see ROSHISON. C4



Skilled returnee: Megan Urbats (left) is one of several key performers back this year for the Livonia Stevenson Spartans.

No doubt about it: Spartans favored

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER PREVIEW

BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITTER

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Jim Kimble certainly has enjoyed his four-year ride as the Livonia Stevenson girls soccer coach.

With two state titles and one-runnerup finish to his credit, Kimble starts the new millennium eager to duplicate the feats of past and glorious Spartan

And don't kid anybody, Stevenson girls soccer 2000 will be hard to beat.

Ranked second only behind Troy Athens in the preseason Division I statewide poll, the Lady Spartans appear to have all the components in place to make another tournament run. Last year was hardly an "off year" for the 16-5-1 Spartans, who came within

five minutes of winning their third consecutive state crown (losing to Rochester Adams in the finals, 2-1). "I don't think there is a powerhouse.

a number one team this year like Adams was last year," Kimble said. "The intangibles will make the difference in the playoffs. We just have to stay focused and healthy. We also have to take care of our roles."

Losing only two starters to graduation, Sarah Wittrock (now at Valparaiso University) and Brianna Roy. the Spartans will not be short on expe-

Miss Soccer Andrea Sied, a defender who is headed to Michigan State, and junior striker Lindsay Gusick, a firstteam All-Stater and nationally honored player, are enough to put fear in area opponents.

But Kimble cautions: "We can't depend on just two people, but I believe every other position will take care of itself: If we fill those roles, we'll be

fine.'

Don't be alarmed. Stevenson has plenty of weapons outside its two standouts.

Cheryl Fox, a first-team All-Observer selection, became a defensive stopper for the Spartans during her junior year, shutting down some of the state's

Second-team All-Area performer Megan Urbats, who got hot during the playoffs, provides a good scoring complement up front to Gusick, who has 20 and 21 goals in each of her first two

"We have a good mix of youth and experience," Kimble said.

Sied's role, however, may change slightly this season.

"With Andrea it's going to be hard to top her three years here," Kimble said. "But she's going to be more involved in our offense. We're going to let her play a couple of different positions. We just can't come out of the back every time with Sied. We've got to show some different looks.

"Miss Soccer is nice, but she hasn't mentioned that once to me. She's been on two state championship teams and all she wants is that ring back."

Gusick, who has national team experience, worked diligently during the off-season to get stronger in order to fend off physical marking backs.

"She's just really focused and that much wiser from her experience at the national level." Kimble said. "We have a lot of club and ODP (Olympic Development Program: players and my job is to get them healthy and fit for the start

"We've been doing a lot of cardiovascular exercises where we're working all Please see SOCCER PREVIEW, C3

CC icers make grade

State champs put 5 on 1st team

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Four years ago, Pete Mazzoni was at a crossroads.

He had just been hired to coach Redford Union's fledgling hockey team, but still wanted to give college football coaching a

So he quit the job before the season started, spent some time at Defiance (Ohio) and at Albion College.

"But I decided that it wasn't what I wanted to do," Mazzoni said. "I wanted to get back into teaching."

A spot opened up at Redford Union along with the coaching spot for the hockey team -

Coach of Year now combined with Thurston High School to form the Redford Unified team.

Pete Mazzoni

Nice career choice. After going 19 4-2 in the Unified squad's first year, RU went 22-2-1 this past season and went as high as No. 4 in the Division I rankings. It also earned Mazzoni the spot as the Observer's hockey Coach of the Year.

Mazzoni might have been the best on the bench, but there were several players who earned their way onto the Observer's All-Area Hockey Team

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FIRST YEAM

Dave Moss, Catholic Central: Moss was a leader in many ways. for the Shamrocks as they clinched their third state championship in Your years. The senior forward was named first team Aff-State in Division I and the All-State Dream Team by the coaches association.

Moss, who will play next season with the St. Louis Sting of the North American Hockey League, had 16 goals and 30 assists for CG with a plus-minus rating of iplus-27. He sepred a that trick- in

ALL-AREA HOCKEY

the Shamrocks' 6-1 semifinal win over Troy.

"He's got great hands and a great feel for the puck;" said CC coach Gordie St. John, "At 6-2, he's got tremendous reach, he picks the corners well."

Jason Moul, Redford Unified: Moul was the spark for Unified this season, he led the squad with 32 goals and added 38 assists in leading the team to the

Michigan Mega Conference title. Not only did Moul, a senior, make the Division I all-state team, but received more votes than any other forward.

"He's a tremendous competitor who's work ethic is second to none," said RU coach Pete Mazzoni. "There was a point in the season where Jason couldn't buy a goal. But he ended up as our

leading scorer. Brandon Kaleniecki, Catholic Central: Kaleniecki had the kind of season that some players can only dream about.

Kaleniecki, a senior forward, led the Shamrocks in goals with 26 and scoring with 56 points, was named Division I first team All-State and was a solid candidate for the Mr. Hockey Award by the coaches association. He'll have a chance to hone his skills next year, by joining Moss with the St. Louis Sting

"He was the heart of the whole team," said St. John of the Shamrocks' most valuable player, "He went from a kid who couldn't do two pushups to one of the strongest players on the team. He's the most wonderful success story in the world."

Brian Williams, Catholic Centrule A pair of goals in the championship game was a perfect way to oup the season for Williams.

The senior forward scored 20 goals - including a team leading four power-play goals during the regular season --- and added 23 assists for the Shamrocks this year and earned first-team All

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State honors for his efforts.

"As far as pure talent goes, he might be one of the most talented in the state for his age," said St. John. "He's got the quickest feet in the state. He's just a tremendoubly talented kid."

Ryan Yost, Catholic Central: At 5-9, 165 pounds, Yost wasn't the bigger player on the ice, by any stretch. But he played big and came up with big games in anchoring a CC defense that yielded just 44 goals and 447 shots in the regular season.

in all, the senior had five goals and a team leading 35 assists on the season. He also led the squad with a plus-minus rating of plus-#7 and earned all-state first teamhonors.

"He became a real offensive force for us in the second part of the season," St. John said. "Playing defense, you have to have a teel for the game. He had the ability to control the pace of the game and that's what you look for in a defenseman."

Jim Spiewak, Catholic Central: Spiewak is the lone junior on the team, but his play landed him a spot on the all-Observer team as well as all-state first-team honors.

He scored 13 goals and 14 assists during the year and had three power-play goals during the regular season with a plus-minus rating of +31.

"He's just got a great work ethic and is an extremely strong, physical player," Said St. John. "In terms of underclassmen, he's the leader. When times got tough, he had the ability to turn it up a notch."

SECOND TEAM

Adam Krug, Livonia Churchill: The 5-foot-9, 150-pound junior center finished the year with 12 goals and 27 assists in 24 games for the Division I regional champi-

"Adam is a smart player, very crafty," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "He's a tough little guy. He played with a broken arm his freshman year and had a very bad collarbone, around 40 percent, against CC in the quarterfinals. He'd have to be dead to take him out of the lineup."

The team captain was also an All-Western Lakes selection.

"Adam is a good playmaker, the kind of guy who makes everyone around him better." Hatley said.

Matt Lee, Farmington Unified: The sophomore forward led the Flyers in scoring with 21 goals and 24 assists and was the team's most valuable player.

Lee was a tremendous playmaker, according to coach Glenn

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Breuhan, and was Farmington's go to player on the power play.

"To me he's a Wayne Gretzkystyle player," Breuhan said, "He's so fluid in his skating, and he sees the ice so well. He can make a scoring chance out of nothing.

"He's a very responsible defender; he's one of the first guys back. You get everything out of Matt Lee every night. He gives you 100 percent all the time."

Mark Nebus, Livonia Stevenson: The 6-0, 190-pound senior played both forward and defense for the

In 21 games, Nebus had eight. goals and 23 assists with 24 penalty minutes.

He was also voted All-Western Lakes and made All-State as a

"Mark is a special kid, our captain, a leader on and off the ice with a 3.0 grade-point average." Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. *Mark moved back to defense from center to make the team better defensively.

"He's a fabulous hockey player, tremendously strong with excellent skating skills and explosive speed."

Stevenson's co-MVP was selected to represent Team Michigan, an elite high school team, in the upcoming Chicago (III.) Showcase.

Nate Jakubowski, Livonia Churchill: The 5-10, 180-pound junior captain was a standout on defense for the Chargers.

Jakubowski was named to the

Ail-Western Lakes team.

"Nate is a good athlete," Hatlay said. "He brings a good attitude. He's a good leader.

"He's an offensive defensemen who likes to get in the rush and create chances. He's also a physical player."

in 24 games, Jakubowski had seven goals and 17 assists.

Dave Sellin, Redford Unified: If Moul was the heart of RU's squad, then Sellin was its soul. With 19 goals and 46 assists, Sellin was second on the team in scoring and in the Mega.

Sellin, a senior defenseman, earned honorable mention All-State honors and racked up an eye popping plus-minus rating of plus-86

"Dave has great vision," said Mazzoni. "He sees the ice as well as anybody. If he gets into trouble, he finds a way to escape. He did everything - was on the power play, our No. 1 penalty killer - and got as much ice time as possible.

Kevin Mariowe, Livonia Stevenson: In 19 games, the 5-10, 170pound junior netminder had a 12-5-1 record with three shutouts. His goals against average was

1.68. He allowed 32 goals in 21 games. He also had two assists. He was named Game MVP. stopping 37 of 39 shots against host Marquette in a 2-1 overtime loss during a holiday tournament, He was named to the All-Marquette Holiday Tournament team after beating Ann Arbor Pioneer,

2-1, in the consolation final.

Redford CC



1ST-TEAM ALL-AREA SELECTIONS

Redford Unified



Brandon Kaleniecki Redford CC



Brian Williams Redford CC



Ryan Yost Redford CC









Marlowe also made All-Western

Lakes and was team co-MVP. *Kevin is a fundamentally sound goalle who plays his position extremely well," Harris said. "He

was the backbone of our team because everyone had tremendous confidence in his abilities. "He had outstanding game story.

preparation and concentration skills. He's as good, if not the best goalie we've had here in the past 11 years.

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LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head seast: Chad Campau, fourth year League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division). Last year's everal recent 9-5-1

Notatés Issues to graduation: Kersten Conklin (first-team All-Area forward); Stacey Supenion (first-team All-Area forward); Natalia Pickelhaupt. Landing returness: Jennifer Gebon, Jr. goalkeeper; Keren Kremer, Sr. defender; Jernie Zimmer, Jr. defender; Molissa Sultana, Sr. defender:

Michelle Smith, Sr. forward; Almee Quinkert, Sr. midfielder; Lindsay Kantzler, Sr. forward; Dane Thomson, Jr. forward; Kristin Leszczynski, Sr. midfielder: Michelle Esperze, Jr. midfielder: Renee Kashawito, Sr. midfletder; Deanna DeRoo, Soph midfielder; Sarah Phillips, Soph, forward...

Premising newcomore: Julia Travia. Jr. forward: Sarah Leary, Soph. midfielder; Christy Lundgren, Jr. midfielder: Amy Sanders, Soph. defender: Diana Azzouz, Jr. defender; Melissa Zathey, Jr. defender; Meghan Pernell, Sooh, detender.

Compan's 2006 sublook: "We lost a large port of our scoring when Supenich and Conklin graduated last year. However, this year we have more pure shooters. Also, we'll be a team that works hard to possess the ball:

"We return eight starters, so we have many players with versity experience. "Finally, we have bunch of smart players that

are enjoyable to work with.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN Head seast: Mary Key Hussey, fourth year. League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division)

Last year's everall record; 0:13-2. Notable leases to straduction: None Localing retainees: Alexis Bowman, Sr. defendr (All-Western Division, co-cantain): Kara Wis-

niewaki, Soph. forward (co-captain); Jessica Dacker, Sr. midfielder: Becky Farrell, Sr. forward: Jestica Katinaky, Jr. defender; Melissa Mathews, Jr. defender; Christina Alamat, Soph. defender; Tiffeny Bajis, Soph. goalkeeper-forward: Amy DeShano, Soph, midfielder; Lauran Lenhardt Soph, midfielder; Jenny Richards, Soph, midfielder: Ketie Roberts, Soph. forward.

Promising newcomers: Katle Williams, Soph defender; Meagan Farrell, Fr. goalkeeper; Michelle Keen, Fr. defender; Nicole Larsson, Fr. midfielder: Jackie Naperola, Fr. forward: Keily Ostrosky, Fr. defender.

History's 2000 outlant: "The Franklin soccer program is showing signs of improvement. This year we had over 50 girls come out, which is an increase of approximately 20 girts from each of the previous several years.

"With more girls to choose from, our varsity team is comprised of better overall athletes. which should enable us to be a bit more competitive with the teams in our leadue."

"Our strength as a team is that we have a team who provide leadership for new players.

"However, we will likely start only one senior and two juniors, which makes us very young and inexperienced. We are currently working with two field players to convert them to goalkeepers, so

"Most importantly, the coaches are impressed with the dedication and positive attitudes of the players, as well as their Jesire to learn the

LIVONIA STEVENSON Head couch: Jim Kimble, fifth year.

League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division Last year's event record: 16-5-1 Titles wen last year: Division i district and

second-team All-Area forward), Brianna Roy (second-team All-Area midfielder), Michelle Vettraino,

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Cheryl Fox Senior defender

Lending returness: Andrea Sied, Sr. defender (Miss Soccer); Lindsay Gusick, Jr. forward (first team All State and All Area); Cheryl fox, Sr. defender (first-team All-Area): Megali Urbats, Sr. forward (second-team All-Area); Dana White, Jr. forward; Lesley Hooker, Jr. goalkeeper; Katie Beaudoin, Jr. defender: Nicole Katikos, Jr. defender: Christina Lewis, in defender: lamie Hartrick Soph midfielder: Deanna McGrath, Sr. midfielder Laura Shishkovsky, Suph. forward,

Promising newcomors: Katherine Koch, Soph goalkeeper: Carly Wadsworth, Sr. defender Danielle Lewis, Soph. forward; Lauren Vaidivia Soph midfielder, Bethany Dobbyn, Fr. forward: Megan Lane, Fr forward.

Kimble's 2000 outlook: "I don't know if there's a number one powerhouse team like (Rochester) Adams was last year.

"We have to stay focused, stay healthy and take care of our roles. We have a great competitive atmosphere and the kids seem to be enjoying themselves. We have a great mix of youth and

"Right now we're No. 2 preseason behind Troy." Athens, but we'll also have to contend with Canton and Salem, two other top 10 teams in our

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN Head coach: Jerry Poniatowski sixth year

Longio affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division) Last year's overall record: 7-7-3. Notable losses to graduation: Katie Krause

(second-team All-Area forward), Katie Hover, Julie Leading returnees: Noelle Swartz, Sr. midfield-

er: Lacey Catarino, Jr. midfielder, Val Kurzynski. Sr. forward; Sarah Pack, Jr. forward; Jade Fukuda goalkeeper: Lindsy Katoch, Jr. fullback, Sarah Bain, Jr., fullback: Nicole Panyard, Sr. forward. Katie Hafeli, Sr. midfielder: Samantha Dean, Sr. füllback: Becky Jensen, Jr. forward midfielder.

Promising newcomers: Cristal Kilgore, Fr. for ward, Katie Dutchak, Fr. fullback: Lauren James. Fr. fullback: Jessica Hisloo, Fr. fullback-folward; Samantha Pittaway, Fr. fullback

Portstowald's 2000 outlook: "Kind of interesting, this is the first time we've had kids on the team who have come up through our Wayne-Westland recreational teams programs, kids who have played for a long time. You don't have to show them the basics

"We'll be better than we were last year. We if have to see how it shakes down

fill everybody stays healthy, maybe we'll have a good time and maybe we'll win a few games

WATNE MEMUNIAL Head coach: Larry Breoner, sixth year

League effication: Mega Conference 18 de Oiv

Last year's overall record: 7-7-2

Kristina McCanill, Sr. forward; Alana Green, Soph forward, Liz Beckert, Soph, forward, Ronda Brock

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Christine Raupp, Sr. midfielder; Tiffany Mishloney, midfielder; Tish Tedders, sr. midfielder; Ting Bradley, Sr. midfielder, Wendy Pierson, Sr. midfielder, Jenny Clark, Sr. midfielder, Rachet Fyfe. Sophs defender: Kristin Zilka, Jr. defender, Lori Giordano, Sr. defender; Nancy Bednarz, Jr., defender: Amanda Bledsoe, Sr. defender: Jenny Sheonard in soalkeeper: You Watson, in goals seper.

Promising reswoomers: Megan Europo, in for ward, Katie Brothers, Jr. midfielder Brenner's 2000 outlook: 'We have an experi

enced team returning this season. The key injuries to Jenny Sheppard (cracked rib), our starting goalkeeper; and Sheila Horieycutt (knee). out leading scorer fast spason, may have slowed

"But the team seems very confident in them selves, and I fell everyone will step up their game to help overcome these two key players'

LIVONIA LADYWOOD Head coech: Jill-Log sdon, second year.

League affiliation: Catholic League (Central

Last year's overall record: 5-12-1 Notable losses to graduation: None.

Leading returnees: Andrea Schimmel, Sr.: midfielder (co-captain, second-team All-Area): Ste fame Stachura, Jr. forward (second-team All Area); Melissa Hárakas, Jr. forward; Liz Obrecht Soph, goalkeeper: Katle Rozum, Soph, midfielder; fina Lopez, Sr. defender (co-captein); Kristin Whaten, Sooh defender, Jennie Bartkowiak Soph, midfielder; Stacey Cauley, Sr. midfielder Meghan Shefferly, It midfielder

Promising newcomers: Megan Rogut, Fr. for ward; Gretchen Lavens-Moyer, Fr. sweeper, Laura Kasmier, Fr. defender, Andrea Holowicky, Soph defender: Michelle Harakas, Jr. defender; Sonny Grezhk, Fr. midfielder.

Logsdon's 2000 outlook: "Once again we're young it's going to take time to play as a team. Once we do, we'll be strong. Lots of talent in freshman and sophomore classes, along with the

"We'll he stronger this year on defense. All of our offense returns. Once we kinks out and those two areas get together, we'll be strong LUTHERAN WESTLAND

Head coach: Mark Brenner, second year League affiliation: Metro Conference Last year's overall record: 6:10-1

Notable losses to graduation: Renee Meier

Loading returnees: Kelly Buczek, Sr. midfielder Monica Gyorke, Sr. stopper Amy Kamrath, Soph, midhelder: Angle Mafthews, Soph, forward: Stephanie Erickson, Soph, goalkeeper, Promising newcomers; Krisss Rose Jr. for

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Shrine outshines Blazers, 2-0

Livonia Ladywood got the early jump in the girls soccer schedule, but it did not pay off dividends.

The Blazers opened their 2000 season with a 2-0 loss Monday at Royal Oak Shrine. Ladywood lost despite out-

shooting the Knights, 8-3. "All three shots by Shrine were breakaways," Ladywood

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second-year coach Jill Logsdon said. "We got caught playing a little too high with our defense and it cost us.'

Emily Wagoner scored what proved to be the game-winner at 16:27 of the opening half.

Megan Husek added an insurance goal at 22:50 of the second

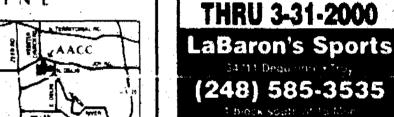
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solid performance by freshman forward Megan Kogut, who was making her varsity debut. POLARIS

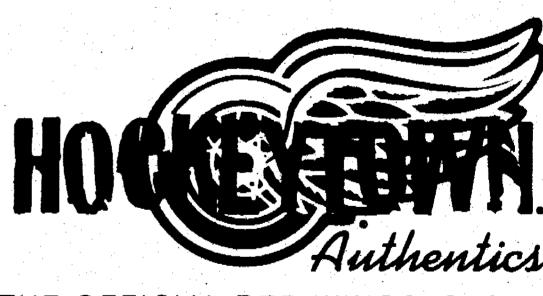
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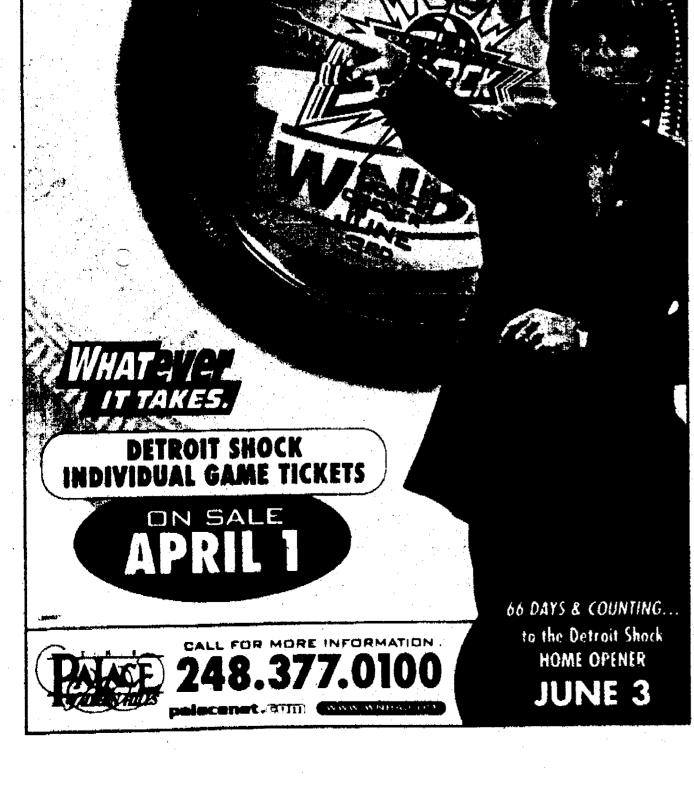
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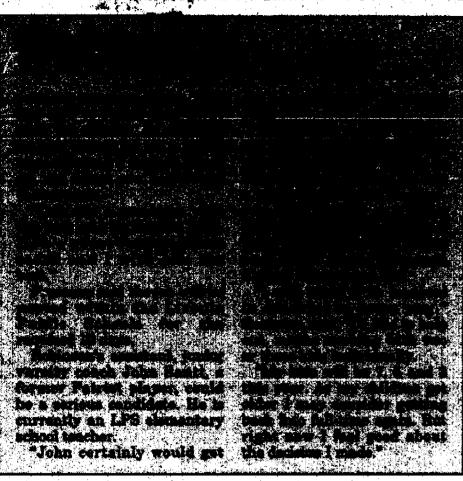
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Madonna sweeps pair vs. Siena Heights

Madonna University's softball team got its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference season off to the right start.

On Tuesday, MU swept visiting Siena Heights, 11-2 and 5-4, in its first two WHAC games of the season in a twinbill at Ladywood High School.

A six-run first powered the Crusaders (14-5 overall) to the opening game win as Jenny Tenyer fanned six in five innings to raise her record to 4-2. Vicki Malkowski went 2-for-3 with two doubles

and four RBI and Lauren Barker went 3-for-3, scored twice and drove in a pair of runs.

In the second game, Madonna rallied from a 3-0 deficit in the bottom of the fourth, scoring five runs

with the help of three walks and three wild pitches.

Angela Litwin went 2-for-3 and delivered a clutch two-run single in the rally as Siena Heights

dropped to 6-8-1 overall.

Jenny Staup raised her record to 5-2 with 6° innings of eight-hit ball. Tenyer choked off a Saints rally at one run by getting the final out to earn her first career save.

Sunday at Ladywood, Madonna used a four-hit, no-walk performance by Tenyer to edge Saginaw Valley State 2-1.

Barker's two-run double in the second inning proved to be all the offense the Lady Crusaders

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would need. Carrie Shay matched Tenyer tossing a four-hitter with no walks.

In Sunday's second game, the Cardinals ended Madonna's 10-game win streak by beating the Crusaders, 7-1. Tanya Liske suffered her first loss of the season (after five wins), surrendering three runs on six hits and two walks in 4% innings. Kelly Prill got the win for Saginaw Valley.

Stacie Wilson and Emily Cunningham had two hits apiece for Madonna; Cunningham had the Crusaders only RBI.

On Saturday, Madonna swept a pair at Olivet College, 6-3 and 8-0. In the opener, Liske got the pitching win, allowing one earned run on four hits and two walks; she struck out three.

Litwin had two hits (including a double) and two RBI, and Malkowski and Kristy McDonald (Redford Thurston) each had two hits and an RBI to pace Madonna's hitters.

In the second game, Staup pitched a six-hit, one-

walk shutout; she struck out six vs. Olivet (9-5-1). McDonald had a triple among her three hits with two RBI, and Malkowski had two hits, including a solo home run. Cunningham, Stacie Wilson and Meghan Quinn each had one hit and an RBI.

Crusaders take 3 of 4 in weekend WHAC action

Madonna University's baseball team followed a lopsided pair of victories at Concordia College Saturday with a double-header split at Siena Heights Sunday to open its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference season at 3-1.

Overall, the Fighting Crusaders improved to 14-4-1. Siena Heights is 8-20 overall, 1-3 in the WHAC; Concordia was 3-12 overall, 0-2 in the

WHAC through the weekend.

In Sunday's nightcap at Siena Heights, Ryan Andrzejewski tossed a six-hitter in improving to 2-0. He walked two and struck out three in seven innings. Matt Pike took the loss for the Saints.

Todd Miller led Madonna's six-hit attack with two and a run batted in. Roy Rabe (from Livonia Stevenson) added a double and an RBI, and Dave Kwiatkowski (Plymouth Canton) had a triple and an RBI.

In the opener Sunday, the Saints scored four times in the second inning and coasted to a 6-1 triumph. Rob Hoshield scattered seven hits in earning the win for Siena Heights; Mitch Jabczenski gave up four earned runs on eight hits and four walks, with seven strikeouts, in getting the loss for

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Madonna.

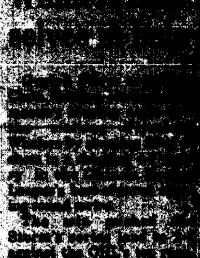
Rabe had two hits for the Crusaders and Derick Wolfe had an RBI single in seventh.

Saturday's twinbill at Concordia was a slugfest—at least for Madonna. The Crusaders won the opener 14-0, with Nick Newman tossing a two-hit, four-walk shutout to improve to 3-0.

Concordia committed five errors in the loss, leading to four unearned runs. Rabe and Kwiatkowski each had a double and two RBI to lead the hitting attack.

In the second game, Eric Williamson stopped the Cardinals on six hits and three walks in a 7-0 triumph, improving to 3-0. He struck out six.

Bob Hamp had two triples and a double to lead the Crusaders. Miller added two hits and an RBI, with Neil Wildfong (Plymouth Canton) getting two hits and scoring three runs, Nick Dedeluk driving in two runs and Bryan DeCaire slugging a two-run home run.



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SPORTS ROUNDUP

JOHES NAMED BAST ALL-STAR

Westland John Glenn running back Eric Jones, who gained over 2,000 yards this season for the 9-8 Rockets, has been named to the East squad for the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star game Seturday, July 29 at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing.

The 5-11, 190-pound Jones. who has signed to play at Bowling Green State, will be joined by two other Ali-Observer standouts including Farmington inside linebacker Brian Brinsden (6-2, 242) and Redford Union inside linebacker Mike Macek (6-0, 218).

OCELOT HOOP HONOREES

Robert Brown, a 6-foot-4 forward from Oak Park, was named Most Valuable Player Friday night at the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team awards banquet.

Brown, an NJCAA All-America nominee, averaged a teamhigh 18.9 points and 11.2 rebounds per game for the 24-7

Brown was a first-team All-Michigan Community College Athletic Association selection along with teammate Lamar Bigby, a 6-5 forward from Detroit Northern who averaged 16.7 points per game.

Both Brown and Bigby were named to the all NJCAA-Region 12 and All-Eastern Conference first-team.

Gilbert Mitchell, a 6-4 guard from Detroit Cody, made secondteam All-Conference after averaging 13.3 points per game. He is headed to Western Illinois.

Guard Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial) won the Coaches Award, while guard Reggie Kirkland (Romulus) was selected the Defensive Player of the Year award. Kirkland is headed to Wayne State.

Coach Carlos Briggs, 74-19 in three seasons with the Ocelots. was named Eastern Conference Coach of the Year. Schoolcraft finished 15-1 in the conference.

LIAL IV WARRIORS \$-1

The JV Warriors of the Livonia Junior Athletic League (Orioles Unit) recently finished the season with a 9-1 record.

Members of the Warriors, coached by Gary Gillow and Bob McCall, include Daniel Barczuk. Jason Gillow, Tyler Hauck, Sam Kawsarani, Ian Klann, Paul Knorp, Manuel Markosian, Jim Martin, Patrick McCall, Brian Miller, Kenny Morgan, Steve Pepple, Joe Reilly, Michael Rynicki and Larry Wilson.

URE THE KWON DO CHAMP

Eric Ure, a sixth grader at Grant Elementary School in Livonia, won gold medals in both forms and sparring competition at the Michigan State Open Tae Kwon Do Championships March 25 at the Brighton High School Field House.

Ure, a second Dan Black Belt at Kills Tae Kwon Do in Farmington, competed in the 12-13 year-old 85-pound Black Belt Division. He is trained by Michael Kent.

Ure advances to the 20th U.S. Junior Olympic Tae Kwon Do Championships July 10-15 in San Antonio, Tex.

CC SKEER AT JUNIOR OLYMPICS

Redford Catholic Central junior Matt Gable fared well at the Rocky/Central Regional Junior 1&2 Olympics skiing competition this month at Beaver Creek, Colo.

Gable was 23rd in the downhill competition, 14th in the Super G and his combined time of 1:31.10 in the slalom allowed him to finish third overall in the

Earlier this month, Gable was the Michigan High School Athletic Association state champion in the slalom, runner-up in the giant slalom and the overall individual winner.

HURON BELAY RESULTS

Lutheran High Westland's shuttle hurdle relay team of Derek Bias, Jason Davis, Nick Doherty and Ryan Noel finished third with a time of 33.1.

The sprint medley team of Justin Combs, Mike Clark, Doherty and Matt Rae took fourth in 3:56.8; while Nate Meckes placed eighth in the shot put with a throw of 43 feet, 7 inches.

SPORTS CLUB GYNMASTS 1ST

The Sports Club of Novi Level 6 gymnastics team collected top honors a tthe Champion's Derby Classic March 11 in Louisville

Sports Club scored 110.35, giv-

score of 105.05

Team members are Nicole Roach of Canton, Chelsea Salden of Plymouth, Sarah Ilkhani-Pour of Northville, Erica Schick of Livonia, Amanda Green of New Hudson and Emma Platt of Novi. The team is coached by Jen Quinlan and Shan Uson.

LIVOINA IDNOMIS CHAMPS

The Livonia Knights, coached by Bo Hombirg, defeatd the St. Clair Shores Saints, 8-3, to win the Little Caesars Tier II Midget A Division championship recently at Redford Ice Arena.

The Knights also defeated Farmington Hills (3-0), Ann Arbor (7-3) and the Michigan Devils (3-1), along with tying the Fort Wayne, Ind. (5-5), en route to the title.

Steve Fishwick was named MVP after scoring a hat trick in the final with two assists coming from Brad Jarzembowski. Other goals were scored by Craig Lamontagne (unassisted). Andrew Lakin (assisted by Lamontagne), Brad Jarzembowski (assist Crad Anguilm), captain Aaron Ziem (assist John Maley) and Mike Colangelo (unassisted).

Wayne Kilgore was the winning netminder, while a solid defensive effort was turned in by captain Fucundo Marginet, Matt Cieslak, Kevin Hallett, Nathan Krzyaniak and Maley.

Rounding out the Knights are captain Mark Demmer, Steve Dimopoulos, Chris Jarvis, Greg MacIvor and goalie Jason Rose.

The Knights were also Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District IV runners-up against Southfield.

Assistant coaches include Bob Lakin, Larry Ziem and Allan MacIvor. The team manager is Diane Krzyaniak.

Team sponsors include Jarzembowski Funeral Home and Jack Demmer Ford.

PEE WEE SARRES 1ST

Ryan Graham scored the game-winning goal in the second period to lead the Livenia Pec-Wee Sabres past the Livonia Coyotes, 1-0, in the finals of the Glacier Pointe 2000 Shamrock Tournament held March 17-19 in Port Huron.,

The Sabres advanced to the final with a 2-1 victory over the ing them their second win in a Livingston Lightning decided in row; on March 4, they won the a three-man shootout after a Salute to Michigan meet at five-minute overtime. Kevin Birmingham Groves HS with a Brown netted the game-winner

in the shootout, while goaltender Jordan Boysjian, the tournsment MVP, did not allow a goal

during the shootout. The Sabres also defeated the USA Bladerunners, 4-3, on assistant captain Kevin Brown's game-winning goal with just 30 seconds left in regulation. The Sabres also beat MPP Corporation, 5-0.

Brown, Christopher Weeks and assistant captain Anthony Zeni were awarded MVP medalist in the tournament.

Captain Matt Kahkonen and assistant captain Dan Trubak also provided strong offense throughout the tournament.

Rounding out the Sabres: Eric Robinson, Jeff Trubak, Evan Beck, Darren Getchen, Stefan Scarcelli, Jamie Smith, Derek McMullen, Joey Jahn and Danny Brown.

The coaching staff includes John Weeks, Kevin Brown, Tim Jahn, Joe Trubak and Rob Zeni. The team manager is Mary

SQUIRT SABRES TRIUMPH

Tournament MVP Jason Kraemer tallied the game-winning goal as the Livonia Squirt Sabres defeated Muskegon, 3-2, to capture the Sports Weekend Extravaganza championship March 19 in Chicago, Ill.

The Sabres ended the tournament with a 3-0-1 record.

Keifer Cox led the Sabres with four goals followed by Timmy Droze, three goals; Chris Rapp. two goals and two assists.

Goaltender Bryan Betke had a 1.5 goals-against average.

The Squirt Sabres reached the finals with by tying Muskegon (1-1), defeating Troy (3-2) and Kentwood (3-1).

Other members of the Sabres include: Matt Nguyen, Sean Barry, Mark Baaso, Alex Hoelzel, Danny Yaquinto, John Wojnar, Shane Kayanagh, Mike Campanella, Rvan Felton, Greg Killeen and Kevin Kehre

The Sabres are conclied by Tim-Rapp, Mike Droze, Keith Burry, John Kraemer and Karl Betke. The team manager is Pam Hoelzel.

Team sponsors include Kelly Graphics

Vacuum Services, Wonder Nails of Wonderland and Charles and Co. Salon.

DAKOTA STATE MIDGET CHAMPS The Southfield Midget BB Dakota, featuring seven Livonia players, brought home the State Championship Cup March 19 at the Westland Ice Arena with a 4-3 double-overtime victory over Birch Run.

Tim Allen scored the gamewinning goal.

Dakota also defeated Trenton (11-1), Sault Ste. Marie (7-1), Calumet (9-1) and Westland (3-0) en route to the title.

Other members of Dakota include: Jeff Bargren, Jeff Bunting, David Beard, Jon Harwood, Adam Heseltine, Wesley Yarnell, Willie Wilson, Jared Vidivic, Danny Shamoun, Jason Gildersleeve, lan Watt, Eric Stoller, Matt Jalaba, Matt Nicole and goaltenders Jamie Rosenblum and Todd Skowronski.

The head coach is Jack Schultz. He is assisted by Jeff Geiersbach, Howard Stoller and Tim Yarnell.

SQUIRT COYOTES FINISH 2ND

The Livonia Squirt Covotes finished runner-up to the Livonia Flyers in the Spring Thaw Tournament held March 17-19 in Birch Run.

The Covotes captured their division with wins over the Gaylord Wildcats (1-0), Birch Run Rangers (4-3) and the Troy Northstars (1-0). They also beat the Livonia Predators in the semifinals, 3-2.

Members of the Coyotes include: Kenny Kleszcz, Colin-Beck. Alex Ratliff, Jacob Brosky, Ryan Jason, Garrett Miencier. Ethan Gurski, Tod Jaggi, Nick Stanis, Adam Kwiatkowski, Sean Morgan, Michael Grant, Joseph Cummings, Jake Andrews, Brandon Bray and Richard Wyman.

The coaching staff includes Cliff Andrews, Tom Kwiatkowski Mark Rrnsky and T.J. Guras ki. Sandy Stams is the team

manager. The team sponsors are Artesian Electric, Lustre Drycleaning and Laundry, and Bottom Line

LILA WALK-IN REGISTRATION

The Livonia Hockey Association will hold walk-in registration for Livonia residents from 8:30-11 a.m. Saturday, May 6 at Devon-Aire Ice Arena, located at 9510 Sunset, one block east of Merriman Road at off W. Chica-

Registration for non-residents will be from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 13 at Devon-Aire. No fee will be taken on either registration date.

All registration for the LHA will be on a first-come, firstserve basis. The number of openings may vary for each division.

Fees for the 2000-2001 season will be \$125 for Livonia residents and \$150 for non-residents.

Each registrant must provide proof of residency (child's report card, parents drivers license and most recent utility bill).

You must also present a copy of the child's birth certificate.

For more information, call the LHA office at (734) 422-5172.

SPRING SPORT SHOW

The City of Livonia Parks and Creation Spring Sport Show will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 29 at Eddie Edgar Arena, located at 33841 Lyndon.

This is an ideal opportunity to sell used sporting goods, fishing gear, boats and recreational vehicles.

Rental spaces are available inside or outside. Indoor booths are 10 feet by 10 feet for \$18 tincludes 1-8 foot table and chair. Boats and recreational vehicles pay \$1 per foot

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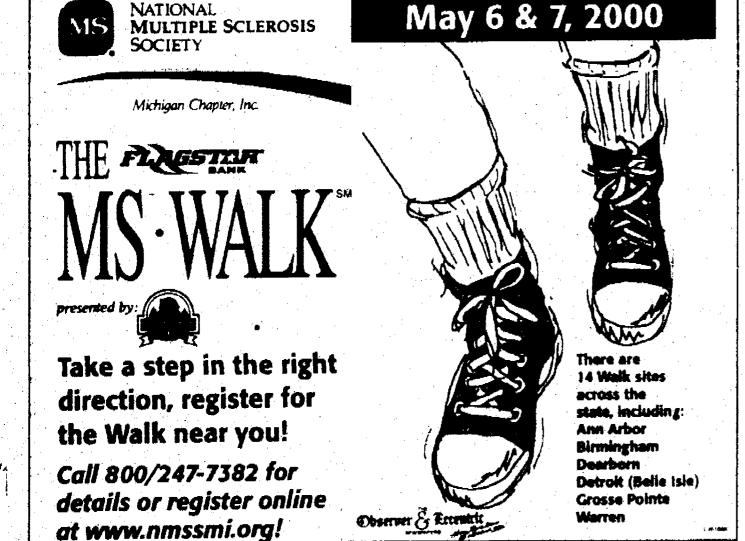
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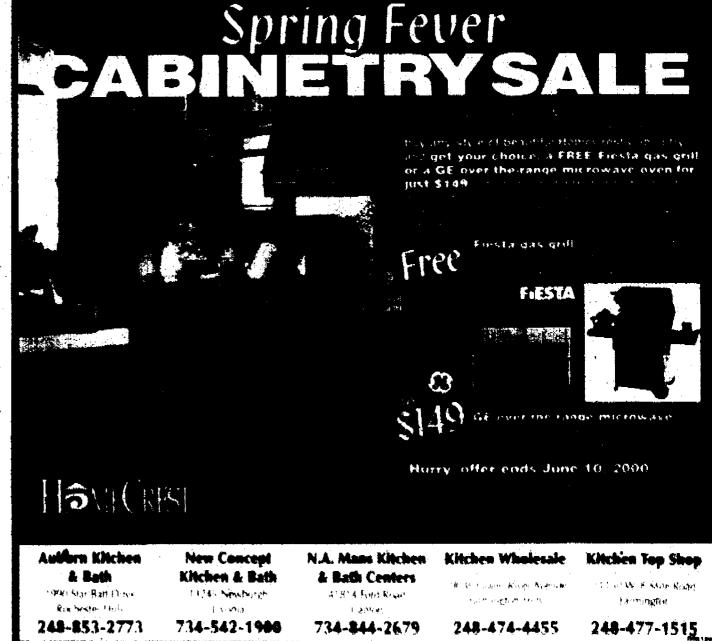
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#1213 STARTING OVER WITH YOU Easygoing, overweight DWF, 44, 510°, N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys out-doors, wallung, bowling, cards, pets, traveling, Seeking honest, loyal' SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, 100 retations in action to marriane. relationship leading to marriage

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR LOVE SWF. 52, 5'6", medium build, brown hair, enjoys fine dining, reading, jazz music; family gath erings, walks in the parti Seeking degreed SWPM with similar interests, for monoga-mous LTR: 12/12/05

SINCERE AND CURVY DWPF, 5'6", blondish, two grown children, seeks romantic white run. 49-60, fairly sophisticated. secure, interested in fun times and sports. \$21112

STILL SEARCHING Attractive DWF, 58", brown/ brown, thm, fun to be with. brown, thm, fun to be with, enjoys movies, diring out, the outdoors, and Redwing games Seeking attractive, tall SWM, 33-40, with similar interests, for rendship, maybe more. 121476

SEEKING FRIENDS adependent DW mam of 2 40 5 10 brown/hazel: enigys moves, sports, hiking, camping Seeking committed LTR with a man who can cook and is not into playing games 221886 SEAUTIFUL SMILE

Athletic, attractive, young-looking DWF, 51, 577, HW propor tionate, brown/brown, college educated, great sonse of hu enjoys sports, dining out, con certs, movies, travel, quiet evenings Seeking tall, healthy family-oriented SWM, 50-56 N/5 22 1889 HOPELESS ROMANTIC

Energetic, beautiful SBCPF, 5'5' 145lbs, honey brown complex ion, enjoys exercising, traveling, entertaining, movies, Seeking prosperous Christian gentlemen with similar interests, N.S. H.W. proportionate for friendship, NITTINGIO Area. 1218/4 YOUNG ATTITUDE

SWF, prefty sensuous, and pompassionate, emoys arts, music, dancing, and shopping, seeks loyal sensitive, good looking, classy SWM, 50-60 Let's enjoy the finer things in life together \$21872 TOO CHARMING

Hard-working, intelligent DWF, 4D, 5'8", H/W proportionate, curvy, enjoys music, dancing, physical activities. Seeking an honest, sincere, affectionate SWM, 37-55, for friendship first

SPIRITED SWEET love again with romantic, trustvery fit emotionally financially secure, non-smoking SWM. 55-65 Let's enjoy dance ing dining, moves, travel weekend cetaways 271831 ARE YOU READY FOR ... open-minded, pleasingly plump withwest WPF SR restricte concerts, plays, talk moves. Seeking tail pass onate is WM, 45-60, for dating.

LTR #1835 TALL TEDDY SEAR SWF, 44, smoker, social drinker seeks financially secure center man, 48-55, who knows how to treat a lady, for one-on-one rela-Garden City area

ARE THERE ANY GOOD ONES LEFT? like to meet a good woman, 39, tor a possible LTR: \$1783 A RASE FINO Pretty, curvy SWF. 53. 64 entrepreneur, lots of fun, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, travel ing, Loolung for sincere, successful WM, 45-75. Float your boet, make your day, answer my ad today, 12 3736

LOVELY PASSIONATE, LADY Bright, european, 55, seeks tall gentleman for fun and conversation Travel, adventure, nature, honesty, are some of my plea-sures. If you are a like person, let me pleasantly surprise you

TOUCH OF CLASS Soar into a LTR with classy attractive DWF, 5'5', 130lbs. adventure. Sesking SWM, tall and 45+ Sincere replies a plus. 121789 CUTE, CLASSY, BLONDE DWF, late 50e, seeking companionable of professional gentle-

man, for romantic dining, dancing and theater: Possible LTR 121756 THE EYES HAVE IT SWF, 40+, 5'6', attractive, hard-working, independent, saeks SWM who's handsome tell sames of humor and love an-DANIENG THROUGH LIFE Energetic, fun, passionate, soc ure DWF, 48, seeks SM with sim-

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SHARING TIME Attractive SWPF, 5'2" 110lbs brown/brown, N/S, down-to-earth, with great humor, enjoys oolting, dining, theater, seeking Handsome, SM, 45-52, to spo and pamper me, North Owkland eres. #1746

BE MY VALENTINE Cute DWF, 41, full-figured, smo-ker, financially secure, seeks, SB/WM, 43-53, who likes beaches, Vegas, traveling, for LTR Serious only, \$21711

LOOKING FOR LOVE Plus-sized, woman, 51, brown/ hazel enjoys movies long walks Seaking kind, friendly good-hearted man to share laughs and life with. 271721 COULD IT BE YOU?

SWPF seeks Mr Right 45-55 who likes goffing, movies, dancing, quiet dinners at home or on town, and has a flair for spontaneity. Could it be you? HONEST,

FUN CARING Widowed SF. 56, 5'2", light brown/hazel, HW proportionate, likas doing just about anything. music books, dining moves, theater sports. Seeking a SM for companionship, possible LTR. 1111487

COUNTRY GIFTL DEBIRED ... for LTR, possible marriage, DWM: 36, 5'8", 150lbs, single tather of eight-year-old son, enjoys rodeos, horse shows

enjoys rodeos, norse snows, family time Seeking S/DWF, 28-42, with similar interests.

Children ok, \$21325

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Rugged, athletic, tall, muscular SWM, 40, 6'3", 235lbs, brown's blue clean-cyt, decread, enloyer blue, clean-cut, degreed, enjoys Las Vegas, road trips, outdoors, good sense of humor. Seeking friendly. SF for companionship. Age/area open. \$2,4018.

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NEW SPECIAL GAL Clean-cut, down-to earth DW dad, 46, 5, 180ks, brown/green. dad, 46, 5, 150/ks, prownygreen, amoker, automotive professional, wasrs glasses, enjoys golf, bowling, movies, walks, romano, Seeking new best friend, 37-48, for loving, caring, shanng relationship, 301757. STARTING OVER

Affectionate retired SM, 49, 5'5" blonde/blue, likes dining out.
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female, 18-25, who doesn't mind a little romance and fun 22026

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Tall, honest, financially secure slim loyal DWM, 55, 6'4", N.S.

social drinker, in good physical condition, with sense of humor

seeks slender lady, 42-51, for

companionship possible LTR

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ing out, quiet times. Seeking attractive, sexy blonde .35-55, for LTR. Must love passionate.

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Wanted! Attentive, respectful SWM, 40s, enjoys downsized

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Attractive SWM, 34, 5'8", athietic

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Seeking SWF, 25-40.

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SWF. 25-37, for LTR

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SPIRITUAL PARTNER Honestly pretty SWF, 45, 5'4", 130bs, loves and trusts God,

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enced, seeks passionate, hones

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friendship possible LTR Let's enjoy the summer together! 12/1996

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Easygoing, down-to-earth, college-educated SWF, 28, 5'3', 115lbs, brown/brown, Rt. enjoys

Hies Seeking similar SWM under 40. HW proportionate

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Hard-working, fair-playing fem-ale ergoys indoor activities ex-

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ndship first, possible LTR

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Easygoing, honest, enjoyable SWM, 38, 5'8", 165/ba, brown-brown, no dependents, happy-homeowner, likes eports, dring, and having for pool, bowling, and having fun Seejung pretty SF, 25-45, elimsible LTR 121980 IN OR OUTGOING Retried male, 37, father of 3, independent, financially secure, tikes moves, fun, denoing, going

out aports. Seeking beautiful, nice, compassionate woman who likes to have fun. Pocahortes, please call back. 12:1066 NO GAMES, NO LUGGACE 100% mon guy; 0% loser, SWM. 30, 5'10', fit, engineer with simple tastes, has everything in life

he needs except you to share it with. No pressure, will call all ITALIAN STALLION 47; attractive, muscular, versa-tile, romantic, seeks classy, skim, very attractive, selective SW/AF, under 45, for friendalhip, possible relationship. 1276155

SEEKING LATINA SWM, 35, 6'3", dent/blue, great siense of humor, enjoys sports, movies, and concerts. Seeking Attractive SHF with no children for dating and possibly more

SWM 35 5 1856s, brown

hazel good sense of humor easy to talk with good job

ners movies, and much more Seeking similar SWF, 24-39 slim to medium build, down-to-earth

HERE I AM

Tall SBM, 36, light complexion

seeks saxy young lady to enjoy outdoors, intimacy, dating, and

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W BRUCE WILLIS

beard, enjoys sports, bowling

Seeking outgoing humorous woman N/S N/D who wants a commitment \$71915

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PROFESSIONAL & REAL Charming: down to earth SWPM, 32, enjoys movies/thester, travel, candlelight, fun. Seeking an attractive women who enjoys life! Caring affectionals loving DWM: 53, 57, loves lake activi-

WHY BE ALONE?

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Easygoing, good-looking, kind hearted DJWM, 44, N/S, who

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MEET FOR COFFEE

LTR, Serious replies only.

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numorous DWM, 47, 5'11".

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COUNTRY HOME WAITING!

Devoted gent, SWM; 43, ready for relationship and marriage.

able to provide love, affection

SWF who is ready to settle

humor, to share dining out, flow-

by the fire, outdoors, and week end getaways, for LTR 10:1062

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE

entoys aports, concerts, rom-

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nendship first, possible LTR

MR. SUMSHME

Easygoing DWM, 44, loves children, seeks a S/DWF, 39-59.

who enjoys going to moines, waits in the park holding hands for possible relationship. \$21295

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dating dining denoing friend-ship possible LTR 1875970

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HANDSOME KNIGHT
Adorable, sensitive, DWM, 43,
6'3', 190 sensitive, DWM, etc.
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warm, caring, one-man woman EDUCATED ATHLETE

N/S, to share interests, for multi-al enjoyment of each other's COMPANY TO 1669 OLD-FASHIOMED ROMANTIC QUY DWM, 35, extremely fit, very giv-

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LOYAL HONEST, NICE GUY College-educated, spontaneous College-sociality Sportage Social Resource Social Resource (In-loving DWM, 53, 61*, 1908s believes in loyalty, integrity, honeaty Seeking attractive S/DWF, 35-49, physical Resource S/DWF, 35

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FREE TO A GOOD HOME tic SWPM, 55, 5'11", N/S, social drinker, enjoys the simple things in life hature laughter, varia-tions love Seeking SF, for monogamous LTR 1271 306 LOOKING FOR SOULMATE

LET ME LOVE YOU Friendly caring, funny goal on-ented SWPM, 6'2", 245lbs. dark/hazel. N/D, N/S, no kide enjoys meeting new people, spending time with friends Seeking humorous caring, com-municative SWPF for thendship hrs. 271197

EARTH, WING & FIRE 49 6 205/bs, N/D, N/S; seeks portionate, to conjure up wan wind, and eternal fire, possible LTR Redford \$55696 LOOKING FOR

NEW BEGINNING Affectionate, honest, easygorhard-working DWM, 45, 5 160lbs . brown/blue ping fishing, swimming is looking for a new relationship, startas friends, possible LTR

TI 5840 SUNSHINE SWM, 35, seeks tady, 18:40, for friendship and possible more OF YOUR LIFE? Full-figured a plus but not re-quired. All calls answered. \$1943 Warm weather; successful, spin-tual SJM, 48, seeks a warm weather gut. Seeking relation-ship-oriented SF, 28-45, to enjoy Aruba, Cancun, Bahamas, and I'd look like him! SWM, 32, 510 of course, movies, dencing, book stores, speciator sports, 273923. 190lbs, brown/brown, mustache/

MAKE IT HAPPEN Humorous DWM: young 52, 611. handy man, independent individno dependents seeks earthy, active S/DF age: surprise me, for combining interests, fun

Wonderful great-looking out-doors lover 37, 5'11", trim. YOUR SMILE WOULD. start my days and fill my nights. SWPM, 38, seeks active. In shape SF, 30tsh, to shape laughsandy/blue business-owner. would appreciate a awest, trim girt for summertime fun on my ter and friendship. Must be he est, warm-hearted and love chill chemistry aparks. \$1751 drein Novi area 171420 JACK NEEDS JILL CALL ME SOON SWM, 36, toves pets, tikes sports

and participating in them, working out indoor and outdoor activ-1758bs, well-built, seeks fun lov ing, eazygoing, intelligent pretty commitment-minded SF to rities, and cooking, seeks SWF with similar interests and qualifriendship compariionship and a PICHARD GERE LOOK-ALIKE LOOKING AT YOU SWM, 36, 6'1", 165lbs, brown, hazet no children, N/S, enjoys Attractive, very canno, outgoing giving SWM, 46, with a variety of tennis bowling golf pool mo-vies, concerts. Seeking SWF, 28interests, loves to be romantic and dock Seeking same in petite

to go out find have fun \$1908 more: 129363 LOOKING FOR LOVE UNION LAKE AREA Handsome SWM, 29, 6', 165lbs Adventurous, honest brown/brown, enjoys reading, romantic DWM, 48, N/S light travel, music, playing guitar dancing, dining out, romantic drinker. Catholic, enjoys boating ameteur thicater frowling traver evenings outdoors the arts outdoors denoing etc Seeking lady for mendship leading to LTR 1271364 eking attractive ledy, 25-40 WERY

ATTRACTIVE Very outgoing, employed SWPM 28, 5'11', 175lbs, brown/.blue 26, 5'11", 175/bs. brown: blue seeks attractive oxagoing SWF 22.35, H/W proportionate. enjoys sports and ice skisting \$5377

3A similar interests, who's willing

A REAL MAN DBM, 52, 81", 2150s, protes

sense of humor, enjoys movies, theater, travel, buying and selling

SWPM, 44, 6'1", 180bs, red/ blue, N/S, athletic build, likes goffing, skiing, tennis, biking, movies, dining, Seeking PF, 35-45, 5'6"+, H/W proportionate,

ing, honest and sincers, loves animals and kids. Seeking slim, W/H/AF, soft, feminine, sweethearted soulmets for LTR

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Down-to-earth, private, home-body type SBM, 5'1", 2558bs ance etc Seeking decent un-derstanding attractive woman who knows what she wants out of life, for friendship, possible relationship 1211277 cally fit, skm, for LTR. West side preferred. Kids ok. 121834 SWM. 48, 6'1", 200tbs, browny forcycles, sports, car shows, family, pets, concerts, and trying hew frings. Seeking easygoing, positive woman who enjoys life.

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SWM, 55, enjoys singing, walk-ing, card games, board games Seeking SF, 40-55, for LTR, pos-sibly mamage, \$21050

study, enjoys golf, walks, clean tv. Seeks gentle, kind, playful women, H/W proportionate, 30-

active, outgoing SWM, 40, 5 10°. outdoor activities, theater, movies Seaking Inendity outgoing S/DWF, 34-48, N/S smelt/petite build, for possible relationship

LEY'S GO CAMPING DW dad 41, 5'9" brown/hazer. custodial parent homeowne samping: barbecuing loves Coder Point cametions motor cycles, movies everything Seeking DW mom with same interests for monogamous relation-ship Novi ante 121798 ROCK N' ROLL

HOOTCHIE COC Down-to-earth SWM, 43, 6', has a wide variety of interests Seeking honest very affectionate fun-loving WF, for friendship. possible relationship 121909 EDUCATED/ HANDSOME SWIL 44

Enjoys sports, travel, family and nends, longs for hugs and kiss es, love and mamage, seeks relationship-minded affractive

HERE TODAY, DWPM 56. 5.9", 1800s semiretired N/S, no dependents. emovs travel dining out, movies theater boating, quiet evenings Seeiung attractive, affectionate n with sense of humor, for LTR: Western subsides T 2421

POMANTIC MAN bowling, travel, driving Seeking romantic woman for mendahip dating possibly more Race/age unimportant All calls answered

THE FINER THINGS SWM, 45, average height/ weight enjoys long walks, the fine dming. Seeking affracshare the hoer things in life with CARMO

COMPANION WANTED! Pick a winner! Soft-spoken gent SWM 45 enjoys aftends new casinos, and nearby attrac horse Looking for Lady Luck to join in the funt Seeking advanturesome SWF age oper

MAKE ONE MORE CALL. don't give up now have and want honesty, trust mendehip laughter and love 1 like sports music dence animals

HERE'S MY PLAN Meet someone special, enjoy our times together, give her toyally, liberty, laughs, and love. A simple pian really, but I want the same I'm sharp, withy, telented, tal. N/S, 64, 921749

SWM, 42, 510°, skin, N/S, never-married, with traditional values, seeks SWF, 30-45, to be my friend, lover, partner for LTR. You must be a stirt, healthy nonemoker. For more details please Call 12 1868

WESTLAND AREA Attractive SWM, 5:10", 175lbs. nice hair, bright brown eyes, N/S, no dependents, employed, homeowner, seeks alim, attractive SWF, under 48, 125357

MOTIVATED Poetive, honest SWPM, young 55, 5'9", 1750s, college graduete, dad of 2 grown lude, enjoys exercising, movies, reading, liv-ing life. Seating honest, caring, invely SWF for friendship/LTR

N/S only. 181376 ATTRACTIVE AND HONEST. Secure SWM, 50, 5'1", 1700s. prowyhezel, Mies norses, country tile. Seelung charming, smart attractive lady, under friendship first. 121836

Tennessee, Florida, dancing, conversation, dhing I am apontaneous, communicative, fit and seeking a LTR, Are you? \$21748 ART ANTIQUE COLLECTIBLES Creative, unique, sharp SWM, 46, enjoys art/antique shows, auctions, estate unies, souce kvely lady, mid-age, with a interest in or currosity about same 11839

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SWM, 27; 5'10", 170lbs, browny

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OF THE FEW Handsome attentive SWM, 30s. seeks affectionate romantic. slender SWF 27-35 who dreams of finding that special someone 571790

JUST LOOKING SWM 49, 5'8", 150ths, brown. brown, financially secure no dependents, enjoy singing movles, pets, summer, outdoor activmes, and ide Seelung similar lady 271905 REAL

ROMANTIC MAN Educated SM, 5 ft". 160lbs Mediterranean looks, black hair enjoys denoing, outdoor activibes fun. Seeking SF, 25-35, with similar interests, for thendship first 12 1838

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Senior, early 70s. N/S, N/D, has

62-65. for 121956 TALL THIN BLONDE Former model and geacher up-per 50s attractive. Seeking companionatio of professional den ttermen, 60s for dining out, thehome, and at the good things life

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except goff. Seeking active college graduate, N/S. 121473 LTR Hurry up and call (im wait-ing! \$21489 Abbreviations: A-Asian + 9-SiacR + C-Christian + D-Divorced + F-Female + H-Hispanic + J-Jewish + M-Male + N/S-Non-Smoker + P-Professional + 8-Single

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Hard-working, financially secure



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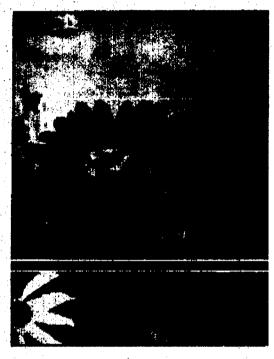
FRIDAY



Spend "A Day in a New Century Garden" at the 2000 Ann Arbor Spring Garden & Flower Show, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Ann Arbor, I-94 to Exit 174, then south. Admission \$10 adults. \$9 seniors, \$5 children (age 12 and under), call (734) 434-8004.

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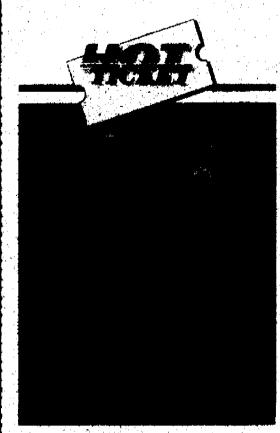
"Let Your Spirit Soar," a celebration of visual and performing arts at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (west of Middlebelt), 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Highlights include children's workshops 10 a.m. to noon, concerts 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and an art exhibit. No charge with the exception of a Kingdom Heirs gospel concert at 8 p.m. Concert tickets \$8, call (248) 476-

SUNDAY



The first Athena Women's Music Festival 1-4 p.m. at Amer's, 312 State Street in Ann Arbor showcases the talents of local folk-pop artists including headliner Lori Amey. No. charge, call (734) 761-6000 for more

information.



Het Ticket: Garth Fagan brings his troups, "Garth Fagan Dance;" to the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit, Thursday-Sunday, March 30 to April 2. Tickets \$30-\$40, call (313) 963-2366 or (248) 645-

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Animator Brings Colorful Characters To Life

By Stephanie Angelyn Casola Stapp Writer scasolsCoe.homecomm.net

ot many people make a definite career choice at age 9. But Dreamworks animator Kent Culotta took one look at "Sleeping Beauty" and knew just what he wanted to do.

"I loved the way that one looked," said the Plymouth native. "I saw everything that came out at that time. It was a cumulative effect."

Culotta studied graphic design at Michigan State University, where he learned to use an animation camera. After earning his bachelor of fine arts degree, he moved to California and completed graduate school coursework in animation at UCLA.

Now a Glendale, Calif., resident, Culotta has had a hand in "Pinocchio and the Emperor of the Night," and recent favorites like "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," "The Little Mermaid," "Rescuers Down Under" and "Beauty and the Beast." He adds characters like Roger Rabbit and Droopy, Ariel and Ursula, and Belle to his list of experience with character model clean-up and assisting other anima-

Truly realizing his longtime dream, Culotta became an animator for Dreamworks' "The Prince of Egypt" and furthered his skill with Dreamworks' latest release "The Road to El Dorado."

The City of Gold

"The Road to El Dorado" tells the story of two wide-eyed friends, the discerning Tulio (Kevin Kline) and the free-spirited Miguel (Kenneth Branagh), who in 1519 stumble upon the legendary city of gold known as El Dorado. Mistaken by High Priest Tzekel-Kan (Armand Assante) for revered gods, the bumbling con men believe they've found the road to fortune and glory.

But their lies begin to unravel and time runs short as Spanish explorer Cortes approaches and Tzekel-Kan threatens an evil takeover of El Dorado. It's the pure-hearted ruler, known as the Chief (Edward James Olmos), who's onto their scheme but aids them every step of the way.

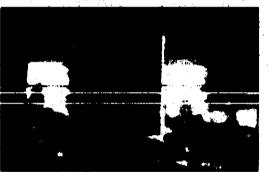
With the help of Chel (Rosie Perez), a stunning and smart native, good triumphs over evil. Like Elton John sings, "All will be revealed/On the trail we blaze," and friendship becomes more valuable than all the

gold in El Dorado. The comedic adventure-fantasy is



DREAMWORKS PICTURES

Ruling powers: The Chief and Tzekel-Kan believe ancient gods have arrived in El Dorado in a scene from "The Road to El Dorado."



DREAMWORKS PICTURES

A way out: The Chief, animated by a team including Plymouth native Kent Culotta, speaks to Miguel and Tulio who are eager to take their gold and leave El Dorado

brought to life by a host of animators like Culotta. From the streaming rivers and rushing ocean waves, to the lush rain forest and sparkling city of gold, the latest in high-tech animation draws fire from the sketches of imagination and colors it in with vibrant, realistic movements. heart-felt emotions and life lessons.

"I just think it's a great way to tell a story," said Culotta, who worked on the animation for the Chief. "There's just so many things you can do ... It's a very rich medium."

Paving his own road

In the mid 1980s when he was beginning his career, animation was in a sort of slump, confined to television cartoons like "He-Man" and considered to be "kiddie stuff." Culotta didn't realize then that he-was on the cusp of a cartoon renaissance spurred by companies like Walt Disney Feature Animation.

"W en I started it was very difficult to get a job," he said. Now film and television are flooded with traditional and computer animation. It isn't just restricted to Saturday morning cartoons anymore.

While computer animators alsoworked on "The Road to El Dorado. Culotta draws by hand. His only contact with computers is shooting his drawings with a computer-operated camera. While he sees the industry moving closer to computers, he said. "I love having a pencil in my hand."

That pencil did not serve as lead animator for the character, so Culotta did not set the tone and mannerisms of the Chief. But he did help bring the Chief to life onscreen. "My job is to try to assimilate (the lead animator's) version of it and make it my own as well."

As often happens, the Chief became a different sort of character in the final product than he was originally intended to be. "He started out mainly as a comic figure and ended up being more the straight man," said Culotta. What animators initially pictured as a cartoon-like Jackie Gleason became a much more serious, profound character of enormous proportions and keen observations. "He's a good guy; he never really believes these are the gods they pretend to be.

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Orchestra: Conductor Nan Washburn and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

Orchestra 'pops' for a good time

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN Staff Writer chomin@oe.homecomm.net

Looking for fun, laughs, a good time? Then Nan Washburn wants you to take note of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's approaching Pops Dinner Concert and Auction Friday, April 7 at Laurel' Manor in Livonia.

If you love a South American beat or music from movies such as "Pocohontas" and "E.T.," the Plymouth Symphony conductor thinks you're gonna love "Spring Fling: Dance & Romance.

A major fund-raiser for the orchestra now in its 54th season. the evening features silent and live auctions of items ranging from a chance to conduct the orchestra to season tickets and an evening at Genitti's dinner theater. A raffle will award a first prize of \$1,000 and a second prize of two airline tickets.

"It's a fun, fun event with a great meal and a combination of dance and romance tunes that are favorites, but with a sprinkling of some exotic things," said Washburn. "It's important for the community to support the orchestraand it gives the orchestra a chance to let their hair down a little bit. There II be auction items that they might get a good deal on and an auction winner who'll get to conduct Sousa."

Program

The evening program includes such popular tunes as Alan Menken's "Color the Wind" and "Carmen Suite No. 1" by Georges Bizet. But count on Washburn to add her own color to the program. Orchestra members have been working hard to learn the difference between a western and eastern glissando for Mao Yuan's "Dance of the Yao People." They'll play the work right after "Summertime Fantasy for Flute and Orchestra," an adaptation of a Gershwin song by Ronald Foster, PSO principal flutist Deborah Rebeck Ash

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BALLET

Dancers sparkle in enchanting 'Swan Lake'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WHITER Ichomin@co.homocoms

Eric Johnston is enchanted with Tchaikovsky's classic ballet, "Swan Lake" because it has all the elements of a good love story - a prince falls in love with a girl he hopes to save from spending the rest of her life as a swan.

Johnston, a Farmington Hills resident,

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sents Tchelkovsky's classic tale.

belt, Fermington Hills

dances the role of Prince Siegfried in addition to directing the production by Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet Sunday, April 9 at the William M. Costick Activities Center. The timeless tale. which debuted in

St. Petersburg in 1895, features Sally Wood as Odette, the White Swan. "It's a compilation of the four-hour

'Swan Lake' with highlights of the story," said Johnston. They talk about fundamentals of human relationships apart from human love."

History

This is the eighth "Swan Lake" Johnston's directed although he's danced in the ballet many times. A dance student from age 4, Johnston knew he wanted to eventually join a traditional ballet comcipal dancer with Ballet Russe de Monte. I don't speak, ballet will be lost and right into their hearts."

Carlo, at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio owned by his mother in Farmington Hills, He went on to train at the American Ballet Theater School, the Harkness Ballet and University of Cincinnati where he earned a bachelor of fine arts

Johnston has been a member of the Cincinnati Ballet Company and London Ballet Theater, London England. He

> returned to Detroit in 1985 to teach at the school his Betty mother. began 50 years ago. Johnston also teaches at the Birmingham Dance Academy. He founded Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet 13

years ago as a bridge for dancers hoping to one day perform with a professional

Johnston's Detroit Ballet presents four productions a year including The Nutcracker," and children's ballets such as "Peter and the Wolf" and "The Sorcerer's Apprentice.

"Ballet goes in and out of popularity depending on if there's a Baryshnikov or a Margot Fonteyn in the spotlight." said Johnston who received the Farmington Area Arts Commission's Artistin-Residence award in 1993. "If I don't



Classic tale: Eric Johnston (center) and company members in a scene from Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake."

these ballets say things."

Passion

It's apparent Johnston, who's 44, still has a passion for dancing. He's frequently a principal in the company's produc-

"Dance isn't like a painting," said

Caroline Coleman appreciates John ston's commutment to ballet The Farms ington Hills resident danced her first "Swan Lake" at age 7 as one of the pages. Now 14, Coleman dances in the Swan Corps who accompany the White Swan. and as one of the princesses hoping to marry the prince. A dancer since age 4. Coleman is performing in her fourth "Swan Lake" She's currently understudying the role of the White Swan. She also takes part in the lecture/demonstrations Johnston presents to students in Detroit and Pontiac schools as part of the Omni Arts in Education program. He's made 400 appearances so tar-

"That's which like about Frie's produc tions," said Coleman, an East Medille School student "Hell create roles and when you're not in it, you're an under study. And I like to go to achoels to present it A lot of the kids haven't seen dance before."

Music

As a musician Coleman has played Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" music before Her flute and plane playing bely her evaluate the score before it comes time to put on her dancing shoes

"It's been a lot of rehearsal and block ing and coordinating the dancers. Colo man said "Knowing the music, you can approciate what you're daming to Some Johnston "Dance will never happen times it's trustrating but you action of pany. In his early teens, he learned the do it, nobody will. We're losing the tradit again. There's something beautiful when to see if you can kick accorded basics from George Zorich, a former print tion of a ballet company. I'm an artist. If they're dancing honestly you'll see turn an extra tion of a ballet company. I'm an artist. If again. There's something beautiful when the see if you can kick your as higher a at set really great by the,

'Cactus Flower' delivers laughs

Schoolcraft College's Theatre Department presents Cactus Flower" through Saturday, April 8. Show is sold out, but you can be placed on a waiting list for available tickets, call (734) 462-

BY ROBERT WEIGHL SPECIAL WRITER

Beginning with a lie isn't the way to begin a relationship. Unless, of course, the object is a screwball, comic farce. Which is just what the Schoolcraft College production of "Cactus Flower" delivers. Playwright and librettist, Abe Burrows, ("Guys and Dolls," "Can-Can," "How to Suc-

Business") and famed "play

doctor" used his fertile bag of theatrical tricks to fill "Cactus Flower" with funny lines and situations. Brian Taylor (Dr. Julian Winston) turns in his usual solid performance as a swinging bachelor dentist with a Park Avenue clientele. His little black book would rival Hugh Hefner's. He's adept at covering one lie with another, then saying, "thank God I still have something left, my integrity." Jerri Doll, is stunningly funny as his ditzy, main squeeze (Toni Simmons) with her New Yorker accent. She likes honest men, and is attracted to Julian, because he admits he is married with three kids when they meet. That, of course, is an

artful dodge, to juggle his many girlfriends. When Julian breaks a date. Toni fails in a suicide attempt (It's their first anniversary). In a panic to prove his love, Julian promises to divorce his wife. The fun begins when Toni demands to see the wife and kids to soothe her guilty conscience for breaking up a home.

Brenda Lane is splendid as the dentist's spinsterly nurse (Stephanie) and substitute wife, who blossoms after the boss pays attention to her. Christopher Curd (Igor) is very good as Toni's neighbor who saves her from suicide, and ultimately wins her love. Timothy McKernan (Harvey) gives a nice performance as

Julian's buddy who assists in the elaborate plans to deceive Toni. The most definitive character of the evening is created by Benjamin Karl as (Senor Arturo Sanchez) a would-be Latin lover. Colleen Greenwell has the look of a Park Avenue lady of means in several elegant costumes. John Abair, Jr., Ryan-Iver Klann, Tiffany Byars and Trish Kero round out the cast in fine fash-

Scenic designer, Katy Monthei's, settings enhanced the show. Thanks to director, James Hartman's fast scene changes with lively music, the 15 scene changes never slowed the fastpaced show.

laborated with John Powell on

Though "The Road to El Dorado" opens in metro Detroit movie theaters Friday, March 31, Culotta is already working on his next project with Dreamworks. What began with one sleeping beauty has led down a long road for the animator, a road that seems to be paved in gold.

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solos on the "Fantasy" based on "Summertime."

"In China, 'Dance of the Yao People' is as popular as Gershwin's 'Rhapsody in Blue' is here," said Washburn, "We're also doing 'Los Volodores' by Alice Gomez. I'm a big fan of her work and with the Gomez we get to feature our own percussion section. There's Latin percussion happening and a little Native American sound in this piece."

Even though Washburn's working hard to present a fascinating, multi-cultural program for the dinner/auction, she's also busy working out details for next

Washburn, who's in her first season with the orchestra, is excited about the music the Plymouth Symphony will perform in 2000-2001. This fall, look for more composers to talk about their work before concerts in which their compositions are presented.

Which brings Washburn back to the topic of money. The dinner/auction is vital if the orchestra is to raise the \$220,000 operating budget needed to deliver the new programs. In addition to revenue from ticket sales and donations from individuals and corporations, fund-raisers like the dinner/auction help bring music into the community. So instead of spending another boring Saturday night at home, get out and have some fun. Enjoy yourself and support the orchestra all at the same time. The Ply-

'Spring Fling: Dance & Romance'

What: The Plymouth Sympho-

ny Orchestra's annual Pops Dinner Concert and Auction to raise funds for the orchestra. When: 6 p.m. Friday, April 7 Where: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia Tickets: \$45, \$25 for children through grade 12. Reservations required, call (734) 451-2112

mouth Symphony League already has. The fund-raising arm of the orchestra recently presented Washburn with a check for the \$25,000 they raised by holding card parties and a Holiday Home Walk

"This year we had big successes with jazz and our March 18 concert featuring accordionist Peter Soave was sold out," said Washburn. "Certain pieces people love to hear. We brought in a composer into town and the audience loved hearing her talk about what went into the piece. We're also building the orchestra so we get better and better. We're working with repertoire to expand the orchestra's skill. Doing the Duke Ellington was a stretch but went over well with the audience. We're excited about the new season."

El Dorado

He's sort of the smartest character in the film."

The smartest character and the one which most closely reflects the logic of the audience is unraveling the story.

A shining example

Culotta said it takes patience, caftsmanship, acting ability and n observant eye to become an animator. It can take as long as four years to complete one animated film - from the spark of the idea to the time it hits theaters. Animators don't begin working until a story is roughly worked out and production has

Culotta finally saw the completed version of the film about two weeks ago and enjoyed it.

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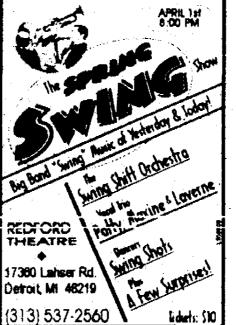
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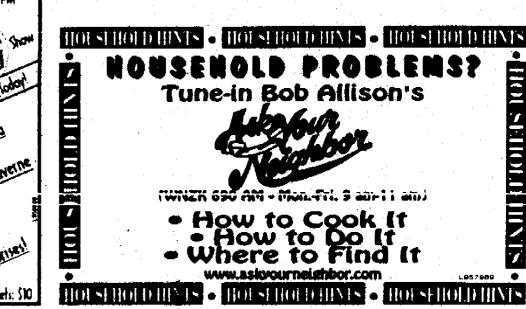
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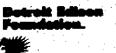


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Theater Company makes a play for new works

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAPY WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

If there's such a thing as a theatrical saint, Jan Radeliff might

"She's put her heart, mind and soul into this venture," said Livenia playwright David MacGregor. "She's interested in the creative process."

Radcliff, a Birmingham resident, is one of the founders of Heartlande Theatre Company, producers of the fourth annual Play by Play 12-hour marathon, on Saturday, April 1 at Roeper School in Birmingham.

MacGregor's comedic play, "Revelation," will be among the 22 original works, ranging from 6 to 15 minutes. The plays will be presented twice between noon and midnight, an average of three to four plays each hour.

"We provide a venue to showcase new plays," said Radcliff. "We keep discovering new peo-

Play by Play is Heartlande Theatre Company's only fundraiser. The event features the combined work of more than 100 writers, actors, directors and the-

ater artists.

Among those expected to attend are people from the Screen Actor's Guild, artistic directors of local and regional theater companies, theater buffs, and of course, relatives of those people performing on stage.

"It does expose actors who regularly work at the Detroit Repertory Theatre and other venues to new audiences." said Radcliff. "We asked them to list where they're performing next in their biography."

Heartlande Theatre's focus is on developing and nurturing the artistic theater company. "We're not defining content," explained Radcliff. "We're interested in the process of writing plays."

But something happened over the last four years. They found that audiences "were blown away" by the level of talent," said Radcliff. "I'm blown away by the talent and quality of the scripts we receive. We got 120 short scripts from all over Michigan and the world, the 22 we selected are really quite remarkable."

Play by Play has also become a place where people in the theater community network with one another.

Play by Play

What: Features 22 new works by local and regional authors. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

When: noon to midnight Saturday, April 1. Seventh inning stretch 6:30-7 p.m.

Where: Roeper School, Adams Road campus, between Maple and Big Beaver Roads, (three blocks north of Maple on west side of Adams Road), Birmingham.

Cost: All day admission \$20, hour by hour tickets \$5. Tickets sold at the door on day of marathon, first come, first served. Cash or check only. Call (248) 988-1094. Ext. 1 or (248) 433-1233 for more information. Proceeds support Heartlande Theatre Company's writing programs and productions.

"They're so involved in plays that they don't get to see other people's work," said Radcliff. "This gives them an opportunity to watch and support that work. It creates a sense of community."

Radcliff will present "A Big Girl Now," a drama about a woman who has put her father into a private-care residence, and how she feels about leaving

Actor Mary Rychlewski will perform in Radcliff's play.

"It's beautifully written, honest," said Rychlewski, who cofounded Heartlande with Radcliff. "It's about her own guilt for not being there when her father was well. Now it's up to her to make him comfortable, and how she feels about having to leave

MacGregor, who teaches English and a film class at

Wayne State University, participates in the marathon because it's just plain fun.

"Writing plays is a long tortuous process," he said. "To get people to look at your play makes it complete.

Playwrights seeing their works on stage is much like the feeling an artist gets when their work is exhibited.

"If you've never been to the theater before, you'll learn how important it is," said Rychlewski. "How it brings up issues, makes you laugh and cry If I get you into the theater and you like it. you'll come back."

Heartlande Theatre Company works with artists year-round encouraging them to develop new scripts. Two of this year's

playwrights participated in Heartlande's Young Playwright's program at Fitzgerald High School in Madison Heights.

If you can't attend the marathon, but want to make a tax deductible donation, send checks to Heartlande Theatre Company, P.O. Box 2014, Birmingham, MI 48012

Retreat

This year the group is presenting a Writer's Retreat for anyone interested in learning about the craft of dramatic writing, Friday-Sunday, May 5-7 at the Skyline Conference Center in Almont, Mich. The cost is \$200 per per-

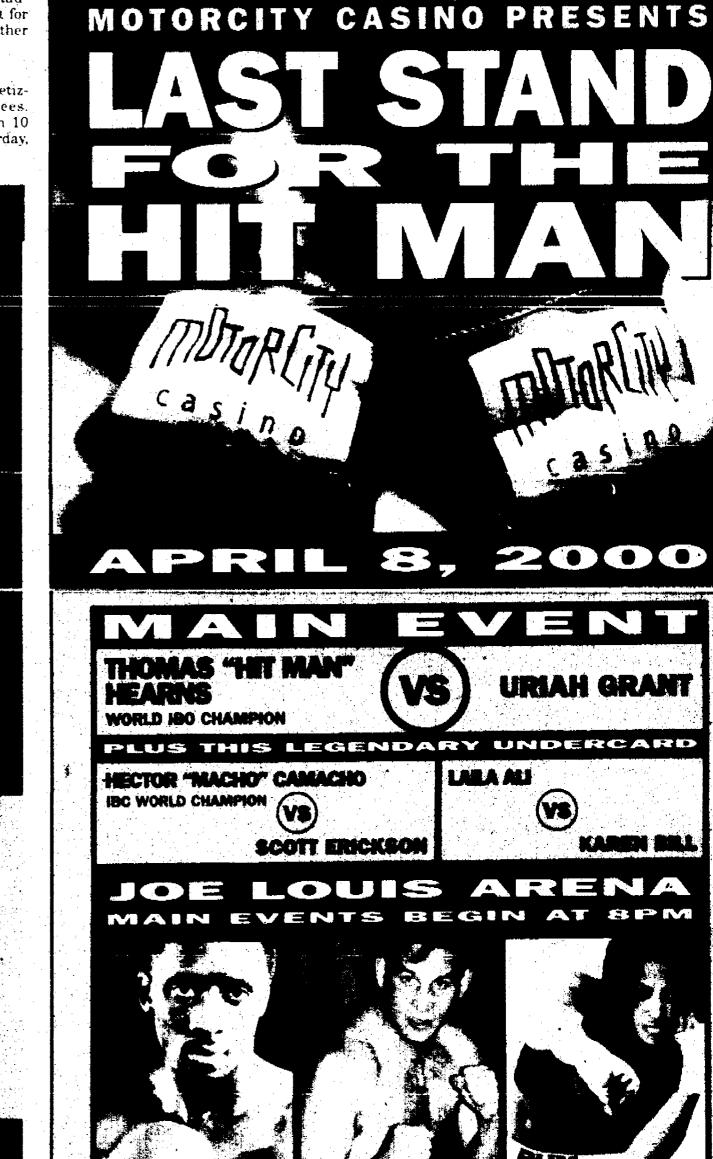
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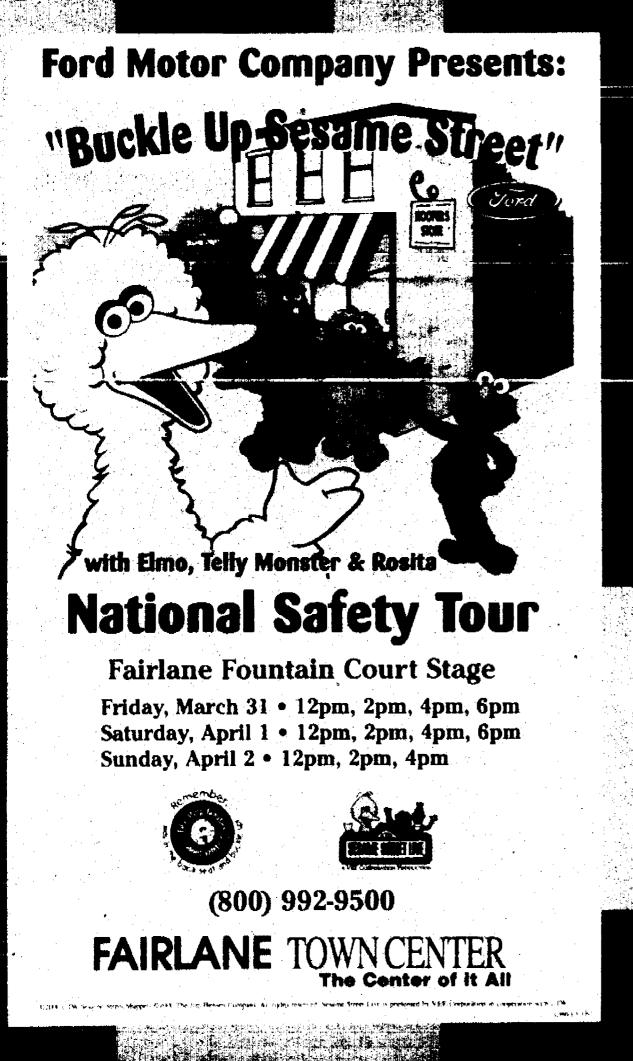
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Birmingham. \$12. (248) 644-2075

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BACI THEATRE: "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets (\$25 Thursday and Sunday, and \$30 Friday-Saturday); and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666

FOX LAIR DINNER THEATRE:
Presents "Murder at the Howard
Johnson's," a hilarlous comedy
runs Saturday nights only, 6 p.m.,
cocktails, 7 p.m., dinner (show follows), at Fex Hills Golf Club,
Plymouth, \$29,95, (734) 453-7272
RAMADA HOTEL DINNER THEATRE:

"Fools," a comic fable by Neil: Simon, on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater, Southfield, \$25, (248) 544-0265

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

creative & Performing Arts: "Amahl and the Night Visitors," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 30-March 31, and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Churchill High School, Livonia. \$7, \$5 students/seniors. (734) 523-8841

MARQUIS THEATRE: "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through April 30, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 24-28, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50. (248) 349-8110

PUPPETART: Celebrates Puppetry Month with guest artists, 2 p.m. Securday, April 1, 8, 15 and 22, at

Month with guest artists, 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1, 8, 15 and 22, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

whistle stop players: The musical, "The Adventures of Bestrix Potter and her Friends," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 1-2, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. \$5, tickets suggested. (734) 416-4278 YOUTHEATRE: "Jekyli and Hyde," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Music Half, Detroit. \$8 advance, \$9 at door, \$8 Saturday morning Pre-Show Playshop. (313) 963-2366

SPECIAL EVENTS

Stave and friends on a quest for the most spectacular place. Ten performances, times very; Wednesday, May 3-7, Fox Theatre, Detroit: \$14.50-\$25.50; Includes a notationk and crayon: (248) 433-1515 southest occasions: A multi-layered arts concert featuring dence, postry, animation and music, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March

sospect oncesteds: A multi-layered arts concert featuring dence, poetry, animation and music, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, in Rackham Auditorium in Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 747-8885 Preside of Polish ANT: Celebrate Easter with a traditionel "Swienconka" meal and a demonstration of Easter pain weaving 2.p.m. Sunday, April 18 at Polonus Restaurant.

Wyandotte, \$30 advance reservation by April 9, (248) 549-4527.

If you wish to participate in the art of Easter palm weaving bring

scissors and some palms for braiding. **EARTH DAY CONFERENCE:** Detroit Audubon Society's annual confer-

ence begins with 7:30 a.m. bird walk at the Belle Isle Nature Center, followed by 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. program at Central United Methodist Church, Detroit.\$15 programs/awards, \$10 child; \$10 program only, \$6 child. (248) 545-2929/(313) 928-2950

MOTOR CITY EXTRAVA CON: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the Knights of Columbus, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426 8059

SPRING HOME & GARDEN SHOW:
2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 67, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday,
April 8, and until 7 p.m. Sunday,
April 9, at the Novi Expo Center.
\$4, \$3 seniors/children ages 6-12.
(218) 852 1013 cr
www.builders.org

FAMILY EVENTS

AMAZING MARLO MAGIC SHOW: 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, April 1 in the Food Court at Wonderland Mall, Livonia. Free. (734) 522-4100

p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 6-7, 11 a.m. Friday, April 7, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$5-\$12, \$4 opening night. (248) 645-6666, group sales (248) 371-2055

BENEFITS

RAISE THE ROOF: A 25-hour band playing marathon, begins 5 p.m. Friday, March 31, in Pease Auditorium, Ypsilanti. Free: Proceeds will go to Huron Valley Habitat for Humanity and the Eastern Michigan University Bands. Anyone wishing to make a contribution should call (734) 487-1430 TASTE OF THE NATION PREVIEW: Strolling dinner and preview gala of Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation (May 7), 7 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Somerset Collection, Troy. \$125, black tie. Proceeds to benefit anti-hunger efforts at Forgotten Harvest, Gleaners Food Bank, Food Bank of Cakland County, and the Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute. (248) 557-2510

CLASSICAL

SHIMMINGHASE BLEGORIFIELD
SYMPHOMY GEOMESTER: Salute to
the 2000 Summer Olympics concert, plus a fund-rateing dinner to
salute the BBSO's 25th anniversary, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 2.
Temple Beth El, Biocomfield Hills.85
adults, \$30 students for concert
and dinner; concert only \$20
salute, \$15 students. (248) 6452278

Creck conductor Liber Peack leads the erchestra in music performances by Casch conductors 8 p.m. Thursday Priday, March 30-31, and 8:30 p.m. Seturday, April 1; Estables conductor Ed Res leads

the orchestra in "Don Juan" and "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks," 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Orchesfra Hall, Detroit, \$19-\$50; "Overtures" pre-concert buffet dinner followed by concert Friday. April 7. (313) 576-5111 HARP HEAVEN: "Music for One to Eight Harps" with guest violinist Paul Kantor and flutist Christopher Kantner 11 a.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor, \$12, \$9 general seating, includes croissants, coffee and juice. (734) 769-2999 SPRING FLING: DANCE &

ROMANCE: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's annual Pops Dinner Concert and Auction, 6 p.m. Friday, April 7, Laurel Manor. Livonia. \$45, \$25 for children through grade 12. Reservations required, call (734) 451-2112 ST. CLAIR TRIO: 7:30 p.m. Sunday. April 2, at the Henry Ford Estate-Fair Lane, Dearborn. (313) 593-5330

University Musical Society:
Moscow Virtuosi and violinist/conductor Vladimir Spiyakov 8 p.m.
Friday, March 31, at Rackham
Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$26-\$40;
Czech Philharmonic Orchestra 8
p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Hill
Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$14-\$46,
(734) 764-2538

POPS/ SWING

MIGHTY MEATY SWING KINGS:
Perform at "The New Big Swing
Extravaganza," doors open at 8:30
p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Token
Lounge, Westland.
JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY:

Frank Sinatra Tribute 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday through March, at Dunlevy'Z River Place, Detroit. (313) 259-0909

THE SPRING SWING: Concert cele

THE SPRING SWING: Concert celebrating Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman and the Andrews Sisters, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1; and Pops Concert featuring Barry Baker playing the music of Gershwin, Ellington and more on the Barton Theatre Organ, at the Redford Theatre, Detroit, \$10. (313) 531-4407

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

Barbara ann Karmanos **CAMBER INSTITUTE:** Auditions for singers and dancers (men and women ages 18 and up) for annual dinner 6:30-10 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Merch 29-30, additional talents like acrobatics and juggling an asset, bring one-tempo song, either Broadway-style or operatic. et First United Methodist Church. Royal Oak, (248) 738-0227 DETROIT SYMPHONY SUMMER **METYTY TR: Auditions for the Inten**sive two-week training (July 16-30) for Michigan musiciane ages 12-25, Monday-tuesday-April 3-4, at Orchestra Half, Detroit. (313) 576-5164

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CHEMOTELE VELAME: Auditions for Spinestions for spining shows (May S-June 15) and 30 positions for summer shows June 17-Aug. 20, 2-7 p.m. Sunday, March 12 and 4-8:30 p.sk: Monsky, March 13, at the Anderson Center Theater inside

Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn.
(313) 982-6044
PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA: is looking for an

executive director/general manager to work with the music director and board to provide the vision and plan for the growth of the organization and provide primary leadership in development, fundraising, marketing and promotion activities. For more on the description/requirements or an application, visit the Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org

Solo Concerto Competition:
The Bohemians Club (also known as The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college students ages 16-22), must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail CoufLinks@aol.com

SUMMER SYMPHONY OF ANN ARBOR: Auditions begin Saturday, April 19 and run for three weekends at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. For six performances of three programs scheduled May 18 to Aug. 6. To receive an audition packet, call (734) 741-9418, general orchestra information, (734) 677-4831.

TONY 'N TINA'S WEDDING:
Auditions for female
keyboardist/pianist who also sings,
to hire as a substitute/understudy
for performances at the Baci
Theatre, 4-6 shows a week,
Thursday-Sunday, also bass player
needed for full-time. (248) 2538843

VSA ARTS: The Southeast Michigan region committee of VSA Arts (formerly known as Very Special Arts) is looking for children and adult performers with physical and mental challenges to take part in their festival Friday-Saturday, May-5-6 at Wonderland Mail in Livonia, special needs school/community groups and solo acts from the metro Detroit area will display their dance, vocal and instrumental music achievements at the festival. Call Connie Lott at Far Conservatory (248) 646-3347. A \$500 scholarship is also available to assist a person (ages 13 and up, including seniors living in Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw, Monroe, Macomb, Livingston, Lenawee or Jackson County) with a disability who wants to further their creative talent in the area of the visual, performing or literary arts. Deadline for application is Sunday, April 16. The activities ship must be used for independent work and not a student project. Call (248) 543-9158

JAZZ

DOUG DEMING & THE BLUE SUIT BAND: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

STEVE LACY-ROSWELL RUDD QUARTET: 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, at the Bird of Paradise, 312 S. Main (new address), Ann Arbor. \$20 advance. (734) 662-8310 RAMSEY LEWIS TRIO: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at Orchestra Hall Detroit. \$16-\$62. (313) 576-5111 DAVID MURRAY/KAHIL EL/ZABAR: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor: \$10-\$25, (734) 769-2999 LARRY NOZERO AND FRIENDS: 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, at La Bistecca, Plymouth. Reservations suggested. (734) 254-0400 TOM SAUNDERS: The cornetist performs with Jim Wyse, reeds, Dennis Tini, piano, Jerry McKenzle, drums and Dan Jordan, bass, 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5. at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City, \$5 cover in Jazz Room, waived with dinner order, \$5 drink minimum. (734) 762-7756

STRAIGHT AHEAD: 9 p.m. Seturday, April 1, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150 URBUA WALKER/SUDDY SUDGON: With Den Kolton, 8 p.m. Friday-Seturday, at Glovanni's, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

Thursday, March 30, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS

ONE FLIGHT UP: Parforms as part of Folk Vespers series 6 p.m. Sunday, April 2, et First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Free, (248) 644-0550

ODETTA: 8 p.m. Friday, March 31 at: The Ark, Ann Arbor, \$17.50:

(734) 763-TKTS

CHORAL

ARCHIGLAS: A concert of religious

music by the acapella choir from St. Petersburg, Russia, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, at St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church School & Activities Center, Redford Township, Goodwill donation, (313) 937-2120/(248) 855-3247 CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK CHOIR: Perform Bach's "Passion According to St. Matthew" with Jeffrey Sherman speaking the role of St. Matthew 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the church, Bloomfield Hills, Free. (248) 644-5210 VANGUARD VOICES: All acapella. performance 7 p.m. Sunday, March 26. Guardian Lutheran Church, Dearborn, \$10, \$7 students

DANCE

seniors. (313) 317-6566

*Swan Lake" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 30-April 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the Detroit Opera House. \$17-\$62. (313) 237-SING/(248) 645-6666

contra dance: 8 p.m. Saturday.

April 1, open jam for string and other musicians of all levels 4-6 p.m. free, at the Pittsfield Grange.

Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-7704 DANCE GALLERY STUDIO:

Discussion/demonstration on

dance with guest Moore & More Dancers of Detroit, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the studio Ann Arbor, Free. (734) 747-8885

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE: The dance company celebrates its 20th anniversary with a gala concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, champagne reception for patrons begins 6:30 p.m., at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit, \$16.50 concert, \$35 concert and reception for patrons. No charge for afterglow following performance.

(313) 963-2366

FISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE:
Entrances and Exits: Dances for a
New Millenium," 8 p.m. Friday.
April 7, in the Smith Theatre at
Oakland Community College,
Farmington Hills, \$16, (248) 471-

Farmington Hills. \$16. (248) 471-7667.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING: 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, at the Chapel Hill Condo Clubhouse, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

GENDER FREE CONTRA DANCE: 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2 (1:30 p.m.

beginners lesson) at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$6, \$5 students. (734) 975-2312.

HEARING IMPAIRED LISTENERS FAMILY/COMMUNITY DANCE:
Hearing impaired and non-hearing impaired children, families and friends welcome 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$4, \$7 family (scholar-

ships available). (734) 741-8998
HIT AND RUN: DANCES FOR A NEW
CENTURY: Performed 8 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, March 31 and
April 1 by Oakland University's
Dance Company at Varner Recital
Hall on campus in Rochester. \$10.

\$8 seniors, \$5 studnets. (248). 370-3024. GARTH FAGAN DANCE: Thursday, March 30 to Sunday, April 2 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday. \$30-\$40. (313) 963-2366/(248) 645-6666.

(313) 963-2366/(248) 645-6666

SWAN LAKE: Eric Johnston's

Detroit Ballet presents

Tchaikovsky's classic tale 2 p.m.
and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 9, William

M. Costick Activities Center,

28600 Eleven Mile Road,

Fermington Hills. \$8, \$5, (248)

473-9570

WBU DANCE: An the Cohn-Haddow

Center for Judaic Studies and Congregation Beth Ahm presents a dance workshop 9:30-11 a.m. Sunday, April 9, and a dance recital "Revisiting Judaism through the Art of Dance" 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Congregation Beth Ahm. West Bloomfield. (313) 577-2679/(248) 851-6880; also a dance workshop 2 p.m. Monday, April 10, at the Maggie Allesse Dance Studio on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit, reservations required (313) 577-4273/(313) 577-2679

COMEDY

Si.DORADO OCURTRY CLUB: Big Deddy Fitz with Tim Costello & Dee Profitt, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1; at the club. Commerce Township. (248) 624

Selezar, also Mark England
Thursday Saturday, March 30 April
1, Kerry White Wednesday

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Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279. Items must include the date, time, venue, admission price and a telephone number.

Saturday, April 5-8, at the club above Kicker's All American Gritt, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Third Level Improv. and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sunday (\$5). (734) 261-0555 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Jeff Rothpan, Thursday-Sunday, March 30-April 2, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Blair Shannon, also Jim Hamm, Thursday-Saturday, March 30-April 1; Lewis Black, also Ben Konstantin Thursday-Saturday, April 6-8, at the club, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900 SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" 8

p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows; and 8 p.m.; shows Wednesday Thursday, and Sunday. are followed by an improviset at no additional cost. \$10, Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; \$17.50 Friday, \$19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

SPIRIT OF FORD; Environmental Celebration continues through April at the interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, Electric Ranger test drives on weekends, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village. Dearborn, \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

LIVE MUSIC

BRYAN ADAMS: 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, State Theatre, Detroit. \$29.50 \$39.50. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

THE ALLIGATORS: 9 p.m. Friday, March 31, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland, Free, 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak, (248) 543-

LORI AMEY: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1. Borders Books and Music, Birmingham, All ages, Free, (248) 203-0005; 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 2, Athena Women's Music Festival. Amer's, Ann Arbor, Free, All ages. (734) 761-6000; 8 p.m. Friday. April 7, Borders Books and Music, Uting, Crop. (910) 726 0655-Saturday, April 15, Espresso

(734) 662-2770. PATO BANTON AND REGGAE REVOLUTION: 9 p.m. Friday, April . 21, Majestic Theatre, Detroit, \$15-\$20. (313) 833-9700.

Royale, Ann Arbor, All ages, Free.

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Thursdays. Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-1

BEENIEMAN: With Kirk Davis and Silver Cat. Juggling by Strictly Roots, 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, Majestić Theatre, Detroit, \$20 (313) 833-9700.

B SIDE PLAYERS: 8 p.m. Thursday. March 30; Shelter, Detroit, Free. 18 and over.

BIG BARN COMBO: With Gin Joint Jesters, 9 p.m. Friday, March 31. Magic Stick, Detroit, \$7, 18 and over. (313) 833-9700.

BLINK-182: With Bad Religion: Fenix TX, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9. Pine Knob Music Theatre. Independence Township, \$25. (248) 645-6666.

BLUE CATS: Thursday, March 30, Oxford Inn, Novi. (248): 305-5856 THE BROTHERS GROOVE: 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, at Edison's. Birmingham, Free. (248) 645-2150 JIMMY BUFFETT & THE CORAL

REEFER BAND: 8 p.m. Tuesday. June 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre. Independence Township, \$46 pavilion/\$23.50 lawn; Includes \$1 donation to SFC Foundation. (248) 645-6666

CAT POWER: With Kristiva, 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, Mill Street Lounge. Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$10. (313) **961-MELT**



TRACY CHAPMAN: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9: State Theatre. Detroit, \$27.50-35. All ages, (248) 645-6666

CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth, (734) 455-8450, B. COOKE AND PRIME NUMBERS: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 30 Blind Pig, Arin Arbor, \$4, (734)

996-8555. CUBANISMO: 7:30 p.m. Monday. April 10, The Ark, Arin Arbor, \$25 advance (248) 645 6666

THE CURE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10. Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township, \$20-\$45, Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100. DICK DALE: With Dusty 45's, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$15. (313) 833-9700.

MORRIS DAY AND THE TIME: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak, \$22.93. (248) 645-6666.

D'ANGELO: With Mos Def, 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 22-23, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$40-47,50. (248) 433-1515.

THORNETTA DAVIS: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 644-4800.

DEATHGIRL.COM: With Six Clips, The Katies, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, The Shelter, Detroit, All ages... \$6, (313) 961-MELT.

DEEP SPACE SIX: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734).455-8450. DIRTY THREE: With Shannon Wright, Storm&Stress, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. (248) 645-6666. D.O.C.: With Powerface, MOC and Diegrinder, 6 p.m. Sunday, April 2, Shelter, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

CHRIS DUARTE: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Magic Bag, Ferndale, \$12. (248) 544-3030.

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH: With Zen Tricksters for Hash Bash 2000, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. **\$16**.50. (734) 668-8397. FEMI KUTI: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All

ages, \$13 advance/\$15 day of shaw. (248) 645-6666. FOSSIL CIRCUS: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31, April 1,

Bogey's Bar and Grille, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441. FU MANCHU: With The Stepkings. 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, 7th

House, Pontiac, All ages, \$10.

(248) **645-6666**. CHARLIE GERRINGER: 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills, Free, All ages.

(248) 335-5013. GIVE: With Jill Jack, Scott Fab, 8. p.m. Saturday, April 15, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030. GOLDIE AND MC RAGE: 9 p.m.

Saturday, April 1, Motor, Detroit. \$10 advance: 8 and older. (248) 645-6666. GOV'T MULE; With North

Mississippi Allstars, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, St. Andrews Hall. Detroit. \$15. (248) 645-6666. GROOVE COLLECTIVE: 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Blind Pig. Ann. Arbor, \$12. (734) 996-8555; 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, Magic Stick. Detroit. \$12. (313) 833-9700. **GUSTER:** With Luna and Josh Rouse, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12. (313) 833-9700.

HARRINGTON BROTHERS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, Fox and Hounds. Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 644-4800.

STEFON HARRIS: 8, 10:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Bird of Paradise. Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 662-8310. DAVID HOLLAND QUINTET: 9, 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor, \$20.

(734) 662-8310. HOMEGROWN: 6, p.m. Friday, April 7, The Shelter, Detroit, All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666.

JOHN LEE HOOKER: With John Hammond and Larry McCray Band, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$25-\$75. (734) 668-8397.

HOT WATER MUSIC: With Elliot and Inside Five Minutes, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 1. The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (248) 645-

6666 IMMUNITY: 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, Library Pub, Novi. (248)

349-9110 IMPACT 7: Friday-Saturday, March. 31. April 1. Oxford Inn. Novi. \$5.

(248) 305-5856. JIMMIE JACKSON & THE BLUES CONNECTION: 7 p.m. Friday-

Saturday, March 31-April 1 Fax and Hounds: Bloomfield Hills, Free All ages. (248) 644 4800 JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Sundays. Músic Menu, Detroit, (313) 964

6368; 9 p.m. Monday, April 3, Operion Opening Day Party at Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542.9922.

JUST FOR FUN, & p.m. Enday. Appl. 14. Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hels, Eren, Art agns, (248)

MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VAFFLAND: 7 n.m. Thursdays in April: Le Metro, Southfreid (248) 353-2757 (jazz duo). BB KING: With Bobby Blue Bland, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$35 (248) 645-6666.

KING KONGA: 10 p.m. Thursday. April 6, Fifth Avenue Billiards. Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922. KNEE DEEP SHAG: With Electric Boogaloo, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March. 31, Blind Pig. Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555.

MICHAEL KNOTT: 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, Trinity House Theatre. Livonia. \$10, \$8 for members. (734) 464-6302.

KORN: With Staind, DJ C-Minus,



Mindless Self Indulgence, 6 p.m. Monday, April 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills, \$29,50, reserved or general admission. (248) 645-

DONNA KRALL: 8 p.m. Friday, April 14. Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$35, \$25, (248), 645-6666. KUNUNDRUM: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

STEVE LACY & ROSWELL RUDD QUARTET: 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street,

Ann Arbor, \$20 advance: LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND: 10 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300.

SHEILA LANDIS TRIQ: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Lily's Seafood Restaurant and Brewery, Royal Oak, (248) 591-5459.

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company.

Only police chief Wyatt Rash (Danny DeVito) seems to be a bit higher on the intelligence scale. He quickly deduces that at least a half-dozen people might have been motivated to disable the yellow Yugo and assure Mona's

The suspects include: Mona's husband Phil (William Fichtner) and son Jeff (Marcus Thomas), who have endured years of her calumny; the trampy diner waitress Rona (Jamie Lee Curtis), who is having a hot affair with Phil and would like to see Mona out of the picture; Jeff's partner in a landscape firm, Bobby Calzone (Casey Affleck), who has been cheated and persecuted by Mona.

Bobby's fiancee Ellen (Neve-Campbell), might have a motive for offing Mona.

Fashioning a murder farce

Even the chief's daughter,

with dull-witted characters in absurd situations requires skill. and writer Peter Steinfeld and director Nick Gomez come through remarkably well. Some dry patches remain, but there are enough hearty laughs to off-

set them. The ensemble actors give it their all, and that's as it should be in an absurdist comedy of this sort. Bette Midler has never been nastier, and Jamie Lee Curtis and Neve Campbell play their brainless roles with straight faces. Casey Affleck as the picture of innocence is a real find; he could give Leo a run for his money.

Danny DeVito, whose company coproduced the film, provides some much-needed sanity amid all the nut cases.

The Destination Films release was produced by Al Corley, Bart Rosenblatt and Jonathan Weis-

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, March 31

HIGH FIDELITY

An adaptation of Nick Hornby's best seller, the film features John Cusack as a thirty-something owner of a secondhand vinyl shop who's forced to confront his arrested adolescence when his longtime girlfriend leaves him;

THE SKULLS

Starring Joshua Jackson, Paul Walker

and Hill Harber, Rob Cohen directs this film about an over-achieving student at an Ivy League college who joins a secret society called The Skulls with hopes to improve his popularity, not knowing the dangerous implications that will follow

THE CLOSER YOU GET

At the State Theatre in Ann Arbor, The single men of a small village in Ireland hatch a scheme to entice American women to the annual village dance. The

object matrimony, but the women of the village might have a surprise or two for the men folk. A charming romantic comedy starring lan Hart, Sean McGinley, and Ruth McCabe.

Scheduled to open Friday, April 7

READY TO RUMBLE Comedy about two wrestling fans willing to do whatever it takes to restore their faller idol to the WCW championship. Stars David Arguette and Olive Platt

'High Fidelity' re-mixes pop music, love



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

If there's one place in the world I feel most at home, it's a record store.

Growing up I was constantly accused spending too much money on cassettes. remember rush-

ing from school to the record store to buy a tape the day it came out and knowing the songs word-for-word by lunchtime the next day. There's just something so personal about shopping for music - perusing the alphabetized rows, scanning for that record you always wanted. Shoppers are all in search of

a quick pop-incole lin. In any case, record stores fall into roughly two categories these days. You have your polished, ultra-modern houses of music, filled with neat rows of CD bins. flashy lighting and life-size posters. You can bet a welldressed thirty-something guy will be hovering around the high-tech listening booths, his hands gently cradling the headphones and clicking to whatever track radio stations are offering up for mass consumption. The employees may not be familiar with popular music beyond the

likes of Britney Spears. Then there's the dimly-lit, somewhat disheveled indie record shop, found on an unassuming street corner. It lives up to its name by carrying actual selections on vinyl and attracts a more diverse crowd of music lovers who won't mind hunting for just the right album. They'll strut in, pull out their walletson-a-chain and buy the latest,



In HiFI: Jack Black, John Cusack and Todd Louiso spin conversation and a range of musical hits on screen.

most obscure recording possible. Call it a subculture strictly defined by musical preference. Its employees are a reflection of those customers, their minds brimming with disposable music

Tune in to "High Fidelity"

While both varieties of record stores are scattered about the metro area, the latter is a focal point and setting for the latest Touchstone Pictures romantic comedy "High Fidelity," directed by Stephen Frears. Set at Championship Vinyl, a struggling independent Chicago record shop, the film's hero, owner Rob Gordon (John Cusack) banters hilariously with his employees: the mild-mannered Dick (Todd Louiso) and obnoxiously opinionated Barry (Jack Black), who's known for harassing customers into buying his picks and bullying others right out of the store. Pop music is an obsession for

them - and there's a little Rob,

Dick and Barry inside all of us. Those who religiously consume pop music are particular about what they like and when they like to hear it. This is depicted onscreen when Barry bursts in, takes Dick's CD out and replaces it with "Walking on Sunshine," while gyrating rhythmically about. He upsets everyone else

and the tape is ejected. For me, quality listening time occurs in my car. I adopt a short attention span. Sometimes I want to belt out Fiona Apple songs and pretend I can sing in tune. Sometimes I want to slide in Ben Folds Five and hear my friends yell out the words we know by heart. The rules of the car stereo are simple - you know if you like it by the second note, you don't change the station if someone's singing along and sometimes you just have to keep driving until the song is over.

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Rollins Band ready to 'go again'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAPF WRITER scasola@oe.homecomm.net

Since he burst onto stage as the fiery frontman for Black Flag in 1981, Henry Rollins has never truly faded from the public eye. He just shifted focus. Musical performances metamorphosed into powerful spoken-word acts, writing books and even making the occasional movie appearance. At the onset of 2000, Rolling is back where he truly belongs onstage with his band.

After fans were left craving new music for two years, Rollins Band finally offers up "Get Some Go Again," a raunchy rock album that features all-new bandmates: guitarist Jim Wilson, bassist Marcus Blake and drummer Jason Mackenroth. Alone, the trio is known as the Los Angelesbased Mother Superior, A fan himself, Rollins produced Mother Superior in the studio and later asked them to contribute to his latest effort.

The union proved to be a new beginning for Rollins. Pounding out a hard and fast 24 songs by spring 1999, the revamped Rollins Band didn't hesitate to test out new material in a live setting. "We went out with this band no one had seen," said Rollins in his unmistakable and

'It isn't rocket science, It's rock 'n' roll, It isn't hard to play. It's hard to play well."

> Henry Rollins Rollins Band

quite commanding voice, "People were great. It was very encouraging."

The musical spirit Rollins shares with his new bandmates was an essential ingredient in continuing his music career. "If you can build up a real interest and confident rapport, you can just put it out there and thrive." he said. "I'm having a good time."

"Get Some Go Again," the first album Rollins ever produced for himself, is a testament to how this reconfigured foursome thrives. "I had a very definite sound in mind, very low-fi. A spare, clean, powerful thing. I think too much stuff obscures the music. I think a lot of bands dull the music as a textural backdrop."

The album is many things, and dull is not one of them. He had such a definite idea of what he wanted to accomplish. Not only did Rollins choose to work with a new band, he incorporated the help of a few friends - make that a few very notable friends.

"I've known Scott Gorham (Thin Lizzy) kind of since summer of '96," said Kollins. "I did a show with him in Dublin: He asked me to come over and sing a song with the band. He's a wonderful guy, a cool dude.::Webecame kind of pals. So I sangwith him on 'Are You Ready?' It's the one song Thin Lizzy never did a studio version of, and so I got the idea to do it."

"Are You Ready?" is the only cover song that appears on "Get. Some Go Again," and Rollins thought for a moment it wouldn't happen. Gorham turned down many offers to perform on covers of Thin Lizzy material by other bands, but he agreed to do it for Rollins. Rollins sent him a tape; Gorham laid down the guitar tracks and sent it back,

"It's a very distinctive song," said Rollins. You can pick him out of a windstorm. It's obviously huge for us. It's such a thrill."

When it came to songs like

"L.A. Money Train" and "Hotter and Hotter," Rollins found more inspiration, this time a bit closer to home. The MC5's Wayne Kramer is his neighbor, "He's always ready to play," said Rollins. "He's rock 'n' roll, ready to go."

In one day and one take of live improvisation "L.A. Money Train" made it to CD. Keeping the furiously fast spirit alive, Kramer and Rollins wrote 'Hotter and Hotter" in 10 minutes. "It isn't rocket science, it's rock 'n' roll," said Rollins. "It isn't hard to play. It's hard to play well."

He has a theory about performing rock music: "When you're in a band, basically, you're in a cover band but you wrote the songs. It's like sex and food, but it's fun."

He's just as passionate about spoken-word performances, which give him even more freedom to speak his mind. "To perform music, you really have to find it in yourself every night. That's where the real thing comes in How much you are in love with that music, that's where it really is, With talking, I got nothing but latitude."

The intense "L.A. Money Train" may be the closest to Rollins' spoken-word performances that listeners will get on this album, but he hasn't come

Henry Rollins of Rollins Band

close to giving it up. "It's not like a shtick, not like comedy. I go out with a basic foundation of points I want to make ... I let the inspiration of everything take over and jam on some idea."

Let Rollins Band inspire you in raw, rock fashion, 6 p.m. Friday, March 31. St. Andrew Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$12 advance: \$15 day of shore, (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com.

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When Cusack's character says: "What really matters is what you like, not what you are like," it makes some sense. We're drawn to people we have things in common with, and music serves as the perfect common ground. Pop music is a passionate medium. Who hasn't wanted to be the subject of a song? In "High Fidelity," Rob. admits: "I want to live with a musician. She'll write songs at home and

maybe include one of our jokes in

the liner notes.

while reading the inside cover of a CD and giggling over the nicknames and inside jokes? It's an extension of that record store culture we've all experienced and it sounds good to me.

"High Fidelity" opens in metro Detroit theaters Friday, March

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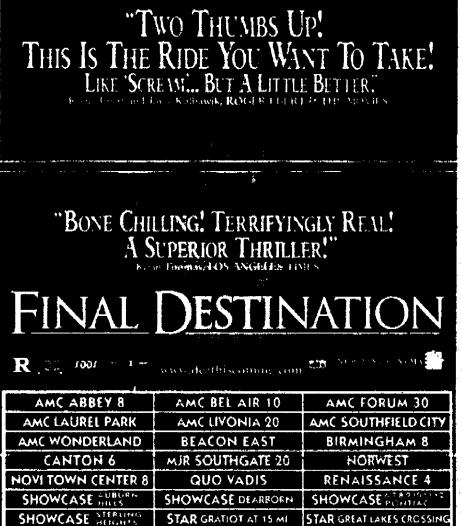
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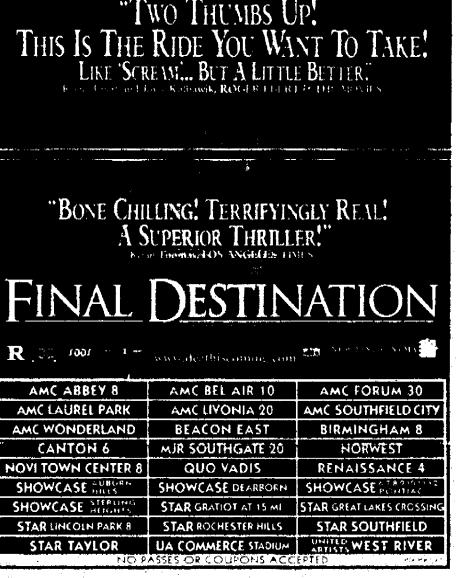
Well, it looks like another first for Lori Amey - the first Athena Women's Music Festival, that is. The local folk popgoddess will headline the show 1-4 p.m. Sunday. April 2. at Amer's in Ann Arbor. She'll be joined by singer-songwriter Pamela West, folk vocalist Shell, Amber Leona Jackson, Laurel Federbush and Jenny Boyer. Sounds like some beautiful music. Call (734) 327-2041.

On the louder end of the rock

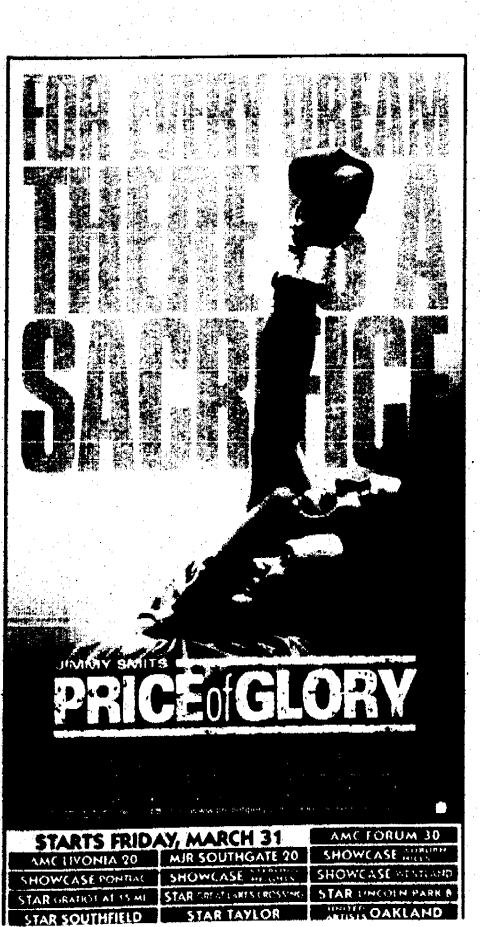
spectrum, there's something supernatural on the horizon. When it comes to science fiction and industrial metal, one word comes to mind, Forge. The Detroit band is gaining notice in magazines like "Sci Fi" and online sites like "Science Fiction Weekly," because of its second release "Trials," on Static Records. Now the band's blasting off on tour. Look for them at

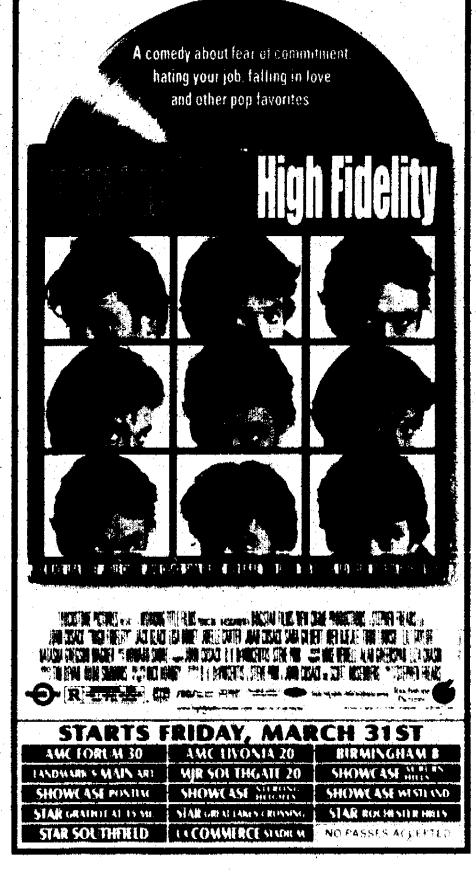
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Sweet Lorraine's takes on stunning new look

BY ELEANOR HEALD SPECIAL WRITER

weet Lorraine's Café in Southfield completed a face-lift this month.

Passersby are doing more than gazing. They're saying, "Wow" to this inviting exterior beckoning them inside to try the innovative cuisine of Lorraine Platman, a staple since the doors first opened in 1984.

Platman and her business partner, husband Gary Sussman, are sole owners of the mini empire that began with her first specialty, desserts, and the opening of the Madison Heights Sweet Lorraine's Deli & Café in 1982.

The dessert concept provided the name Sweet Lorraine's. An Ann Arbor location was opened in 1993 and the new century anticipates a mid-April opening of a breakfast, lunch and dinner cafe in the Livonia Marriott.

Southfield's Sweet Lorraine's ultra-modern new look is the creation of Edward Shinn of Identity & Architectural Services "ID&AS" in Redford.

Window artwork is an ode to the deep bond between Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso, giants of the modern art movement. Each paid homage of sorts to the other.

One did "The Dance" and "Seated Woman," then the other translated it into his own. This duel plays out on the front and side of both corners. The eclectic details echo the feel and taste inside the café.

That feel, although now eight years old and scheduled for a minor makeover later this year,

Sweet Lorraine's Café

Where: 29101 Greenfield (north of 12 Mile Road) in Southfield Open: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday

Menu: World-beat cuisine with emphasis on fresh, seasonal ingredients from local purveyors

Cost: Lunch \$6-12; Dinner \$7-19.

Reservations: Only for parties of six or more, (248) 559 5985 Credit cards: All majors

You should also know: Jazz Night 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday. The 1999 Zagat Guide rated Sweet Lorraine's one of Michigan's Top 10 restaurants, the restaurant also received the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence

Other locations

■ Sweet Lorraine's Dell & Café - 1451 14Mile Road, Madison Heights. Open for lunch only. (248) 585-0627

E Sweet Lorraine's Café - 303 Detroit Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-0700

Sweet Lorraine's Café - Marriott Hotel, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive. Livonia. Scheduled to open in mid-April for breakfast, lunch and din-

Sweet Lorraine's Uncorked

Gary Sussman, business partner and husband of Lorraine Platman. has constructed an interesting wine list. He recommends:

■ Wild Mushroom and Chevre Pizza with 1998 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc

Pecan Chicken with 1997 Chalk Hill Chardonnay

"French Onion" Steak Tenderloin with 1997 Kathryn Kennedy Lateral (a California red Meritage wine)

is upbeat and urban chic in an art gallery as aiding her in Mediterranean yellow with dashes of deep blue and green, warmed by clothless wooden tables and colorful tableware.

French-style posters serve as stylish wall art. Planned interior remodeling will add a cozy bar and lounge area to this already comfortable bi-level eatery.

The self-trained Platman maintains she honed her skills "in an apartment at Six Mile and Woodward." She credits her art background and management of viewing food as an art expres-

A diner easily picks up on contemporary approaches and twists on classics.

Meatloaf has no meat. It's soy protein served with sundried tomato sauce, roasted garlic mashed potatoes and broccoli.

Caesar Salad made without eggs is topped with crispy fried clams. Flavors and texture are extraordinary.

Lunch and dinner menus have

common threads, but as might be expected, there's an expanded offering of deli-style sandwiches and burgers at lunch, along with a broad variety of lunch-size salads among the main courses.

Brie Portabello Melt is one sandwich that is also a dinnertime favorite.

At dinner, most popular "Starters" are Classic Quesadilla, a cilantro-chili tortilla, Monterey Jack and queso cheeses with sides of tomato-corn salsa, guacamole and sour cream. Wild Mushroom and Chevre Pizza topped with caramelized onions is a close second.

Lorraine's Special Salad with gorgonzóla cheese, fresh pears, hazelnuts and dried cranberries is the top "Side." Pecan Chicken, Maple-Cured Atlantic Salmon and French Onion Steak Tenderloin are atop the list of favorite main courses.

Leave room for dessert from a presentation tray. Choose either the Apple Brown Betty or Something Wonderful, a warm triple chocolate brownie with Ray's White Russian ice cream and Kahlua Chocolate Sauce.

Sweet Lorraine's new look serves to illustrate the innate vision and spirit of its owners to offer diners flavorful, globallyinspired cuisine.

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Vintage look: Marriage and business partners Gary Sussman and Lorraine Platman toast to the new look of Sweet Lorraine's, which underwent recent indoor and outdoor renovations.

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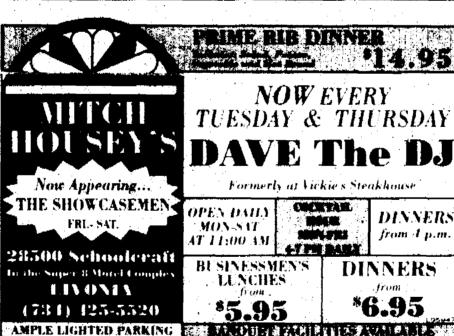
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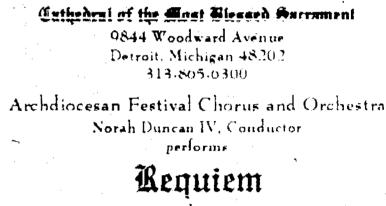


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